MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Linda Moore (UBC External Affairs), Richard Drdul (Urban Systems, UBC External Affairs), Peter Rizov (Elections Committee), Matt Austin (Elections Committee), Jesse Marchand (The Ubyssey), Eric Szeto (The Ubyssey), Colleen Tang (The Ubyssey), Paul Evans (The Ubyssey), Claudia Li (The Ubyssey), Michelle Mayne (The Ubyssey), Simon Underwood (The Ubyssey), David Yuen (Joblink), Martin Sing (SUS), Sharon Leung (Pharmacy), Kiran Bisra (SUS), Marlon Richmond (SUS), Lisa Frey (SUS), Raj Mathur (Music), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist/Researcher), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing & Promotions), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

*University Boulevard/Underground Bus Loop - Linda Moore/Richard Drdul [SCD 236-006]*

Linda Moore, University Town:
- The plan was to finish the project by 2008, the first centenary of UBC, but the construction climate has gone out of control in the last six months, forcing prices up by 1.5 to 2 percent a month, causing a difficult situation.
- One result was the cancellation of the new pool.
- Also the whole project is being reformatted so that just Parcel A is going ahead now, for 2008, and after that the next two stages will be re-evaluated.

Richard Drdul, Transportation Consultant:
- The plan has changed to include trolley buses as well as shuttle buses.
- The trolley buses will not be in the underground station, but will be up on University Boulevard.
- This is partly because of costs (it would cost an extra $7-9 million to include trolley buses in the station) and size constraints.
- Also, TransLink is talking of switching to natural gas, and that would cause a safety hazard with the sparks from the trolley wires.
- However, there are plans to have a rapid transit line come to UBC, which will mean a reduction in the number of buses coming here by 2020.
- But in the short term there will be additional buses on the surface.

Questions:
- Jeff Friedrich asked about ridership.
- Richard Drdul said there should be increases because of increased enrollment and increases in the number of faculty members until around 2021, after which there should be plateauing.
- Ryan Corbett said that what is happening in the next four years or even the next few months is more important to him than what will be happening eleven years from now. He asked for information about the short term.
- Richard Drdul: TransLink is buying new buses; there will be more buses and more routes. There will still be pass-bys and probably not much change next year. By 2007 there should be a boost in service levels.
- Linda Moore: And there will be community shuttles around campus.
- Ryan Clare asked about reaching capacity by 2015.
- Richard Drdul said the station’s capacity would be reached even earlier, by 2012 probably.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner asked about the big principle of creating a university entranceway. Now what’s been put in is a Shopper’s Drug Mart. Will there still be an entranceway?
- Linda Moore: Good question. The Dentistry building, where the Shopper’s Drug Mart is located, was pulled out of the competition. It was separate from the project. She didn’t
know Shopper’s was going in there.
- Reka Pataky: If there are trolleys on the surface, how will that affect traffic on University Boulevard? And how will bus service be affected by construction?
- Linda Moore: There will be vehicle traffic and some parking. East Mall currently has no access for traffic and will remain that way. There will be some underground parking by 2009.
- Richard Drdul: Trolley buses will stay during construction. There will be a time, during summer, when there will be no trolley service while the wires are switched.
- Bernie Peets asked about construction costs and rents.
- Linda Moore said the aim was to be self-sustaining. She was hoping for a correction. There was too much of a gap.
- Dave Tompkins asked if rents might go up.
- Laura Levine: You’re just hoping construction costs will drop?
- Linda Moore: No, we can only go ahead with Phase 1 now.
- Laura Levine: If costs don’t drop, will you cancel Phase 2?
- Linda Moore: There is no plan to cancel Phase 2 or Phase 3. We have to proceed cautiously and incrementally. The 2010 Olympics have been driving things up. There should be a correction after that.
- Scott Price: Because of the massive redesign, are you thinking of rerunning the competition?
- Linda Moore: No.
- Scott Price: A lot of the reasons he had for voting for the winning plan were gone. There will be trolley buses instead of green space now.

D) President’s Remarks:

- I took my vacation time last month to coincide with the closure of the AMS over the break so I had four weeks off to visit Israel and Ireland. The Israel trip was sponsored by National Jewish Campus Life and I paid $500 for an all-inclusive package. The trip’s intention was to expose Canadian campus leaders to the issues facing Israel.
- Additionally, I met with the VP Students executive team to discuss their views of the AMS in the context of the University as a whole. It was an enlightening discussion that will help to inform our strategic planning process.

E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

- wrapped up my work on the Working Group on Student Evaluations of Teaching and Wellness Centre Revisioning Committee.
- Began sitting on a Sub-committee on naming of South Campus and its streets and parks.
- Met with Freda Pagani (Sustainability Coordinator) and John Metras (Director of Plant Operations): building partnerships, discussing green energy possibilities for UBC.
- Between the last Council meeting and now, UBC sold Oyster River Farm. Myself and some others brought up the issue that they didn’t seem to be aware a LARC program that operated there existed. Eventually, most issues seem to have been mitigated but the issue that there was no communication remains.
- Initiated preliminary discussions with UBC Administration regarding possibilities for physical changes to the exterior of the SUB.
- The UNA elected a new resident director, having grown to the necessary size. This places the balance of power firmly with the residents.
- Presented policies (Building a Culture of Engagement) to U-Town committee, which received a positive response. Will be presenting part 2 at the next meeting.
- Elections agreement discussions are almost resolved. However, the issue of constituency access to Webvote remains, and enrollment services is seeking cost recovery around that. Will be meeting with constituency presidents around that issue soon.
- Went to Japan. Got back, turned 22, got my car stolen and used in the commission of a crime.
Sitting on the TLEF allocation committee. Which means I’m going through a substantial portion of the ~80 applications. And I need to be done by tomorrow. We are allocating over $2million out of a total of $3.9 million in applications.

Next week, campus planning and development committee will be entertaining a presentation regarding roundabouts on 16th avenue in order save council’s time. The proposal is generally good, though the source and priority level of funding is an issue.

As my term comes to an end, I’m busy trying to bring projects to fruition and to wrap others up into a nice bundle for my successor.

Finally, I’m retiring from student politics.

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

U-Pass:

I have reorganized the U-pass Subsidy application process to make it easier to understand and our wonderful Webmaster has created an online application which is now hosted on the AMS website.

Other:

I have been meeting with a variety of people in the University to discuss various concerns that have been brought forward to me by students. The two major concerns that I'm working on are 1) the expense of Assistive Technology for students with disabilities, and 2) the UBC work study program and the eligibility requirements therein.

I am also working with David Wells on related policies and they should be coming to Council at the next meeting or in February.

Federal Election:

I was able to organize a federal election debate for Vancouver-Quadra candidates. It took place today (Wednesday, January 11th) and seems to have been quite successful. There were over 100 people out for the event and it is definitely the best turnout for any event I have organized (this is a good way to go out!)

CASA:

Has been providing the promotional materials for this election and Xcom has been busy distributing the various stickers, door hangers, and rack cards into the residences. The CASA campaign strategy is focused on the 'get out and vote' message.

Finally, we are planning a federal election results party on election night (January 23rd) in the Gallery Lounge. Shea is setting up a big screen for the event and it should be a good time.

Anti-Apathy Days:

Xcom and I are working on a series of Anti-Apathy days for this term. The first one will be January 31st at lunch and it is going to be a 'Kraft Dinner Discussion' where students can come out and share their "beefs" about university life at UBC. In late February, we are holding a panel discussion on university corporatization/privatization, and in March we are putting on Mission Tuition once again (with respects to all matters tuition related).

Provincial Lobby Day:

This is going to be a huge project of mine over the next month. I won't go into too much detail as a motion will be coming a bit later on this agenda.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration

I hope everyone had a great and relaxing break – I hope everyone was able to finally get some much needed sleep, much needed food and good family time. I have been busy getting back into the groove of work – Renos meeting is scheduled to start next week and there are some exciting proposals on the table, possibly even revamping the Council Chambers. SAC has also set its regular meeting times for the term and they will be starting next week as well. My commissioners are getting ready to do Single Bookings Lineup and Block Bookings Council for Term 2,
Office/Parking/Locker Allocations as well as organizing the SAC Wyne and Cheese. I hope they are just as keen in 2006 as they were in 2005.

In other news, I have been working on helping to organize the Student Leadership Conference for most of the end of last term and I am very proud (and happy) to report that this year, there will be 800 student leaders attending the conference. This is a staggering increase from last year’s numbers of delegates which was around 500. We are also very much excited as this year’s keynote speakers have been confirmed and it will be two UBC Alumni, Geordie Aitken and Justin Trudeau. I hope to see everyone there.

I am also getting started on my transition report and wrapping up smaller projects and I will keep Council posted on any new developments. I will also be updating on Renos project expenditures at the next Council meeting and I think there will be some pleasing figures.

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Business Operations Committee
▷ we have received the engineers report on possible renovations to the southwest corner that I mentioned at a prior Council meeting. BOC will be deliberating further on the merits of the proposed renovations.

Budget Committee
▷ I have been drafting analysis of the budget and the way the Society’s money has been spent, broken down by student fee and major expenditures. The budget committee will be reviewing the budget and proposing recommendations for next year’s budget

Restore the Norm Theatre Campaign
▷ the campaign has slowed, which is not surprising given the final 25% of a campaign’s goal is traditionally the hardest. To that end, the campaign has been approved for a trip for two valued at $2,000 from Travel Cuts, as part of the AMS-Travel Cuts sponsorship agreement. If a student group or individual “Buys a Seat” for the Norm Theatre, their group or name will be entered into a draw for the tickets. The deadline for entries is January 31st.

Finance Commission
▷ the Commission has made good progress on the club budget submission process with the help of the AMS Webmaster, and will likely have the process online by March/April.

Transition
▷ I’m working on wrapping up, handing over projects, cleaning my office and getting ready for the transition month of February

Coca-Cola Review
▷ a number of universities in the United States have banned Coca-Cola on their campus, including NYU, and McMaster students voted against their contract. These actions have been taken largely due to Coca-Cola Company’s lack of commitment to participating in an independent investigation. I will be submitting my final report on Coca-Cola as part of the AMS Ad-Hoc Ethical Review Committee in February.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

Volunteer Connections
▷ International Volunteer Fair: January 16-18th, on the SUB Concourse – a volunteer fair focusing on international opportunities. Run in conjunction with International Week.
Minischool
- Registration opens February 1st, and classes start February 22nd.
- Due to popular demand, there are now even more sections of pole dancing! And, brand new, we will also be offering lap dancing
- The second annual wine & beer festival comes March 31st, 2006. All proceeds will go to Variety, the BC Children’s Charity

JobLink
- The Internship program has begun accepting applicants for the second term! Last term, over 75 interns were places, and there were 22 applications the first morning after the job was posted.

Speakeasy
- Speakeasy had re-opened for the year, and four staff and volunteers are on their way to the annual Peer Support Conference, this year in UNBC in Prince George

Food Bank
- This term, the Food Bank is open on Mondays from 4:30 – 5:30 as well as the Thursday hours (noon-3). This was because we had too many volunteers to accommodate, and also because some students complained that it was a hassle to have to carry the hamper around all day if they had classes in the evening
- Food for Fines was a huge success! $6,670 in library fines were waived

My own stuff
- Helping organize an orientation leaders conference for March. This is a conference that will bring together leaders of Imagine, GALA, International House, and hopefully more. In all, we’re expecting 600-700 people in attendance.
- We’re still waiting for the University to get back to us regarding the supposed Safewalk proposal and the details regarding First Step for next year.
- At the AMS Last Day party, they had an everyone-wins-a-prize-draw and I didn’t win anything because I lost my ticket.
- I had my final (for my term?) meeting of the Suicide Awareness Project – over 2,629 orange bracelets were given out! Since that, bracelet supplies have most likely surpassed 3,000
- My job has been posted – interested? Come talk to me!

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Science – Patricia Lau – Ground will be broken on January 16 for the Science social space.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Tim Louman-Gardiner - Board of Governors
There are Board committee meetings on January 19th and 20th, and a Board meeting on January 26. As soon as I receive my docket, I will be holding office hours.

We are making progress on the third party recruitment issue, and this has been possible due to good communication between the Senate and BoG reps.

Gina Eom - Senate
For the past 10 month I had been working on a document that was going to be unilaterally passed by both UBC O and UBC V senates. This document included important changes to the current operation and membership of the Council of Senates, including changes recommended to be made to the University Amendment Act (Bill 60), 2004.

Significant changes for students included introducing designated, explicitly stated student seats (4 total, 2 from each campus, on a one year term) to the Council of Senates. Currently there are zero student seats on the Council.
After I had left a meeting, the Vancouver campus amended the document to include additional seats for the UBC Vancouver senate members on the Council, such that they have a majority.

Naturally, UBC Okanagan rejected the newly altered document. Back to the drawing board.

Darren Peets: There are about 34 seats on the Council.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated November 23, 2005 [SCD 238-006]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated November 15, 2005 [SCD 239-006]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated November 22, 2005 [SCD 240-006]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated November 29, 2005 [SCD 241-006]
In-Camera Minutes of Student Council dated November 23, 2005 [SCD 242-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE: [SCD 243-006]

"Whereas the next session of the BC Legislature starts on February 14th; and

Whereas the next provincial budget will be presented on February 21st; and

Whereas the provincial government will most likely soon be in receipt of significant new federal funding for post-secondary education, including the one-time Bill C-48 monies; and

Whereas a lobbying event during the AMS transition period in February, when both the outgoing and incoming Executives are present, will ensure a more seamless transition of AMS government relations activities;

Therefore be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee AMS Council approve the disbursement of not more than $5,000.00 from the External and University Lobbying Fund for lobbying materials, meals, and transportation for up to 28 individuals to meet with government and opposition members of the legislature on February 23 for the purpose of raising awareness about issues of importance to the AMS and its constituents.

Be it further resolved that the participants in this event include the outgoing Executive, the incoming Executive, members of the External Commission, and members of Council."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jessica Klug: The idea for this came from the CASA lobbying conference, which was a week of meetings with 140 MP's in Ottawa. This will be a one-day meeting in Victoria. Letters have gone out to MLA's to arrange meetings. The request for $5,000 includes some cushion money; the actual requirement may only be $2,500, but costs may have to be adjusted.

Sean Huff: How many options were looked into for transportation? Is this the cheapest?

Jessica Klug: It is the cheapest. Buses would cost more, $3,000.

Tim Louman-Gardiner asked about involving student associations at other universities.

Jessica Klug: There was only a short time to arrange this, but for next time that would be a good idea.

Darren Peets: Why is this being arranged for two days after the budget?

Jessica Klug: They said, Don’t come on budget day; don’t come on Wednesdays (that’s caucus day); don’t come on Mondays.

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3. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN:

"That Council appoint Kiran Bisra (Member at-large) to the Budget Committee for a term ending March 31, 2006."

... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

4. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED EDWARD CHEUNG:

"Whereas the University of British Columbia has stated in its Trek 2010 policy statement that it seeks to increase international undergraduate student enrolment by 10%; and

Whereas there are proposals for graduate and undergraduate degree programs now under active consideration that utilize third party consulting agencies to select and recruit students for these programs,

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Be it further resolved that the AMS call on the university to fully consult with representative student bodies, staff, and faculty in the process of creating the aforementioned policy."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Gina Eom: This follows from her report last time on the recruitment for the Master’s of Food Systems degree. There is no UBC policy on third party recruiting agencies.

5. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

"That motion #4 be amended by adding the following resolution:

"Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the university to refrain from entering into any such third party agreements until such a relevant policy is in place."

.. Carried
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: BoG is angry over this. The academic portion of the proposed agreement was passed by Senate in a close vote in November and was sent to the Board of Governors, which is to consider it this month. But Senate does not finish reviewing it until March.

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L) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

"That Council appoint Gavin Dew, Reka Pataky and Kevin Keystone (Council members) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee."

... Carried

8. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

"Be it resolved that Council appoint __________________________ to the Advisory Committee on Equity, Discrimination Harassment for a term commencing February 2006 and ending February 2008.

Note: The Associate Vice-President Equity makes recommendations for membership on the President’s Advisory Committee on Equity, Discrimination and Harassment. This membership reflects the diversity of the University community.

Note: This Committee advises and assists the Associate Vice-President Equity in creating and implementing educational programs designed to facilitate the promotion of employment and educational equity as well as the elimination of discrimination and harassment. In addition, this Committee advises and assists the Associate Vice-President Equity in the evaluation of University equity policies and Equity Office services and procedures."

- Kevin Keystone suggested postponing making an appointment until members of the Resource Groups could be informed. Members of the Resource Groups may want to serve on this committee, since many of them work on issues of equity, discrimination, and harassment.

9. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER"

"That motion #8 be postponed until the next Council meeting."

... Carried
10. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

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...Tabled

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 October 26, 2005 [SCD 244-006]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 2, 2005 [SCD 245-006]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 9, 2005 [SCD 246-006]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 16, 2005 [SCD 247-006]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 23, 2005 [SCD 248-006]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

11. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"Whereas Council approved in principle the snack vending agreement between AMS, UBC and Lewis Vending on October 12, 2005 subject to Council's approval of the final agreement, and

Whereas the Lewis Vending agreement was duly evaluated by relevant senior managers, including the Treasurer-Controller, the Food & Beverage Manager, and the General Manager, and

Whereas the final draft of the Lewis Vending Letter of Agreement has been reviewed by the General Manager and the Vice-President, Finance, therefore

Be it resolved that Council approve the Lewis Vending Letter of Agreement between Lewis Vending, UBC and AMS, as presented."

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- Kevin Keystone reviewed the proposed agreement, pointing out changes being requested by the AMS, for instance to include references to the AMS in the agreement. There were some housekeeping amendments, also some more material changes, all of which have been duly reviewed and are in the best interests of the AMS, and all per what Council approved in principle.
- Michael Woodward: Is UBC okay with the amendments?
- Kevin Keystone: We’re submitting the amended version to them. They’ll be okay with that.
- Darren Peets: Does the agreement cover coffee at Blue Chip?
- Kevin Keystone: No, only in vending machines.
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P) Discussion Period:

Previously Hidden Pictures - Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist)

Sheldon Goldfarb noted that with the rearrangement of the room, two pictures usually hidden behind the screen were now on display. They are of the “founding parents” of the AMS: Sherwood Lett, the first AMS President, and Evelyn Story, a member of the first AMS Council, in 1915-16, UBC’s first year. (Despite UBC’s plan to celebrate a centenary in 2008, UBC did not begin functioning in 1908, but only in 1915.)

Evelyn Story later married Sherwood Lett and as Evelyn Lett she was active in University affairs for many years. The AMS organized the Evelyn Lett Bursary Fund for child care in the 1990’s.

Sherwood Lett went on to be Chancellor of the University and Chief Justice of British Columbia.

Dave Claassen asked if the Letts had produced offspring who had been active in the AMS.

Sheldon Goldfarb: They did have a daughter who attended UBC.

Ombudsperson and Council - Gavin Dew (VP Academic)

Gavin Dew: There has been an Ombudsperson (originally called Ombudsman) since the late 1960’s. It was originally an elected position, and has always been on Council. Even after ceasing to be an elected position, there has been a seat for the Ombudsperson on Council. In 1994, the CORP Report on revamping the structure of the AMS recommended removing the Ombudsperson from Council to ensure a more arm’s length situation, but such a change required a bylaw amendment, and the proposed amendment failed to pass. Some Ombudspersons in the past have been up in arms about having to sit on Council. He thought it was not a good use of the Ombudsperson’s time, since the assigned time for the Ombudsperson is only 15 hours a week.

Trevor Gilks noted that the Ombudsperson reports to Council, hence should probably sit on it.

Sean Huff said he was in favour of trimming things down when not necessary.

Dave Claassen: Just because they report to Council doesn’t mean they need a seat on Council; taking their seat away would not keep them from coming to report. And if their job is that of a mediator, it would probably be easier if they were not on Council.

Gina Eom: Does the 15 hours include time at Council? Can Council attendance be made optional?

Gavin Dew: The 15 hours is in Code; it could be changed. Their being a member of Council is in bylaws. It would be violating bylaws to have them not come.
Ryan Corbett: Can the bylaws be changed?
Gavin Dew: Either through a referendum or a general meeting with quorum.
Gary Andraza: They should stay on Council. By sitting on Council, they see what’s going on.
Patricia Lau: What does the current Ombudsperson think?
Gavin Dew: The current Ombudsperson has a class on Council nights, though that is not the reason for bringing this up.
Patricia Lau: Why is the Ombudsperson different from other Service Coordinators?
Trevor Gilks: The Ombudsperson is not a Service Coordinator. The Ombudsperson reports to Council, not to the Executive Coordinator of Student Services.
Patricia Lau: We could just require the Ombudsperson to report to Council twice a year and if it was not otherwise useful for them to attend, they needn’t attend. However, if that means violating the bylaws, she would disagree with doing that. It’s difficult to change the bylaws, but we shouldn’t be violating them.
Michael Woodward: We should be focusing more on what the Ombudsperson should be doing when they come to Council. Are they providing input? Or getting knowledge?
Reka Pataky: They should stay on. It gives them a way to communicate with us and vice versa. They should meet with their boss more than twice a year, even if they just show up and leave.
Sheldon Goldfarb: The bylaws make the Ombudsperson a member of Council, but the bylaws do not require that the Ombudsperson attend Council meetings. Constituency representatives who miss five Council meetings lose their seats, but there is no similar provision for the Ombudsperson. Also, Council created the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee; the Ombudsperson can report to Council through that committee.
Gavin Dew: They would not be violating the bylaws if they were simply not attending.
Dave Claassen: If that’s the case, the issue is moot. They could just not come. There’s no penalty.
Tim Louman-Gardiner: It’s irresponsible to say we’re going to ignore our own bylaws.
Ryan Corbett: We’re in the position of doing something impossible (trying to change our bylaws) or something ugly (ignoring our bylaws).
Reka Pataky: We shouldn’t rely on the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for reporting to Council. The Ombudsperson of all people should have direct access to Council.
Tim Louman-Gardiner noted that as a member of Council the Ombudsperson can attend in camera sessions.
Gavin Dew suggested referring the matter to Student Court.
Trevor Gilks: If they don’t want to come, if it’s a waste of their time, they should just not come.
Kate Bisnaire: They’re being paid money to be informed, so perhaps they should come.
Gavin Dew: They have to handle lots of cases in which they do not have prior information.
Gavin Dew asked for a straw poll on whether Council members cared if the Ombudsperson didn’t show up to Council meetings. The results were nebulous.

*Legal Issues - Spencer Keys (President)*

13. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU, KATE BISNAIRE:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED DAVE CLASSEN:

“That Council remain in camera.” ...Carried
15. MOVED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council remain in camera.” ... Defeated

Q) Submissions:

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- AMS Financial Statements ending November 30, 2005 [SCD 249-006] [SCD 250-006]
- Minutes of Restore the Norm Campaign Committee dated November 17, 2005
- 2005 Civic Elections: AMS Awareness Campaign Final Report [SCD 251-006]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

16. MOVED NATHANIEL LIM, SECONDED KATE BISNAIRE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... 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 6:03 p.m.

1. MOVED ABIGAIL ONG, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

D) President’s Remarks:

- CASA Board work.
- Aquatic Centre negotiations.
- Craig Klafter, AVP International.
- Met with senior management regarding incidents at the Pit.
- Developing the Strategic Plan.
- Trial Prep for TravelCUTS.
- Council of the Federation Summit on Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.
- Paul Robert Evans
  So right, so tall, so rugged
  Basil’s brain beat me

E) Executive Remarks:

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

Transitioning
- My job position has been posted, and it is being circulated amongst involved student circles.
- I am spending most of my time working on my transition report and cleaning my office.
- I have encouraged service coordinators to create a job description for their positions (which turn over in May) so we can hopefully have them posted by the end of February.

Food Bank
- More food came in thanks to AMS Events.
- Excess food had to be delivered to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.
- We are madly promoting the service to increase interest!

Other Stuff
- Attended the SLC as an emerging leader mentor.
- Still waiting on First Step and Safewalk.
- Minischool registration opens on February 1st.
- Tomorrow is a year-end(-ish) services lunch at One More Sushi.
Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

**Restore the Norm Campaign:**
- An artist's sketch of the renovations has been posted, care of the AMS Designer, Michael Kingsmill.
- Further progress has been made to advertise the Prize Draw for a trip for two courtesy of Travel Cuts, valued at $2,000. The prize draw ends January 31st, so if any individual or student group wants a ballot for the draw, they should Buy a Seat soon.

**Finance Commission:**
- The Commission is focusing on our projects, especially and ensuring they are completed after executive turnover.

**Transition:**
- I have been working on delegating, organizing and wrapping up projects that are either close to completion or will continue past my turnover.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

**SLC:**
- Thanks to all who came out and supported the Student Leadership Conference of 2006. This was the AMS/UBC's fourth annual conference and it was the biggest one to date with over 785 students attending. It was an amazing experience and I give all the credit to the Student Leadership Planning Committee for doing such a fabulous job and to the delegates for making the entire day so much fun. I personally thank Geordie Aitken for giving such a terrific keynote address in the morning resulting in all the delegates becoming secret ninjas as well as a congo line of massage in the Chan Centre. Justin Trudeau's address was also very much welcomed and wonderful. Kudos to Aaron Kimberly for doing such a wonderful job on designing the promotions material (especially the snazzy business cards and the wonderful posters!) and being so patient with me. Thanks to Paul Dayson for providing the most wonderful AMS Banners known to man and for being so generous as to type up the "how-to-assemble" instructions. You guys were great!

**SAC:**
- Well, it has been a busy couple of weeks for SAC. First and foremost, SAC has diligently been working revising the SAC Policy Handbook and making it current. At our last meeting we spent almost 2 hours going over line by line from the very beginning of SAC's policies, definition by definition and it was the best meeting ever. It is just really satisfying to see my commissioners actually suggesting changes from their knowledge about SAC. We are also beginning to discuss the transition process for SAC in May and trying to aim for a good transition period as most of SAC will be leaving this year. We also had a presentation from the Cannabis Culture Club today for bringing Marc Emery in the SUB for a public lecture. SAC is currently deliberating and will make its decision next week. Single Bookings Line-up and Block Bookings are getting ready to jet off as is the Office/Locker/Parking Pass Allocation season. In other news, Lifeline has applied to hold the GAP display on Lower South Plaza on March 2nd 2006 and it looks like it will be approved by Classroom Services.

**Renovations Planning Group:**
- Been busy and will be bringing some motions to the next Council meeting that include renovations to Council Chambers in regards to the chairs, refurbishing the table as well as replacing the current flooring system. Other items that are currently in discussion are replacing the servery floor and looking to install a heat curtain for the sliding door entrances. I also got my act together and typed up all the minutes since I got into office for Renos and they are to be approved by Council tonight.
I also wanted to thank Jess for throwing a stellar Federal Elections Party on Monday night -- I thought it was stellar. =)

Goals for the next couple of weeks include typing up the rest of the minutes from various meetings, working more on the SAC Policy Handbook, working on my Transition Report for my incoming successor and generally tying up loose ends that need to be tied before I head off into the wild blue yonder.

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

Federal Election:

> We had a great Federal Election Results Party at the Gallery Lounge this past Monday. I was very pleased with the turnout - if you were there, thanks for coming out! Also, thanks to Shea for setting up the very awesome big screen projection of the results.

Provincial Relations:

> Over the last couple of weeks since the funding was approved by Council, I've been working on the Lobby Day for next month. Transportation, ferry reservations, and meeting scheduling is ongoing. Thanks to everyone who got back to me via e-mail. If you haven't had a response from me yet, I apologize, I'm a bit behind with my e-mails and will respond to you shortly. Also, you will be receiving more information from me about the lobby training workshops, and the event in general over the next week.

XCom Events:

> Xcom and I are working heavily on Term 2 events, which we are calling 'Anti-Apathy Days'. Our first event of the term is Tuesday, January 31st at noon in SUB 205. It's called 'Kraft Dinner Discussions', and we will be serving free Kraft Dinner to those who participate. We just want to have an informal discussion about university life at UBC and get a sense of beefs/bites that students have. I hope you can make it out to that event, or one of the other Anti-Apathy Day events this term - an event entitled 'Corporations and the University' in late February, which is a panel discussion of professors discussion corporate involvement in universities, using UBC as a specific example. We will also be holding 'Anti-Apathy Week' in March (aka Mission Tuition), which revolves around the Tuition Consultation and informing the students what's happening on that front.

Gavin Dew - VP Academic:

> Was involved all day today with hiring for Michelle Aucoin's replacement as Executive Coordinator for the VP Students Office. A number of qualified candidates are down to two - Brian Sullivan will make that decision soon, and all will be revealed in time.

> Further progress is ongoing on the AMS Survey.

> I have attended several meetings as a member of the Naming Committee subcommittee on South Campus naming - of note is that South Campus will now be called Wesbrook Place.

> I have been involved at length in the TLEF allocation committee - our process is drawing near to completion, and many excellent proposals were submitted, rendering the decision-making process a challenge.

> After coordinating discussions among constituencies, it appears a collective buy-in to access to UBC's webvote system will not be financially viable - this will be discussed further
Consultative processes for SUB Boulevard should be moving forward this semester (with regard to trees, landscaping, etc.).

I have been actively developing Academic Policies in conjunction with Marissa Adams, University Commission Vice Chair, and we will be bouncing those back off the Academic Committee soon.

UNA Board now has a new Resident Director seat, recently filled.

My continuity report is underway, and I look forward to the outcome of the election this Friday night.

C) Presentations to Council:

**Student Financial Assistance Report - Brian Sullivan (VP Students)**

Brian Sullivan reviewed the allocations for various awards to students in differentiated and undifferentiated programs. He made the following points:

- UBCO has seen a substantial increase in financial assistance.
- UBC has gone away from deductibles, so there is no deductible for undergraduates in non-differentiated programs, though some programs like dentistry still have high deductibles.
- Unmet need is down because of an increase in student loan maximums and changes to student loan assessments, resulting in more loan availability.
- There have thus been fewer bursary recipients; more is being paid by loan; less by bursary.
- There is money in a reserve fund for emergency support.
- Money is now being targeted to people with the greatest unmet need.
- One person had received a $33,000 bursary.
- At UBCO the student body is older, with more dependants, so there is higher unmet need.

He added that for the future UBC is looking at the following issues:

- entrance scholarships
- implementation of Policy 72
- Senate award regulations
- UBCO
- administrative streamlining
- third-party loan programs (continuing discussions from 18 months ago, and hoping to return to AMS Council for advice; not going with First Student Loan, but looking at other possible student-friendly providers)

Questions:
- Dave Tompkins said he had heard of master’s students returning to UBC after dropping out temporarily and being forced to pay back pay.
- Brian Sullivan: Because the tuition clock was still running?
- Dave Tompkins: Back tuition for the years they were out.
- Brian Sullivan said he would check on this and report back to GSS Council.
- Kate Bisnaire asked about engineering students and differentiated tuition.
- Brian Sullivan said it had been possible to finesse things to get Applied Science into the
undifferentiated pool even though technically they are differentiated.
- Jessica Klug asked for clarification about the reserve fund.
- Brian Sullivan: UBC always has reserve support. There are always students who in second term have changed financial circumstances. The reserve fund provides $1,130 per student. There is also an emergency loan program.
- Jessica Klug asked about distribution.
- Brian Sullivan: If not all used this year, it is carried over in the fund to next year. Last year there had not been sufficient money; UBC had to go into its reserves.
- Reka Pataky: Only half of those who applied for bursaries were eligible, according to the figures you’ve provided. What are the criteria?
- Brian Sullivan: First, you have to be a registered student (some people wait to see if they can get the funding before they register). Second, you have to be carrying a certain course load. Third, you need to be student loan eligible and to have accessed what is available. If you have maxed out your loans, we can deal with that. If you have credit problems, you may be ineligible. Or if you have no unmet need left after accessing what’s available to you elsewhere.
- Nora Timmerman noted that like UBCO students, graduate students tend to be older and may have dependants. She asked about the proportion of bursaries to graduate students compared to undergraduates.
- Brian Sullivan: The PhD tuition award changed the need profile a lot, eliminating for many the assessed need.
- Omar Sirri asked about living costs.
- Brian Sullivan said information is on the website.
- Spencer Keys asked about students who had maxed out their loans. How had that been dealt with?
- Brian Sullivan: We have more maneuverability. We’re not pretending we have dealt with that in relation to government and departmental funding, but they are eligible under Policy 72. We have worked on this.
- Spencer Keys: How?
- Brian Sullivan: The heart and spirit of the policy is that if people have accessed all their resources and have maxed out, if they still have need, we will deal with that.
- Spencer Keys reported on a case he knew of concerning a student in a not very lucrative professional program who had been denied funding and who lost a term at UBC.
- Brian Sullivan: It doesn’t apply to professional programs, for instance the MBA or the Master’s in Software Engineering or the genetic counselling program. The graduate professional programs do not have access to pooled money; they have the responsibility of looking after their students.
- Spencer Keys asked for clarification about these programs and about the possibility of a third category in addition to graduate research programs and graduate professional programs for those programs that are not nearly as lucrative.
- Brian Sullivan: For instance, the library and archival program. Some would argue that that program is actually research and that, given the market and employability, there is not compensation. But there are still only two categories, and the library and archival program is beyond the base. It is a graduate professional program and is supposed to be raising money itself.
- Kevin Keystone: With students incurring greater loans and fewer bursaries, does the University see this as a positive thing?
- Brian Sullivan: Only UBC has a guarantee like Policy 72. There is concern about student indebtedness. There has been pressure from student groups to reform the student loan program. This has meant that UBC could meet the requirements of Policy 72 and reduce its bursary amount.
- Kevin Keystone: Student groups have been organizing to reduce student indebtedness. Is the University on that train as well? To make sure students reduce indebtedness, or is the
University happy that students are bearing more of the cost?
- Brian Sullivan: The University is not. But the UBC principle is that students should bear 25-30 percent of the net cost of their education.
- Dave Tompkins: Why does the University restrict itself to the spending limit set by government, as indicated in the chart?
- Brian Sullivan: This is the first year we could get around that. He was here to get feedback. Once UBC got the deductible down to zero, people were happy.
- Scott Price asked if UBCO and UBC-Vancouver draw on the same pool for bursaries.
- Brian Sullivan: No, now and until 2010, there will be separate budgets for financial assistance.

**UBCO:**
- Brian Sullivan pointed to the incentives and awards being offered to encourage students to register at the new Okanagan campus of UBC. He asked Council members to talk UBCO up.
- Dave Claassen asked about the lower standards at UBCO for admission and awards. He said it was strange that 75 percent was good enough.
- Brian Sullivan: 75 percent can get you into a lot of programs at UBC Vancouver. We’re trying to build a new destination. There are not enough students in the Okanagan area to give us enough of a pool. UVic is competing for students; it is an interesting market. It’s true that there’s a lower level to qualify for awards at UBCO.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Engineering – Ryan Clare – The week before Reading Break is EUS Week so please come out.
Commerce – Abigail Ong – CUS holding elections two weeks from now. Held barbecue last week for AMS elections.
Science – Jonathan – This week is Science Week. Still have Cold Fusion tickets for this Friday.
Science – Patricia Lau – Ground actually broke on the Science social space, a week later than scheduled.
Gavin Dew: Why is construction work on it being done during lectures? They promised not to.
Bernie Peets: The promise was not to work during the exam period.
VST — Gary — February 2\textsuperscript{nd} installing Dr. Wendy Fletcher as the head of VST. First woman to hold this position in 30 years.

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

**Quinn Omori - Board of Governors**
The third party recruitment issue will not get to BoG until March. There is a feeling that it is sketchy. BoG doesn’t like it.

Gavin Dew: Having found a more career-related position, the Ombudsperson has submitted his resignation. So now the task will be to find Ombudsperson Number Four for this year. There has been some bad luck this year.
Spencer Keys: This merely shows that we’ve been hiring very desirable people.
Gavin Dew: Maybe we should pay our Ombudsperson better.

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

Minutes of Student Council dated January 11, 2005 as amended [SCD 253-006]

Dave Tompkins noted that Council minutes are to be e-mailed as well as made available in hardcopy.

In-Camera Minutes of Student Council dated January 11, 2005 [SCD 254-006]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 29, 2005 [SCD 255-006]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 6, 2005 [SCD 256-006]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 9, 2005 [SCD 257-006]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 30, 2005 [SCD 258-006]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 14, 2005 [SCD 259-006]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 21, 2005 [SCD 260-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

"Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held in the SUB South Alcove at 12 noon on February 27th, 2006."

- Spencer Keys: The AGM was going to be held on Friday, February 24, but because of a meeting of the Council of the Federation in Ottawa at that time, he will be away and thus unable to chair the AGM. Hence the move to Monday.
- Dave Tompkins: So the new executives will not take over until Monday.
- Spencer Keys: They can still move in on the weekend.

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Be it further resolved that Article 5.4 of Bylaw 1 of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations be amended to read: “CASA shall hold a regularly scheduled General Meeting, to be convened by a host Member or the Head Office, not later than the thirtieth (30) of November in any calendar year."

Be it further resolved that Article 5.5 of Bylaw 1 of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations be amended to read: “CASA shall hold an “Annual General Meeting” which shall be a regularly scheduled General Meeting, to be convened by a host Member or the
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- Spencer Keys: CASA bylaw amendments have to be approved by at least two-thirds of the CASA member schools making up at least 50 percent of the students they represent.
- Kevin Keystone: What is changed?
- Spencer Keys: This is new. Originally, the bylaws just said there had to be meetings. This provides more definition.
- Jessica Klug: The new CASA bylaws were approved unanimously at the last CASA conference. The first one provides a little more openness on when meetings can be scheduled. CASA has been breaking its own bylaws; now there will be more leeway in the scheduling.
- Kevin Keystone: What’s different in the new bylaw?
- Jessica Klug: It’s in what’s to be achieved at the conference.
- Reka Pataky asked how the lobby conference fit in.
- Spencer Keys: The lobby conference is during a general meeting. There’s some further definition.

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“Be it resolved that articles 2.1 and 2.3 of Bylaw 1 of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations be struck;

Be it further resolved that a new article be inserted as Article 2.1 of Bylaw 1 of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and shall read: “Bilingualism shall be considered an important asset in the qualifications of any candidate/member applying for a position at CASA;”

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Be it further resolved that a new article be inserted as Article 7.2 of Bylaw 3 v) of the
Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and shall read: “Write short briefs and e-mails.”

- Jessica Klug: Bilingualism is a huge priority for CASA, but it can be expensive. This revised bylaw gives CASA some leeway on translators while at same time stating how important bilingualism is.
- Spencer Keys: The University of Moncton, a French member, is one reason for this.

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED OMID JAVADI: [SCD 261-06]

“Be it resolved that AMS Council approve the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement as amended.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Gavin Dew: The old vision statement expired, and the Code and Policies Committee asked the Safety Committee to make any changes. There are a few, none substantive.
- Gary Andraza asked about insertion of the word “spiritual.” How can spiritual well-being be guaranteed?
- Gavin Dew: It’s just a vision statement.
- Gary Andraza said it made him think of campaign marketing material.
- Kevin Keystone asked to have changes made to the references to HIV and gender. Gender is different from sex; both should be referred to. HIV should not be referred to as an infection.
- Christopher Little: Why single out that group anyway?
- Ryan Corbett: Who’s on the Safety Committee?
- Gavin Dew: The Safety Coordinator, the SASC Coordinator, the Speakeasy Coordinator, a couple of Council members, guests from Campus Security, from SUB Security. These people are involved in safety. The language comes from people who are safety-oriented and who are at the leading edge of that language.
- Kevin Keystone: Was every member involved?
- Gavin Dew: Every member had an opportunity to be involved.

9. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU:

“That the second paragraph of the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement be amended by striking ‘(HIV infection)’ and replacing it with ‘sero’.”

The second paragraph of the AMS Campus Vision Statement be amended by striking ‘identity, gender, expression’ in the first line and replacing with ‘sex’.”

... Carried

10. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN:

“That the first paragraph of the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement be amended by striking ‘and financial’.”

- Spencer Keys: By adding the term “financial well-being,” the committee seems to be trying to insert a different set of values into what should be a safety statement. It makes it seem silly and less likely to be listened to.
- Christopher Little: There are people in desperate financial situations on campus; they would be affected.
- Quinn Omori: It’s a problem and should be addressed, but not here.
- Ryan Corbett: That’s not within our umbrella of responsibility.
- Michael Woodward: What is the motivation? To work to keep our businesses at cost?
- Gavin Dew: Perhaps the committee was being too optimistic and trying to include one too many things under the banner of safety.
- Trevor Gilks: When we lobby for bursaries, isn’t that the same?
- Dave Claassen: But it’s not safety. Whether coffee is too expensive – that’s not safety.

11. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried
12. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN:

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- Scott Price: This comes from several years ago, at a different time, when there were different issues; there was a motion on the war in Iraq. Some of us don’t agree with the whole vision statement. It didn’t do anything. It’s not needed.
- Christopher Little questioned the wisdom of singling people out with a specific health status.
- Gavin Dew: The intention was to be inclusive. The University has a similar policy. But it doesn’t have to be there.
- Patricia Lau: Will this go to the Board of Governors?
- Gavin Dew: No, it kind of floats around the AMS. It’s existed for a number of years. It codifies the values of a certain Safety Committee from a number of years ago. It doesn’t bind us or UBC to do anything. It’s not actually that useful as a policy in the sense in which construes policy.
- Kevin Keystone: There’s a precedent set by the University and in the AMS union contract.
- Ryan Clare: It’s counter-productive, singling a group out. Silly.

13. MOVED DAVE CLAASSEN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That the second paragraph of the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement be amended by striking ‘(including, but not exclusive to HIV sero status)’.”

... Carried

14. MOVED DAVE CLAASSEN:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Defeated

- Kevin Keystone: Policies often do just float. We pass them and then they sit and nothing happens with them. The person who sits on the Advisory Committee on Harassment should take this policy and do a presentation on it, pushing it as Council’s policy.
- Reka Pataky asked about the reason for adding the word “malicious” before “vandalism” in the policy. What’s the difference between malicious and non-malicious vandalism?
- Gavin Dew: We are not against people protesting, which some might construe as vandalism.

15. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Section 6 of the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement be amended by striking ‘malicious’.”

- Christopher Little: Vandalism needs a motive, which means malice. It’s redundant to include “malicious.”
- Ryan Corbett: If I paint a mural where I shouldn’t, then that’s not malicious.
- Kevin Keystone: Then we’d not call it vandalism.
- Definitions of ‘vandalism’ and ‘malicious’ were read out to Council
- Gavin Dew: There could be vandalism in a protest of tuition or some such issue. Then the University could object, citing our own Safety Policy.
- Spencer Keys: There is such a thing as public art, but without permission that’s malicious.
And let's think what our responsibility is here. We shouldn't say it's okay to vandalize the campus. Vandalism victimizes students just as much as the Administration. It contributes to an unsafe campus. There are examples from around the world of how reducing vandalism and graffiti leads to a reduction in crime. We should be saying we don't want people to break the law.

16. MOVED RYAN CLARE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

17. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Section 6 of the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement be amended by striking ‘malicious’.”

... Carried

18. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council approve the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement as amended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

19. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Ruth Situma to the Advisory Committee on Equity, Discrimination and Harassment for a term commencing February 2006 and ending February 2008.

Note: The Associate Vice-President Equity makes recommendations for membership on the President’s Advisory Committee on Equity, Discrimination and Harassment. This membership reflects the diversity of the University community.

Note: This Committee advises and assists the Associate Vice-President Equity in creating and implementing educational programs designed to facilitate the promotion of employment and educational equity as well as the elimination of discrimination and harassment. In addition, this Committee advises and assists the Associate Vice-President Equity in the evaluation of University equity policies and Equity Office services and procedures.”

- A question was raised about whether the appointee was for an AMS representative. Spencer Keys said that it was.
- Ryan Corbett asked if Colour Connected’s autonomy within the AMS would be a problem then if someone from there was appointed.
- Spencer Keys said that was their call.

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... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated February 3, 2005 [SCD 262-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated March 20, 2005 [SCD 263-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated April 27, 2005 [SCD 264-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated May 30, 2005 [SCD 265-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 13, 2005 [SCD 266-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 27, 2005 [SCD 267-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 11, 2005 [SCD 268-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated August 22, 2005 [SCD 269-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated September 13, 2005 [SCD 270-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated September 27, 2005 [SCD 271-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 11, 2005 [SCD 272-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 25, 2005 [SCD 273-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated November 7, 2005 [SCD 274-006]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated November 22, 2005 [SCD 275-006]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the External Commission dated November 4, 2005 [SCD 276-006]
Minutes of the External Commission dated November 25, 2005 [SCD 277-006]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 30, 2005 [SCD 278-006]
21. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED OMID JAVADI: [SCD 279-006]

"Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the AMS External Commission, approve an amount not to exceed $1000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund for awareness and outreach in Term 2."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jessica Klug said the money was for outreach, for Anti-Apathy Days and then Mission Tuition, a week-long event in March. Anti-Apathy Days will include a Kraft Dinner event and a discussion of corporations on campus. The money would go for posters, printed information, room bookings, equipment, and prizes.

22. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

"Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the AMS External Commission, approve an amount not to exceed $1000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund for awareness and outreach in Term 2."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

23. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

"Be it resolved that Council appoint Jonathan Lam (Council Member) to the President’s Service Award Committee for a term commencing January 25, 2006 and ending July 1, 2006."

... Carried

24. MOVED NORA TIMMERMAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

"Whereas the AMS supports student initiatives, especially those that seek to engage and educate fellow students on issues of sustainability and conservative energy use, and

Whereas the proposed UBC Energy Week to be held January 30, 2006 to February 2, 2006 does all of these things;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS officially endorse UBC Energy Week."

... Carried

25. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED OMID JAVADI, DAVE CLAASSEN:

"That Council move in camera."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

26. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

"That Council remain in camera."

... Defeated
27. MOVED DAVE CLAASSEN, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

"Be it resolved that Council empower the President to negotiate a settlement in the TravelCUTS litigation, to be approved by Council."

... Carried Unanimously

- Dave Claassen complimented the President on his negotiating skills and his new haircut.

P) Discussion Period:

_Election Timing - Patricia Lau (SUS)_
- Patricia Lau asked if Council had approved the timing being used, with there being no voting on Thursday.
- Sheldon Goldfarb read out the recent Code amendments which give discretion to the Elections Committee.

_Shopper's Drug Mart on University Boulevard - Gavin Dew (VP Academic)_
- Gavin Dew: It seems a substantial number of people have objections to the presence of Shoppers Drug Mart, including other members of the UBC community and members of the Board of Governors. The objection is that it's the first thing you see now when you come to campus. A business on the corner. One possible solution would be to buy them out and return the space to academic use.
- Dave Claassen: That's a nice idea. It's too bright now. He wished they would turn the lights down. Maybe instead of buying them out, their lease could be allowed to lapse.
- Laura Levine said she couldn't really object. She found them useful; they provide convenience. Maybe some trees could be put up.
- Ryan Corbett asked if this was Dentistry's doing.
- Gavin Dew said it was not part of the University Boulevard project. Dentistry and UBC Properties Trust negotiated it.
- Ryan Corbett: Didn't Dentistry have to fund their own building? They won't be happy with us. They'll put the number up high.
- Gary Andraza: It's not as if the area is non-commercialized now. You're going to see commercial stuff anyway. The University Pharmacy or McDonald's.
- Gavin Dew: Ultimately, there will be more commercial on that side anyway.
- Quinn Omori: It's going to be commercial. This is fruitless. The issue is having a say in what's being done. We can push for commercial ventures to blend in.
- Michael Woodward: Wasn't there already a Shoppers in the Village.
- Spencer Keys explained that it was a Pharmasave in a bad location which had to leave.
- Christopher Little: We can be against corporate, but if the choice is to spend a lot of money or let their lease run out, then let the lease run out.
- Patricia Lau: Will UBC Properties Trust listen to us anyway?
- Gavin Dew: Yes, there is widespread dissatisfaction.
- Patricia Lau: Will this lead to a motion?
- Gavin Dew: No.
- Patricia Lau: Why not?
- A straw poll was suggested on whether Council members were okay with Shoppers Drug Mart. Some objected to the validity of the question.
- Gavin Dew said he had received enough feedback.
- Kate Bisnaire: What's going on in front of Regent College? Is that commercial?
- Julio Hernandez: No, it will be a park and academic. A tower.
Michael Woodward: Why not see if Shoppers could blend in better?
Kevin Keystone said he was not so much in favour of having other corporations like Starbucks or McDonald’s or Burger King be on the strip leading to the University.

28. MOVED TREvor GILKS, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Defeated

Constituencies and Webvote - Gavin Dew (VP Academic)

Gavin Dew: There have been discussions with UBC about officializing and codifying an agreement on elections. The AMS has been running BoG and Senate elections for UBC; UBC conducts the administration of voting through WebVote. We are a couple of pen strokes away from them running the AMS Executive elections free of charge. But they want cost recovery for Constituency elections. There is no agreement in place on these, and we have no hammer. UBC feels they will have done their duty to uphold democracy in the Constituencies as long as they provide voting lists.

Meanwhile not enough Constituency Presidents are willing to buy into a cost recovery plan, which will mean that there will not be a plan for Constituencies to get WebVote.

There’s a difficulty with Constituency elections. It doesn’t depend on size. Arts is bigger than Science, but Science is more expensive because of the amount of complexity.

Quinn Omori: Paper elections suck.

Gavin Dew: We can’t do the electronic voting ourselves. UBC has sped up the technical side by lowering security barriers. This makes it fast, but they don’t want our people running it.

Quinn Omori: If it’s fast, why is there such a cost?

Gavin Dew: It’s the associated cost of support people, vote inquiry people.

Kate Bisnaire: Should the AMS look into a WebVote system that could be paid off over time?

Gavin Dew: Part of the $25,000 a year might be to make WebVote not suck. WebCT is a possibility. WebVote is a fairly archaic system. For comparison, to run an election electronically for a comparable population, Canada Post charges $280,000.

Dave Tompkins suggested a simple electronic voting system involving cutting and pasting of ID numbers.

Gavin Dew: Constituencies certainly want to look at alternatives to try to find ways to do things cheaper and better.

Dave Claassen: Instead of paying $5,000 to the University, he would rather give $4,000 to people to sit in a booth. WebVote doesn’t increase turnout. It’s a convenience. It sounds like a CompSci co-op student job to come up with an alternative.

Omar Sirri: Does the AMS pay?

Gavin Dew: No, there’s considered to be a rough equivalence between the cost of running BoG and Senate elections and the cost of us using WebVote. We saved a considerable amount of money by going to WebVote. We could say we won’t do BoG and Senate, but we have a lot to gain by running and promoting BoG and Senate elections, ensuring good candidates.

Patricia Lau: WebCT would be a problem. It would be free, but there would be confusion between types of voting, inconsistency between WebCT for Constituency
elections and WebVote for AMS Executive elections. Science has a problem with paper ballots because it has no central building, and there is no longer the possibility of marking off on a student card.

- Gary Andraza said WebVote was the worst engineered piece of software he had ever seen. It shouldn’t occupy a $40,000 programmer 52 weeks a year.
- Gavin Dew: If Constituencies are interested in having software in place, they might be interested in pushing for better, cheaper software. They can tell UBC.
- Christopher Little: Law has 600 students and has no interest in electronic voting. Is there any Constituency interested besides Arts, Science, and Engineering?
- Gavin Dew: Others may be if it’s not too expensive. There would be some interest in some smaller Constituencies, though some would be too small.
- Kevin Keystone: We are entitled to ask for very specific calculations like for the IPF. We can offer a reward for someone to create a software program. We can tap into our own student expertise, but we would need access to our membership list and student numbers and degrees.
- Gavin Dew: That’s been part of the discussion, PIPA issues.
- Kate Bisnaire: Couldn’t we call Elections Committee members UBC employees?
- Gavin Dew said there would be union issues.
- Kate Bisnaire: If you have a competition to create a new program, there will be security issues. Elections could be rigged. It would be better to go to a professional company.
- Dave Tompkins mentioned his simple cut-and-paste method.
- Michael Woodward said his Constituency gets access to student numbers and lists easily. It’s not a problem.
- Omar Sirri: How many Constituencies were interested in paying $1,000?
- Gavin Dew: Only a few showed up.
- Omar Sirri: Would Council be interested in matching funds?
- Gavin Dew: AMS Central has already obtained free access to the system. This is not really a Council discussion; it’s for the Constituencies to discuss.

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

29. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 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 6:02 p.m.

1. MOVED DAVE CLAASSEN, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

Tuition Consultation - Brian Sullivan (VP Students) [SCD 280-006]

Brian Sullivan reviewed the principles relating to tuition increases, noting that they had remained the same as before, and showed comparative figures from other universities. He made the following additional points:

- UBC is expecting the same 2% cap on tuition increases this year as last year for domestic students.
- The increase will go into effect May 1.
- International students, not covered by the cap, will see their fees go up 2.24% as a cost of living adjustment.
- There will also be an increase for international students to introduce a capital cost contribution.
- UBC and the Ministry of Advanced Education were happy that international students were paying their way for tuition, but there are capital costs not yet contributed towards by international students, costs which are covered on the domestic side by tuition and other sources.
- It was calculated that international students should be paying an additional $58.50 per credit as a contribution to capital costs.
- This will be phased in over three years at $19 per credit per year, making for an increase this year of about 4% on top of the cost of living increase.
- Current international students will be grandfathered for one year.
- International students in the B.Com program will have their fees differentiated by the addition of $75 per credit on top of the cost of living and capital contribution increases.
- Current international students in Commerce, including students in Arts planning to move into Commerce, will be grandfathered for one year.
Questions:
- Noting that international students are a small constituency with no representation, making it easy to increase their fees, Jeff Friedrich asked about the audit that led to the increase. He found it a bit suspicious that UBC had performed it on itself. He wondered whether current increases in construction costs had contributed. He also wondered about UBC’s ability to internationalize the campus if fees rise so high and follow a non-subsidy model.
- Brian Sullivan: Full fee recovery from international students was decided on in 1996. International students were 5% of the student population then; they are 10% now. Students have come in larger numbers than ever, attracted by the quality of education here. As to the audit, the Auditor-General recommended it to determine whether international students were paying full cost and to ensure that domestic students were not subsidizing international students. The Auditor-General’s office had been satisfied, except for the issue of capital costs.
- Jeff Friedrich asked about the application of Policy 72 to international students.
- Brian Sullivan: The plan is not to increase the number of domestic students at UBC-Vancouver, only at UBC-Okanagan. Any growth in Vancouver is from accommodating increased numbers of international students, generating a need for new classroom space. Obviously, something had to be done to cover the cost of this. As to Policy 72, money for domestic students is set aside under the policy. There is also a set-aside for international students, but there are emergency situations. UBC is agitating for employment changes to allow international students to work off campus, and it is trying to deal with issues of financial hardship.
- Nora Timmerman asked about international graduate student fees.
- Brian Sullivan: If in a research-based program, tuition is the same whether the student is international or domestic.
- Nora Timmerman said she had heard that international students actually pay a bit more.
- Brian Sullivan: They are assessed a higher tuition and then given that back through scholarships.
- Nora Timmerman: So in the end they will pay the same.
- Brian Sullivan: Yes, and they have already been paying the same.
- Patricia Lau asked about the distribution of money in various faculties.
- Brian Sullivan: People are given money in different ways from faculty to faculty. It would be good for the Constituent societies to talk to the deans. Some money goes to the faculties, some to the centre, some to financial aid, some to student services.
- Joe Mergens: Through Policy 72, what percentage of student tuition goes to support other students?
- Brian Sullivan: The contribution to financial support was 3.2% historically. It was 15-20% in years of rapid increase.

**Student Financial Aid - Brian Sullivan (VP Students)**

Brian Sullivan also commented on press coverage of his remarks at the previous Council meeting concerning financial aid, and offered some additional information:

- There had been a decrease last year in the total amount of funding offered through bursaries.
- Some had suggested this was an offloading of costs, in the form of debt, onto students through loans: more loans, less bursary.
- However, the historical context tells a different story: the amount of bursary money has actually increased since 2001.
- This was a very significant increase, far beyond the increase in enrollment.
- The number of bursary recipients doubled before last year’s drop.
- During the highest period of tuition increase, bursary aid went up.
As to debt load, some published surmises are not supported by the data.
- It hasn’t moved as some have thought.
- Mean debt went from $20,843 in 2000 to $19,938 in 2003 to $21,162 in 2005.
- It was not $25,000 as reported.
- The number of UBC students graduating with education-related debt was 37% in 2000, 53% in 2003, and 57% in 2005.
- Last year was a bump, but over the longer term UBC has been meeting unmet need through Policy 72, though he knew there were many stories individual students had.

Questions:
- Phillippe Ouellette asked if the mean debt figures included interest.
- Brian Sullivan: No, that’s what you would pay if you paid it all off now. With interest, of course, it would be more.
- Gavin Dew asked about the relation to tuition fees.
- Brian Sullivan: Debt as a percentage of tuition has been declining.

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

2. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount no to exceed $23,900.00 from CPAC funds for the replacement of the Servery Floor.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Manj Sidhu said the floor of the Servery, between the Ballroom and the Partyroom, had tiles flipping up, along with mould, dirt, and bacteria, as well as leaking from the ice machine, which was rotting the floor beneath. There were hygienic issues and safety hazards. Reno was recommending a durable, low maintenance epoxy floor. There would also be some electrical work.
- CPAC currently has $123,000, but she had set a goal for herself concerning the funding levels, and so really she had only $80,000 left to spend.
- Jonathan Lam asked if the floor was already rotting.
- Manj Sidhu: It’s already started. It needs to be assessed.
- Ryan Corbett: Who brought this to Reno?
- Manj Sidhu: Jane Barry, the Facilities and Development Manager.
- Ryan Corbett: Is the water strictly around the ice machine?
- Bernie Peets: It is seeping from there to elsewhere.
- Christopher Little: Is this scheduled to be done immediately?
- Manj Sidhu: As soon as possible.
- Christopher Little: Will it cause disruptions?
- Manj Sidhu: It will be done over Reading Week if possible. We keep our activities in mind.
- Christopher Little: If there is money left over, what happens to it?
- Manj Sidhu: It is rolled over to the next year.
- Reka Pataky asked for clarification of the figures, especially the $80,000 figure.
- Manj Sidhu said she wanted to leave a cushion in case Whistler renovations go over budget. She added that the only other renovation project left is the Council Chambers.
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C) Presentations to Council:

CASA - Phillippe Ouellette (Director) [SCD 282-006]

Phillippe Ouellette provided information on what CASA is and what it has been doing. He made the following points:
- CASA principles include equality (one university, one vote), flexibility (easy in, easy out), and pragmatism (CASA presents solutions as well as problems to government)
- At its latest lobby conference, CASA members met 150 MP’s, including Stephen Harper.
- Each year CASA tries to get across a similar message despite different faces
- CASA believes any academically qualified student should be able to attend post-secondary institutions, despite barriers, and not just financial barriers, but political and cultural ones.
- CASA is seeking affordability, trying to avoid students having high debt loads
- Despite what had been said in the presentation heard earlier, average debt is actually $31,000.
- CASA is seeking a Pan-Canadian Accord on post-secondary education to end the finger-pointing of the various jurisdictions.
- CASA is seeking a dedicated transfer of funds, a specific Post-Secondary Education transfer.
- CASA’s successes over the years include the establishment of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation and a recent government decision to transfer $1.5 billion to improve access to education.
- CASA also played a role in getting the Council of the Federation to focus on post-secondary education.
- CASA got a review of student financial assistance and an expansion of low-income grants.
- CASA got Stephen Harper to agree not to introduce income contingent loans and to agree to the dedicated transfer.

Questions:
- Patricia Lau: Is CASA thinking of getting into provincial lobbying like the CFS?
- Phillippe Ouellette: CASA is member-driven. There is nothing to prevent provincial lobbying, though CASA is obviously first of all a federal lobbying group. CASA has concentrated on some provincial issues, for instance in Alberta when the government was going to cut the amount of money student societies could raise. All CASA schools helped out then. It’s about what CASA members feel comfortable doing.
- Sean Huff asked about translation costs.
- Phillippe Ouellette said CASA does not hire translators, but aims for passive bilingualism, a back and forth between languages. He said this was fairly effective.
- Jeff Friedrich asked about relations between CASA and the CFS, the long-term challenges, and the health of the organization.
- Phillippe Ouellette: CASA-CFS relations are at the dialogue level. It has been difficult to partner with them at times. CFS refused to join a coalition CASA was creating. It’s an
ongoing challenge. As to CASA’s situation, there was work to be done on recruitment and retention. The easy in, easy out rule means the situation is not stable. This year CASA lost two schools and gained two.

- Kevin Keystone: If CASA is membership driven, how do you engage the membership? Can we amend CASA motions when they come to our table? Can we prepare motions that become policy?

- Phillippe Ouellette: The discussion on the role of member schools’ Councils is happening. When CASA was formed, everything was membership driven. Eventually, a policy researcher was hired and a policy committee set up. As to amending motions from CASA, it would have to go back to all the Councils. It could be done, but it would be a long process. It could cause headaches. Amendments could be brought to the next conference. It can't be asymmetrical, though, with some schools buying into a policy and others not.

- Gary Andraza: Have CASA’s lobbying policies changed now that Stephen Harper and his social conservatives are in power?

- Phillippe Ouellette: A minority government is actually perfect for interest groups. It is great for us. Also, though Harper doesn’t generally like meeting with interest groups, he likes meeting with CASA. He doesn’t like meeting with the CFS. This is great for us, but we have to get our message across. He gets the Pan-Canadian view.

- Dave Tompkins suggested making scholarships RRSP-eligible.

AMS Elections - Ian McKechnie (Elections Committee) [SCD 283-006]

Ian McKechnie presented the election results, making the following points:

- Turnout was 12.8% or 4848, with 946 paper ballots being cast.
- Board of Governors results were not available, pending an appeal.
- There was a volunteer focus to the election, with 44 volunteers taking part.
- He would have liked more coverage in the campus media.
- The Elections Committee should have released the results of complaints to the media.
- reimbursements were slow, a quagmire, because a lot of people were trying to defraud the system.
- The AMS was still reliant on UBC’s Webvote.

Questions:
- Josh Caulkins asked about reimbursement for candidates in the BoG election.
  - Ian McKechnie said he can't reimburse them now because there is no information available. Council is the boss on this. One approach would simply be to wait until March, when the numbers become available.
- Christopher Little asked about increasing the time for paper balloting.
  - Ian McKechnie: Code allows that. We tried to have a single election day like the federal election.
- Manj Sidhu asked if the new e-mail policy increased the Election Committee’s workload.
  - Ian McKechnie said it was not a problem.
- Edward Cheung asked why there was such a big change in the Senate results after the recount.
  - Ian McKechnie: There had been an error in counting; one tally sheet had not been included.
- Jeff Friedrich: There’s still a lot of room to reduce ambiguity on what e-mails a candidate is allowed to send and what resources can be used. Some candidates are already very tied in to student involvement and they can use some but not other resources. It’s awkward.
- Ian McKechnie: Election rules have not caught up with the 21st century, for instance the use of facebook.
- Michael Duncan asked about co-operation with the residences.
- Ian McKechnie said it was fantastic working with them. There was access to Totem and Vanier.
- Omar Sirri asked about fining candidates for endorsements they didn’t solicit.
- Ian McKechnie: No one appealed the rulings to Student Court or an election appeals committee, and we were following what the Code says.
- Omar Sirri: Were the fines effective?
- Ian McKechnie: Extremely effective. They stopped the infraction immediately. Are you asking if I think the rule is wrong?
- Omar Sirri: No, no. Also, the Thursday with no voting. Did it hurt voting? Was it confusing to the voters?
- Ian McKechnie: We clearly announced when advance polling ended and real voting began. Thursday was invaluable to us for preparation.
- Kevin Keystone: What sort of information does the Elections Committee have access to? Can you do an analysis of who voted? Which faculties? On campus, off campus?
- Ian McKechnie: UBC is reluctant even to give us student numbers, but certain faculties vote in higher numbers than others. To release that information, however, might affect elections. It might be good analytically, but there’s a terrible possibility of evil.
- Spencer Keys: Only 2500 students voted in any one race, though we know that 4900 individuals showed up. Is this a problem? Have we been undercounting our turnouts?
- Ian McKechnie: One concern was the difference between the President and VP Academic races and, for instance, the VP External race. Students don’t like to vote when there is no choice or when they don’t know who they’re voting for. They want strong candidates, lots of candidates, and they want to be informed. The Elections Committee can’t do anything about that.
- Spencer Keys suggested pre-campaign workshops run by the Elections Committee to teach how to go about campaigning in an effective way.
- Ian McKechnie: We’d like to create a How to Win an Election file.
- Paul Evans: How did Queen’s get such a better turnout?
- Ian McKechnie: During the campaign, 60% of their newspaper was about the election. It would be good if the media here could do something like that.
- Reka Pataky said the mass e-mail about voting was confusing. It didn’t even mention the AMS and was very short.
- Ian McKechnie: UBC imposes a strict limit on length.
- Kevin Keystone: Based on your experience and research, do you think that the banning of slates has had a negative effect on the number of candidates, the voter turnout, etc.?
- Ian McKechnie: Potentially. It’s one of the issues we have to look at for our final report.
- Omar Sirri asked about the reimbursement problems.
- Ian McKechnie referred to facetious receipts and made-up invoices. It was difficult to determine what was legitimate.

**AMS Strategic Framework - Spencer Keys (President)**

Spencer Keys reviewed the proposed new Strategic Framework which he hoped could be enacted so that it has a power equivalent to that of the Code of Procedure.

**Questions:**
- Ian McKechnie suggested the timeline for putting the Strategic Framework in place was a bit fast.
- Spencer Keys said the Framework had been in the works since May and updates had been provided throughout. Its themes are not controversial and it is meant to be a living document that Council should feel free to amend. It is better to have an actual plan than to work on an ad hoc basis.
- Ian McKechnie: Will this involve purely AMS Council, or regular students too?
- Spencer Keys: It involves a continuous strategic data accrual process – surveys, focus groups, reports from coordinators – beyond Council itself.
- Kevin Keystone said he hoped the whole year’s worth of effort on the Framework wouldn’t just fall into an abyss. We don’t always follow our Bylaws and Code. How will this be implemented? How will we ensure that future Executives look to this document and are guided by it?
- Spencer Keys: It’s a living document. If Council can’t live with it, it can change it. The President will have to be its champion. It should probably be evaluated over the next year or two.
- Kevin Keystone: Will it be passed as an appendix to Code?
- Spencer Keys: It is intended to be as important as Code.

4. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED KATE BISNAIRE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Defeated

D) President’s Remarks:

- I have been working on several CASA related items including the development of draft recruitment and retention policies to be considered at the Annual General Meeting in March, Board conference calls, a conference call with the members of the Northwest Region, as well as entertaining CASA National Director Phillippe Ouellette who arrived on Monday. I have also arranged to fly to the University of Alberta to present on CASA to their Students’ Union Council on February 28.
- AMS First Year Committee continues to go well. Over the past few weeks they have been starting to organize a talent show that is going to be held on March 3 called “What R U Good At?” and hopes are high that there will be no fecal incidents.
- As you will see in tonight’s presentation, the Strategic Framework is nearing completion. Its complement, the Committee Reform Project, is being circulated for discussion and work continues to be done on that along with the Code and Policies Committee.
- Progress remains strong with the Presidential Search Committee. Also, this Monday morning I was pleased to be kidnapped by a group of students as part of their annual kickoff of their annual week of festivities. I am very excited to attend this group’s annual Ball on Saturday.
- Admittedly, work is starting to wind down as more focus is placed on finishing projects that can be completed by the 27th.
- With respect to upcoming issues, transition should be beginning imminently as Kevin’s schedule starts to settle down and he has more time for little old me. I am developing issue backgrounders as part of my final report as well as my transition report and it should be very comprehensive.
- The Executive is starting to work on developing policy on what are acceptable boundaries for partnerships between the University and the private, for-profit sector. Miss Klug and I met with Lenny Freilich, Director of Business Development.

E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic & University Affairs

- As transition begins, my focus is clearly there – developing my transition report, setting up meetings for Jeff with a variety of people, getting the hiring process started ahead of time, trying to make things as easy as possible and soften the impact as Jeff will find himself hitting the ground running at a rather alarming pace toward a large brick wall. Congratulations to Jeff, by the way. Welcome to the jungle.
On Tuesday, January 31st, both Jeff and I attended an all-day workshop on “Defining UBC’s Sustainability Story,” which brought together academics (Bill Reese, Patrick Condon, etc.) and administrators (all but one of the UBC Executive team were there at one point or another) to discuss issues going forward with regards to how UBC tells its “sustainability story.” The event was excellent and productive, with a substantial amount of fiery (but constructive) debate. Perhaps the most substantial outcomes were a) hopefully a realization on the part of UBC admin that such dialogues (between academics and admin) can and should be happening more often and b) acknowledging the fact that before we can genuinely discuss UBC’s sustainability story, we need to talk about the foundation of such claims and what commitments UBC will make going forward to ensure such a story is more than rhetoric.

Working with Marissa Adams, University Commission Vice Chair, I’m in the process of polishing up some academic policies which will be bounced off the Academic Committee and then, I assume, brought to Council next meeting where I expect they’ll be relatively uncontroversial and quick to pass. The goal of that process is to solidify a number of areas of pedagogical focus that we wish to emphasize moving forward and to shorten the learning curve.

Last Thursday was a rare CABSD meeting, which included briefings on a number of positive initiatives: Arts Peak, Alumni Association’s social networking forays, etc. There is some good progress occurring with regards to improving the ability of students, both past and present, to connect with both opportunities and one another.

Yesterday, myself and the Coordinators Appointments Committee interviewed for the Hiring Process Coordinator position. We’ve picked a candidate but not all candidates have been called yet so we can’t tell you who. We are, however, very pleased with both the pool of applicants and our final choice, and the look on Jeff’s face when he realized he’s got to hire over 80 people confirmed for me the need for this position, and for both the structural changes and efficiencies I’ve made to the hiring process and even more in the years to come.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

- Minischool registration opened on February 1st – Pole Dancing 101 sold out in the first day! (the first section was sold out by noon).
- AMS TUTORING ONLINE GOES LIVE!! Check out http://leap.ubc.ca/get_study_help/online_tutoring_calendar/ for more information.
- As Coordinator David Yuen was elected VP Administration, Sam Wong (currently an Assistant Coordinator of Joblink and manager of the Internship program) will be taking over the Joblink office effective Monday, February 20.
- I am on a steering committee for the March training of UBC Orientation Leaders (Imagine, GALA, etc).
- I made posters and rack cards promoting the new Monday hours of the Food Bank. The posters were put up in all the usual places, and the rack cards were distributed flyer-style to housing (Acadia, Fairview, etc) on campus.
- I met with the Red Cross and the Ismaili Students’ Association to talk about the Food Bank office, and how it is to be used.
- Shortlisted and interviewed candidates for Gavin’s HR Coordinator position
- Engaged in a rigorous and intensive short-listing process for the applicants for my job
- I wrote a 20-page transition report… 20 pages of original Trevor material.
Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

- Provincial Relations: We’re still working on plans, scheduling, press releases, and more for the Provincial Lobby Day coming up on the 23rd.

- I have sent all delegates an email today with the dates and times for the Lobby Training workshops. Please contact me asap if there are any problems with scheduling.

- External Commission Events: Xcom has started planning Mission Tuition in March, which will hopefully include a coffee house, an open forum (possibly with Brian Sullivan), and if there is enough money there may be a prize draw.

- Transition: Transition with Ian is going very well, and we have been meeting almost on a daily basis. Ian has been very committed from the get-go and has already taken on the major project of putting together the document for the Provincial Lobby Day.

- CASA: Phillippe, the CASA ND, is here (as you already know) and it has been great to have him visit with us. He has been able to provide Ian with a proper overview of CASA and has even set up a booth to do outreach in the SUB Concourse. Thanks for coming Phillippe – please make sure to come and visit soon again!

- Other: There is still a ton of regular business as per usual. I am still answering U-pass emails, working on reports, and frantically trying to finish up my transition document. Bernie and I will also be meeting with a group from the University of Alberta this coming Monday morning as they are looking to implement a U-pass on their campus and would like more information. We are also hoping to schedule one more U-pass Service Review Committee meeting with TransLink before turnover, so Ian and I can both attend to provide a smoother transition in those matters.

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Budget Committee:
- Will be bringing forward an analysis of the AMS Budget.

Business Operations Committee:
- Working on a proposal to renovate the southwest corner of SUB.
- Freephone proposal under consideration.
- Looking into updating our cash registers.

Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee:
- Reviewing policy.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

- Union Negotiations have been going really heavy for the last two weeks but Kevin (VP Finance) and I are very glad that we’re chugging through the collective agreement. This process has been on-going since the summer but there could be a chance that the collective agreement MIGHT be finished by the end of our terms on February 27th – but no promises as we’re just keeping our fingers crossed.

- SAC: has just completed Single Bookings LineUp (congratulations to Science as it is the first time in many many years that UBC Dance Club has not been first in the line-up!). It went really well and I am glad that it did. We are still chugging through updating the SAC
Policy Handbook during SAC meetings. SAC is doing really well.

- Renos has the Servery Floor motion on the floor today but the other major project that it is working upon is possible renovations to the Council Chambers. We are meeting this week to view samples for floor tiles and possible new chairs and that should be exciting.

- I have started my transition with my successor David Yuen and it is going very well -- it is very casual and informal and hopefully we will get down to the nitty/gritty during Reading Break. I also wanted to extend my congratulations to all the incoming candidates to the AMS Exec of 2006/07 in their bids for candidacy. I saw some very well campaigns and I welcome them heartily to the AMS.

F) Committee Reports:

Code and Policies Committee: Committee Reform [SCD 285-006]

- In the absence of the chair, Spencer Keys simply noted that the latest draft of the planned committee reform will be sent out. The process is well underway.

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering – Ryan Clare reported on EUS Week, including his own belly flop into a pool. Turnout was down. The EUS used to be a smaller group; now it’s larger and people are less involved.

Commerce – Abigail Ong – Commerce elections had a drop in turnout because there were fewer candidates. This was because in races where there was one good candidate others withdrew.

Arts – Dave Claassen – Arts is hoping to increase turnout in its elections from 4% to 6% by better promotion and encouraging people to run so that there are more competitive races.

GSS – Nora Timmerman – The TA Union has decided to hold a strike vote on February 20. Josh Caulkins: The TA’s have been without a contract since August. Negotiations are stalled.

Education – Joseph Mergens – Re voter turnout in the AMS elections, he had received lots of questions from Education students asking, What is the AMS? What does it do? Governance is not a major concern for Education students.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Quinn Omori - Board of Governors

- Medical students are lobbying UBC on the issue of patents on lifesaving drugs, wanting drugs to be available at cost to the Third World.

Ed Cheung – Senate

- The proposal on student representatives on the Council of Senates passed at the UBC-V Senate, but not at UBCO.

Ombudsperson

- Gavin Dew: The position has been posted. The Deputy Ombudsperson is temporarily acting as Ombudsperson. The hope is to hire soon for a term ending September 30.
Joseph Mergens: Does the AMS Ombudsperson coordinate with the Education Ombudsperson?

Gavin Dew: That's something we're trying to do.

Kevin Keystone said he understood hiring for a term ending September 30 is in accordance with Code, but is it a good idea?

Gavin Dew: Code does say that, and it would be more practical to hire for more than a two-month term since we have to go through the whole Code hiring procedure.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated January 23, 2006 as amended [SCD 286-006]
In-Camera Minutes of Student Council dated January 23, 2005 [SCD 287-006]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 25, 2005 [SCD 288-006]

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:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the External Commission dated December 2, 2005 [SCD 289-006]
Minutes of the External Commission dated January 6, 2006 [SCD 290-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 11, 2005 [SCD 291-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 1, 2005 [SCD 292-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 8, 2005 [SCD 293-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 15, 2005 [SCD 294-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 22, 2005 [SCD 295-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 29, 2005 [SCD 296-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 17, 2006 [SCD 297-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 24, 2005 [SCD 298-006]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Commercial Partnerships - Jessica Klug (VP External) [SCD 299-006]

Jessica Klug said that commercial partnerships are gaining momentum at UBC. After presenting some background on them, she invited a discussion on the pros and cons.

Manj Sidhu asked for an elaboration on the risks associated with such partnerships.

Jessica Klug mentioned the loss of decision-making control and the influence of corporations on research.

Manj Sidhu suggested that corporations investing in UBC might want to exert pressure to do research in one area rather than another.

Kevin Keystone asked for examples of partnerships.
Jessica Klug referred to SONY Music at McGill.

David Wells talked of access to University markets and assets, along with sponsorship exclusivity. He referred to IBM joint ventures and said when major corporations get together with a university research department, they can seek to set the research agenda.

Spencer Keys referred to an example at Cornell, where IBM donated a superconductor lab and in exchange received 10% of the revenues based on that. He said partnerships can create some implicit notions of chasing the dollar.

Kevin Keystone: This could be corporations becoming stakeholders in the University. Could they affect the curriculum at the University?

Jessica Klug: It's case by case.

Spencer Keys: If there are to be these partnerships, what principles should never be violated? For instance, should there be a principle about corporations affecting curriculum? Establishing these principles is an important part of the discussion.

Josh Caulkins expressed concern about corporatization. He said there are ethical questions involved and asked if this is a path the AMS wants to go down. There is the potential for the misuse of intellectual property, technology, etc.

Chris Baitz said he did not want corporations to have a say in the direction of the University. They should not be able to stop research because they don't like it.

Michael Woodward: Not everything is negative about corporations; there are positive aspects. In Commerce, businesses have to have an effect on the curriculum. Students have to know what's going on in business.

Laura Levine said that if commercial partnerships are being pursued, she hoped someone would look into ways of getting money into Arts. Currently, there was not a lot of money going into supporting the study of 18th-century painting of horses in children's literature.

Ryan Corbett: Partnerships are symbiotic. No one's going to give something for nothing. This year's Executive is good at thinking how we can benefit. Last year's would simply have reacted rashly. We do need external funding. Let's not be so rash that it's not done or that we're left out of the process.

Dave Tompkins recounted a story of how a donation by Texas Instruments led instructors to use their chips.

Quinn Omori: An Irving Barber or a Sauder is different than the GE Hockey Rink. In the latter case there's a clear connection between the University and a corporation that may or may not be ethical.

Laura Levine: There is the possibility of us seeking out corporate funding where we need it, for instance for the farm. It could save things.

Stephanie Ewen: The Forestry building is sponsored by corporations, and it's meant a lot of people studying here. That's one of the benefits of corporate investment. It can be a good thing.

Dave Claassen: It's easy to deride corporations as evil entities, but we can't ignore economic realities. We need to sustain a campus that is essentially a city. He'd rather have a new building sponsored by McDonald's than an old building or no building. We should give students enough credit not to believe they'll be blinded by corporate lights. He was against knee-jerk negativity to the word "corporate." A corporation was just a business that got successful and became big.

Jeff Friedrich: One distinction would be whether sponsorship funding is being made part of operating revenue; that would be a bad thing. It's different if it's a one-time deal and there's no relying on it.

Mark [guest]: What's the difference between a donation and a partnership?

Spencer Keys: A donation would be money with zero strings attached, usually from a private individual. A partnership would involve a corporation.

Christopher Little: A partnership in law is defined as two or more individuals carrying
on business together with a view to a profit. If it’s just a donation, it’s not a partnership.

Gavin Dew: The University of Alberta is fairly heavily corporately sponsored, notably by the oil companies. The policy of their student society is that if it provides good learning space for students, then Booyah! They’re for it. Let’s not go into this on the basis of economic fallacies; we have to strike a balance. Money has to come from somewhere. We have to be prepared to go into this with an open mind.

Patricia Lau: Does UBC prefer individuals or corporations? What procedures do they follow?

Spencer Keys: The Development Office handles personal donations. There’s also a Business Development Office.

Christopher Little: An individual can be bad too. We have to have open minds. We have to go on a case by case basis.

Kevin Keystone wondered about the effect of a corporate presence on student apathy.

Jessica Klug said she was very anti-corporatization. Students are less likely to be involved in governance if there’s a corporate presence.

Student Court ruling - Spencer Keys (President)

Spencer Keys reported on the ruling by Student Court on the question of AMS membership, which Council referred to the Court last fall. The Court ruled that more or less everybody is an AMS member, which means an additional 2,000 or 2,500 additional members. Council may want not to accept the whole ruling and thus grant exemptions. For instance, do we want to include students in the Certificate programs in Continuing Studies?

Sheldon Goldfarb: The Court ruling actually provides for exemptions. It’s not a question of accepting only part of the ruling. Council can accept the ruling, and under the ruling itself Council then has the power to exempt certain categories of students from membership. They won’t have to pay the fees, and they won’t get our services.

Kevin Keystone: The Court didn’t say Council could exempt from membership, did it? These students would still be AMS members, just they wouldn’t be able to use our services.

Sheldon Goldfarb: True. The ruling simply says Council can waive the fees for certain categories of students, and those students would not get our benefits or services.

Dave Claassen said he had a problem with people who are clearly not real students becoming AMS members. He questioned whether the Court had the power to say this.

Others asked if he was complaining about judicial activism.

Sheldon Goldfarb said the Bylaws themselves make the Court the final interpreter of the Bylaws.

Spencer Keys: If a court were to decide differently … A real court.

Dave Claassen: Someone not in the spirit of the notion of a University student should not be a member.

Dave Tompkins wondered if someone could just sign up for a computer class in Continuing Studies and get all the benefits of AMS membership.

Patricia Lau asked who UBC considers to be a real student. Which categories of students pay UBC student fees, such as the Athletics and Recreation fee?

Nora Timmerman asked about different types of membership. Could there be different types at different fee levels?
Sheldon Goldfarb said the Bylaws provide for active and associate members. All UBC faculty and staff are associate members, though without knowing it. But associate members have no rights or privileges, and don't pay fees. There are no other categories of membership.

Reka Pataky questioned the Court’s finding that co-op course credit counts towards a degree.

Patricia Lau: This is a big issue and too complicated for Council. Perhaps an ad hoc committee should be established.

Dave Tompkins said the Executive Committee could look into it.

Patricia Lau: Who’s paying our fees currently? We need all the facts.

R) **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) **Adjournment:**

5. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

T) **Social Activity:**

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs

GD:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Paul Evans (The Ubyssey), Eric Szeto (The Ubyssey), Claudia Li (The Ubyssey), Ian Patillo (VP External - elect), Megan Smith (The Ubyssey), Colleen Tang (The Ubyssey), Leah Sharzer, Kristin Foster (Studentcare.net/works), Sam Wong (AMS Joblink), Lisa Lafreniere (SASC), Susie Roman (SASC), Brian Duong, Mariana Payet (AMS Safety Coordinator), David Yuen (VP Administration - elect/AMS Joblink), Sophia Haque (VP Finance - elect), Raj Mathur (Music), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist/Researcher), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing & Promotions), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Advocacy Office - Colleen Spier (Coordinator) [SCD 301-006]

Colleen Spier reported on the challenges and achievements of the Advocacy office.

Questions:
- Tim Louman-Gardiner asked how students would find out about the service.
- Colleen Spier: When students are accused of a discipline infraction, they receive a letter telling them they can go to the Advocacy office.
- Nora Timmerman asked what percentage of clients were graduate students.
- Colleen Spier said she didn’t have exact numbers, but thought there were hardly any. The largest number was for international students.
- Nora Timmerman asked about referring to the GSS advocate.
- Colleen Spier said the two services were very separate and different.

AMS Joblink - David Yuen (Coordinator) [SCD 302-006]

David Yuen reported on the Joblink service and Sam Wong on the internship program.

Questions:
- Allison Tym asked what years were targeted for internships. Third and fourth-years?
- Sam Wong said it was for all years.
- Allison Tym said people she asked didn’t know what an internship was.
- Sam Wong said the program was trying to work with MUG leaders to promote the program and also trying to inform students moving into residence.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner asked what the program needs.
- Sam Wong said there are still a limited number of internship opportunities. It was necessary to call sponsors to let them know about the opportunity to get students through internships.
- Ian Pattillo asked what percentage of Joblink’s jobs are part-time and what full-time.
- David Yuen said Joblink is only for part-time jobs. Joblink shares a database with UBC’s Career Services; they take care of full-time jobs.
- Ian Pattillo asked what percentage of the jobs go to UBC students.
- David Yuen said there was no data on that. There’s no feedback mechanism.
- Ian Pattillo: How many use the service?
- Sam Wong: There are a couple of thousand hits a day.
- Reka Pataky asked about the relationship with Career Services.
- David Yuen: It’s two services sharing the same website. They do their own promotions. We’re looking to get a link between their website and ours. They charge us $5 for a $15 posting.
- Gavin Dew asked about the perception of the value of Joblink as a separate, differentiated service.
- Sam Wong: There’s talk of merging because the two are so similar, but Joblink focuses on student-run services. Joblink offers many free services, such as resumé preparation. Career Services charges a lot of money for some of their services.
- David Yuen said the Joblink mandate is focused on part-time jobs for students seeking to finance their education. Career Services is focused on the long term.
- Sean Huff said engineers can’t utilize Joblink. Engineers can’t take part-time jobs during the school year because they’re too busy, and in the summer they need full-time jobs. Sam Wong: Engineers have access to co-op programs. Internships are also available.

AMS First Step Program - Trevor Gilks (ECSS) [SCD 303-006]

- Trevor Gilks reported on the new First Step program done in partnership with UBC.

Questions

- David Yuen: In 2001 there were more students in Orientations but a lower budget than other years. How is that?
- Trevor Gilks explained that since the students paid $15 each, the more students who attended, the less money that had to be spent by the AMS; hence the lower budget.
- Kevin Keystone asked about negotiating partnerships with UBC.
- Trevor Gilks: UBC was slow. They took six or seven months to get back to us about starting the program. If they gave more money, the program could run through all of August instead of just part.
- Manj Sidhu asked about bookings.
- Trevor Gilks said this year they used the Art Gallery, but next year asbestos removal is planned, so it may not be available. He said they don’t need a big area.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner recommended the use of MSN Messenger.
- Reka Pataky: Are there plans to establish a First Step Coordinator’s position?
- Trevor Gilks: It will be the same this year as last, but we’ll see how it grows.

D) President’s Remarks: [SCD 304-006]

- In addition to referring to his final quarterly report, Spencer Keys announced the success the AMS had had in winning tax deductibility for students’ contributions to the Student Health and Dental Plan.
- He also announced the appointment of Mariana Payet as the new Executive Coordinator of Student Services.
E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic & University Affairs:

- See Performance Report [SCD 305-006]

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

- See Performance Report [SCD 306-006]

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

- See Performance Report [SCD 307-006]

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

- See Performance Report [SCD 308-006]

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

- See Performance Report [SCD 309-006]

F) Committee Reports:

Code and Policies Committee: Committee Reform

Tim Louman-Gardiner reported on the progress of the committee reform plan. He outlined some of the planned changes, including the creation of an Administrative Committee, which would function as the executive of Council, and the proposed distinction between Council committees with broad mandates and Executive committees like one on campus development, which would be more project-oriented. The overall aim is to increase the engagement of Council members. The committee has decided to scrap an earlier idea about having committees meet during Council time at every second Council meeting.

- Patricia Lau asked about non-Executives chairing the proposed new committees, such as the Planning Committee. A non-Executive will be in charge of renovations?
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: Every committee will have some people assigned to work with it. The Planning Committee may be working with the VP Administration.
- Patricia Lau: This changes the principle of how things work. Ultimately the committee will have power, and if the Executive member is not the chair, they won’t be able to direct things as well. It changes the power dynamic.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: Council still has the final say, and in any case he was in favour of a system that empowered non-Executive Council members.
- Jeff Friedrich asked about consultation.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner said a model was still being worked on.
- Jeff Friedrich asked about a timeline.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner said he hoped the plan would be ready before the end of the school year.
- Omar Sirri: What will happen to the Referendum Committee?
- Spencer Keys: Its duties were originally going to be moved to the Communications committee. Now they could be under Stewardship, community relations.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: Right now it’s an ad hoc committee.
Omar Sirri: Will consolidation be a good idea? Things could get overlooked.

Tim Louman-Gardiner said that was no worse than the status quo.

Spencer Keys said there would be more eyes looking at issues.

Manj Sidhu asked where SAC will fit in.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: SAC and the commissions are not in this model. That will have to be discussed further.

Marina Payet asked about the issue of there being only Council members on committees. She said it was important to have people on committees who are here every day running the AMS.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: For Council committees, it will be Council members only. For Executive committees, it can be anyone. Also, discussions are not complete yet. He was reluctant to say anything finally, and it is also specified that staff will attend committees in support roles.

Kevin Keystone: BOC has expressed concern about being combined with Reno. They have different portfolios and putting them together may not be feasible. Would it be possible to have working groups within committees? A BOC planning group and a Reno planning group?

Spencer Keys: There are explicit provisions to create subcommittees.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: The conglomeration of committees, the bringing together of duties, with each committee taking on a larger workload, is probably a good thing.

Jeff Friedrich asked about ad hoc committees.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: Council will still be able to create ad hoc committees.

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Dave Claassen reported on an Arts initiative for students in their final year. There’s a lot for entering students, but not much for students who are graduating. The plan is to have something called “Last Lecture” on March 22. Classes will be cancelled, and students will get to hear Peter Mansbridge speak to them. The idea is for students to get a chance to celebrate graduating with their friends; this will be different from the official graduation ceremonies, which are more for parents and family. Kevin Keystone suggested coordinating with the Alumni Association. He said they were involved in similar programs. Dave Claassen said there was some communication with the alumni, but the focus is on students who are graduating.

Science – Patricia Lau - There will be a motion to approve the SUS loan agreement letter. SUS Elections are being held in March. SUS is sending 25 delegates to the Entrepreneurship Conference on March 30th.

Law – Christopher Little - Held elections.

Commerce – Craig Powell - Held elections - Mike Woodward is the incoming President.

Engineering – Sean Huff - EUS elections being held tomorrow.

GSS – Nora Timmerman - GSS Council will meet tomorrow. There is a motion on the agenda to support the TA’s in their upcoming strike. Encouraged all to attend the Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference being held on March 10th.
H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Tim Louman-Gardiner - Board of Governors
- Committee meeting to be held March 16th and Board meeting on March 23rd.

Gina Eom – Senate
- The Council of Senate will be meeting in March - the student representatives on this body will be Lianne McLean and Phil Orchard. The Senate is currently holding an internal election for a faculty-seat, between Dr. Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe (Fine Arts) and Dr. David McLean (Medicine, and also Lianne’s daddy).
- I had a great meeting with Torill (Vice Chair), the VP Academic elect Jeff, and Gavin regarding future senate/AMS relations.
- We are also submitting a discussion item on university government structure and the discrepancy between practice and policy as outlined by the university act and internal written policies. This item will hopefully be discussed on the floor of senate.

Ombudsperson:
- Hiring will take place next Thursday/Friday.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated February 8, 2006 as amended [SCD 310-006]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 15, 2005 [SCD 311-006]
Minutes of the Ombuds Advisory Committee dated June 20, 2005 [SCD 312-006]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY, OMAR SIRRI:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

4. MOVED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council remain in camera.” ... Defeated

5. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council ratify the ‘Mutual Release,” outlining the release of liabilities of the Plaintiffs and Defendants in the Travel Cuts litigation, as presented to Council.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds Carried Unanimously

6. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:
“Be it resolved that AMS Council ratify the ‘Settlement Agreement’ outlining the tenets of settlement between the Plaintiffs and Defendants in the Travel CUTS litigation, as presented to Council.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the Bylaws of the “Settlement Holding Corporation” to be incorporated for the purposes of holding the Alma Mater Society’s interest in Travel CUTS.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY: [SCD 313-006]

“That Council approve the Aquatic Centre Management Agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Spencer Keys: After much discussion between the AMS and UBC, a new management agreement has been drawn up for the Aquatic Centre. Formerly, the AMS and UBC each had three representatives on the Aquatic Centre’s management committee, with one of the AMS representatives serving as chair, which meant the committee was really 3-2 in favour of UBC, since the chair would not vote. Now there will be seven members; it will be 4-3 in favour of UBC, but the chair will be a UBC rep. In the event of a tie, it’s true that the power to break the tie will rest with the UBC rep in the chair.

- The existing management committee has not been very active; the aim is to create a functioning committee. The new agreement also protects free swim times for students. There had been questions concerning insurance under the old agreement, a suggestion that the AMS would have to cover half the costs, which would be substantial and not something we wanted to be involved in.

- In the past, the AMS had equal numbers on a committee that wasn’t meeting, which in part was the fault of the AMS because there’s no incentive for the AMS to make the Aquatic Centre a priority.

- The new agreement will provide strong direction for the pool manager and be an improvement on the status quo.

Questions:

- Darren Peets: Was there a termination clause in the old agreement as there is in the new one?
- Bernie Peets: The previous agreement was for an indefinite term, but the University will no longer enter into such open-ended agreements.
- Darren Peets: When this agreement expires, they’ll have all the power.
- Bernie Peets: There are provisions for renewal; there will be discussions. That’s standard
with most of our agreements. There’s no political reason for the University not to negotiate then.

9. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That Council approve the Aquatic Centre Management Agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY: [SCD 314-006]

“Whereas Council established a Task Force on July 20, 2005 with a mandate to ‘take responsibility for steering the development of the AMS Strategic Plan’; and

Whereas that Task Force has created such a plan, now called the AMS Strategic Framework; and

Whereas to make the Strategic Framework functional on a long-term basis, it is best to put provisions concerning it into the AMS Code of Procedure,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the Code amendments contained in the report entitled ‘Code Changes 2006: Strategic Framework’.

Be it further resolved that those amendments take effect immediately.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“Pursuant to the Code amendments empowering Council to create a Strategic Framework, be it resolved that Council approve the Strategic Framework as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Spencer Keys: We have to find out what our constituents, the students, want us to be doing. We have to create an AMS that is accountable and accessible to students at large. These are priorities from the Whistler Orientation Weekend last spring. If you don’t believe in these priorities, don’t vote for the Strategic Framework. This is a massive step, moving us from being a reactive to a pro-active organization. We need to become an outcome-based organization.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner asked how many Council members had read the document. A handful of hands went up.

- Jeff Friedrich: What teeth does this document have? Its themes seem moldable to different people’s opinions or objectives, which may not be bad, but it’s not asking for a very strong commitment.

- Spencer Keys: Consider the last strategic plan, in 2002. It was really a tactical plan, saying the AMS would do specific things. If that didn’t have the support of the following year’s executive, then it didn’t happen. This one is more broad. At the same time, the accompanying committee reform has teeth in terms of implementation. Council is getting a chance through this document to say these are things we should be working on, to say this is the accepted model for how we create big plans.
- Gary Andraza said it reminded him of the Campus Safety Vision Statement.
- Spencer Keys: We have a few statements of that sort, like the Mission Statement. We need some coordinating document like this one. With an unwieldy organization like this, we need to professionalize.
- Mike Duncan asked about implementation.
- Spencer Keys: The best thing is to do it this way next year. Give this a shot for a year and let it work itself out. It’s meant to be a living document.
- Jeff Friedrich said that since not many had actually read the document, it might be better to table it.
- Spencer Keys said he had brought this up at the last meeting and had done updates before. If people didn’t read it before, why would they read it now?
- Tim Louman-Gardiner said he was uncomfortable with Council approving this document without having read it. This was going to guide the Society, and yet the Board of Directors couldn’t be bothered to read it.
- Ryan Corbett suggested educating Council members now.
- Spencer Keys said he had done that in his motivation.
- Laura Levine: There will be a lot of turnover in the next weeks. If we table it, it will end up at the first meeting for some people. It will be intimidating to newcomers. On the other hand, a lot of us are leaving, and if we commit to it and then are gone, it won’t impact us.
- Gary Andraza: This is moving into the land of ardent ridiculousness. If not now, when? If not us, who? If we put it off, it will be just as easy to ignore it next time.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner questioned whether turnover for Council members would really be happening in the next two weeks. In any case, he was thinking not of practicalities but principles. This document was not binding us to particular actions, but to principles and values. It was incredibly important.
- Sean Huff said he was ready to vote. Council had been discussing it for a while. Now only five people have said they’ve read it, but a certain faith has to go to the Executive.
- Gavin Dew suggested reading the document aloud.
- Gary Andraza: No one can say they haven’t heard about this document all year long, continually and constantly. It would be like putting your fingers in your ears and saying Nya-nya-nya.

12. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That motion #11 be postponed until the next meeting.” ... Defeated

Dave Claassen: There was a presentation last time and no one had serious qualms.
- Kevin Keystone: Is committee reform part of this?
- Spencer Keys: Not technically, but it will be easier to pass as a result.

13. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“Pursuant to the Code amendments empowering Council to create a Strategic Framework, be it resolved that Council approve the Strategic Framework as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
14. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That Council appoint Kate Bisnaire and Gary Andraza (Council members) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

15. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 31, 2006.”

Note: Kevin Keystone (in favour), Michael Duncan (abstained), Christopher Little (abstained), Gina Eom (abstained), Edward Cheung (abstained)

... Defeated

16. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That Council reconsider motion #15.”

... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

17. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“Whereas Safewalk is a safety service offering walks around campus after nightfall. They employ 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;

Whereas Safewalk conducts approximately 270 walks a month during the winter terms and approximately 67 walks a month during the summer term. This works out to approximately 2428 walks per year;

Whereas Safewalk has an annual budget of $173,000 where $143,000 is contributed from the AMS and $30,000 is contributed from the UBC VP Student Services Office;

Whereas on average, each walk performed by Safewalk costs $71.25;

Whereas a large majority of other universities in Canada also have programs like Safewalk that have a much smaller budget and work on a volunteer basis and use different forms of transportation;

Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-hoc Safewalk Review Committee comprised of the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services as Chair, the Vice-President Finance, and four Councillors.

Be it further resolved that this ad-hoc committee investigate the current structure of Safewalk and develop more effective and cost friendly alternatives for this service.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Kate Bisnaire said that though she was for safety, she didn’t think Safewalk was doing an effective job at providing it. It cost $71 per walk; you could get a cab or a limo from the airport for that.

Gavin Dew said that he once proposed replacing Safewalk with cabs. One could have cabs drive around campus continuously. A ride would cost $5 to $7 max. But this was not necessarily the way to go.

Trevor Gilks said he and the President had looked into this. It was a ridiculous number, but the AMS can’t run a van service, which would be cheaper.

Spencer Keys: Not a University-subsidized van service. Other universities have vans.

Trevor Gilks: Costs were lower when we had a van.

Spencer Keys: It might be better to forget the University subsidy and go to the van model.

Dave Claassen: Safewalk is useless the way it’s run now. An outside body should look at it. The AMS has a safety-industrial complex now. He would like to see someone not directly invested in it look at this issue critically. Unknown Council member: Sacred cow.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: We make an important statement to the University through Safewalk.

Spencer Keys: The current Safety Coordinator is becoming the ECSS, and there will be a vacancy in the Safety Coordinator position.

Gavin Dew: It’s stellar to add as many people as possible to the committee, but bloated committees don’t work. It should be as small as possible and competency-oriented. It could always consult with Safety Coordinators past and present and with members of the safety community.

Patricia Lau asked about the University subsidy.

Gavin Dew: It was $30,000 a year for three years. We were in dialogue with them about partnership, but nothing much came of it.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: Consultation is University-speak for not listening. If there’s only consultation with the safety community, what message is that sending? They need a seat at the table.

Spencer Keys suggested naming another member of the safety community external to the AMS. He also wondered about the ECSS being chair, since they would have an investment in the issue. Will the chair have an incentive to hold things back if one of their employees (the Safewalk Coordinator) is affected?

Ryan Corbett suggested someone from Campus Security.

Trevor Gilks: The motion is concerned with the financial aspects of Safewalk. It’s not relevant to look to the external community. It’s not their money.

Patricia Lau: Even though it’s financial, if the committee is discussing alternatives, there should be someone there looking out for viability in terms of safety.

Kate Bisnaire said her motivation was not just financial. She was in favour of spending money; just the money now was being spent completely ineffectively.

Jeff Friederich suggested sending the question to the Safety Committee.

Ryan Corbett: We need new ideas. We’re not going to go to the same people who’ve been doing this. We need new people instead of involving the same people.

Jonathan Lam: We also want to have people with experience, who know what’s been done, looking not just at finances, but at safety aspects.

18. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That motion #17 be amended by adding ‘the Safety Coordinator’ to the Committee composition.”

Sean Huff: This is the least we can do about Safewalk. I’ve had some pent-up rage against Safewalk.
- Unknown Council member: Not so pent up.
- Sean Huff: I’ve been pretty vocal about Safewalk. It’s just horrible, horrible, horrible. Safety on campus is not an AMS problem. There should be a University-driven solution. There is a basic right to be safe; the University should provide that for us. They’d do it much more efficiently.
- Darren Peets: TransLink is introducing campus shuttles in September. To what extent is this even necessary?
- Ryan Clare: What are we doing to look into what other schools are doing?
- Ryan Corbett said he didn’t want to see the same vested interests looking at these sorts of issues. He was all in favour of devil’s advocates.
- Dave Claassen: This can’t go to the Safety Committee. They’re the same people who’ve done this. There’s an identifiable safety community. It’s strange that there is a community so focused on these services. They’re not going to be able to look at their service and consider hacking it in half.

19. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

20. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That motion #17 be amended by adding ‘the Safety Coordinator’ to the Committee composition.”

... Carried

21. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“Whereas Safewalk is a safety service offering walks around campus after nightfall. They employ 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;

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Be it further resolved that this ad-hoc committee investigate the current structure of Safewalk and develop more effective and cost friendly alternatives for this service.”
22. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

23. MOVED DAVE CLAASSEN, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU:

“That the committee composition be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-Hoc Safewalk Review Committee comprised of the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, the Vice-President Finance, the Safety Coordinator and four members of Council, one of whom shall be chair’.”

- Quinn Omori: If Trevor were still the ECSS, would we have a problem with him chairing?
- Ryan Corbett: Yes, Trevor looked into it this summer and didn’t change it.

24. MOVED DAVE CLAASSEN, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU:

“That the committee composition be amended to read:

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- Gavin Dew: We’re doing too much on the Services front and spending too much money. We should be light on our feet, nimble, less bloated. We cannot get Councillors to adequately commit to committees, but we have students on campus with experience in business management structure. We could get students with skills involved instead of executives and Council members who don’t have experience.

25. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

25. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That the resolution in motion #24 be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that this ad-hoc committee investigate the current structure of Safewalk, consult with the community and review the best practices and develop more effective and cost friendly alternatives for this service’."

... Carried

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: This committee will go into the summer. It’s difficult to get Council members to attend then. With members at large it’s even worse. Paying people sets a horrible precedent. It’s important that this be a Council-driven enterprise. We’re taking responsibility.

- Laura Levine: Councillors don’t show up to ongoing committees without much focus. People who sign up for this committee will go to it.

- Chris Batiz: If motivated, people don’t need money. And people would come out of the woodwork to take the $500 and run.

26. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That the committee composition be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-Hoc Safewalk Review Committee comprised of the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, the Vice-President Finance, the Safety Coordinator, two members of Council and two members-at-large who shall be appointed by the Committee and receive a $500 stipend each from the Executive Special Projects account’.”

27. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

28. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

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appointed by the Committee and receive a $500 stipend each from the Executive Special Projects account’.”

... Defeated

Jeff Friedrich suggested hiring a consultant, sending the issue to external review.
- Dave Claassen: We’re the Board of Directors overseeing the service. We don’t need an external review. The point is to have Council members in charge. Council wants to take a look.

29. MOVED REKA PATAKY, SECONDED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER:

“That the committee composition be amended to read:

Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-hoc Safewalk Review Committee comprised of the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services, the Vice-President Finance, and three Councillors, one of whom shall be chair.”

- Reka Pataky: This will get rid of some committee bloat.
- Ryan Corbett: There are two different approaches. Some think we should look for the be-all vision. The original idea was simply to look into it.
- Gavin Dew said his concern was to have someone who knows something about business on the committee.

30. MOVED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

31. MOVED REKA PATAKY, SECONDED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER:

“That the committee composition be amended to read:

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32. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

33. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

34. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

35. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:
“Be it further resolved that Council appoint ____________, ____________, and ____________ (Council members) to the Safewalk Ad-Hoc Review Committee with the chair to be appointed by the Committee.”

36. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That Council accept the minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 31, 2006 as presented.”

... Carried

37. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“Be it further resolved that Council appoint Ryan Corbett (Chair), Kate Bisnaire and Jeff Friedrich (Council members) to the Safewalk Ad-Hoc Review Committee with the chair to be appointed by the Committee.”

... Carried

38. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the letter re: regarding financing for construction of Abdul Ladha Science Centre sent to SUS from UBC.”

- Patricia Lau: This is an agreement on financing the Science social space.
- Darren Peets: Why did you go for the handling fee?
- Bernie Peets: They didn’t go for it. Everyone’s paying it.
- Gavin Dew asked about servicing the interest.
- Patricia Lau said SUS was completely protected. It’s a very generous agreement.

39. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the letter re: regarding financing for construction of Abdul Ladha Science Centre sent to SUS from UBC.”

... Carried

40. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.”

... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

UBC degrees for Okanagan students - Lianne McLean/Gina Eom

- Lianne McLean reported that the Senate had just been informed that graduates of Okanagan University College from the mid-1990s on would be granted UBC degrees retroactively. She said there was opposition to this on the grounds that if UBC had not supplied the education, it should not be supplying the degree. The issue will come back to Senate, and she hoped it would be referred to the Council of Senates. This affects everyone’s degree.
- Gina Eom: It’s been passed by the UBCO Senate. It doesn’t have to pass the UBCO-Vancouver Senate. Martha Piper said it was a done deal.
- Dave Claassen said this was a giant load of s***. All of a sudden your $400 a year college degree ten years ago is the same as a UBCO degree. For that degree to be a UBCO
degree is a joke.
- Omar Sirri asked about the role of the Board of Governors on this issue.
- Quinn Omori: BoG can hardly reject anything. It could push it back to Senate.
- Lianne McLean: People can now turn in their old Okanagan degree and apply for a UBCO degree.
- Omar Sirri asked about the make-up of the Council of Senates.
- Lianne McLean said it had barely been determined.
- Darren Peets: There’s four elected from each campus. There’s no guarantee this will be overturned by the Council. This is being done to get these people in the Alumni Association to ask them for donations. He suggested that the BoG reps push to put this off to the next meeting and hope that the Council overturns it.
- Lianne McLean: Their degrees will say UBCO-Okanagan. Ours will say UBCO-Vancouver.
- Edward Cheung: These people never applied to UBCO; they shouldn’t get a UBCO degree. We should raise hell.
- Gavin Dew: It’s erosion of degree equity, erosion of the brand.
- Spencer Keys said he would play devil’s advocate: There are 220,000 UBCO graduates; this will add only 1200; it’s a small proportion. We took over their university. If they go to an employer, they’ll have trouble if they say they graduated from Okanagan University College, a defunct institution. He was uncomfortable with the knee-jerk reaction here, given how small the effect was.
- Ryan Corbett: It might be prudent to wait for a motion and think about this over the next two weeks.
- Manj Sidhu: Will the degree say UBCO? Current graduates are getting a degree that just says UBCO.
- Kevin Keystone asked for an explanation of UBC’s motivation. Why is UBCO being so lenient in granting UBCO degrees to past grads?
- Lianne McLean: There was just a statement that it approved. For clerical purposes, transcripts; for amalgamation of the two bodies.
- Gina Eom said there was concern about degrees from an institution that didn’t exist anymore.
- Patricia Lau: This is more an issue of principles. They didn’t apply to go to UBCO; they didn’t pass the same standards.
- Michael Duncan: Maybe we should ask the students, find out what our constituents think.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner recommended working with the faculty. He didn’t want to be vitriolic. He cautioned against vitriol. If we call them second-rate and useless, there will be push-back.
- Quinn Omori: OUC faculty had to re-apply for jobs at UBCO. Some were not hired back. They weren’t good enough to have a job here, said UBCO, but students who took their courses can get a UBCO degree.
- Elizabeth Parfitt said she went to Okanagan University College, and maybe it had a better quality. The students could get closer to the professors. She thought there was a bit of ego reaction in this debate.
- Reka Pataky said she didn’t like knee-jerk reactions, saying our degree is better or we’re diluting the brand. She preferred to focus on procedure; this should help us define the role of the Council of Senates. That should be the focus instead of whether they should have our degrees.
- Gina Eom: We shouldn’t say the OUC degree is lower; it’s just different. She said she would come to the next meeting with a motion.
- Sean Huff: It’s just a basic falsehood to say that they went to UBCO. It’s just not true.
- Dave Claassen said his reaction had been a little bit knee-jerk. But he’d attended the University because he thought it was really good. Most people were at UBCO because they thought it was better than a community college. UBCO offers something substantially better
than a community college. They didn’t go to UBCO. It was ridiculous.
- Gavin Dew said he was a strong proponent of affirmative action for UBCO, but when people die as citizens of a country, they don’t lose their citizenship if that country ceases to exist.
- Ryan Corbett: If UBCO takes on other small schools, this may be a precedent.

Final Statements:

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance

I want to start by saying “thanks.” To the Councillors I have personally worked with: thank you for your time and your passion for student life. To all the members of AMS Council, my Board of Directors: thank you for representing the best interests of students and the Society. To the staff, the students, my Commissioners, and many others: I am deeply indebted to all of you. Congratulations to all on another year in a 90-year legacy. Congratulations, and thank you.

I look back on my time as Vice-President Finance with a cryptic twist of feelings. I am proud of my list of accomplishments as VP Finance: writing a speedy and thorough Budget; amending the contract procedure; the overwhelming amount of time I dedicated to observing the Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy; recreating the subsidiary budget procedure; representing our students on a number of committees within the AMS, at UBCO, and even of the Provincial Government – and I still found time to be in the office, fulfilling my obligations as the treasurer of treasurers and as a signing officer of the Society.

But all things considered, I wish I had done more. I wish I had been more organized (really!). I wish I had delegated more, managed my time better, allowed myself to follow through on more projects. I wish I hadn’t let my role as Director of Finance interfere with my role as Vice-President, Finance, and both of those interfere with my responsibilities as a member of Council, an Executive, and an elected representative. I wish I hadn’t let myself get carried away with the things I love to do – being there for one-on-one with students – and had accomplished more on behalf of all students.

And at the same, I wouldn't have given up any of it for the world. What I haven’t done made way for what I have. Acknowledging the success in our failures is as important as recognizing the success of our accomplishments. And as Thomas Edison once said: “I have not failed – I’ve simply found 10,000 ways that don’t work.”

To finding ways that work, and learning from ways that don't. Here’s to another year, and to The Glorious AMS.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration

I've spent three years of my university life at the AMS and it has been one wild ride. Thanks to everyone who has made it an experience to remember and best of luck!

Jessica Klug - VP External

I will be as brief as possible because there is a lot of information in my final quarterly report. However, there are some things that I’m proud of in my year with the AMS and this is a few of them:
- Streamlining the U-pass system: making sure the U-passes went to the mail-out process, the U-pass subsidy program became an easier application process, and ensuring effective communication through regular meetings with campus departments working on the U-pass.
- I made it through 3 elections awareness campaigns and am unsure whether this has happened for any other VP External, but it was a wild ride.
- I put on more events, and did more student outreach. We had greater involvement in Imagine Day, Clubs Days, Resource Groups days, the Student Leadership Conference. We also put on our own election events, Anti-Apathy Days, and Mission Tuition is coming up next month.
- Provincial Lobby Day – this is tomorrow but I feel like it is already a success. So many people are passionate about this event and it will definitely be a beneficial day for the delegates, the government, and most importantly, students everywhere.

Looking back 1 year ago- This has been an incredible learning experience. I am forever indebted to all of the AMS staff and Council members, my commission, and of course our kick-ass executive team. Thank you to everyone for the support and encouragement all along the way…it’s been a blast!

Lastly, I’d like to just say congratulations once again to the new AMS Executive Team. You will do amazing jobs! Good luck to you Ian – I have no doubt that this portfolio will be in fine hands this coming year. All the best!

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

Gavin noted that his was a position that didn’t really interact with Council that much or bring that many items to Council, given that priorities don’t really change that much in the areas he deals with, so Council is often not too aware of what he’s up to. He summarized a few of his major accomplishments for the year, and outlined some further changes that should be made.

- Hiring reform: major efficiencies, suggestions for more. Turned a disorganized, inefficient process into an organized and efficient one. Probable reduction of 75-90% of non-interview time spent by VP Academic. More efficiency mechanisms such as online applications should be considered in future.
- Policy: Campus Planning and Development policies received very positively by University Admin: constructive, proactive policies with useful ideas make a larger impact than reactive policies. This is a direction we should keep going as an organization, as evidences by responses to documents such as this and the Partnership for PSE document produced by Jess, David, and Spencer.
- Made changes to the structure of University Commission, but there are still skewed incentives towards micro management by the VP Academic. Has been working with Jeff and others around further changes. Recommends a consolidated Associate Vice President position that can more effectively support the VP, and that this be used as a piloting of similar structural changes across the Exec. Further recommends the creation of ‘small AMS Fellowships’ to fund research, etc. that is relevant and useful to AMS.
- There is a substantial pool of talent in our student body, and we would be well served to use it, but using it effectively means paying for the portion we use.
- Service partnerships: we have begun to have constructive partnerships with the University around service provision, and many positive relationships have been created or built upon this year. We need to use our services to fill unmet needs and convince the University of those needs. We should be a flexible, fast-moving, adaptable organization, not one that is weighted down and financially taxed beyond our means by an overabundance of redundant services. Our services our good, and important, but we need to be open-minded with regard to partnership, and consider primarily what will maximize effective and accessible service to students.
- This is part of an overall model he has pursued with regard to creating and building partnerships across campus he has been introducing Jeff to numerous people that he would
otherwise take a long time to meet, thus jumpstarting relationships and discussions.

- Recommendations for Executive restructuring: there needs to be a serious reconsideration of the way the executive is structured and responsibilities are divided, as is outlined in his Quarterly Report and as has been discussed by others such as Spencer. Much of the current division of labor is not logical, but rather the result of path dependency. We may wish to reconsider how we appoint executives, and move to a more competency-based model (hiring rather than electing) for those positions that are more administrative in nature. The skills necessary to get elected are very different from those necessary to do a good job in an executive position, and the overarching goals of the organization do not change that much on a yearly basis. We must rationalize and modernize.

- Gavin indicated his belief that the AMS must be constructive and pragmatic, and must seek a seat at the table rather than yelling in the hall. It must engage in proactive, duly considered decision-making, and recognize its obligation to pursue the best interests of its constituents. He referenced the Marine Drive Student Residences issue as one in which personal ideology, susceptibility to ‘spin’, and a hesitance to make difficult, potentially unpopular decisions had a substantial negative impact on its constituents.

- He referenced Yeat’s assessment that ‘The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity’, and suggested that the AMS must avoid the emergence of such situations. It must recognize its obligation to make difficult decisions on behalf of its constituents with an eye to the big picture.

- Gavin said that he had masochistically enjoyed being tired and curmudgeonly for the last year, because he’s a bit of a workaholic. Those who did not know him before he was involved in this capacity may realize that he’s not actually grumpy all the time he’s actually quite pleasant, and looks forward to returning to that status. He thanked Council for the experience of the last year, and said that it was one that he would never forget, and that had considerably shaped his perspective. He invited Councillors to a party at his house on a date to be announced, and indicated that he intended to spend a substantial amount of time sitting in a hammock.

Spencer Keys - President

There were dozens of things that I would have worked on if I had more time. While there are some indicators that students see the AMS as more important and relevant - a 20% increase in voter turnout, and the numerous letters and emails of thanks and congratulations that I’ve received from students, faculty, and administration - there is still a very long way to go. We desperately need a modest fee increase and an overhaul of our bylaws. We need to enfranchise more people into the decision making of the AMS through the establishment of the AMS Student Assembly. We need to expand the SUB itself, redevelop UBCO-TV and develop publications and systems that can more readily inform students about the goings-on of campus. We need to actively convince the government that we are a government and not just a social club with mandatory members.

On a more personal level, I feel that I have acquitted myself in a manner that not only honours the office of the President of the AMS but also the students that I’ve sworn to serve. Perhaps I was not critical enough and I know that I could have done tremendously more. Every single day there were opportunities that came across my desk and I swore to myself one thing - I would never miss one of them. Perhaps I would choose to ignore something that came my way but I would always make sure that it was a conscious choice to do so.

I suspect that many will consider me to have been a rather middling president. I suspect that most will just consider me to have been good but not great. I would count myself among them. The things I have done this year for the AMS should be considered no more than a
base expectation of the highest student position at the University of British Columbia. I know that there are students tremendously more talented than myself who could boldly take the AMS into a glorious future. As we continue to highlight the importance of what we do, we will attract those students into the organization and give them the opportunity to mature and grow so they can make the most of their time here.

All of us have a responsibility of looking for that talent among the first and second years that we know and providing them with the opportunity to engage with the AMS. We need to make sure that they have an opportunity to take ownership over their University, just as the students in 1922 did when the Great Trek marched to establish UBC at Point Grey. A great public university is one that is truly owned by the people of the province it serves and in engaging with the AMS, UBC's students have an opportunity to take that ownership by serving their fellow students - the true University.

We do this because we believe in community. We do this because we believe in education. We do this because we love UBC; not the buildings or the books or the Board but the people that make up our university. We do this because if nobody does, the system will fail.

But above all of those reasons, there is another significant purpose to the effort that we put into being leaders of leaders and providing a vision for our fellow students: we do this because we want to stand confidently and speak with great pride, "I go to UBC and this is my Alma Mater."

It is my sincere hope that I've embodied those values and that pride. This is the greatest thing that I have done in my 23 years and I am honoured by the faith you have put into me and my team. We have been constantly encouraged every step along the way and it is been my sincere privilege to say to anybody who will listen, "I proudly serve at the pleasure of the students of UBC."

My most humble and sincere thanks to you all.

Presentation of the 1st Annual AMS Councillor of the Year Award:
> The award was presented to Patricia Lau for her contribution to the AMS.

Q) Submissions:
> The Ubyssey's AMS Report Cards [SCD 317-006]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

38. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

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

T) Social Activity:

> Dancing and Drinks at the Pit Pub followed by the Pre-Lobby Pajama Party.
Gavin Dew  
VP Academic and University Affairs  

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Paul Evans (The Ubyssey), Eric Szeto (The Ubyssey), Claudia Li (The Ubyssey),
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Mayne (AMS Photographer), Natalie Hillary (AMS Safewalk), Imran Beg (AMS
Safewalk), Vivian Chung (Tutoring Services), Christine Boyle (Land and Food
Systems), Bowinn Ma (Incoming VP Internal EUS), James Henderson (Incoming VP
External EUS), Justin Marples (Classroom Services), Tristan Markle, Alan Wiebe,
Elizabeth Rush (French, Hispanic & Italian Studies), Lianne McLean (Senate),
Patricia Kretz (Universities Allied for Essential Medicines), James St. Don
(Computer Science), Gerald Deo (Assistant to President), Lauren Hunter (Incoming
VP Academic & External GSS), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb
(Archivist/Researcher), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing & Promotions), Bernie Peets
(Genera Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

[SCD 004-007]

Student Study and Social Space on Campus - Justin Marples (Classroom Services)

Justin Marples reported on “informal learning space” at UBC, making the following points:

- Funding for informal spaces comes mostly from UBC sources, but also from private
donations.
- In 2002, $200,000 was spent on such spaces.
- For 2006-07, $1.1 million is projected.
- Examples of completed projects include:
  - turning one-third of Yum-Yum’s cafeteria into study/social space.
  - renovating the Crane Research Library.
  - creating the Brock Hall multi-faith prayer room (mostly used by Muslim students).
  - improving Pacific Spirit Place cafeteria in the SUB (introducing Starbucks, doing
    renovations, extending the hours).
  - work on the Women Students Lounge in Brock Hall.
- There is a project currently underway in the Woodward IRC building (the concourse).
- Proposed future projects include work in the Curtis building, the Lasserre building, and the
  west wing of Brock Hall.

Questions:
- Gina Eom asked about advertising the projects.
- Justin Marples: The people affected know about each project, but there’s been no wider
  advertising.
- Nathaniel Lim: How were the projects chosen?
- Justin Marples: Originally, there was a report that was followed, but there has been no long-
term plan or criteria until recently. Now there is a draft set of criteria for prioritizing projects.
That will get formalized. We started with the Meekison arts space, then the Lahda science space.

- Nathaniel Lim: How do people apply?
- Justin Marples: Just by speaking to us. There’s a committee.
- Chris Baitz asked about restricting access to the Tree House in the Forestry building.
- Justin Marples: There’s nothing to restrict people, but the intention was to have it used by Forestry students.
- Chris Baitz asked if there were measures for keeping the IRC furniture from walking away.
- Justin Marples: No, things do walk. He would rather pay for replacements than for locks. The aim was quality. But heavier furniture had less of a tendency to walk.
- Mariana Payet asked why offices had been built in space dedicated to students in the Women Students Lounge at Brock Hall.
- Justin Marples: The space wasn’t heavily used. This was thought to be the fairest way.
- Mariana Payet: Why talk of the one location where student space was taken away?
- Justin Marples: It was one of the projects the committee funded.
- Patricia Lau, referring to the question of how to apply to get a new project done, said the committee would like to hear about possible new projects. The committee needs to know. Unfortunately, it’s not a well known committee.
- Sophia Haque: Are the Constituencies asked what they think students want?
- Justin Marples: Absolutely. We go to the students and others using the space.
- Christine Boyle asked about a project in Agriculture space.
- Justin Marples: We’ve looked at that. The biggest problem there is funding. It could cost half a million dollars. If the Faculty is able to generate funds, it might happen. We function on a matching funds basis.

AMS Safewalk - Imran Beg (Coordinator), Natalie Hillary (Assistant Coordinator)

Natalie Hillary and Imran Beg reported on Safewalk’s year, making the following points:

- There are 110 Safewalkers who will take students, faculty, staff, or guests anywhere on campus
- There’s a cycling program; Safewalkers will bike with cyclists or just use bikes to get to a person faster
- Walks can be booked ahead
- Group walks can be arranged
- There were 200 walks in Term 1
- Last summer Safewalk operated from May through July, closing down in August when there are no evening classes
- Numbers cited at the last Council meeting were incorrect: it actually costs about $30 a walk, not $71
- Safewalk works with the library, with international students, and with the residences

Questions
- Sean Huff asked about problems getting Safewalk to work at an Engineers’ party last October and about being told that people would have to walk from the party to SUB to get walks.
- Natalie Hillary said the communications didn’t get through. As to being told to walk to SUB, that shouldn’t have happened.
- Dave Claassen: Is the service effective at what it does? What’s the cost-benefit analysis? Is this worth $30 a walk?
- Imran Beg said you can’t put a price on safety. It would be worth it even at $40 or $50 a
walk.
- Natalie Hillary: Even people who don’t use Safewalk say they feel safer knowing it’s around because of the atmosphere it creates on campus. More could be done to promote the service.
- Chris Little asked about pay. Imran Beg said the Safewalkers get $8.50 an hour.
- Chris Little asked if there is a lot of downtime on a Safewalker’s shift, time when nobody calls.
- Imran Beg: Calls come and go; there’s always a downtime. In that time the Safewalkers walk around on routes students find iffy or dangerous. We’re around and visible.
- Chris Little asked if employment levels could be revised based on that.
- Imran Beg said there were already discussions about reducing numbers from 110 to 80.
- Natalie Hillary said there may also be a push to get more specialized employees, for instance with First Aid training.
- David Yuen: Safety is very important, but is there a way to make it more efficient? Even if it’s not $70 a walk, $30 still seems like a lot. It would still be cheaper to take a cab.
- Imran Beg said a subsidized van could move people faster and cheaper.
- David Yuen asked what had happened to the van Safewalk used to use.
- Imran Beg: There were union problems.
- Natalie Hillary: Vans could be cheaper, but what would be the message? That it’s not safe to walk here and you have to take a van. Her focus was on promotion to get more people to use the service to make it more economical. She also wanted to make the employees leaders and not just walkers.
- Ryan Corbett asked if Safewalkers were allowed to deal with people who were intoxicated or involved in a violent incident.
- Imran Beg: If someone is intoxicated and can’t walk, we’ll call Campus Security. Safewalkers do not intervene in violent situations. They can call the RCMP.
- Natalie Hillary said the Safewalkers were not trained in that. There could be liability issues.
- Ryan Corbett: If you can’t deal with violent situations, what are you equipped to do beyond making a phone call?
- Natalie Hillary: Safewalk is about prevention. With fewer people walking alone and with greater awareness, there will be fewer incidents.
- Christine Boyle asked what training Safewalkers get.
- Imran Beg said it was pretty basic; it was just walking. They do get sensitivity training through the SASC.
- Natalie Hillary: In our hiring we seek out people who are open-minded, diverse, and safety-conscious.
- Elizabeth Rush: The males here have been asking about efficiency. She wondered how many of them had ever been accosted. You can’t put economics above safety.
- Stephanie Yu asked how many bases Safewalk had.
- Natalie Hillary: Just the one in SUB. As UBC grows, there may be more. But the Safewalkers are walking around campus.
- Reka Pataky asked about using volunteers instead of paid walkers.
- Imran Beg: They used to be volunteers. There was a referendum to raise money to make the job paid, to make sure people show up for their shifts.
- Natalie Hillary: Safety needs to be a reliable service.
- Reka Pataky asked about workload.
- Natalie Hillary: The shifts are 3.5 hours, but it’s not the workload, it’s having to come in from 11 to 2 am when it’s raining. A volunteer might not show up. Someone with a paid job has to.
- Kate Bisnaire: Throwing money at a problem doesn’t always solve it. She was one of the ones who brought the motion to look into Safewalk. She asked about paying by some sort
of piecework system, by walk instead of by hour.
- Imran Beg said this was a new suggestion he hadn’t heard of before.
- Abigail Ong said Commerce students did a project on Safewalk which they’d delivered to Safewalk.
- Imran Beg said he hadn’t seen that.
- Nathaniel Lim asked about hours of operation.
- Natalie Hillary said Safewalk operates from 6 pm every day (4 pm when it gets dark earlier) until midnight or later (2:30 am Wednesdays, 2 am Thursday through Saturday).
- Jeff Friedrich said Safewalk was doing the job it had been asked to do and he expressed concern at the aggressiveness of the questioning. Larger ideas about the functioning of Safewalk should be addressed to him or the Executive Coordinator of Student Services.
- Darren Peets asked about the effect the TransLink shuttle buses will have.
- Natalie Hillary: There’s already a shuttle, which is great, but it’s on a set schedule and can’t go to all locations.
- Sean Huff asked how many employees Safewalk had let go.
- Imran Beg said procedures had been tightened this year; if people mess up, they’re out.
- Natalie Hillary said before it used to be three missed shifts and you were out. They plan to change that to zero tolerance.
- Imran Beg said one person had been let go this year.
- Sean Huff: The only standard is missing work?
- Imran Beg: No, no. It’s also if someone makes a harassing or racist comment or makes someone uncomfortable.
- Dave Claassen: If relying on vans indicates that it’s unsafe to walk, how is it any different to have Safewalk on campus? Doesn’t that indicate the same thing?
- Natalie Hillary: This way you can see people walking. Ideally, there would be no need for this service, but at least this way by seeing people walk you can feel safer.

**Provincial Lobby Day - Jess Klug (Former VP External Affairs)**

Jessica Klug reported on the lobby day in Victoria, in which, on February 23, eight teams of AMS Council members, Executive members, and commissioners met with MLA’s, ministers, and bureaucrats to get them thinking about post-secondary education on the basis of an AMS lobby document.

- Suggestions that emerged from this first lobby day included:
  - Do more training in the lobby training workshops beforehand
  - Involve the media more
  - Involve students at large
  - Maybe spend two days in Victoria and not have to head off so early in the morning
- She noted that the budget was only $3550, less than the $5000 Council approved. The AMS could do two of these a year. It was not a lot of money, and it was very successful.

Questions
- Sean Huff asked about contacting the University of Victoria.
- Jessica Klug said that was another recommendation for next time, to coordinate with other schools. The whole CFS, non-CFS thing has to be worked through.
- Reka Pataky said it had been a blast, a lot of fun, and a huge bang for our buck.
- Gina Eom: It wasn’t just fun. They’d received a promise to look into letting international students work off campus.
- Lauren Hunter said the GSS would love to work on this with the AMS.
- Matt Naylor asked if there would be a tangible document coming out of this for general
- Jessica Klug: Yes, she had notes from the meetings and will give them to the new VP External to let people know what had actually been achieved.
- Abigail Ong: Did you talk to deputy ministers?
- Jessica Klug: A few assistant deputy ministers and one deputy minister.

**K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:**

2. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

“Whereas the retroactive allocation of University of British Columbia – Okanagan degrees to students who attended and graduated from Okanagan University College has the potential to affect the equity of all University of British Columbia degrees;

And whereas the decision to allocate these degrees will set a precedent for possible amalgamations of the University of British Columbia with other post-secondary institutions;

And whereas the Council of Senates has been formed with the specific mandate to deal with issues that affect both Vancouver and Okanagan campuses;

Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia support the Student Senate Caucus of the University of British Columbia Senate – Vancouver Campus in referring the matter of retroactive degree allocation to the Council of Senates for resolution.”

- Lianne McLean noted that the motion does not take a position on the decision to grant retroactive degrees. Instead, the motion is saying that the wrong body made the decision. It’s a serious issue. If UBC is going to a University of California system, we’ll be granting retroactive degrees to others who join.
- In February the UBCO Senate granted retroactive degrees to all those who completed bachelor’s degrees at the old Okanagan University College between 1998 and 2004. The UBC Vancouver Senate was told that the decision had been made, period. Many were not pleased, and there is a move now to refer the matter to the Council of Senates. The motion is seeking student support for this on the grounds that we’re a research institution and they’re an academic college; they’re different.
- Passing this motion will strengthen the argument that this is a dual campus issue. The Council of Senates is for both campuses. If it were just an Okanagan issue or just a Vancouver issue, then the appropriate Senate would decide.
- The Council of Senates has yet to meet. This is a great first issue for them.
- There was no agreement between the two Senates on composition of the Council, so Martha Piper decided.
- There was discussion on whether the correct word in the motion’s preamble should be “affect” or “effect.”

3. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That the question be called.”

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

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

5. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED ELIZABETH PARFITT: [SCD 006-007]

“Whereas an unacceptable number of the global poor lack access to essential medicines; and

Whereas ensuring the affordability of these medicines and medical procedures is an essential step in ensuring that all countries have access to them; and

Whereas a decrease in the price of medicines typically correlates with greater access for individuals in lower and middle income countries, and that generic competition is a means to achieve low prices for patented medicines; and

Whereas university scientists are major contributors in the drug development pipeline, and are responsible for important health technologies; and

Whereas universities have the power to help make medicines and health technologies more accessible for the world's poor through their licensing policies;

Whereas a policy that promotes global health and well-being and working in partnership with groups in emerging countries to address local problems in health is consistent with the University of British Columbia’s Trek 2010 Vision;

Whereas Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) is a student advocacy group with chapters at over twenty-five major research universities in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, with a two-fold mission to (1) promote greater access to biomedical end products in low- and middle- income countries and (2) increase research conducted on neglected diseases; therefore

Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society of UBC recognize essential medical treatment should be a right, not a privilege.

Be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society endorse Universities Allied for Essential
Medicines and its mission, and

Be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the University of British Columbia to enact policy on health related innovations that is guided by the UAEM Statement on University Policies for Health Related Innovations, and

Be it further resolved that AMS Council direct the President of the Society to write a letter to the appropriate University administrators and the Student Representatives to the Board of Governors, informing them of this action.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Patricia Kretz provided background on the issues of research into neglected diseases and the lack of availability of drugs in low-income countries, saying:

- the lack of a market for drugs to treat diseases affecting poor people means there is a lack of research into those diseases
- in some parts of the world there is a lack of access to essential medicines that could prevent many deaths
- universities, which are public bodies, conduct 50% of biomedical research and thus have power in this field
- providing generic drugs would lead to a drop in prices
- this was done after the fact in a case involving Yale University; now the plan is to do it prophylactically
- there are three policies she would like to see UBC adopt:
  - if a drug is useful in a low-income country, then a generic company should be allowed to make it for sale there, while a commercial pharmaceutical company could be licensed to sell it in the U.S. and other Western countries.
  - support for research on neglected diseases.
  - change how research success is measured by such bodies as the University Industry Liaison Office (UILO) from commercial success to the impact on global health.

- Quinn Omori said there are attempts to bring this to the Board of Governors, and it would be useful to have student support. The hope is to affect University policy.
- Dave Claassen said his first instinct about this sort of motion usually is that it’s a waste of time, but this motion is not in that vein. This is a legitimate plan, not just a rainbows and puppies motion.
- Darren Peets: It looks like a rainbows and puppies motion. This is not how UBC operates, but it doesn’t have to be that way. Deployment is important too, to benefit society.
- Sean Huff: When approaching a higher body, if you set your sights too high, you look stupid. We’re on thin ice here. We have to be careful what we ask for or we won’t be taken seriously.
- Patricia Kretz: Having the backing of students will help things go faster.
- Elizabeth Parfitt said she was not sure what was meant by being careful what we ask for.
- Sean Huff: Students trying to change how the University works are not always successful. You have to choose your battles.
- Matt Naylor: There’s quite a lot of content here. It’s legitimate; it can do a lot of good. One question he had was on the definition of the First World.
- Patricia Kretz: The World Health Organization (WHO) has a classification system.
- Omar Sirri asked about the UILO.
- Patricia Kretz said it was part of UBC.
- Laura Levine: Who qualifies for low-priced drugs? If the goal is to raise up a Third World country and they do better, do they lose their status?
- Patricia Kretz: When they’re no longer low-income or middle-income, they will no longer qualify.
- Jonathan Lam: There is controversy on these issues, but there’s no mention of that in the preamble to the motion. It seems like puppies and rainbows, but there’s lots more stuff to consider.
- Quinn Omori said he agreed about picking one’s battles, and he thought this was a good one. This is the kind of motion on the general concept of global health that people can get behind and that is in line with UBC’s Trek 2010. There is resistance because it involves large amounts of capital.
- Reka Pataky: What impact will this project have? Most of WHO’s neglected medicines are off patent already.
- Patricia Kretz: UBC would be the first university to do this; it could help spread this across Canada. This is not to solve problems right now; it takes 20 years to develop drugs.
- Ryan Corbett: We need to be careful about setting a precedent. We will be making assumptions about what our constituents believe.
- James Henderson asked about liability issues and about giving licences to two companies. Would this be double dipping? There are proprietary rights.
- Patricia Kretz: With the licence, there would be an agreement with the licensee not to sue.
- Nora Timmerman expressed concern about globalization and Westernization. The Third World would not be the Third World unless we designated them as that. This motion was problematic; the approach contained in it would be opening a big can of worms.
- Omar Sirri asked about black market problems.
- Patricia Kretz: It’s the parallel imports problem. Someone could go get cheap meds in Ethiopia and sell them in the U.S. and it would be technically legal. But it’s more a theoretical problem than one in practice. The companies are less worried about that than about counterfeit drugs.

6. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

- Laura Levine: What effect will this have on the UBC operating budget? On my tuition? How many actual patents does UBC do?
- Patricia Kretz: About 50 patents a year. Not all health-related, of course. They produce $15 million, which is just a fraction of the $350 million that goes into research.
- Dave Claassen: On the issue of making assumptions on behalf of our constituents, Council exists to make decisions on behalf of its constituents.

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D) President’s Remarks:

Transition:
- Getting accustomed to the daily tasks and responsibilities of the position.
- Getting used to the new office: loving the castle, not loving the dust, nor the heating problem (thermostat broken – heat suffocating)

Letter to Vancouver City Council re: World Peace Forum:
- City Council already cut funding to Forum; now withholding another $50,000 it originally promised before NPA took a majority of seats in Council
- Have been asked by World Peace Forum Society to send a letter to Council in support of Forum; letter will draw from motion passed by AMS Council at the end of 2005

Rough Timeline of the Year:
Drawing from Strategic Framework passed by Council in February
March: planning, prioritizing; first exec retreat set for March 14th – opportunity for bonding, discussing priorities
April/May: Budget preparation and Council transition – bringing Council into priority/goal setting, budgeting accordingly; WOW weekend, SUBmersion.
June – August: implementing priorities, making changes, preparing for September/October.
September – October: Back to School - watching it happen.
November – December: reviewing progress, organizing for last two months of term.
January – February: wrap-up, elections, transition…and that’s it!

Cool Thing of the Week: thanked Canadian Olympic Women’s Hockey Team Captain Hayley Wickenheiser at inaugural Women in Sport Conference, put on by UBC REC with IPF money. Got to hold Hayley’s Olympic Gold medal.

E) Executive Remarks:

Ian Pattillo - VP External Affairs:
I would like to thank Jess Klug for a smooth transition. She equipped me well to deal with the number of issues I have had to address in the ten days that I have been your VP External.

Translink:
Right off the bat there was a meeting with Translink. They were being a little bit stubborn but we are working to remedy the situation.

SFSS:
Kevin and I met with the SFSS, which was quite a success. They are looking for support on the International BoG issue as elections begin there next week, and we are collaborating on ways to force the governments hand on this matter. It’s a pretty exciting chance to build bridges to Burnaby.

Mission Tuition:
Put on Mission Tuition with the help of Xcom. It was somewhat successful. Yesterday we had Brian Sullivan in the Conversation Pit. We tried to entice students to offer their feedback with prizes and gift certificates from the AMS food outlets. The process culminated in my letter and remarks to the BoG Finance Committee.

Tuition Policy:
This is really the point of my remarks that I want to resonate with you, because a combination of the smoked salmon on offer and AMS Policy binding me to acquiesce to the tuition increase left me feeling very uncomfortable.

I sent a letter formally accepting the tuition increase on behalf of the AMS because it satisfies what is minimally required in our Tuition Policy. This policy was drafted during the era of double digit increases and essentially asks that tuition increases be limited to inflation.

At the meeting UBCO Students Union came on video conference and condemned the increase - demanding that tuition be reduced to zero. UBC Vancouver’s Student Board reps, Quinn and Tim both expressed concern with allowing the government to underfund
us and force tuition increases. They encouraged the committee to vote down the proposed increase as a way of sending a message to the government that passing the buck is not ok. And there was the AMS, bound by policy to be the most conciliatory student voice in the room. I think we need to rethink our policy. It is tricky because the university believes that they have $12 million a year in non-salary inflationary costs but tuition increases of 2% raise only $3.5 million. This is a very complex situation. A lot of thought has to go into this. I want all of you to start thinking about it, because I felt dirty today telling the Board to increase tuition and standing apart from my peers.

Jeff Friedrich - VP Academic & University Affairs

- Lots and lots of hiring. Gavin was very smart to hire an Assistant Hiring Process Coordinator this year - Jackie Wong. Jackie has been an invaluable resource in helping me schedule interviews, post positions, and revise job descriptions. So far I have been involved and/or hired for Jackie’s position, the ECSS, the Advocacy Coordinator, and the Ombudsperson. We have interviews scheduled for First week Coordinator later this week, and the closing date for the rest of the service coordinators is March 13th. If you sit on any Appointments Committees please expect to hear from me in the coming weeks. And please come.
- Compensation Review - will be coming to Council for approval on March 22nd, there will be a presentation tonight so people can have their hashout.
- Meetings - lots of meetings, to meet people.
- Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee - final report is going to the Provost in the coming week. There was some amount of hesitation/anxiety surrounding some of the committee’s recommendations and how they would affect the grad students - this has been mostly resolved, and I’m pretty happy with the recommendations that have come forward - if they get implemented.
- University Commission - I’m changing it.

Mariana Payet - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

I would like to begin by doing something that I don’t think the AMS does enough. That is, recognize that we are currently on unceded Musqueam territory. I believe it is important for us to do this as we derive a lot of privilege from this land and we should be very aware of where it came from.

I would also like to wish everyone a very happy International Women’s Day. I look forward to the day when all women can get this day off in recognition of all the extra work that we do every day.

I am extremely proud of having the opportunity to work with the services this year for a number of reasons:

- We provide jobs for hundreds of students.
- We provide volunteer and leadership opportunities for thousands of students.
- We promote the AMS.
- We get students involved with the AMS.
- Just by existing we lobby the university.
- We provide services that the university doesn’t:
  - a confidential crisis line
  - pole dancing classes
  - free resume and cover letter consultations
- tutoring services in-person and on-line
- free and confidential police, court and hospital accompaniments for survivors of violence
- representation for students through the Advocacy office

I would also like to say a few things about Safewalk. I am really disappointed with the way you treated the Safewalk staff during their presentation. Safewalk is one of the best services that the AMS provides. There are more students that know about Safewalk than students who know about the AMS (ironic, I know). They provide a very valuable service to students, they provide jobs for students, they promote the AMS and simply by existing they lobby the University to make this a safer campus. I truly do not believe we can put a price on safety, and I do believe that Safewalk is worth all the money we spend on it every year. If you feel that the service is useless, if you have never used the service it’s probably because you are privileged enough that you have never felt unsafe when walking on campus. So please, stop being so mean to Safewalk.

Sophia Haque - VP Finance:
- It’s been an interesting week and a half on the job. If you had come and visited me during the first week you would have found me being constantly fascinated and ‘weirded out’ by seeing my name on the door and such.
- Been doing usual VP Finance stuff (signing cheques and the sort).
- Health and Dental Plan Committee: more exciting news with HDPC. This year there is money left over in the plan to add in a new benefit and the committee will hopefully be choosing that later this week. If any of you would like to take a look at some of the potential benefits, drop by and let me know!
- Fincom: We’ve hired an intern, Mandy, to help re-write the Treasurer’s Handbook and to provide some much needed help with some other special projects.
- Did transitioning with Henry Chen and discussed upcoming projects.

David Yuen - VP Administration:
- First off, I’d like to wish everybody here a Happy International Women’s Day!
- I’m delighted to have been elected to this position and I’m really looking forward to having a successful and productive year – hopefully!
- I’ve found the past few weeks very interesting.
  - I’ve learned a lot of things
    - Like how to really, truly organize.
    - How to make my signature as short and painless as possible.
    - And that answering your emails can never truly be totally done.
  - I’ve had my first few SAC meetings (ranging from moderately uninteresting bookings approvals to heated presentations where I’ve had to shut people up).
  - My first Renos meeting has happened with some more on the way.
  - GAP Display Day went fairly well (read: uneventfully for the most part, with no destruction of either group’s material) which was the first incident/event of my term.
  - Already I am dealing with quibbling clubs and I hope to not have to deal with too many such quibbling clubs.
  - SAC Commissioner and vice Chair positions have been posted and will be up for 3 weeks and I am hoping to get some very good SACees.
- I’m working on my work plan for the year and am dreaming up all the wonderful projects I’d like to accomplish.
I’m looking forward to the mini-retreat the new Executive is going on to plan out our future 11 and a half months. That said I will unfortunately be leaving early tonight for an important commitment. However please rest assured that I will be around for all future Council meetings, hopefully.

F) Committee Reports:

Compensation Review Committee - Jeff Friedrich (Chair) [SCD 007-007]

Jeff Friedrich summarized the committee’s report in which the committee made some immediately required recommendations, but called for a full study of compensation to be done in the summer. The committee was fulfilling the Code requirement to pass something by March 15. He made the following specific points:

- He wants to restructure the University Commission
- Transition honorariums for Coordinators had been discussed, but there were no strong feelings on the issue; transitions did not seem to be a problem
- Assistant Coordinator positions were still being reviewed
- There was talk of creating a Coordinator’s position for the food bank; there would have to be a separate process to decide that
- The Elections Administrator was an advocate of paying people less

Questions:

- Chris Baitz asked about the March 15 deadline.
- Jeff Friedrich said the committee was meeting and hoped to bring a motion to Council on March 22. The deadline issue was one reason he’d like to review Compensation Review procedures.
- Dave Tompkins said the committee had met its Code obligations by reporting by March 15.
- Nora Timmerman asked about the amount and percentage spent on salaries.
- Sophia Haque said she could get the information.
- Kevin Keystone said a ballpark figure would be 10% of the Society’s discretionary income. This was based on $12,000 per Coordinator for a total of $160,000 to $170,000.
- Sean Huff asked why Council members do not get paid.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said historically they have not been and he thought there was a rule against it.
- Bernie Peets said directors of corporations get paid, but it was different for non-profits.
- Jeff Friedrich said the committee could look at Councillor remuneration in the summer.

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Dave Claassen - Arts County Fair tickets went on sale on Monday. AUS nominations close on Friday.

Engineering – Sean Huff - EUS now has a new fully elected Executive.

Commerce – Abigail Ong - National Entrepreneurship Conference went well. Going to the Annual Conference of Business Students Councils tomorrow.

Science – Patricia Lau - Elections to be held in two weeks. Will be writing to VP Students about the use of webvote and associated costs. SUS will be putting on the Entrepreneurship Conference on March 30.
Social Work – Nathaniel Lim - Elections to be held in two weeks.

GSS – Nora Timmerman - Interdisciplinary Conference to be held this Friday at the GSS. GSS AGM is on March 16. Lauren Hunter is the incoming VP Academic and Internal.

Pharmacy – Stephanie Yu - This week is Pharmacy Awareness week.

Regent College – Julio Hernandez - Expanding Regent College library. Building the first wind tower in North America with art on it.


Education – Mahtab Nazemi - UBC hosted West Cass. Second year students on practicums.

Land & Food Systems – Christine Boyle - Looking for new dean. Elections coming up. Looking at renovating student social space.

Forestry – Stephanie Ewen - International Food Fair taking place next Friday.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Quinn Omori - Board of Governors

- Attended the Board Committee meeting today and discussed tuition. It was a little awkward as the UBCO Students Union demanded that tuition be reduced to zero, the BoG reps expressed concern at the proposed tuition increase whereas the AMS accepted the proposed tuition increase. The AMS VP External and the BoG reps should have met beforehand to discuss our position. A 2% increase may have been acceptable last year but not now. The AMS needs to revisit the tuition policy.

Gina Eom – Senate

- Looking to create academic policy on viewing exams and submission for regrading.
- Student Caucus and Jeff are having dinner at Martha Piper’s house on March 22nd.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

8. MOVED ZOE SHIPLEY, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

- Minutes of Student Council dated February 22, 2006 as amended [SCD 008-007]
- In-camera minutes of Student Council dated February 22, 2006 [SCD 009-007]
- Minutes of the AMS Annual General Meeting dated February 27, 2006 [SCD 010-007] ... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

Student Court Ruling - Kevin Keystone (Chair)

- Kevin Keystone reported on the latest developments concerning the Student Court ruling on AMS membership. He said the ruling raised service issues, representation
issues, and fee collection issues.

- In February, Council had asked some questions, notably Who pays the University’s athletics fee? The answer to that is that hardly anyone does. On the other hand, almost everyone gets the UBC Card.
- He saw three major categories of students affected by the ruling:
  - co-op students, who want to be members
  - Commerce diploma students, some of whom want to be members
  - Continuing Studies students, who have not been heard from
- One major concern he had stemmed from the situation in Australia, where the government recently banned mandatory membership in student unions. Without mandatory membership and the ability to charge our members whether they want to pay or not, the AMS would face the threat of bankruptcy and have to liquidate its assets.
- He said the key problem with the Court ruling is that it doesn’t provide clarity about who our members are. Without that clarity, it will be hard to advocate for mandatory membership. The Court ruling opens a Pandora Box about members who don’t even want to be our members (the Continuing Studies students).
- He recommended an ad hoc committee be struck to get clarity. Or the Executive Committee could look at the issue and decide what questions need to be asked.
- Chris Little: It will be difficult for the Court to clarify further. It’s more up to us to decide what to do with their ruling. Do we even need to heed what the Court said?
- Kevin Keystone: The priority is those who want to be our members. Student Court has ruled that various groups are indeed our members and we’re obliged to charge them our fees. The Court also said Council can waive fees, though that is not in our bylaws. This is an ambiguous precedent set by the Court. And does waiving fees mean no services, or do those students whose fees are waived get services without paying fees? Does Council have the right to say certain people are not entitled to the U-Pass?
- Stephanie Ewen asked about the status of post-degree Forestry students and was informed that if they are taking regular UBC credit courses they are AMS members.
- Patricia Lau asked if the motivation was to give the U-Pass to more people or to get more fees.
- Kevin Keystone: We had concerns from students – Commerce diploma students and then co-op students – over not being entitled to the U-Pass.
- Reka Pataky asked about the effect of sending the ruling back to a new Student Court, given that the Court’s membership will be changing soon.
- Kevin Keystone: We could hold off and send to a new Student Court, which might be awkward but advantageous. Right now he was just reporting back to Council on questions Council had asked.
- Patricia Lau asked about time sensitivity.
- Bernie Peets said UBC will want to know about changes in fee collection by May.

9. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-hoc Membership Review Committee comprised of four members of Council and the AMS President as Chair.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
10. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

"Be it resolved that Council appoint Ian Patillo, Christopher Little, Stephanie Ewen and Omar Sirri (Council Members) to the Ad-hoc Membership Review Committee."

... Carried

L) **Committee Motions:**

M) **Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:**

11. MOVED ZOE SHIPLEY, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

"The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated February 2, 2006." [SCD 011-007]

... Carried

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

12. MOVED ZOE SHIPLEY, SECONDED NATHANIEL LIM:

"The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 7, 2006 [SCD 012-007]
Minutes of SAC dated January 18, 2006 [SCD 013-007]
Minutes of SAC dated January 25, 2006 [SCD 014-007]
Minutes of SAC dated February 1, 2006 [SCD 015-007]
Minutes of SAC dated February 7, 2006." [SCD 016-007]

... Carried

O) **Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:** Continued

13. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

"That Council appoint Sophia Haque (VP Finance), Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic and University Affairs) and David Yuen (VP Administration) as Signing Officers for the Society as per Bylaw 8(1) for the period February 27, 2006 until the 2007 Annual General Meeting."

... Carried

P) **Discussion Period:**

Q) **Submissions:** [SCD 017-007]

- Summary Draft of Final Report - Ad-Hoc Ethics Review Committee on Coca-Cola - Kevin Keystone (Chair)

R) **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.
S) **Adjournment:**

14. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED ERICA BAIRD:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

T) **Social Activity:**

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF: pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Paul Evans (The Ubyssey), Kari Hewett (COPE Union - Local 15, AMS), Lynley Kotyk (COPE Union - Local 15), Ruth Situma (Volunteer Connections), Marta Bashovski (Volunteer Connections), Charles Voon (Volunteer Connections), Raj Mathur (Music), Bowinn Ma (Incoming VP Internal EUS), James Henderson (Incoming VP External EUS), Tareneh Erfan (Speakeasy), Kelsey Patton (Speakeasy), Gerald Deo (Assistant to President), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist/Researcher), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing & Promotions), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

2. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend Section III, Article 1(4) of the AMS Code of Procedure for the duration of this meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Quinn Omori noted that the section prohibits the consumption of alcohol and tobacco in the Council chambers during Council meetings.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner questioned the responsibility of suspending the section.
- It was established that the Council Chambers is not a licensed establishment.
- Reka Pataky asked that if the motion passed would people please smoke on the balcony.
- Gary Andraza said it was against the law to smoke in buildings in British Columbia.

3. MOVED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

4. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend Section III, Article 1(4) of the AMS Code of Procedure for the duration of this meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated
C) Presentations to Council:

Volunteer Connections - Charles Voon/Ruth Situma/Marta Bashovski

- Charles Voon discussed service areas and usage statistics at Volunteer Connections.
- Ruth Situma discussed the website database, volunteer fairs, and volunteer workshops.
- Marta Bashovski discussed VeX, the Volunteer Exchange, noting that last year the recommendation had been to eliminate it, but that this year it had been revamped instead, with a task force put in charge of it.
- Charles Voon said VeX was a good way to develop leaders. He also spoke about the successes of Shinerama, which brought in a net of $14,000. There were 450 students involved, up from 100 the year before. There had been a big promotional approach this time.
- His recommendations were to co-operate more with UBC Trek, to give more recognition of volunteers, and to expand VeX.

Questions:
- Lauren Hunter suggested that the GSS would be interested in donating money.

AMS Speakeasy - Taraneh Erfan/Kelsey Patton (Coordinators)

- Taraneh Erfan and Kelsey Patton reported on the new co-coordinator system used in Speakeasy this year. They made the following additional points:
  - they had a promotions intern and a retreat this year
  - they did volunteer hiring and training
  - they dealt with problem callers, including a repeat caller and an inappropriate caller
  - they had statistics showing that people used the service for personal, academic, career, and general concerns
  - the personal concerns included depression, relationships, and anxieties
  - academic concerns included motivation, concentration, and time management
  - they recommended:
    a) making the Speakeasy desk more welcoming and making it more clear what Speakeasy is (not just an information desk, but a counselling service);
    b) closing earlier (because there is little business during the current last hour);
    c) a larger budget (for promotions, a retreat, and renovations)
  - they had a concern about Coordinator burnout

Questions:
- Ruth Situma asked if they had worked with Volunteer Connections.
- Taraneh Erfan said they did post positions with Volunteer Connections, but they can do so only once a year because of the intensive training.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner noted the gender split in the statistics presented. It seems men are less likely to use the service. Does Speakeasy have a role in addressing this, in meeting
male needs?
- Kelsey Patton said the aim is to have people who are able to deal with a wide range of problems.
- Taraneh Erfan said they tried to go to a wide range of places to get the word out. Word of mouth is important, and females may talk more.
- Laura Levine asked if volunteers stay the whole year or leave partway through. Are there two waves of hiring?
- Taraneh Erfan said this was the first year they didn’t have people leaving, because of the strong sense of community created this year. However, there is in any case a second round of training in January for the volunteers in place; there are four days in September and four in January.

J) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN:
   "That Council approve the Collective Agreement between the AMS and the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union - Local 15 as presented."

   - Bernie Peets said negotiations had been underway since August and had finished a couple of weeks ago. He summarized the terms of the new agreement, which include the following:
     - expanded human rights language
     - third party picket line rules
     - new provisions on flextime and jobsharing
     - a provision for a leave of absence for political reasons
     - clarified job descriptions
     - a new provision on election voting time

   - There will be a joint AMS-Union task force to look at the Extended Health Plan. And there is a 2-1/2% salary adjustment.
   - Kari Hewitt said that from the union’s point of view it had been a very amicable process, though a little drawn out.

Questions:
- Sean Huff said he had not known the AMS had a union.
- Bernie Peets said there has been a union representing office staff and conference booking people since 1972. It currently represents 16 employees. The rest of the permanent staff are non-union. The student staff are non-union.
- Patricia Lau asked about the length of the agreement.
- Bernie Peets said it is for two years.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner wondered about taking eight months to negotiate a 24-month contract. Two years is very short.
- Bernie Peets said it was a mutual decision by both sides since no one knows what the impact of the University Boulevard development will be. There are misgivings about the future, so looking into the longer term didn’t seem the way to go.

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:
D) President’s Remarks:

Letter to Vancouver City Council re: World Peace Forum – follow up
- Kevin presented a letter to Council from Vancouver City Council confirming the World Peace Forum Society was indeed granted $50,000 that he, on behalf of the AMS, had written a letter of support for

International Students on the Board of Governors
- met with the Simon Fraser Students Society (SFSS): was informed that legislation will likely be amended by September
- referred SFSS to the Law Students Legal Aid Program (LSLAP – partly based at UBC), then once SFSS had consulted with LSLAP, on to the Student Legal Fund Society

OUC Degrees
- Senator Lianne McLean will be presenting a position paper this evening to Senate, in the hopes that the matter of granting UBC degrees retroactively to OUC graduates will be referred to the Council of Senates
- the Senate Agenda Committee has submitted a letter dated March 9 to Senate indicating the rationale for the decision made at Okanagan Senate that approved the retroactive granting of degrees. The letter was submitted by Dean Michael Isaacson, Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee.
- we passed a motion on March 8th supporting the referral of the matter to the Council of Senates, and we wish Senator McLean and the Student Senate Caucus the best of luck tonight

NewCo
- I will be travelling to London, Ontario next week to establish the corporation that will responsible for the shares and representation on the Travel CUTS board
- the AMS is one of the first members of the corporation, along with U of A, UWO, and Queens

E) Executive Remarks:

Mariana Payet - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are currently on un-ceded Musqueam territory and would like to thank the Musqueam people for allowing us to use their land.

This week is Realities of Race week. The week has been great so far (thanks to the AUS for helping us with some of the funding). This Friday is the campus dialogue on racism and I encourage you all to attend.

We have successfully hired a new Joblink Coordinator and the Firstweek Coordinator. I am very happy with the people that were selected.

Friday, March 31st is the Minischool Beer and Wine festival. Tickets can be purchased at the AMS business office.

Volunteer Connections is currently holding a volunteer fair in the SUB and that is going
I helped hire the Imagine Coordinators, which was a great process.

Speakeasy has had a great year. Kelsey and Taraneh have managed to re-build the service and make this the most successful year for Speakeasy.

Colleen, the Advocacy Office Coordinator has just had a baby. We at the services are very happy for her and look forward to being visited by this new addition to the services family.

**David Yuen - VP Administration:**
- I am excited to see completely the all-new and possibly improved Council/Councillors. I might miss the outgoing councilors; I haven’t yet decided. But I probably will.
- The free study space initiative as planned for in my election campaign is going to be going forward – extra thanks to Kari Hewett. Students should expect to see promotional materials in the coming days before exams.
- Jeff and I have switched phones and will be switching offices shortly, so please try to stick to emails if you need to contact us until we’ve finished switching offices. If you must call me please make sure I’m expecting your call so I don’t pick up one intended for Jeff.

**SAC**
- There’s the usual SAC stuff – constituting clubs and such.
- The applications for the new Vice Chair and Commissioners are due on Friday. I’m excited about seeing who has applied and who will be hired - yay for interviews!
- Club office/locker allocation interviews have finished and the new allocations will be made known in early April.

**UBC Vice-President Students, Brian Sullivan, arrived with the newly appointed UBC President, Dr. Stephen Toope, and the chair of the UBC Board of Governors, Brad Bennett.**
- Kevin Keystone introduced Dr. Toope to Council, outlining his biography, quoting from him on democracy, and also explaining to him something of what the AMS is.
- Dr. Toope spoke briefly to Council, saying he hoped to have the opportunity to meet with many Council members and looked forward to active engagement with all Constituencies. His aim was to make the University a happy place where all could make a contribution, and he saw the AMS as absolutely central to that. He said he knew the Administration and the AMS would not always agree, but he was confident they could work together for the betterment of UBC and higher education in Canada and global society.
- He commended Council for being engaged and said he looked forward to having many opportunities to talk with Council members to get their perspectives on UBC’s challenges and opportunities with a view to making UBC an exciting place.
- Brian Sullivan introduced Brad Bennett, who said he would echo everything the new president said. He had enjoyed the participation of the student members on the Board of Governors. They had made a huge contribution for students, and he had enjoyed the back and forth dialogue with them.

**Sophia Haque - VP Finance:**

**Fincom:**
Job postings are now up. I encourage you to check them out and let your friends know.

Budget:
- Been in touch with Mariana to have Service Coordinators submit a short report at the end of their terms outlining any parts of their budgets that were over or under spent with a short explanation providing the reasons for the over/under. I hope to implement the same initiative with the execs in the hopes to keep people accountable to their budgets. The goal is to make the budget a document people actually use, understand, and have buy in for.

University Athletics and Recreation Fee
- I’ve been in discussions with members from UBC REC to uncover what portion of the athletics and recreation fee is put towards REC and the intramurals program and how much is put towards Varsity programs. Currently no breakdown of how student fees are used is provided.

BOC:
- More about this in the motion to be presented later in Council

WOW:
- Dates are set! May 5th and 6th so clear your calendars! David and I are working on organizing the event this year and I’m looking for feedback from those members who attended WOW last year. I know it was a long time ago, but let me know what you think worked, didn’t work, would like to see etc. Please send me an email and let me know!

Jeff Friedrich - VP Academic & University Affairs
- The 3rd Annual Realities of Race Dialogue on Systemic Racism at the University takes place on Friday, March 24th, 12-2pm in the Sty-Wet-Tan Hall in the First Nations House of Learning. This event bookends Realities of Race Week 2006. This event will give the UBC community a chance to reflect upon racism - as well as other inequalities - within the Academy and upon ways to rectify them.
  - I went and saw the University Town documentary film showing earlier this week. I am arranging with Linda Moore to make a showing available to councilors- please let me know if this might interest you. The film was generally balanced, and featured a Council meeting last Spring when Linda Moore gave a presentation, some real mega-snaps from Ryan Corbett, Dave showing his computer with “This is all bullshit,” and good quotes from others- Darren, Quinn, et al. The highlight of the evening was VP External Affairs Dennis Pavlich closing remark about how he wished Fire Hydrant was here so he could “pee on it.” For real.
  - Please come to Just Desserts on the evening of April 10th. And please have your nominations to Paramjit by next Wednesday.

F) Committee Reports:

Committee Reform - Tim Louman-Gardiner (Chair) [SCD 021-007]
- Tim Louman-Gardiner said the committee was still working on committee reform.
It was a large discussion and not finished. It will be a project for the next Council. There is some rethinking of the project as well, which will be described in Discussion Period.

Compensation Review Committee - Jeff Friedrich (Chair) [SCD 022-007]

Jeff Friedrich described the committee’s latest ideas, including the following points:

- It was thought that introducing transitional honorariums for Service Coordinators would in effect be a pay cut. The committee was thinking that instead a Coordinator’s last paycheque might be withheld until they made their transition report for their successor.
- A more comprehensive review should be done in the summer; the time for comp review should be shifted so that it can be done in the summer and reported on in the fall for the following year.
- A shifting focus on the External Commission will mean the vice-chair will assume more commitments and receive higher pay.
- On the University Commission, the thought was that the proposed new Associate Vice-President might get $9,000, but in the end it was decided to look at that later.
- The International Student Commissioner position may change, but it’s being kept the same for now.
- After a discussion with Ian McKechnie, the committee decided it would be more appropriate to go over compensation for the Elections Committee in the summer.

Questions:
- Bernie Peets: The proposal to withhold paycheques is against the law. Under the Employment Standards Act, you can’t withhold pay.
- Laura Levine asked about the increase in the Minischool Coordinator’s pay.
- Jeff Friedrich said it was the result of giving them an extra month of work.
- Sean Huff asked if the committee would look at possible compensation for Council members during the review in the summer.
- Jeff Friedrich said it would happen in the summer.

Executive Retreat - Kevin keystone (President)

- Kevin Keystone reported on the March 14 Executive retreat, saying it was a chance for the Executive to get to know each other personally and professionally. They discovered more common ground than expected, and he foresaw that the bonding that took place will facilitate a year that’s productive, collaborative, and effective.
- He identified three priorities: communication, community, and culture.
- Communication will mean being accountable and accessible and communicating pride in AMS accomplishments, something the AMS has not done well.
- Community will mean bringing AMS members in, providing them opportunities for engagement.
- Culture refers to the AMS’s organizational culture, something the AMS lacks. It lacks an organizational centre or mantra or feeling of unity.
- Acknowledging AMS accomplishments can begin tonight by noting the accomplishments of outgoing Council members. He also wanted to note the passing of an AMS member, as a result of a shooting incident earlier in the month.
- He referred to the Strategic Framework passed at the end of President Keys’s term and said the AMS would now be pursuing long-term visions and strategies.
- Patricia Lau said these points should be made to the new Council.
- Kevin Keystone agreed; he will bring them up again on April 5. He was speaking of them tonight out of respect to the outgoing members.

G) Constituency Reports:

SUS – Patricia Lau said Science is voting through WebCT and it’s going well, but she is still going to write to Brian Sullivan about UBC’s proposal to charge $25,000 for the Constituencies to use WebVote. She also called on the AMS President to call Presidential Roundtables of all the Constituency Presidents, as is required by Code. The Science social space will hopefully be finished by October or November, though she will be gone by then.

AUS – Dave Claassen said the Last Lecture event had been tremendous. About 900 or 1000 people showed up to hear Peter Mansbridge. He hoped other faculties will pick up on this idea. Also, Arts County Fair tickets were moving briskly. In response to a question about set times, he said those are never released.

Kevin Keystone asked about having a joint Last Lecture for several faculties, but Dave Claassen said the Chan couldn’t hold enough people for that and besides he saw the event as more faculty-specific, with speeches tailored to the Constituency.

Engineering – Sean Huff - Asked how many constituencies prepare handbooks.


Forestry – Stephanie Ewen - Beer Garden on March 31.

Pharmacy – Stephanie Yu - Scotia Bank lecture being held on Monday. Dodge Ball event this Friday.

VST – Gary Andraza - Getting ready for end of Semester and then summer classes begin in July.

GSS – Lauren Hunter - World Peace/World Urban forum to job network taking place in May. Festiva being held this Friday in the SUB Ballroom.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Quinn Omori/Tim Louman-Gardiner - Board of Governors
   - We hired the new President. We also hired a Nobel laureate for Science.
   - UBC hiked its tuition, athletics fees, etc.
   - We’ve been saying all year that Policy 72 is flawed, and now they’re going to review it.

Gina Eom – Senate
   - The first ever Council of Senates meeting took place on Friday, and some procedural changes were put in place. The staff at UBC are overworked, as they now work for two campuses, but they will soon put up a website specifically for the Council of Senates, its membership, and internal policies.
The student senators (and Jeff Friedrich who invited himself) are having dinner with Martha Piper today, after which we will be voting on the motion to refer the retroactive degree allocation to the Council of Senates. The Vancouver senate needs to vote 2/3 in favour of this to pass.

Finally, Ed and I would like to thank this Council for a great year.

Ombudsperson

Hayane Dahmen said there are usually 120 cases a year. This year they are on track with that.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

6. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

“The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 8, 2006 as amended [SCD 023-007]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated May 31, 2005 [SCD 024-007]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated August 19, 2005 [SCD 025-007]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated September 26, 2005 [SCD 026-007]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated October 7, 2005 [SCD 027-007]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated October 27, 2005 [SCD 028-007]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated January 12, 2006 [SCD 029-007]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated February 22, 2006 [SCD 030-007]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated March 15, 2006 [SCD 031-007]

J) Executive Committee Motions: Continued

7. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT: [SCD 032-007]

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006: Appointments Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jeff Friedrich: The section of the Code on hiring hasn’t caught up with the times. It doesn’t reflect very well that we now have an Executive Coordinator of Student Services (ECSS). The VP Academic still chairs every hiring committee, hiring for 80 positions, for every Service Coordinator, the Ombudsperson, Student Court, the Elections Committee, all the Assistant Coordinators, and all the Commissioners. And it all has to be done between now and April 30, which makes it a nightmare.

This is not in the Bylaws, which we’re bound by, but in Code, which we can change. His proposed change is to remove himself from three of the hiring committees, transferring two of them (the Coordinators and the Assistants committees) to the ECSS, who would be chair. Executives would still be allowed to attend those hiring committee meetings, which should address any concerns about giving too much power to the ECSS. Flexibility is being introduced here.

For the Commissioners committee, the relevant Executive would be the chair. This will save him 60-80 hours of work.

He wanted to do this now, so he can get on with his job: the University stuff in his portfolio. And it will allow the ECSS to have control over who are to be her Coordinators.
Reka Pataky asked why the Commissioners committee had only one Student at Large member, unlike the other two committees.

Jeff Friedrich said that was not his change. Code had previously been that way. In any case, it's been a long time since Students at Large have shown up to hiring committee meetings. Even Councillors don't usually show up.

Reka Pataky: How will rotating chairs work for the Commissioners committee?

Jeff Friedrich said he had no more HR training than the other Executives.

Reka Pataky said she wasn't talking about ability, but about having to coordinate six different chairs.

Jeff Friedrich: There's not a lot that the VP Academic currently does at these meetings. It really comes down to the decision of the relevant Executive anyway. As for continuity, there's now an assistant hirings coordinator who sets up interviews, books rooms, etc.

Patricia Lau said there had been talk in the past about hiring an HR coordinator. Is that relevant this year, or are there budget problems?

Jeff Friedrich: It's certainly been talked about, and it is a budget issue. Having the assistant hirings coordinator is a step towards that. There's also the Ombudsperson, who can address some HR issues. An HR coordinator would probably be a staff position.

Patricia Lau: Is this new assistant your assistant?

Jeff Friedrich: She was with my portfolio. It would be something to be changed for the future.

Patricia Lau: It's difficult to get people to hiring meetings. Often only three. Now without the VP Academic it might only be two. Should we put another Councillor on?

Ryan Corbett: This is serious, removing any VP from the committees and downloading everything to the ECSS. Does that solve the problem? Maybe it should just be a different vice-president on the hiring committees: for instance, the VP Administration. He was uncomfortable removing all VP's. The ECSS was not really a member of the Executive. He would like an accountable person on the committees.

Scott Price saw this as a good small change, intuitive and incremental. Quorum was an issue a few months ago because it seemed Executives could steamroller things.

Dave Claassen: Adding another Council member who won't show up won't do anything. Having an Executive on would be more responsible. It was not a bad idea to keep a VP around.

Sean Huff: Replacing the VP with the ECSS as chair doesn't feel all that appropriate. There should still be a VP – just another VP – rather than a non-Executive.

Quinn Omori: None of the Executives has a hand in hiring Coordinators. There's no problem with having the ECSS do this. If Council members are concerned, then they should show up.

David Yuen wondered how the ECSS was less accountable than Executives since they were hired by the Primary Appointments Committee, paid by the VP's and President, and accountable to Council. There's a gain here: 60-80 hours freed up for the VP Academic.

Gary Andraza: Do we want our Executives hiring dog catchers and bottle washers? The ECSS seems a perfectly qualified executive position to hire people reporting to her, and this will free the VP Academic to go off to University business.

Laura Levine: Vice-Presidents are directly elected. The ECSS is hired by the Vice-Presidents, but that's one step away from representing students. It's important to have a vice-president on these committees.

8. MOVED LAURA LEVINE:

“That Article 16 (d) be amended to read:

two (2) Student At Large’.”

... Carried
9. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006: Appointments Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Mariana Payet: There should be an opportunity for the VP Academic to come for Tutoring interviews. There is still room for the Executive to be involved in the process.
- Omar Sirri: If we’re so concerned about elected people being present, we should go to our committee meetings.
- Lauren Hunter: We should trust the elected members of the Executive. If the VP Academic says his time is better spent at the table with Martha Piper, we should trust his judgement.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said spreading the duties among the Executives might help.

10. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

11. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Articles 15, (c) and Article 17, (c) be amended to read:

four (4) members of Council; and’.”

- Patricia Lau: By having more Council members who could attend, we may ensure that someone does.
- Dave Claassen: Even if that’s true, it’s not a good idea. If somehow everyone starts attending, there will be much too big a committee. When there are more than two or three people there for an interview, it’s intimidating. And we don’t need seven people’s opinions on a hiring. Let’s make sure people come, not add people.
- Michael Woodward: We’re removing one person (the VP) and adding someone else.

12. MOVED REKA PATAKY, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rd ... Carried

13. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Articles 15, (c) and Article 17, (c) be amended to read:

four (4) member of Council; and’.” ... Defeated

14. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006: Appointments Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ryan Corbett: Who is and who should be on a committee? A vice-president? The VP Academic? There's no good reason for there not to be a vice-president, an elected official; it's an important job. The VP Academic is too busy, so it could be not him, but another vice-president.

15. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Articles 15 and 17 be amended to add a member of the Executive, as appointed by the Executive Committee. The member of the Executive may be different for each position being appointed.”

16. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED STEPHANIE EWEN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

Sophia Haque asked if this meant an Executive would have to attend every interview.

Dave Tompkins: It could be a different Executive for each hiring.

Jeff Friedrich: The 60-80 hours is a lot of time. At the University he was sure Brian Sullivan wouldn’t ask Dennis Pavlich to attend his committee meetings. The AMS Services are quite autonomous. The proposed Code change describes the spirit of what we’re trying to do: reallocate our time. But we’ve created a way for Executives to attend if they want.

Quinn Omori: Spreading the 60 to 80 hours among the whole Executive still means losing productivity from the Executive. They could all be doing something more beneficial than serving on these committees. There’s something fatally wrong with our hiring process if we have such reservations about giving one of the highest ranking student employees this much power. It seems intuitive: they’ll chair the committees hiring the people who will work with them.

Tim Louman-Gardiner raised the issue of accountability of the ECSS versus accountability of Executives.

Ryan Corbett said he didn’t just want Executives to have the opportunity to attend hiring committees; he wanted it to be a responsibility of the vice-presidents to do that.

Sean Huff: When you’re on a hiring committee, you have a say in who is brought into the organization. You decide the flavour. It makes sense to have elected vice-presidents on these committees. We want your vision; we elected you. The elected people should be deciding.

Reka Pataky said it was awful to suggest that the ECSS doesn’t have a vision. Ideally, the ECSS’s vision is in line with the vision of the Executive that hired them.

17. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Articles 15 and 17 be amended to add a member of the Executive, as appointed by the
Executive Committee. The member of the Executive may be different for each position being appointed.”

... Defeated

19. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006: Appointments Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich said he didn’t understand the fear this proposed Code change was inspiring.
- Reka Pataky: The proposed change won’t solve everything, but it’s a good start. We should pass this Code amendment now and rethink the whole hiring process at a later date.

20. MOVED REKA PATAKY, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006: Appointments Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Abstentions: Patricia Lau, Michael Duncan

Opposed: Sean Huff, Ryan Corbett ... Carried

22. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED REKA PATAKY: [SCD -007]

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006' Associate Vice-Presidents' and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich: The introduction of Associate Vice-Presidents was conceived together with plans to reform the University Commission. Those reforms are not coming forward tonight, but they will be in the longer term. Past reports by VP Academics have noted real problems with the University Commission. Its members focus on unrelated issues, working in silos, not as a team. There’s been a lack of effectiveness.
- By introducing the AVP, there will be a position with a title that will attract better candidates. There will also be a greater time commitment and a consolidation of resources. The aim would be to move away from specific issues to set tasks. Right now, the Code amendment is just to create AVP’s. Then we’ll go to Comp Review to establish compensation levels.
- The University Commission will exist in some capacity, working with the Senate Caucus. There could still be a function for them.
- As to the position of International Students commissioner, that has not been worked out quite yet. He’d been talking to the president of the International Students Association to see if they
want a presence on the University Commission.

- Reka Pataky: Do you need this now? She’d rather pass more comprehensive changes to the Code once we figure out how these AVP’s will jive with the Commissions.
- Jeff Friedrich: He had developed a job description, and the AVP’s would report to the Executive Committee. There were a number of concerns, for instance compensation and what to do with the International Students commissioner. So he decided first to bring the AVP amendment. Turnover is April 30, so it’s time-sensitive.
- Michael Woodward asked about the amalgamation of positions and the effect on salaries.
- Jeff Friedrich said this would be determined by Compensation Review.
- Laura Levine: The AVP idea is awesome, but she wondered if there should be two of them for the VP Academic, one for academics and one for University issues. There were two different knowledge bases. She wouldn’t want to overload one person.
- Jeff Friedrich: That’s up to the Vice-President, or the electorate choosing the Vice-President. If campus development issues are big and academics are not, that’s who you’d hire.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner questioned the 20 hours per week minimum. He said it was too large.

23. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE (Friendly Amendment)

“That Article 11 (4) be amended by striking ‘shall’ and replacing with ‘must’.” ... Carried

24. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006’ Associate Vice-Presidents’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

25. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER:

“Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendations of the Compensation Review Committee as presented.”

- Jeff Friedrich noted that the Compensation Review report would be altered by striking out the paragraph on withholding paycheques.

26. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER:

“Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendations of the Compensation Review Committee as amended.” ... Carried

27. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED SEAN HUFF, GINA EOM: [SCD 040-007]

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

28. MOVED REKA PATAKY, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU, RYAN CLARE:
“That Council remain in camera.” ... Carried

29. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN, QUINN OMORI:

“That Council remain in camera.” ... Defeated

30. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That Council approve in principle the plans for the Lower Level of the SUB as recommended by the Business Operations Committee.” ... Carried

31. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 p.m.

32. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.” ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

33. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the External Commission dated February 23, 2006 [SCD 034-007]
Minutes of the External Commission dated March 2, 2006 [SCD 035-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 21, 2006 [SCD 036-007]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 21, 2006 [SCD 037-007]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 27, 2006.” [SCD 038-007] ... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions: Continued

34. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Council appoint Hayane Dahmen as Ombudsperson effective immediately for a term ending September 30, 2006.”

- Jeff Friedrich noted the absence of quorum at the committee interviews. It was just him and the President.
- Reka Pataky said she is on the committee and was never notified that it was meeting. There had been a great deal of talk about Council members not attending the meetings of hiring committees, but they would certainly not attend if they were not informed of the meetings.
- Jeff Friedrich apologized. He said he thought he had sent out a notice.
- Patricia Lau asked why the term was until September 30.
Sheldon Goldfarb: At this point, it seemed a bit of a waste to conduct the full hiring process for someone who would serve only a month before the usual April 30 turnover. Also, Code has all along set September 30 as the end date for the term of the Ombudsperson, and we thought we might as well try following the Code schedule to see if that works.

35. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Council appoint Hayane Dahmen as Ombudsperson effective immediately for a term ending September 30, 2006.”

... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Committee Reform - Tim Louman-Gardiner:

- The Code and Policies Committee decided it was too late in the year to come forward now with the actual complete proposal. Meanwhile there is no unanimity on the Committee about the philosophical direction implied by the reforms. The Committee was seeking guidance, a sense of Council’s attitude.
- Under the status quo, the Executive sets the agenda, but it is term-limited and concerned with day-to-day issues, not the long range.
- The principles and goals underlying committee reform are: good governance, long-term planning, engaging the constituents.
- There are three broad sorts of changes the reform would bring in: consolidating committees, changing the composition and leadership of committees (from Executive to non-Executive chairs), and the relationship of the committees to Council (through reporting).
- Under the reforms, there would be an Administrative Committee setting the agenda. It would be a super-committee consisting of the ten most committed Council members.
- Tim proposed discussing the three broad change proposals individually.

Committee Consolidation:

- Dave Claassen expressed concern about a lack of focus in committees if things are lumped together. Specializing makes it easier for those committees to do what they’re tasked to do. Also, it was overly optimistic to expect Councillors, especially new ones, to step into a committee and ask them to look at 20 AMS businesses. Be careful about consolidating too much. Seven is a low number.
- Laura Levine: We could reduce now, but five years from now we’ll get subcommittees. Historically, that’s been the pattern. Consolidating and then breaking apart again.
- Michael Woodward: Obviously there’s something wrong with the way it is now. Some things can be consolidated, e.g., BOC and Reno, which are related. What about ad hoc committees? At large students should still be allowed.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: We will still be able to have ad hoc committees.
- Patricia Lau expressed concern about Council members taking on large roles. You need quite a lot of experience to chair such a big committee. She’s been very busy; she wouldn’t have had the time.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: Part of the issue is to create meaningful leadership positions.
- Reka Pataky: Budget and Comp Review could go together.
- Dave Claassen: Some could be consolidated, but don’t go too far.
- Darren Peets: Consolidation could put too many issues together, but the GSS has combined
committees that work.

A straw poll supported the principle of consolidation.

**Composition and Chairing:**
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: The proposal is for the Executive to be involved as little as possible, making the committees Council-run.
- Reka Pataky: This would be a good way to get Councillors engaged.
- Laura Levine: We’ve just seen with the hiring committees that we’re afraid to take Executives off them. If you have a chair who isn’t paid, will they show up?
- Jeff Friedrich said he liked the idea but had reservations. The Executive have expertise or knowledge. They wouldn’t have to chair the committees, but then who sets the agenda? If Council sets the agenda, that has more ramifications. The student body elected Executives with a vision. If Councillors set the agenda, then they’re taking control from the Executives.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: It would make no difference. Council already can overrule the Executive.
- Dave Claassen said he feared this proposal was overestimating the eagerness and competence of other Councillors. He’d been chairing the Referendum Committee and got less and less eager. Not that the desire diminished, but all the other parts of his life caught up with him. Lots of Councillors have other responsibilities and will put the AMS second. The vice-presidents are slightly more responsible than general Councillors; they’re usually taking fewer courses.
- Michael Woodward: What would the vice-presidents be doing if not chairing committees?
- Tim Louman-Gardiner said he would like to know how this would affect the vice-presidents. Committees will still have to work with vice-presidents.
- Michael Woodward: It would be a good idea to get input from Councillors, from all of campus, not just a niche group such as the Executive.
- Michael Duncan: There’s a problem at the appointment committees. Councillors don’t have the time.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: If expectations had been different, would that have influenced your decision to be on Council?
- Jeff Friedrich: Back to the issue of setting the agenda. It’s not fair to say it would make no difference. The Executive does set the agenda now. The President sets the Council agenda. The proposed changes could affect the Executive’s ability to carry out their program.
- Quinn Omori said he was the one opposing the proposal in committee. He said the whole proposal had been done backwards. No one had ever asked Council what it wanted. Do you want more responsibility? Why do we have Executives? What do we want from them? A resource supporting Council? They’re elected from a broader constituency to set the agenda, and he didn’t feel comfortable stripping away that responsibility.
- Bernie Peets offered a staff perspective, saying that summertime was especially a problem. During the summer, most Council members have jobs. Council chairs wouldn’t be able to do their chairing job. But Executives have offices here; they work here. They can go back to their office and get things done.
- Mariana Payet: What happens to staff people on these committees? We’re the ones who end up doing the work. If you remove us, will anything be done?
- Chris Baitz: One of the jobs for Executives is to do committees.
- Laura Levine said she was concerned that it would become unclear who the go-to person was. Now it’s clear, but if a random Councillor is in charge, it will be less clear, and they won’t be as available as Executives, and they don’t have titles, time, or office.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner said it was Legislative versus Executive.
- Reka Pataky: The chair doesn’t have to do all the work. In the summer they can ask an
Executive to follow up on something. And every member of Council is elected. Executives don’t have that much more of a mandate. Executives can convince committees. They won’t become lame ducks. She didn’t want to get stuck in a rut thinking they can’t get anywhere. They shouldn’t just do what’s easy.

- Dave Claassen: The summer issue is an important one to consider. As to easy versus hard, just because something’s harder doesn’t make it better. He was against change for change’s sake.

- Ryan Corbett: Where if not here will the Executive show leadership?

- Tim Louman-Gardiner said that because the responses were grey, he didn’t see the point of a straw poll on this issue.

Committee Relation to Council:

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: There’s not much connection between committees and Council.
- Dave Claassen: There’s no concept of what committees are doing or which even exist. There should be mandatory reporting, and not just through minutes. No one reads minutes, especially when six months’ worth come at once.

- Laura Levine: Committees should be reporting regularly.

- Sophia Haque: In Executive Remarks, people used to say it wasn’t relevant hearing all the committee meetings an Executive attended.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: The Administrative Committee would be the clearing house for reports.

- Reka Pataky: The proposal would require work plans and progress reports from the committees.

- Dave Claassen: The pressure of having to report can make committees do things.

- Quinn Omori: There’s a problem with this whole process. The proposal would make a large change, but the original goal was simply to make committees better. It’s like the University showing up with the completed University Town plan. This discussion is good; it should have been done two years ago. The major reform being proposed may simply replace old problems with new; it may create different problems.

Election Reimbursement - Patricia Lau

- Market value during the election was set much lower than what people were paying, and there were penalties for people who didn’t use CopyRight. She understood that the Elections Committee had maxed out its budget, but was there any way that candidates could be reimbursed?

- Dave Claassen said there had been a retroactive setting of value for websites. Afterwards candidates were told certain things weren’t allowed and they couldn’t get their money back.

- Kevin Keystone: This was not a budget issue. As the former VP Finance, he could say that the budget was merely a guideline. If you overspend, you overspend. If candidates should have been reimbursed, they should have been reimbursed. There was retroactive changing of the rules. He was stunned.

- Patricia Lau: Can the Elections Administrator be asked to reconsider?

- There was discussion of the 48-hour requirement for appeals and whether Code should be suspended.

- Sheldon Goldfarb: There are appeal procedures in Code. After a decision by the Elections Committee, a candidate has 48 hours to appeal to an Election Appeals Committee. Retroactive rule changes, if they indeed happened, would be a Code violation. He did not know the facts of this particular case, but the procedure was to go to an appeals committee within 48 hours.

- Darren Peets suggested calling in the EA to speak to Council.
Ryan Clare: We’re only hearing one side of this. This is unproductive.
Patricia Lau agreed. She shouldn’t have brought this up in the absence of the Elections Administrator. And people who had concerns should have appealed within 48 hours. The Elections Administrator should come here. Jeff Friedrich said he would invite him.

**UBCO degrees at Senate - Gina Eom:**

Gina Eom reported on the attempt to refer the retroactive degrees issue to the Council of Senates. Before that could happen, a set of procedures for going to the Council were put in place. One of them was that a member of the other Senate may be invited to attend. Martha Piper said at Senate that she didn’t feel comfortable going forward without first hearing from a representative of the other Senate, so the issue was postponed until the next Senate meeting, which is April 19, after Senate turnover, which will mean that Lianne McLean, the moving force behind the retroactive degrees issue, won’t be there to speak against retroactive degrees. We have been technically silenced.
Scott Price said he’d heard that current students at UBCO are not in favour of retroactive degrees.

Farewell Speeches from Patricia Lau, Scott Price, Quinn Omori, Tim Louman-Gardiner, Chris Baitz, Dave Claassen, Sean Huff, Abigail Ong, Kate Bisnaire

Q) **Submissions:**
- Just Desserts Award Nomination Form [SCD 039-007]

R) **Next Meeting:**
The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) **Adjournment:**
36. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

T) **Social Activity:**

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Lisa Lafreniere (SASC), Stephanie Kellington (SASC), Joel Koczwoski (The Knoll), Nathan Crompton (SJC), Mandy Wong (AMS Tutoring), Vivian Cheung (AMS Tutoring), Raj Mathur (Music), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Paul Evans (Ubyssey), Letotlo Coco Lefoka (AMS Minischool), Alan Wiebe, Jonathon Lam (Science), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Tutoring - Mandy Wong and Vivian Cheung [SCD 041-007]

- Service numbers were pretty consistent with previous year.
- More activity in first term than second.
- Expressed concerns with current space - close proximity to Starbucks makes the environment noisy and dirty.
- Requested that AMS Tutoring try to return to Irving K Barber Centre as they had closed off area with breakout rooms there.

Sexual Assault Support Centre - Stephanie Kellington and Lisa Lafreniere [SCD 042-007]

- Statistics on victims of sexual assault
- First year under new operating model which has allowed them to do some new things.
- Attended victim services training conducted by the Province for provincial victim service workers
- Other areas of focus for SASC are:
  - Human Resources Development
  - Internships
  - Student Practicums
  - Work Learn
  - Volunteer Coordination
  - Complementary programming
  - Library/Resource area
  - Victim Services
  - Anti-Violence
  - Campaigns (Awareness/Public education)
  - Restructuring post-WAWAV is ongoing
  - Continuing with strategic planning including: goal of 1 more counsellor; increased funding; increased volunteer hours; SASC statistical collection is in need of updating to get better data
Questions:
- UBC has ability to write letters to Advisors when student has experienced assault. Does SASC have this ability also?
  - Yes, statistical form has to be developed to yield more information.
- Number of women who will be sexually assaulted is high - too high. Where do these numbers come from and what is definition of sexual assault?
  - Numbers come from Stats Canada. Sexual assault is defined as unwanted sexual contact and a whole spectrum of behaviour.
- Victims Services have received funding from Ministry. Are you looking for funding from Ministry?
  - They have given money to RCMP detachment on campus for this purpose and are reluctant to duplicate it. But RCMP does not have anyone in that position yet.
- Spiking drinks on campus - Is there an awareness session in your mandate?
  - Interesting question. Pit Pub Staff have had training and in particular Arts County Fair workers will be wearing buttons and distributing posters.
- Are you aware of the one-lady play on drink spiking?
  - Yes. She is Megan Gardner. It is a little too steep pricewise though - $1200 per play. SASC has worked with her in the past. Residence Association also put this play on. They brought it here this year.

Thanks to Lisa Lafreniere as this is her last year here and has been with SASC from its beginning.

AMS Mini School - Letotlo Coco Lefoka

- Broad Range of programs available
- Beer tasting has shown the greatest increase in popularity
- Survey showed that 45% of participants heard about Mini School programs though their website - another 19% through the residence promotional campaign.
- Mini School reports a 98% satisfaction rating from participants.
- Bulk of attendees (50%) are 3rd year - 35% from first 2 years - 15% 4th year and grad students
- Recommendations are to reduce course offerings from 15/17 to 10 in a given semester with courses being offered in only one of the two semesters.

Questions:
- How do you decide on courses offered?
  - Surveys and ask for recommendations, enrolment numbers and instructors contacting Mini School.
- Do you offer refunds when instructors do not show up?
  - When class is cancelled refunds issued usually, or if lack of enrolment numbers.
- Are there different levels of expertise for classes?
  - Yes, for some courses.
- What is cardio strip-tease?
  - It involves a blanket and rolling around on the ground.
- Are courses open to both sexes?
  - Mostly females enrolled, but the AMS does not discriminate between sexes.
D) President’s Remarks:

- **Welcome to new councillors!**
  - tonight is a key opportunity to get involved; consider what committees are of interest to you and stand for nomination for those committees

- **Alumni Centre**
  - attended a full-day focus session with UBC Alumni Association for a proposed Alumni Centre
  - the focus group considered a number of options, and concluded the best spot would be on the south side of the SUB, directly across from the Ladha Student Science Centre
  - it was good to be there to build stronger relationships with the Alumni Association, and there may be an opportunity for an AMS business within the building

- **NewCo meeting in London, ON (Travel CUTS)**
  - as a result of the Travel CUTS lawsuit, we and the three other plaintiff student unions (Western, UofA, Queens) became the first members of a company that is responsible for 24% of Travel CUTS shares and 2 representatives (of 8) on the CUTS Board of Directors
  - Bernie and I attended a meeting in London, ON with reps from the three other student unions to discuss the company, and address key issues (like membership fees, bylaws, etc.)
  - we had a bit of a rough start setting concrete goals, but after much discussion and a lot of chart paper, we hammered out a set of guiding principles, and will be working on the bylaws and policies over e-mail
  - the first members of the board are Claude Sherren (GM at Queens), Kendell Wilde (Legal Counsel at Western), Bernie and myself. Claude was elected President for his interest in writing out the bylaws and policy, I was elected Vice-President in the interest of student representation and keeping the guiding principles, Kendell was elected Secretary and Bernie, Treasurer

- **Ad-Hoc Membership Review Committee**
  - This was the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Membership Review Committee and the focus of this meeting was to review the circumstances leading to the formation of this committee, namely how the AMS will respond to the Student Court Ruling in regards to AMS membership
  - A number of questions were raised regarding past responses to student court rulings as well as the latitude and optics afforded to the AMS in responding to student court rulings
  - It was decided that the committee should first confer with Sheldon regarding historical precedent vis-à-vis AMS Council response to Student Court rulings, and then meet again next week (April 11th)

E) Executive Remarks:

**David Yuen - VP Administration:**

- SAC hiring has been completed
  - interviews went well and we did have many strong candidates. We ended up hiring:
    - Vice Chair – Sam Wong
    - Bookings – Didi Lapper
- Art Gallery – Aliyah Shamsher (returning from last year)
- Administrative – Allison Leong
- Building and Facilities – Stephen Tan
- External Clubs Commissioner – Lisa Chung
- Internal Clubs Commissioner – Suvina To

- SAC has finished with clubs office allocation interviews and is currently deciding the allocations
  - final decisions will be announced in the next two weeks
- Free study space initiative is going forward very smoothly
  - room layouts have been completed and promotions have begun
  - posters should be up around campus in the coming days and it will be included on the AMS website
  - please spread the word as word of mouth is the most effective promotion

Sophia Haque - VP Finance:

Fincom

- Applications for all positions (except Special Projects Commissioner) are in. Interviews will be taking place next week. So those of you signing up for the Commissioner Appointments Committee…we’ll have some interview fun.

Budget

- It’s begun! I’ve begun having meetings with various departments to go over preliminary budget submissions

Arcade

- Arcade conversations have also been keeping me busy. You’ll note the submission today.

Athletics Fee

- As a follow up to my report last council meeting, I met with Alnoor Aziz (Associate Director of Athletics in charge of Finance). After a lengthy discussion about my requests of where student money is going, Alnoor offered to write me a report explaining the current use of student fees in the Athletics and Recreation budget. He also agreed to provide me with a copy of the intramurals budget pending approval from Bob Phillip.

WOW!

- Whistler Orientation Weekend (an AMS retreat for council members, commissioners and service coordinators) will be taking place the first weekend of May (May 5th and 6th). Please try to book that time off in your schedules to come out for that weekend. More details will be emailed to you soon.

Jeff Friedrich - VP Academic & University Affairs

- Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee- Report of committee has been circulated, we are trying to promote the adoption of all of the report, rather than just the FoGS recommendations. [http://www.vpacademic.ubc.ca/](http://www.vpacademic.ubc.ca/)
- Just Desserts- Please RSVP by tonight.
- Consultation events- North side of SUB and Pub application.

Ian Pattillo - VP External Affairs
Hello, hello. As you may have noticed I was not here last time we met because I had to go to the CASA AGM in Nova Scotia, for those of you unfamiliar that is the AMS’s federal lobby group. Lots of fun had there, but I won’t dwell on it because we need to pass it all through Council on the 26th. Just a few announcements. Congratulations to years of effort on the part of the AMS, other SU’s across the province, and dedicated students who made this happen, the provincial government has changed the University Act and will now allow international students to sit on the Board of Governors of Universities. Xcom is accepting applications so tell your friends.

F) Committee Reports:

Appointments Committee - Jeff Friedrich (Chair)

- Appointments made:
  - Firstweek - Sara Costa
  - Mini School - Alan Wiebe
  - Advocacy - Ryan Lee
  - Joblink - Claudia Li
  - Volunteer Connections - Ruth Situma
  - Ombudsperson - Hayane Dahmen

G) Constituency Reports:

EUS - Ryan Clare advised they had a new senator and a new office.

CUS - Connie Guo said that their turnover is happening at the weekend. They have almost finished hiring for their year book editor.

FUS - Stephanie Ewan said they had a party this past weekend.

SUS - Mike Duncan introduced the new Science Reps here tonight. They are also listed on their website. Their AGM is to be held tomorrow. Beer Garden and BBQ were a great success, and thanks to all those attending their Wine and Cheese.

LSS - Chris Little stated that people are stealing places in their Library. Don’t do it.

GSS - Jessica reported that their year end party was happening this coming weekend.

AUS - Stephanie Ryan advised that the Arts County Fair was taking place this Friday. Production week went well. Their turnover occurs on Monday of next week. The AUS exec met with the Dean of Arts. They may be moving office.

Regent College - Julio advised that this was his last meeting. He had brought along, and introduced new rep - Tim Cairns.

VST - Gary Andraza advised that the library will be moving next month to the west wing of the new building.

Jeff Friedrich reminded everyone that Just Desserts was coming up on Monday and that anyone interested in attending must RSVP by this evening.
H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Senate - Gina Eom said that turnover occurs on April 19th. They are extending Library hours again and I have been able to get funding. Koerners will be open till 1 am and Woodwards till 12pm. There will be increased safewalk services.

Ombudsperson: Hayane Dahmen reported that they had dealt with 90 cases. Had meetings with Students and Professors.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 22, 2006 as amended. [SCD 044-007]
In-camera minutes of Student Council dated March 22, 2006 [SCD 045-007]

. . . . Carried

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Omar Sirri 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.” . . . . Carried

4. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN:

“That Council omnibus motions 1 - 20 on the agenda.” . . . Carried

5. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN:

“That Council appoint Mike Duncan, Chris Little and Lindsay Sedola (Council Members) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Mike Duncan as Chair of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Chris Little, Sean Kearney and Stephanie Ryan (Council members) and Sean Wilson and Jonathan Lam (Members at large) to the Budget Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Mike Duncan, Mike Woodward and Stephanie Ryan (Council members) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor, James Henderson, Chris Little and Feruza Abdjalieva (Council members), Madison Myrfield and Jessica Broderick (Members at large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”
“That Council appoint Chris Little as Chair of the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Darren Peets and Ryan Corbett (Council members) and Tamryn Loo, Joel Koczwarski and Kerry Liu (Members at-large) to the Campus Planning & Development Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint David Yuen, Bowinn Ma, Chris Anderson and Stephanie Yu (Council Members) and Vladimir Choi (Member at-large) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor, Feruza Abdjalieva and James Henderson (Council members) and to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Ryan Clare, Tristan Markle, Brendon Goodmurphy and Alex Lougheed (Council members) and to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

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“That Council appoint Bowinn Ma and Gina Eom (Council Members) to the Campus Safety Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Brendon Goodmurphy, Stephanie Ewen and Tristan Markle (Council members) to the Impacts Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

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“That Council appoint Sarah Naiman, Mike Woodward and Sean Kearney (Council members) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Sarah Naiman and Gina Eom (Council members) to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

6. MOVED FERUZA ABDJALIEVA, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

Be it resolved that Council suspend Section 5, Article 2 (3) of the Code of Procedure to allow two members of Arts to Sit on the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

7. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN:

“That Council appoint Mike Duncan, Chris Little and Lindsay Sedola (Council Members) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March
“That Council appoint Chris Little as Chair of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Chris Little, Sean Kearney and Stephanie Ryan (Council members) and Sean Wilson and Jonathan Lam (Members at large) to the Budget Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Mike Duncan, Mike Woodward and Stephanie Ryan (Council members) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor, James Henderson, Chris Little and Feruza Abdjalieva (Council members), Madison Myrfield and Jessica Broderick (Members at large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Chris Little as Chair of the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Darren Peets and Ryan Corbett (Council members) and Tamryn Loo, Joel Koczwarski and Kerry Liu (Members at-large) to the Campus Planning & Development Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

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“That Council appoint Mike Woodward, Connie Guo and Chris Anderson (Council Members) to the Ad Hoc Auditor Selection Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Feruza Abdjalieva, Chris Anderson, Matthew Naylor and Tristan Markle (Council Members) to the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Stephanie Ewen, Ryan Corbett and Ian Pattillo (Council Members) to the Communications Planning Group for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Ryan Corbett, Sean Kearney and Bowinn Ma (Council Members) to the Renovations Planning Group for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint the VP Finance, the VP Administration and Ryan Clare (Council Member) to the Walter H. Gage Memorial Fund Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending June 1, 2007.”


Note: Except where otherwise stated, all appointments to take effect as of Friday, April 7, 2006.”

. . . . Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

8. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED JAMES HENDERSON:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated March 23, 2006 [SCD 046-007]

9. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council omnibus motions 23, 24 and 25 on the agenda.”

. . . . Carried

10. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group approve an amount not to exceed $1,900.00 from CPAC funds for the purpose of removing the
non functional heater in the AMS Archives.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group approve an amount not to exceed $1,850.00 from CPAC funds for the purpose of completing the recommended flooring, electrical and safety upgrades and improvements to the AMS Promotions Office.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group approve an amount not to exceed $700.00 from CPAC funds for the purpose of completing repairs to damaged sections of floor in the Student Union Building.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 28, 2006 [SCD 047-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 7 2006 [SCD 048-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 21, 2006 [SCD 049-007]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 7, 2006 [SCD 050-007]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

13. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED STEPHANIE EWEN:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend section IXA, Article 9, section 1 (a) of AMS Code only as it applies to the Arts Faculty Student Representatives. The Constituency’s Council shall not have the right to overturn or refuse to accept the results of a constituency election.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

AUS believed this piece of code would need to be suspended in order to enable the AUS to discuss deferring the date for the Arts Senate representative to take office until after the next Senate meeting. There was extensive discussion around the merits of the proposed motion as well as the reasons for the request and what that might mean to the AMS. There was significant discussion as to whether this motion was required.
14. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That the question be called.”

. . . . Defeated

Friendly amendment by Kevin Keystone - additions in bold.

15. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED GINA EOM:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend section IXA, Article 9, section 1 (a) of AMS Code only as it applies to the Arts Faculty Student Representatives until April 30, 2006. The Constituency’s Council shall not have the right to overturn or refuse to accept the results of a constituency election.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

16. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.”

. . . . Carried

17. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“That the question be called.”

. . . . Carried

18. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED STEPHANIE EWEN:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend section IXA, Article 9, section 1 (a) of AMS Code only as it applies to the Arts Faculty Student Representatives until April 30, 2006. The Constituency’s Council shall not have the right to overturn or refuse to accept the results of a constituency election.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

19. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“Be it resolved that any changes to the Arcade cease until after the Council meeting on April 26, 2006

Be it further resolved that the Business Operations Committee accept and consider presentations from concerned students regarding proposed changes too the arcade.

Be it further resolved that the VP Finance, on behalf of the Business Operations Committee, report to Council on concerns presented to the Committee and changes to the Arcade plans, if any.”

Considerable discussion about the effectiveness of consultation at this stage and calling for the suspension of the closure of the Arcade until after some supports have had a change to make proposals of ways to retain some measure of an arcade.

Friendly amendment by Jeff Friedrich.
20. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

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Be it further resolved that the VP Finance, on behalf of the Business Operations Committee, report to Council on concerns presented to the Committee and changes to the Arcade plans, if any.”

21. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

That the question be called.” . . . . Defeated

Friendly amendment by Kevin Keystone - amendments in bold.

22. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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. . . . Carried

Abst: Tristan Markle, Sophie Haque

Sophia Haque invited all interested Council Members to attend the next Business Operations Committee Meeting.

P) Discussion Period:

AMS Elections Follow-up - Jeff Friedrich

Jeff followed up with Ian McKechnie regarding reimbursement for websites and Copy Centre and requirement to use Copy Right.

Ian stated requirements were in the Handbook. Regarding the website, there was flagrant abuse by joke candidates especially, claiming large amounts of money for their website designs.

A claim was made that Ian had made his decision regarding this because he had a limited budget of $4,000 and received $6,000 in claims.

Ian stated he knew he was able to go over budget.

Discussion re Council jurisdiction over this matter.

No appeals were received by Ian. The first time this was mentioned was at Council.
Does Council have a right to suspend code to allow these people to appeal.

Council should regard its ability to suspend code seriously.

Jeff recommended to candidates to follow code practice. Ian says he will reject claims because they are now out of time - 72 hours was the limit.

Separate appeals and let them go to Student Court if not satisfied.

Jeff didn’t think it was appropriate to bring Ian to Council to answer questions.

Jeff recommends all candidates appeal to Ian if they have a case - no time sensitivity to these appeals.

Jeff recommended Ian clarify and prepare a report to Council, or next year’s Election Committee, on this point.

Ryan Clare stated Ian was surprised and felt cornered by candidates. He felt it should go to the Elections Committee, not to Council.

Jeff read out a statement prepared by Ian McKechnie.

Brendon Goodmurphy asked if there were reasons why candidates didn’t appear within the time limit. Were they confused as to who they should go to. There has been reasonable doubt that they weren’t sure.

Jeff stated that the section of code requires some clarity but candidates were told of requirements and had the option to ask questions at the time of being given the Handbook.

Ryan Clare stated that Councillors had every right to bring this matter up, but that it should not have been a witch hunt. There is nothing we can do now.

Chris Little pointed out that a deadline is a deadline. They should take it to a different body, like Student Court.

Matthew Naylor remembers Ian saying that CopyRight was encouraged, but not required.

Ryan Clare stated that the deadline is set for when you get your money back, not when the results are over.

**University Boulevard Pub Consultation - Jeff Friedrich**

Jeff invited people to attend the upcoming meeting.

Wants Council’s opinion on what types of business members would like to have on University Boulevard and wants councillors to attend the event as to the type of businesses to go in.

Bowinn Ma stated that Paul Wong says that the RCMP limit for drinkers on campus is 1,000, so not only would it impact on the Pit and Gallery Lounge, and businesses at the GSS, but also on beer gardens and similar events.
Games Room Presentation: [SCD 051-007]

Omar Sirri requested the VP Finance bring the lower level presentation made at the last council meeting and show it at the next meeting in view of the fact that there had been a significant turnover of Council members and many were not fully aware of all the events that had occurred.

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

23. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs
JF:val
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Dolores Krgovic (International Students Association), Anne De Wolfe (VP Students Office), Katerena MacDonald (Assistant Dean & Director, Undergrad Program, Sauder School of Business), Brian Sullivan, (VP Students), Raj Mathur (Music), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Preliminary Budget - Sophia Haque [SCD 052-007]

Sophia Haque reviewed the preliminary budget, making the following points:
› There is a drop in sponsorship revenue because of the end of the money from Coca-Cola.
› Student government expenses are up because of the U-Pass handling fee.
› Student Services expenditures are up because of the loss of the University’s subsidy for Safewalk.

Questions
- Nick Seddon asked about plans for the External Lobbying Fund.
- Sophia Haque said people were in support of looking at how the funds work.
- Nick Seddon said it would be good to create policy on that.
- Michael Duncan asked how it is that CiTR comes in exactly on budget.
- Sophia Haque said it is because they have their own budget reserve.
- Michael Woodward asked if sponsorship revenue would change if we accepted a new Coke deal.
- Sophia Haque said a deal is not guaranteed, so the budget was prepared on the assumption there will be no money from Coke.
- Dave Tompkins asked about the final budget.
- Sophia Haque said the aim was to bring it to the first Council meeting in June.

Tuition Fee Increase - Brian Sullivan, Anne De Wolfe, Dolores Krgovic, Katerena MacDonald [SCD 053-007]

› Brian Sullivan introduced Anne De Wolfe, who is replacing Michelle Aucoin in the University’s VP Students Office.
› He noted that tonight’s presentation was consultation under UBC’s Policy 71 and covered three separate fee increases, for Pharmacy, Dentistry, and international students in the Commerce undergraduate program.
Pharmacy - Brian Sullivan

- Increase in fees to $257.80 to cover new hardware.
- The Pharmacy Undergraduate Society has endorsed it.
- It will be phased in.

Questions
- Darren Peets asked about the effect of phasing in on students who “take a victory lap,” i.e., take longer to finish.
- Brian Sullivan said most graduate on time. If they take longer, they will only pay once.
- Kevin Keystone asked about the distinction between fees and tuition.
- Brian Sullivan said it depends on whether they are charged per credit or not. Tuition is charged per credit. These fees are not. He also noted the difference between mandatory and non-mandatory fees. Mandatory fees are those that must be paid to complete a program. Non-mandatory fees are those like the fee for transcripts.

Dentistry – Brian Sullivan

- This is a new clinic fee for the dental hygiene program.
- It is opening up a new option for students.
- Working with partner colleges: Camosun, New Caledonia, VCC.
- Students would take first year at UBC, go to a partner college for the next two years, then return to UBC.
- Senate has approved clinical competency at UBC.
- The fee would be a clinic fee of $8,000 a year for four years, paid to UBC.
- This is more than would be paid to the colleges for a college program; they charge about $3,000.
- The new option will begin in September 2007.
- Current dental hygiene students have no objections.

Anne De Wolfe:
- There is interest in the new option. Students are asking to transfer to this.

Questions
- Nick Seddon asked about access to bursaries by the hygiene students, saying that dentistry students don’t have such access.
- Brian Sullivan said there are bursaries, but not enough to meet all unmet need, and there is a high deductible ($5300). It’s not clear whether students would have access to bursaries during their two years away.
- Nick Seddon asked about the breakdown of the $8000.
- Brian Sullivan said he was not sure whether it is full cost recovery or 50%.
- Nick Seddon said if a chunk of this fee is going to paying for the clinic, that was not right.
- Brian Sullivan said it was no secret that financing charges for the clinic are being paid from the clinic fee. There is also a donation, but he did not want to give the impression that none of the $8000 is going to that.
- Matthew Naylor: When the students are away, are they still UBC students?
- Brian Sullivan: Those remaining at UBC would be UBC students; he would assume that those who go would be college students.
- Matthew asked about those who stop after three years.
- Brian Sullivan said students would probably stay for the fourth year to get the baccalaureate. He would have to check on what they would get if they stopped after three. UBC doesn’t grant a diploma.
- Gina Eom asked if there had been an improvement in marketing the program so that
students do not think this is a pre-Dentistry program.
- Brian Sullivan promised to report back on that.
- Lauren Hunter: Those who can afford to pay the $8000 will get a UBC credential, which will be better in the job market than a Camosun credential. Will UBC do something to prevent class divisions in a program like this? Can it track lower-income families?
- Brian Sullivan said he would look into streaming based on socio-economic status.
- Anita Parkinson asked what would happen if all the students chose to go to the college.
- Brian Sullivan: There would potentially be an allocation problem.
- Anita Parkinson said some students might not get their preferred choice.
- Brian Sullivan: Everyone comes to UBC in Year One. People can go to the colleges; they can still do that. If the 24 in the program all change their minds and go to the colleges, there would need to be a rationalization.
- He added that the colleges support the new program, and the college certificate after three years would be the same; dentists just want someone qualified.
- Nick Seddon said the program was a great addition, but given the tuition of $50,000 over four years, was there any consideration of financial assistance for the hygienists?
- Brian Sullivan: Yes. Dentists believe this program will be attractive. At private institutions the cost is $30,000 to $40,000.

B.Com International Students – Anne De Wolfe
- In 2003, differential tuition was introduced for domestic students in Commerce.
- Now a proposal to increase tuition for B.Com international students by $75 per credit, raising their tuition fee to $660.91 per credit.
- Current students will not be subject to this.
- Students entering in September 2006 will be exempted for one year.
- All future B.Com students will be subject to it.
- This leaves UBC in the middle of the pack for tuition compared to other universities.
- The new money will be divided as follows:
  68% to Sauder
  32% to international student scholarships and to other faculties teaching B.Com students
- There had been consultation with the International Students Association and the Sauder International Students Club, resulting in modifications of the original proposal.
- International B.Com students want services to better meet their needs; they want the fee increase to target their needs.

Katerena MacDonald:
- The modifications after consultations included extending the grandfathering, which originally had only been for one year.
- Students already here will not pay, but will benefit from the new services.

Questions
- Dolores Krgovic said she was pleased with the progress on grandparenting, but still had some concerns, including the following:
  - the appreciation of the Canadian dollar versus the American affects the economic burden on international students
  - although UBC’s costs may seem to put it in the middle of the pack for universities, since the job market is better in Quebec and Ontario, students are more willing to pay there
  - international students in Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick can work off campus, and she hopes something like that can happen in British Columbia
  - employers should be made more aware of what UBC has to offer; employers are not
well introduced to UBC’s options

- Katerena MacDonald: That message came through loud and clear, that there is difficulty in the post-B.Com. career for international students. UBC is hiring career counselors specifically for international students to explore opportunities locally, internationally, and elsewhere in Canada.
- Dolores Krgovic: Of the 32%, how much goes to scholarships?
- Brian Sullivan: Probably 6.9% for ISI scholarships.
- Michael Woodward: Why is 32% going to other faculties if it’s beyond the base? What are we [in the Sauder School] getting out of it? What are students getting out of it?
- Brian Sullivan: Money follows where students take the courses. Also, first year for Commerce students is mostly the Arts program. That’s the argument for Arts receiving part of the beyond the base. The differential for international students starts right in Year One, unlike domestic students.
- Michael Woodward said he’d like to see some measurable changes, some specific services for international students. The focus should be on students, making Arts classes better for Sauder students. He wanted to make sure Sauder students benefit.
- Brian Sullivan said the University didn’t want to ghettoize by creating special sections of Arts courses for Sauder students only. The idea was that the money would raise all boats.
- Michael Woodward: Why not raise international students’ fees across the board instead of just Sauder?
- Brian Sullivan said that was not how he saw it.
- Michael Woodward: This arrangement means Sauder students are helping improve courses in Arts.
- Brian Sullivan: Any Arts student is a potential Sauder student.

**Business Operations Committee Arcade Presentation - Sophia Haque**

Sophia Haque summarized the presentation she made in camera to Council in March:

- There has been a significant drop in Arcade revenue over the years.
- Used to be the Number 1 contributor to AMS revenue, but has dropped dramatically from $285,000 to $12,000 last year and $1,400 this year.
- Various options had been considered:
  - increasing advertising
  - decreasing the Arcade space
  - leasing to a third party
  - closing it and changing it into meeting rooms
- Decreasing the size won’t work because of fixed costs.
- The proposal two meetings ago was to convert the area into club meeting rooms for the school year and bookable conference space for the summer.
- Cost of the renovations would be approximately $75,000.
- Revenue from conference bookings in the area will increase the net revenue derived from it.
- Making the area into club meeting rooms will meet the need for social space (the Number 1 priority in student surveys).
- Putting in a new commercial operation there would be a dubious idea because of University Boulevard plans.
- Cons: Arcade still popular with some people, and removing it could mean some people who might otherwise come to the SUB won’t.

The last Council meeting told her to consult through the Business Operations Committee
(BOC) with those opposed to the closing.

- Three students came to BOC. They made the following suggestions:
  - create a games café (but there are already lots of food outlets in SUB)
  - change to a cheaper supplier (but we already get a good deal)
  - decrease size (but fixed costs remain)
  - employ volunteers (but there would be HR and time commitment issues; BOC did say it would be interested in receiving a business proposal to run the Arcade from the presenters, but they were not interested)
  - make it a Service (but the low number of users make it unclear how many would benefit)
  - increase promotions (but this has not been successful in the past; free play coupons had been tried)

- The presenters also expressed concern about secrecy, asking why the first discussion had been in camera. They were told that this was for HR reasons, so that employees affected could be informed. The plans were made public later.

- The presenters said they were concerned over the lack of student consultation. They were told that Council did make the decision, and it contains representatives of the students.

- The presenters said there was a lack of information. They were told that AMS staff were available to provide further information.

- Another suggestion that came up was keeping five-odd popular Arcade games somewhere on the Lower Level, near the Honour Roll.

Questions

- Robin Anderson: What was meant was an Internet café, not a food outlet. Just stalls with computers so people could play on-line.
- Sophia Haque: Currently there are student-use terminals available. There was talk of a computer lab.
- Bernie Peets: We used to have a computer lab, but it was phased out because of a lack of demand. Something similar was tried in the Village and lasted only six months.
- Ryan Corbett: Those who objected seem like a small group, similar to a club. They should perhaps pursue club status.
- Sophia Haque: They want an arcade space.
- Connie Guo: We should stick to using the area as an entertainment area, not just a meeting space. Not necessarily an arcade, but something else for entertainment.
- Matthew Naylor asked about the fixed costs.
- Sophia Haque said they were for staffing.
- Andre Gagne said moving five games near the food outlets would cause a noise problem.
- Ryan Clare: Keeping five or six arcade games is pointless. They would not provide much revenue and would create congestion. The best thing would be to get a company to rent the space, but if not that, make it club space. Let’s not waste time with an Arcade. And closing it down may benefit students; they won’t be wasting academic time on arcade games.
- Robin Anderson asked if the area could be used as study space.
- Sophia Haque said if bookable rooms are put in, that would make the area flexible. It could be used for studying.
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

2. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

   “Be it resolved that AMS Council approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $2850.00 from the CPAC fund to complete the renovations recommended by the Renovations Planning Group to the compost room space and to help with the installation of the new AquaSoc compressor.

   Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

   - David Yuen: This renovation involves moving the Aquasoc air compressor out of Food and Beverage space to the compost room, benefitting Food and Beverage.
   - Patricia Lau said Aquasoc was putting in money too.
   - Darren Peets: How much money is left in CPAC?
   - Bernie Peets: Still $300,000.
   - David Yuen: This renovation is only $3,000.

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   Mike Duncan abstained . . . . Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

CASA Transition Weekend
Ian and I attended a retreat at the AMS Whistler Lodge for the CASA West region. There are five schools in CASA West: UBC, University of Calgary, SAIT, Mount Royal College, Red River College. It was a great opportunity to learn about CASA, what it does for us, and connect with executives from other member schools in the West region.

Passover
I went home for four days for Passover – it was great to be home.

Just Desserts
Just Desserts, our annual award ceremony to recognize students, faculty or staff that have made an outstanding contribution to a Constituency or the AMS, took place on April 10. Huge congratulations and thanks to Jeff and Paramjit for putting the event together – this was the first time it had been done in a couple of years, and the response was overwhelmingly positive from the recipients and those in attendance.

Breakfast for Dr. Piper
Next Tuesday is a Thank You Breakfast for Dr. Piper, and I will be preparing a short speech to pay tribute to her contribution to students and student life at UBC. We will also be presenting her with a gift on behalf of students – the exec were thinking a commemorative
seat at the Norm Theatre.

Innovative Projects Fund Committee
The IPF Committee has finished deliberating, and has selected its awards recipients for this year. The letters should be released this week, which was a month behind schedule largely due to executive turnover and turnover of a UBC committee member. Thanks to Kate, Gary and Reka for your input on the committee, and we’re very excited about the applications selected. They will be posted online in the coming weeks.

WOW
At the request of some Councillors, the Executives will be meeting next week to develop a presentation on our goals and priorities for the year, and will be presenting at the retreat at Whistler. We will also have presentations on the Strategic Plan, and I’m hoping to present a mini-workshop on the role and functioning of Council.

E) Executive Remarks:

Sophia Haque - VP Finance:

Fincom:
Nearly all hiring is done. thanks to all the councilors who came out during exams to help out.

Athletics Fee Update:
I’ve received the report from Alnoor from Athletics as promised. I have a meeting with some members of UBC REC tomorrow to review it.

Budget:
The preliminary budget is complete….you saw it earlier. The budget deadline for all the internal departments has been set for May 5th, and BC will be reviewing them all shortly after

BOC:
Again, saw the presentation earlier.

WOW:
I have a list of people that have RSVP’d…if you haven’t responded yet and want to come, please come see me before you leave tonight. Also, if you have any special dietary requirements, let me know as well.

David Yuen - VP Administration:

SAC:
› SAC orientation was held today for the new commissioners
› Those who were able to make today’s session (some had exams or other commitments) got to meet some of the staff and got to know their office a little bit
› Several enthusiastic new SACees are eager to get started – providing Council approves their appointments tonight
› The next SAC meeting will be held next week and I am very much looking forward to my next year with the new folks
› The outgoing SACees will be having an appreciative dinner with FinCom on Friday as the new SAC will be official on May 1st.
› In other SAC news Office and Locker Allocations have been completed and posted for the
most part, some tweaking aside

Renovations Planning Group:
- It’s been a challenge getting all the group members together, so I did the best I can and the next Renos meeting will be this Friday
- We have quite the agenda but I have great faith in how quickly the new members will get used to the pace of Renos meetings
- By the way, thank you for passing the renovations AquaSoc motion; it’s been a while coming.

Impacts Committee:
- I plan to be calling my first Impacts Committee meeting in the next two weeks so I will be scrounging availabilities from those who got themselves onto that committee

WOW:
- WOW is coming up soon – the menu is almost finalized and I’m looking forward to the food… and of course, the rest of it, too.

And I’m delighted that we’re back to t-shirt and shorts weather… I’ve been wearing my sun screen and am hoping that the weather will remain closer to what it was like yesterday instead of today’s cloudiness

Jeff Friedrich - VP Academic & University Affairs

Pub Consultation:
- Pub consultation- Thanks to Ryan Clare, Matt Naylor, Bowinn, and other Science and Engineering students in attendance. There were a number of concerns brought forward regarding safety, security, liquor licenses for events, and the need for a private pub on campus. Also concerns about process. Letter circulated that was sent to Al Poettcker, UBCPT.
- Email pubfeedback@ams.ubc.ca with feedback, comments will be forwarded to GVRD. Will be presenting to committee on May 5th.

Interdisciplinary Report:
- Attended Senate, have spoken with GSS and Lorne Whitehead a number of times. Finding ways to involve AMS in creation of new office.

Ian Pattillo - VP External Affairs

- I have just two items to update Council on that are occurring in Victoria with the provincial government. The first is a private members bill that may be created which would bar us from allocating financial resources of the society towards third party lobby groups such as CASA or CFS. This is coming from a particularly bitter MLA who thinks students should be given the choice in directing their money towards these groups on a annual basis. We have quite a strong defense because of the make up of CASA membership and our need to outsource certain tasks for lack of internal resources. This may cause problems for the CFS, though we doubt it.
- The second is that the advanced education critic has raised in the legislature, the matter of increasing student representation on boards of governors of universities. When he did so the Advanced Education Minister seemed receptive to looking into this matter, which is really prefect timing for conversations that we have been having with GSS about getting an
extra seat on the board that we could allocate to a grad student. I will be working to make sure the government is aware of the student interest on this, and expect a motion to come next Council.

**Mariana Payet - Executive Coordinator of Student Services**

- I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are currently on stolen Musqueam territory.

- We have just finished hiring the Service Coordinators for the year 2006/2007 and they are:
  - Minischool: Alan Wiebe
  - Joblink: Claudia Li
  - Volunteer Connections: Ruth Situma
  - Speakeasy: Grace Gulati
  - Safewalk: Ria Nishikawara
  - Advocacy Office: Ryan Lee
  - Tutoring: Vivian Cheung
  - Firstweek: Sarah Costa

  I’d like to thank all the councilors who came out and helped with the hiring process.

- I’m currently working on training for the services which will happen on May 1st and 2nd.
- Next week I will be helping hire the SASC’s Volunteer Coordinator.
- This week is clear the shelves. the AMS Foodbank is looking for donations of unopened non-perishable food items from students living in Gage, Thunderbird, Fairview and Marine Drive.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**Appointments Committee - Jeff Friedrich (Chair)**

- Appointments made:
  - Firstweek - Sara Costa
  - Mini School - Alan Wiebe
  - Advocacy - Ryan Lee
  - Joblink - Claudia Li
  - Volunteer Connections - Ruth Situma
  - Ombudsperson - Hayane Dahmen

**G) Constituency Reports:**

- EUS - Ryan Clare advised retreat this weekend. Exams now.

- CUS - Mike Woodward stated that they have been having tuition consultation meetings.

- SUS - Mike Duncan advised they had had turnover since first meeting.

- VST - Tim Cairns advised Regent Library closed for a week. Coffee shop also closed - due to reopen May 8, 2006.

- GSS - Laurent Hunter advised they are fighting University on events that affect grad students.
H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

BoG - Lauren Hunter advised there are lots of meetings - events nearly every second day and they eat a lot at them.

Senate - Gina Eom stated that the new caucus seems eager. 25% staying. Betsy Segal new caucus Chair. Unprecedented move to revoke emeritus status of one professor - it is now based on honour and merit rather than years of service. Now it is more prestigious and earned. The one revoked was Psychiatry and Medicine Prof - criminal charges.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

4. MOVED JAMES HENDERSON, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

“The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated April 5, 2006 as amended. [SCD 055-007]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 9, 2006 [SCD 056-007]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 17, 2006 [SCD 057-007]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 30, 2006 [SCD 058-007]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated April 4, 2006 [SCD 059-007]

. . . . Carried

L) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED JAMES HENDERSON:

“Whereas at its meeting of October 12, 2005, Council appointed the members of the Elections Committee for 2005-06; and

Whereas the motion appointing those members was inadvertently omitted from the minutes of the October 12 meeting,

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting of October 12, 2005 be amended to add the following motion

‘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; Matthew Hayles.’ ”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” . . . . Carried
Executive Committee Motions:

6. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED ANDRE GAGNÉ:

"Be it resolved that Council approve CASA’s 8% membership fee increase, as adopted at the CASA meeting held March 21-25, 2006, as presented."

- Ian Pattillo: We pay the maximum. The cap used to be $41,000. Now we will pay the new cap of $44,000. There hasn’t been a cost of living increase for two or three years. Also, they lost some schools, costing them $60,000. They’re making up half of that through cost-cutting, the rest through this fee increase. The cost to us will be $3,000.
- Gina Eom asked what schools had been lost.
- Ian Pattillo: McGill and the University of Saskatchewan moved to the CFS.
- Ryan Clare said that because of exams he had not had time to examine all the documents. He was concerned about the 8% increase and wondered if it was time-sensitive.
- Ian Pattillo said a decision was needed by Friday. E-mails with the documents attached went out last week and this week again. The increase had been unanimously approved at the CASA meeting, and most schools have already ratified it.
- Alex Lougheed asked if we get only one vote at CASA even though the fees are in proportion to student numbers.
- Ian Pattillo: Yes.
- Avneet Johal asked how many capped schools there are.
- Ian Pattillo: Five of the 18.
- Lauren Hunter: A high number of those with expertise have expressed support for this, and so has the VP External. This is a vote expressing confidence in them.
- Sean Huff: Schools are defecting to the CFS. What are we paying for? What are we getting for our investment?
- Jeff Friedrich: A separate committee could discuss the benefits of our membership in CASA. Right now we are members and should focus on this proposal. This is not a huge expenditure: $40,000 sounds like a lot, but we spent $20,000 on the provincial election.
- Ryan Corbett: We’re not even talking about $40,000. It’s just a $3,000 increase.
- Ian Pattillo: We can vote this down and still be members of CASA, but a majority have voted Yes.
- Michael Woodward: It would just be a statement of defiance if we vote No. We would have to pay anyway, wouldn’t we?
- Ian Pattillo: Yes.

7. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED ANDRE GAGNÉ:

"Be it resolved that Council approve CASA’s 8% membership fee increase, as adopted at the CASA meeting held March 21-25, 2006, as presented."

... Carried

8. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted at the CASA meeting held March 21-25, 2006, as presented.

- Ian Pattillo: The only contentious change is to the Easy-In, Easy-Out procedure. Those wishing to leave CASA will have to go through 12 months as an associate member and still pay fees for that period (half the full amount). CASA was founded to allow easy-in and
easy-out, not locking in its members, but what's happened is that at two schools new executives came in with an agenda to withdraw. Requiring the 12-month waiting period will allow some stability for the organization. The decision to leave, under the new proposal, could not be made by just one year's executive. Two executives would have to agree.

- Gina Eom: The way the amendments are worded, withdrawals could actually be prevented altogether, because to become an associate member requires the approval of the other members. If they withhold their approval, the process to withdraw could not even begin.
- Kevin Keystone: That was not the intention. The intention was to have full members become associate members if they like.
- Ryan Clare: Paying half fees for a year if you want to withdraw is garbage. And if other members have to approve even for you to do that, that’s not right.
- Avneet Johal: It's still not that difficult to leave CASA. There’s a need to stabilize CASA. But there’s a contradiction in the articles.
- Ryan Corbett: CASA needs stabilization, but the people who wrote this messed up.
- Jeff Friedrich: CFS has tyrannical rules. They don’t let you out very easily; you’re trapped. This change is for stabilization, preventing one wild and crazy executive from coming in and pulling out.
- Lauren Hunter: The GSS is a member of GSAC, which has been crippled by losing two schools through poaching by the CFS, which actively supported pro-CFS candidates. The spirit of this change is good, but the wording is wrong.
- Stephanie Ryan said she was against the spirit because it was changing the easy-in, easy-out procedure. We shouldn’t vote for this just because CFS has bad rules.
- James Henderson said he didn’t like the 50% fee requirement for the year a school has to spend as an associate member. It would leave a sour taste for the future; the school wouldn’t want to come back. But there could be a requirement that schools put withdrawal procedures in place, e.g., two years of Council must agree, or a referendum. That would increase everyone’s voice without attacking pocketbooks.
- Darren Peets asked about getting out of the CFS.
- Lauren Hunter said it can be done through a referendum, but the CFS sends campaigners. One school has been in litigation for twelve years in an attempt to get out.
- Gina Eom suggested having a motion to send the VP External to CASA to tell them to amend this.

9. MOVED IAN PATTILLO (friendly)

Motion to divide:

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted at the CASA meeting held March 21-25, 2006, as presented with respect to the easy-in/easy-out bylaw."

10. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted at the CASA meeting held March 21-25, 2006, as presented with respect to the easy-in/easy-out bylaw."

. . . . Defeated

11. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the
Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted at the CASA meeting held March 21-25, 2006, as presented with respect to the remaining amendments.”

- Ian Pattillo: The rest of the amendments include the introduction of a grievance process, which was thought necessary. Also, regional distribution was changed because of the loss of members. This altered the board structure. And committees are changed.
- Darren Peets: Now there’s only one western region with one seat. There used to be two seats for the West.

12. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE

“Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted at the CASA meeting held March 21-25, 2006, as presented with respect to the remaining amendments.”

... Carried

13. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE

“Be it resolved that Council approve the CASA policy changes on partnership, friend finding, and sustainable growth, as adopted at the CASA meeting held March 21-25, 2006, as presented.”

- Ian Pattillo: CASA has been losing “friends” (i.e., member schools). The idea behind the new policy is that CASA should be more active in recruiting; also in building partnerships with other organizations.
- Ryan Clare: Friend finding?
- Ian Pattillo: It’s a CASA euphemism for recruitment.
- Sean Huff: Why do we have to vote again if the CASA AGM has approved these?
- Kevin Keystone: Our Board of Directors has to approve.
- Dave Tompkins: If enough Councils didn’t approve, it wouldn’t happen.
- Sean Huff: It’s not clear.
- Dave Tompkins: Maybe next time a power-point presentation would help.

14. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE

“Be it resolved that Council approve the CASA policy changes on partnership, friend finding, and sustainable growth, as adopted at the CASA meeting held March 21-25, 2006, as presented.”

... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

15. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

“That Council omnibus motions 5 - 15 on the agenda.”

... Carried

16. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That Motions 5 - 15 on the agenda be tabled.”

... Carried
17. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED MATTHEW DUNCAN:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend the relevant section of code to permit two engineering
council members to sit on the Primary Appointments Committee until March 31, 2007.”

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

Abstentions: James Henderson, Ryan Clare, Andre Gagné.

18. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“‘That Council appoint Craig Powell (Member at large) to the Compensation Review
Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint James Henderson (Council members) and Avneet Johal (Member at
large) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and
ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Mahtab Nazemi, Anita Parkinson (Council members) to the
Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March
31, 2007 and Lauren Hunter for a term commencing when she becomes a BoG rep and
ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Tim Cairns, David Yuen and Stephanie Yu (Council members) to the
AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing immediately and
ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Hall (Council Member) to the Ad Hoc Auditor Selection
Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Hall, Flavio Wasniewski, and Mahtab Nazemi (Council
Members) and Aaron Shiot (Student at-Large) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee
for a term commencing May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007.”

“That Council appoint the following members to the Student Administrative Commission on
the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term
commencing May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007:

Sam Wong SAC Member
Suvina To Internal Clubs
Dierdre Lapper Bookings
Stephen Tan Building and Facilities
Aliyah Shamsher Art Gallery
Lisa Chung External Clubs
Alison Leong Administrative.” . . . . Carried

19. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“That Council approve the 2006/07 AMS Preliminary Budget as presented.”

Sophia Haque: This has to be approved now to comply with the bylaws.
Avneet Johal: It should not be brought at the last moment so that we have to approve it or violate the bylaws.
Sophia Haque: We had to wait for the actuals.
Bernie Peets: There’s a lot to be said for waiting and getting more accurate numbers.

20. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“That Council approve the 2006/07 AMS Preliminary Budget as presented.”

. . . . Carried

O) Other Business:

Conflict of interest with Sophia chair of ad hoc auditor selection committee

21. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Be it resolved that the composition of the ad-hoc auditor’s review committee be changed so that the VP Finance is a non-voting member and a voting member shall be chair.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Sophia Haque questioned whether she as the VP Finance should chair the committee deciding on who the auditors should be.
Michael Woodward said that since the committee was performing oversight functions over the VP Finance, she should not be.
James Henderson said perhaps she should not be on the committee at all to avoid any conflict of interest.
Sophia Haque said her presence there would be useful in providing information.
Ryan Corbett: Conflict of interest refers only to potential personal gain, but perhaps in the interests of good governance someone else should be chair.

22. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Be it resolved that the composition of the ad-hoc auditor’s review committee be changed so that the VP Finance is a non-voting member and a voting member shall be chair.

Be it further resolved that Mike Woodward be appointed as chair.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Michael Woodward declared his own conflict of interest: he will be working this summer for an auditing firm.
It was decided that he could still be chair of the committee.

23. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Be it resolved that the composition of the ad-hoc auditor’s review committee be changed so that the VP Finance is a non-voting member and a voting member shall be chair.

Be it further resolved that Mike Woodward be appointed as chair.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Abstentions: Matthew Naylor, Avneet Johal . . . . Carried

P) Discussion Period

Sub Boulevard North Entrance - Jeff Friedrich

Jeff Friedrich: Ike Barber wants some trees removed to create sightlines for the new Barber centre he’s paid for. We were asked to go into consultations, but we want meaningful consultations, not ones in which the outcome (chopping down trees) is pre-determined. The University seems to want to use us to say No to Ike Barber, because they don’t want to have to say No to him themselves, for fear of jeopardizing future donations. We’re going to participate in the consultations on May 2. We can make a strong showing opposing the cutting down of trees. There is talk of improvements for the area, the north plaza of SUB. What does Council think?

James Henderson: Are any of the trees donations from the grad class?

Jeff Friedrich didn’t think so.

James Henderson said he was not opposed to removing trees if in return our space would be upgraded.

Robin Anderson: We could name it the Irving K. Barber Grove. Perhaps we could do something about those weird, hideous flagpoles. There was a British project in which wood from chopped down trees was given to artists.

David Yuen: It feels like a sellout. How much improvement of the SUB will it take for us to accept the cutting down of trees?

Avneet Johal said he didn’t have a problem with the removal of trees if it meant getting to improve space.

Michael Woodward asked why there was interest in improving the North Plaza. Did it belong to the AMS?

Bernie Peets: Around the building some space is reserved for future expansion of the SUB. What they’re doing does affect our area. They want the area to look nice, as part of University Town.

Matthew Naylor said he’d like to see the north side made more friendly and less strange. The flagpoles. He wouldn’t mind trees going if we got something substantial.

Ryan Corbett spoke of the student need for green space in an era of development. We’re a green campus, but there’s a danger here of setting a precedent. If we forgo the green space, if we okay chopping, we’re going down the road. We should be wary of trading off green space and trees for something else.

Anita Parkinson said the Grad Class Council voted for a gift to fix up the flagpoles a few years back.

Bernie Peets: No action was ever taken on that. The money stayed in the GCC account, and the new GCC used it up for something else.

Anita Parkinson asked about the architectural competition.

Bernie Peets: It did include expansion of the SUB on the north side, but that was just the competition, not the final design.

Sophia Haque asked about the number of trees involved. Was it three or 30?

Jeff Friedrich: Not 30. It was in single digits. UBC wouldn’t approve cutting down the whole bosque.

Darren Peets: That’s what Ike wants: 30 or 40 trees cut down.

Jeff Friedrich: That’s not what he’s getting.
David Yuen proposed a straw poll asking if Council members were willing to accept the loss of a couple of trees if green space was created elsewhere.

Avneet Johal: We should be stronger. If trees have to go, then we demand equivalent green space.

Michael Duncan: Science students don’t want trees cut down. We take pride in having a green campus. This is not a good precedent.

A straw poll then showed Council members against removing any trees at all.

Campus Events Committee – Mariana Payet

Mariana Payet said she had discovered that she was chair of the Campus Events Committee, which is supposed to be made up of social coordinators from the Constituencies, and which is supposed to coordinate events across campus. She thought the committee was a good idea, but didn’t think she should be the chair.

Sheldon Goldfarb explained that the ECSS had been made chair of this committee back in the time when they also had more general responsibilities for events. In any case, the committee had been dormant almost from birth. It was a good idea in theory, but had not functioned in practice.

Ryan Clare said he was the one who had brought up the issue of this committee, but he thought its functions could be carried out through other means, such as meetings of Constituency presidents.

Q) Submissions:

- Resignation from AMS Council - Edward Cheung (Senate - 2005/2006) [SCD 060-007]
- Optimizing Interdisciplinarity at UBC [SCD 061-007]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

24. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . .Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:val
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Colleen Tang (The Ubyssey), Steven Klein (Arts), Claudia Li (Joblink), Aidha Shaikh, Lisa Lafreniere (SASC), Alan Wiebe (Minischool), Raj Mathur (Music), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee approve the appointment of Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for a term commencing May 1, 2006 and ending May 1, 2007.”

3. MOVED DAVID YUEN:

“That motion #2 be amended by striking ‘May 1, 2007’ and replacing it with ‘April 30, 2007’.”

4. MOVED GARY ANDRAZA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds...Carried

5. MOVED DAVID YUEN:

“That motion #2 be amended by striking ‘May 1, 2007’ and replacing it with ‘April 30, 2007’.”

... Carried

6. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee approve the appointment of Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for a term commencing May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007.”

7. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds...Carried
8. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee approve the appointment of Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for a term commencing May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007.”

... Carried

9. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That Council omnibus motion 8 on the agenda and motion 1 on the addendum.”

... Carried

10. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“Be it resolved that Council amend Section V, Article 18(1) of the Code of Procedure as follows (adding a clause indicated by bold italics):

Article 18. Business Operations Committee

1. The Business Operations Committee shall be composed of:

   (a) the Vice-President Finance, who shall be Chair;
   (b) the Vice-President Administration;
   (c) four (4) members of Council;
   (d) one (1) member from the Finance Commission, appointed by the Finance Commission;
   (e) one (1) Student At Large; and
   (f) the General Manager, who shall be non-voting.

The Food and Beverage Manager, the Treasurer-Controller, and the Facilities Development Manager shall attend meetings of the Committee unless directed otherwise by the Chair.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

11. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That Council appoint Aidha Shaikh (member at large) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Student Services - Mariana Payet (ECSS) [SCD 062-007]

Mariana Payet presented an overview of AMS Services and also talked about the Safety Coordinator’s position.

Questions:
- Michael Woodward asked if the Safety Coordinator handles security for such things as events.
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- Mariana Payet said the Safety Coordinator’s mandate is very broad, and they can also refer people to appropriate bodies.

The Pub and Us - Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)

- Jeff Friedrich reported on the University’s proposal to put a pub in the new Strangway building next to the Shopper’s Drug Mart.
- He went to a GVRD committee meeting to present concerns about the pub and the process. There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UBC and the GVRD requiring meaningful consultation on development.
- The GVRD committee was student-friendly and only narrowly approved the pub (in a 6-5 vote). They also passed a motion to review the development approval process at UBC.
- Fallout from his attendance included making various administrators unhappy, notably Al Poettcker of UBC Properties Trust, who has been telling people that the AMS is only concerned about competition.
- The University is upset at the possibility that Jeff may attend the full GVRD board meeting on May 26. He has written UBC administrators offering to discuss the issues.
- The issues in this case include:
  - the lack of consultation on both Shopper’s and the pub
  - safety, security, and parking related to introducing a new pub on campus
  - the effect the new pub will have on the allocation of liquor licenses
  - the stretching of RCMP resources
  - competition with AMS businesses
- The larger issue is that there is no elected official for students to hold accountable on development.
- Feedback he’s received indicates that students are not necessarily against the pub itself; it’s the procedure. There should have been studies of concerns before seeking liquor licenses.
- Students should be involved not only in consultation, but in decision-making.

Questions
- Gary Andraza wondered whether UBC is a city government or a university.
- Chris Little: What has UBC offered in return for us not going the GVRD board?
- Jeff Friedrich said his short-term asking items include a seat on the Development Permits Board and the Properties Trust Board. For the long term, he would like a governance review.
- Chris Little: But none of that will address the issue of this pub.
- Jeff Friedrich: There’s a licensed restaurant going in regardless; the only question is whether there will be a liquor primary license. There will not be a big effect on this pub; it’s more an investment for the future.
- Lauren Hunter said the next Board of Governors meeting would be an opportune time to raise these issues.
- Anita Parkinson asked if the situation was similar at SFU.
- Jeff Friedrich: No. SFU also has a University Town, called UniverCity. But SFU is in a municipality (Burnaby). They have to apply for planning permits, etc.
- Darren Peets: Governance reviews have been done and ignored.
- Jeff Friedrich: They were never done at the provincial level. One was promised, but it never happened.
- Gina Eom asked about the MoU.
- Jeff Friedrich said the MoU is being reviewed, so it is timely to act now.
D) President’s Remarks:

Martha Piper Breakfast:
- I made brief remarks at President Piper’s Thank-You Breakfast on behalf of the AMS, and they were very well received. She thoroughly appreciated her commemorative seat at the Norm Theatre, and all-in-all the event was a success. Thanks to all who attended.

Communications Planning Group:
- We had further discussions at CPG about creating a new image for the AMS, the process that would be required and had some terrific brainstorming with the Insider editors.
- At SUBmersion, Sophia led a session on word association and the AMS as part of the process of shaping the identity of the AMS. The data is currently being compiled for further discussion at CPG. Also, several years ago the AMS contracted a communications and visual identity audit that produced the Praxis Report. It was recently uncovered, and has information that will be useful for CPG’s work.

Whistler Orientation Weekend:
- Huge shout-outs to Sophia for her amazing organization of the weekend, Sarah (Arts) for her skills in the kitchen, and Gary (VST) for the dishes.
- I was asked to compile the discussion that was held about representation and governance – the document will be emailed out shortly and if there is still interest from Councillors, I’m willing to present on the responsibilities and role of Council members. Feedback from Council as a whole would be appreciated. I’ve also asked Sheldon to bring copies of the Student Council Handbook that some of you haven’t yet received – they’re available tonight. Also requested at WOW, Paramjit has made available copies of the Conflict of Interest section of the Code.

Corporate Partnerships Policy:
- The Executive Committee received a presentation from Lenny Freilich, Director of Business Development at UBC, on what the university looks for when they engage in relationships with corporations. We have been given an opportunity to provide feedback and will be working with the university this summer on what we hope to be a policy, akin to what was discussed at Council in February.

Coca-Cola Contract:
- We were informed by the university that they may have negotiated an exclusivity contract with Coca-Cola that was to go before the Board in May. We were given an opportunity to provide feedback and expressed grave concerns that students had not been adequately consulted, and furthermore that the Ubyssey was not publishing during the summer so the opportunity for student input was limited. Hearing our concerns, the contract was postponed until the September board meeting, and we are developing plans with the university to consult with students. I’d love to hear ideas on how to do so.

Alumni Business Re-engineering Process:
- I sent out an e-mail to Councillors asking for volunteers to sit on the Executive Steering Committee for the Alumni Association Business Re-engineering process,
and the spot is still available. Approach me afterwards if you’re interested.

**Next Council Meeting:**
- Council meeting changed to June 21.

**E) Executive Remarks:**

**Mariana Payet - Executive Coordinator of Student Services**

- Community: I organized a 2 day training/orientation for all the new Service Coordinators on May 1st and 2nd. During this training we went over general information about the AMS, the AMS hiring process, the AMS Staff, Positive Space training, conflict resolution workshops, a medicine wheel self-care workshop as well as many other fun things. This was a great opportunity for all the services staff to get to know the AMS a little bit better and to get to know each other a lot more. We will be continuing with team building activities throughout the year so that we keep up the momentum.

- Outreach: as part of the training Paul Dayson and Aaron Kimberly from AMS Promotions came to talk to all the new staff about promoting their services. This workshop was really useful and several of the services have already started planning their promotions for the rest of the year. I have also had some discussions with Paul about creating a centralized AMS Services logo as well as some promotional materials to better brand our services as AMS services. I have also arranged with the AMS Insider to have more advertising space for the AMS Services in this year’s agenda. All the Services are working hard to get their write-ups ready for the AMS Insider. Volunteer Connections just hired their Shinerama Coordinator who will focus on planning an amazing Shinerama this year. They are looking to get more involvement from different constituencies; therefore, they will be contacting all the presidents in the next little while.

- Sustainability: all the services have already submitted or will be submitting shortly their budgets to the VP Finance. I have also (with the help of the fabulous Sophia) drafted a budget for the AMS Foodbank which includes the salary for a Foodbank Coordinator. Hiring a student to run and promote the service will help increase use of the service, and will help the service become more established. I was also approached this week by Staples at the village. They will be organizing “jeans days” every Friday, where staff members will pay $1 to wear jeans on Friday. They have decided to give all the proceeds from “jeans days” to the AMS Foodbank.

- Staff and Volunteer retention: during our services training we had the opportunity to spend some social time together. This was a great opportunity for the staff to get to know each other better as well as feel appreciated by the AMS. I have also started having “start-up” meetings with each of the service coordinators to outline their goals and timelines for the year.

Now for the random services information:
- Summer Minischool classes will begin in July
- Joblink just re-vamped and re-launched their casual labour registry.
- Volunteer Connections just hired their Shinerama Coordinator: Lindsay Tallman.
- Safewalk is up and running with summer hours.
- The Advocacy Office has already had 2 successful hearings this month (yey student rights).
- “Clear the Shelves” was a great success!
- SASC has just painted their office and counselling room.
- We all miss Sarah Costa very much…

Jeff Friedrich - VP Academic & University Affairs

- Went to SUB Blvd. workshop. Interesting overall. Seated with Ike Barber (along with most other student reps present). Ike had been told trees were not going to be a problem from beginning. Productive overall, designs will come forward in fall.
- We will be working with Business Development on policy framework regarding corporate partnerships. Please advise if you have opinions.
- Teacher evaluations implementation committee.
- GVRD presentation, meetings with Dennis, Nancy, and Al. More to come…

Sophia Haque - VP Finance:

Fincom:
- Wonderful team! And I’m happy to report that everyone on the Commission last year (save our former VP Finance, has returned to Fincom)
  Brittany Tyson: back as Vice Chair
  Emily Lapper: Back as Clubs and Constituencies Commissioner
  Jasper Lin: Back as Special Projects Commissioner
  Anna Yeh: Newbie—Business Operations Commissioner
  Stanley Yeh: Newbie—Financial Aid Commissioner
- Really exciting time for Fincom as our new budget system is now up and running and the new handbook will be out this week.

BOC
- Perpetual Insurance lease is coming to an end and the committee is now accepting ideas about what new space you’d like to see in the SUB. Let me know if you have any ideas!

Budget:
- Budgets from virtually all the departments are in. Budget Committee meeting tomorrow to review numbers and requests.

WOW:
- Thanks to everyone that came. I’m going to pass out the feedback forms so if you haven’t already, please fill one out and return it to me this evening. If you’re interested in seeing the feedback info we’ve received thus far, I can pass around a little table I compiled.

Athletics & Rec Fee:
- Made some progress here and on the suggestion of someone at WOW, I have invited Bob Phillip—Director of Athletics to do a presentation to Council. This will hopefully happen at the June meeting. I’ll have more Athletics updates during Discussion Period.
Health & Dental:
- Happy to report that we’ve been able to add health practitioners (massage therapists etc) and vision care to the list of benefits.

Ian Pattillo - VP External Affairs
- Progress is being made to bring the co-op students into the AMS for their co-op terms so that they may benefit from the U-Pass should they be in the GVRD. Students will be polled in June and upon receipt of their support we will include them as members in September.
- As well related to Translink, I’ve been helping to establish the community shuttles that are to be installed this September. Two routes around campus.
- I am still investigating the possibility that the AMS could host some sort of province wide SU conference. I’ll keep you posted here. And I’m getting ready for a lot of conferencing in June. Planning some government interactions for July and August, and with Xcom planning a massive propaganda roll out for the fall.

Questions:
- Darren Peets: What happened with the CASA motion that Council voted against last time?
- Ian Pattillo: CASA head office said the issue that had bothered AMS Council was an oversight that can probably be fixed informally. If not, there will be a formal change which will be brought back to AMS Council in July.
- Darren Peets: What happened with last time’s motion?
- Ian Pattillo: It passed.

David Yuen - VP Administration

SAC:
- SAC is transitioning into their new roles well
- They are already holding office hours and beginning preparations for Clubs Days.
- Club offices were reallocated due to concerns raised by several clubs and we tried to address these
  - Aside from one or two typos (i.e. one club was allocated a nonexistent room, but this was fixed) everything should be in order
- Club budget and executive list submissions begin today and are due in the 2nd week of June

Impacts Committee:
- Because I’ve been busy, Impacts wasn’t called until today, but will hopefully occur on Monday May 29th.

Building Clocks:
- The clocks in the building are being fixed. They went wonky after the scheduled power outage a few weeks ago and Plant Ops is all over fixing it at their usual rate of speed

SUB Boulevard:
- Consultation was interesting
- As Jeff said, Mr. Barber was there, and it was interesting to hear his perspective
- There were many ideas from several individuals and we had great ideas like rerouting the entrances to the North Parkade, altering the intersection at Wesbrook Mall and adding a water feature between the SUB and Brock Hall
- I left enjoying some of the ideas but am feeling skeptical about funding, i.e. am concerned they will create a great plan incorporating all the great ideas then “only have enough
funding” to remove the trees. Who knows?

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:


SUS - Mike Duncan - Michael Duncan: Candidates for dean being evaluated.
Kevin Keystone: How many students are around for consultation in the summer?
Jonathan Lam: There are two students on the search committee.

Phus - Stephanie Yu - Further to the VP Academic’s comments on on-line teaching evaluations, Pharmacy already has teaching evaluations on-line

GSS - Lauren Hunter: Networking event coming up.

VST - Gary Andraza - encouraged people to sign up for VST summer school.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

BoG - Omar Sirri - Student financial assistance report issued to BoG committee and shows greater debt among students. UBC is lagging behind in major entrance scholarships

Lauren Hunter - Increase in price of housing on Marine Drive. GSS is going to ask for consultation on housing.

Senate - Betsey Segal - teaching evaluations. 3rd party recruitment.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

12. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

“The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated April 26, 2006 as amended. [SCD 064-007]
Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated April 27, 2006 [SCD 065-007]
Minutes of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee dated April 10,2006 [SCD 066-007]

Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

13. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

“Be it resolved that Council amend Section I, Article 1(14) of the Code of Procedure by adding the following clause:

“SAC Vice-Chair” shall mean the Secretary of SAC, as defined in the Bylaws;

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or “SAC Secretary” with “SAC Vice-Chair.

Note: Requires 2/3rds”

David Yuen: Everywhere else except in Code and Bylaws the SAC Secretary is called the SAC Vice-Chair. We can’t change Bylaws, but we can change the Code references.

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15. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED DAVID YUEN: [SCD 067-007]

U-Pass Handling Fee Policy

“Whereas the AMS acknowledges having signed a contract obligating it to pay a handling fee for the processing of the U-Pass that amounts to $65,000 per year; but

Whereas the University is obligated by the GVRD under the Official Community Plan to pursue a U-Pass program; and

Whereas under its Memorandum of Understanding with the GVRD the University stated that it is prepared to be the lead agent in creating a U-Pass program; and

Whereas the AMS has been and continues to be cooperative and supportive of such a program and assists in fostering student support, providing staff resources to maintain the program as well as having held two U-Pass referendums in order to legitimize the fee; and

Whereas the AMS is already paying approximately $62,000 a year to the University in handling fees; and

Whereas the $65,000 U-Pass fee amounts to a small percentage (0.005%) of University revenues but a substantial percentage of AMS revenues (1%) or 22% of the AMS student services budget, or 100% of the AMS Firstweek budget.

Whereas it was the previous prerogative of the AMS Council not to pay this fee or charge it to students, but to negotiate with the University;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the AMS, notwithstanding a contract signed to the contrary, not recognize the U-Pass fee assessed to students to be a standard AMS fee.

Be it further resolved that the AMS oppose the University charging the Student Society a fee for a program that the Society promotes and provides resources to maintain in kind, but
is legally the responsibility of the University to uphold.

Be it further resolved that Council request the Executive to seek an understanding with the University for a Friendly Addendum to the U-Pass Administration Fee Agreement contract that eases the financial burden placed on the AMS for the operation of the U-Pass program, pending final approval from Council on the terms and conditions of any understanding that may be reached.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian Pattillo reviewed the history of the fee and said there is nothing on the books saying we oppose it. The problem is we signed a contract saying we would pay it, so there’s not a lot of wriggle room.
- Michael Woodward asked for clarification on the numbers.
- Ian Pattillo: The $65,000 U-Pass fee is in addition to the $62,000 we’re already paying in other handling fees. For the first three years of the U-Pass, we were charged at a rate of 0.04%, and payment was deferred until the end of the period, coming due this July 31. After September 1, it’s rising to 0.08%.
- Michael Woodward expressed concern about violating the contract.
- Ian Pattillo said the motion is only to renegotiate the contract.
- Dave Tompkins: The motion doesn’t instruct the Executive not to pay; it’s not violating any laws.

16. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI, JONATHAN LAM:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Council moved out of camera.

17. MOVED CHRIS LAW: (Friendly amendment)

“Strike ‘further’ in the first two resolutions.” ... Carried

18. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

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19. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That motion #18 be amended by striking ‘or 100% of the AMS Firstweek budget’ in the sixth whereas clause.”

... Carried

20. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

Third Party Resources

Whereas the Alma Mater Society is a not-for-profit organization charged with serving the needs of the 43,000 students attending the University of British Columbia; and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the AMS Executive and Council, elected by the student body, to discharge this obligation through the allocation of organizational resources for the purposes of providing services and support to students;

Whereas the services and support provided by the AMS have included advocating on behalf of student interests to the University and all applicable levels of government; and

Whereas the Alma Mater Society is a small organization (with less than 100 permanent staff) that must provide a diverse range of services to meet the needs of 43,000 students at the UBC Vancouver campus; and

Whereas in many cases small organizations lack the internal resources to efficiently and effectively meet the diverse needs and priorities of their membership; and

Whereas many small and medium-sized organizations choose to outsource the delivery of a number of functions in order to most effectively and efficiently meet the needs of their membership within a limited resource environment; and

Whereas this outsourcing of service may take many different forms, including the engagement of 3rd party organizations; and

Whereas recently a member of the provincial legislature has raised the idea of restricting the ability of student organizations to engage 3rd party organizations such as the Canadian
Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), a body that lobbies on behalf of students at the federal level; and

Whereas legislation that would restrict access to organizations such as CASA would hamper the AMS in carrying out its advocacy responsibilities on behalf of its student members; and

Whereas the relationship between the AMS and CASA is a standard business or professional relationship and not a means to enroll AMS members in another organization as is suggested in the proposed private member’s bill,

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the provincial government to oppose any legislation that would restrict the ability of student organizations to marshal their discretionary financial resources in a way that can best meet the needs of their members, including engaging 3rd parties such as CASA for outsourced services, including government relations, research, and networking.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian Pattillo: MLA Harry Bloy has brought forward a private member’s issue that would restrict funding to CASA on the grounds that such funding makes students members of organizations without being asked. Our motion clarifies our opposition to his proposal. Our arguments are that CASA doesn’t charge on a per-student model (so our members don’t become members of CASA) and in paying the CASA fee, the AMS is simply allocating its resources to best serve AMS members since the AMS doesn’t have the ability to lobby at the federal level on its own.
- Ryan Clare: The EUS belongs to a similar organization and it does pay per student. Would this proposal affect us?
- Ian Pattillo: The proposal has wide implications; it wouldn’t make sense for it to pass.
- Anita Parkinson asked about the MLA’s motivation.
- Ian Pattillo: His riding includes SFU, which is a CFS school. He’s probably aiming at the CFS.
- Tristan Markle: What other third parties might be affected?
- Ian Pattillo: It could go far. We might not be able to hire contract workers or outside auditors. That’s why it’s silly.
- Gina Eom: CASA is not per student, but we do pay on the basis of population.
- Ian Pattillo: In part, but also on the basis of the size of our budget

22. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That motion #21 be amended by striking all references to ‘3rd’ and replacing with ‘third’.” ... Carried

23. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

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24 MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

Board of Governors Graduate Student representative

“Whereas students are an essential component of the University and should therefore be well represented within the governance of the University, and particularly at its highest level, the Board of Governors; and

Whereas student tuition at UBC accounts for almost 30% of the University’s operating revenue but student representatives constitute less than 15% of the members on the Board
Whereas there are more than 8,000 graduate students attending the University, with many needs that are different from those of undergraduate students, including roles in University research and teaching; and

Whereas in the 30-some years of student representation on the Board of Governors, graduate students have only rarely been represented; and

Whereas several other universities throughout Canada have recognized the importance of graduate representation through the creation of a dedicated Board of Governors seat for graduate students, including the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, and McGill University,

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the provincial government to amend the University Act to add an additional Board of Governors seat that would be restricted to an elected graduate student representative from UBC Vancouver; and

Be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the provincial government to further amend the University Act to restrict the two existing Board of Governors seats allocated to UBC Vancouver students to undergraduates, including students in the various professional programs such as law, medicine, and dentistry."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Lauren Hunter: There’s a need for a grad student on the Board of Governors. Things get passed at the Board, and grad students need protection there. They are a unique constituency, hovering in between students and faculty, with different needs. There’s virtually never been a grad student on the Board. She’s on it, but only because she was able to rally the students she TA’ed for. The University offered to help get a seat for graduate students at the expense of the AMS, but the GSS doesn’t want to do that. It wants to work with the AMS on this.

Ryan Clare: Better to just seek an extra seat so there would be three seats for UBC-Vancouver students. Graduate students may have special needs, but it’s hard to get everyone represented. Engineers also have special needs that aren’t the same as anyone else’s. He didn’t agree with setting aside a seat for graduate students.

Gina Eom asked if something similar was happening with the Okanagan seats. She had heard they were lobbying.

Avneet Johal said he understood that adding an additional student seat would mean another provincial seat would be added.

Lauren Hunter: There has to be one more provincial seat than all the University seats. This is so the University can’t vote itself into debt.

Darren Peets: If the fire hydrant had won, there would have been two graduate students on the Board. He didn’t think undergraduates would be comfortable with that. It’s better to have separate seats. This issue came up during the provincial budget debate. The Minister of Education said he hadn’t heard anything. This would be an opportunity to let him hear something.

Gary Andraza: The average age of graduate students is high. They have a different set of needs from undergraduates, different housing needs, a need to support themselves and sometimes a family. There should be two seats for the younger college people, one for the
older.

- Sean Huff said it would be easier to get a third seat if it is specifically for graduate students.
- Ian Pattillo said this would show the diverse needs of students.
- Michael Duncan asked who would be eligible to vote for which seats.
- Dave Tompkins said it would be like in Senate elections: Science students can’t vote for the Arts senator.
- Tristan Markle said he would also support a seat for part-time students. They have different needs, for day care and so on.
- Stephanie Ryan questioned the proportionality of the proposal. There would be two seats for 35,000 undergraduates and one for 8,000 graduate students.
- Jonathan Lam questioned whether graduate students were involved enough. Do they run? Will we get good graduate student candidates?
- Ryan Corbett said graduate students are involved.
- Lauren Hunter said graduate students don’t inhabit the campus the way undergraduates do; they’re often off campus doing field research; they don’t participate in the same way. The GSS would oppose a third random seat; it wouldn’t solve the GSS problem.
- Michael Woodward: Should all special interest groups get seats on the Board of Governors? The 8,000 grad students are nothing like international students. International students have different needs. This will open the floodgates to a seat for part-time students. If they care enough, the 8,000 grad students can sway an election.
- Omar Sirri said all the motion does is allow us to lobby.
- Robin Anderson said grad students are undergraduates’ TA’s. They are involved in the lives of undergraduates.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said that of 58 identifiable student representatives on the Board of Governors since student representation began in 1975, 39 had been undergraduates, 10 had been post-baccalaureate students in disciplines such as medicine and law, and 9 had been graduate students.
- Gina Eom: This is not unprecedented. The Council of Senates is going to have a designated seat for graduate students.

25. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER: (Friendly amendment)

“That motion #24 be amended by striking ‘such as law, medicine, and dentistry’.”

... Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

27. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

28. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

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Whereas several other universities throughout Canada have recognized the importance of graduate representation through the creation of a dedicated Board of Governors seat for graduate students, including the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, and McGill University,

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the provincial government to amend the University Act to add an additional Board of Governors seat that would be restricted to an elected graduate student representative from UBC Vancouver; and

Be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the provincial government to
further amend the University Act to restrict the two existing Board of Governors seats allocated to UBC Vancouver students to undergraduates, including students in the various professional programs.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

29. MOVED MAHTAB NAZEMI, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

30. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

**Board of Governors Graduate Student representative**

“Whereas students are an essential component of the University and should therefore be well represented within the governance of the University, and particularly at its highest level, the Board of Governors; and

Whereas student tuition at UBC accounts for almost 30% of the University’s operating revenue but student representatives constitute less than 15% of the members on the Board of Governors; and

Whereas there are more than 8,000 graduate students attending the University, with many needs that are different from those of undergraduate students, including roles in University research and teaching; and

Whereas in the 30-some years of student representation on the Board of Governors, graduate students have only rarely been represented; and

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

**K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:**
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L) Committee Motions:

31. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

“Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee, Council grant a leave of absence to the Ombudsperson, effective May 22, 2006 and continuing until July 1, 2006.

Note: During the leave, in accordance with terms worked out with the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee, the Ombudsperson will continue to be available for between three and five hours a week via e-mail and telephone.”

... Carried

32. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

“That Council appoint [name] (Council member) to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

Dave Tompkins explained that the motion at the previous meeting to appoint three members to the Health and Dental Plan committee had been out of order because there was really only one position to fill.

33. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

“That Council appoint Stephanie Yu (Council member) to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

That following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated March 10, 2006 [SCD 068-007]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 16, 2006 [SCD 069-007]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 21, 2006 [SCD 070-007]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 28, 2006 [SCD 071-007]

L) Committee Motions:

34. MOVED ROBIN ANDERSON, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

“That Council appoint Chris Little (Council member) to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007.”

[SCD 072-007]

“That Council appoint Mariana Payet (Council member) to represent the AMS on the
Student Social Space Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2007."

“That Council appoint Chris Little, Gina Eom and Ian Pattillo (Council members) to the Board of Directors of CiTR (the student Radio Society) for a one year term.”

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions: Continued

35. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, AMS Council approve an amount not to exceed $575.00 from the SUB Management Fund to install the required electrical safety modifications to the Norm Theatre."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

36. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, AMS Council approve an amount not to exceed $800.00 from CPAC funds to install electrical outlets to the Lower Level countertop."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

37. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI: [SCD 073-007]

Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, AMS Council approve an amount not to exceed $130,000 from CPAC funds to complete renovations of the former Arcade space into bookable club and conference meeting rooms."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- David Yuen explained that the $130,000 requested for the Arcade space renovation may seem large, but it’s a large space and works out to only $32.50 per square foot, whereas usually such work would cost $100 per square foot. Originally, it was suggested that $75,000 would suffice, but that would have been a bare minimum. The extra $55,000 will allow for climate control.
- The plan is to create bookable rooms and conference space. The bookable rooms will be social space. There will be larger rooms (40-60 people) and smaller (30).
- Jason Penner: Will the work be done by Plant Operations, independent contractors, students?
- David Yuen said it will be contracted out by tender.
- Bernie Peets said the AMS Designer, Michael Kingsmill, would act as the general contractor.
- Ryan Corbett asked about using removable wall partitions to allow future modifications to the design.
- David Yuen said that would have been very expensive, costing perhaps $40,000.
- Jonathan Lam asked when the renovations would take place and what areas of the SUB would be affected.
David Yuen said it would be fairly localized and would mostly take place in the summer before school begins.

Matthew Hall asked about specific areas indicated on the diagrams.

David Yuen said one was the old Bank of Montreal safe, which could be used as a storage space, possibly for the art collection. Another was going to be the new location for Gary Muir, the bookings technician. He will be moved from upstairs, and his old office will be used to store tables.

Michael Woodward asked how the AMS is able to do work without using UBC Plant Operations, since Commerce had to. He also asked about architectural expense.

David Yuen said the architectural figure is for painting and demolition.

Chris Little asked about the $13,000 lighting costs.

David Yuen said it was to reroute the lighting.

38. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:  
[SCD 073-007]

Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, AMS Council approve an amount not to exceed $130,000 from CPAC funds to complete renovations of the former Arcade space into bookable club and conference meeting rooms.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Abstentions: Ryan Corbett, Omar Sirri, Tristan Markle ... Carried

O) Other Business:

P) Discussion Period:

- Athletics and Recreation Fee - Sophia Haque (VP Finance)

39. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN, OMAR SIRRI:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Council moved out of camera at 9:40 pm

- AMS Survey - Michael Woodward (Commerce Undergraduate Society)

  - Michael Woodward questioned the design of the recent AMS survey. He said surveys should go through Council beforehand because they affect the public image of the AMS. This one was biased and would not get accurate results. The questions asked students to agree or disagree with statements like “The quality of AMS services is excellent” instead of simply asking them to rate the quality of the services. He supposed it might have value as advertising.

  - Jeff Friedrich: It would have made a lot of sense to have the survey come back to Council for approval. It was drawn up by an external company working with the former VP Academic, Gavin Dew, who was operating with the mandate Council had given him.
- Ryan Corbett: If we went to an external company, we wasted our money. It was way too long, the questions were pointed, and it looked like we were tooting our own horn. We should make sure we have good questions and should make the survey short.
- Jonathan Lam asked who approved it.
- Jeff Friedrich: Gavin, CRI (the external company), UBC Classroom Services.
- Gina Eom said some people could not complete the survey because of technological issues.
- Omar Sirri said some people found it informative, and the incentive (an iPod) was good.
- Kevin Keystone: There was a big technical error, but there were still several thousand respondents and useful data. In future, the survey can be passed around to Council.
- Darren Peets said the GSS Council spent two meetings vetting questions on a survey, making it a useful survey.
- Alex Lougheed suggested having the Communications Planning Group (CPG) look at it.
- Michael Woodward said he knows people who can vet a survey like that. He also asked how much the survey cost and whether we would be getting our money back because of the flawed results.
- Kevin Keystone: We don’t know that the results are flawed.
- Jonathan Lam asked who would get the results.
- Dave Tompkins suggested presenting them to Council.
- Kevin Keystone said they would be used by CPG and be helpful to the Business Operations Committee and the Student Services.

Q) Submissions:

[SCD 074-007]

Pharmacy Undergraduate Society letter dated March 2006 supporting the proposed Practice Fee increase.

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

40. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED JONATHAN LAM:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

...Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Colleen Tang (The Ubyssey), Claudia Li (Joblink), Alan Wiebe (Minischool), Raj Mathur (Music), Kallie George (GSS), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:
Quinn Omori (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.” ... Carried

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:
2. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:
   “That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

   Minutes of Student Council dated May 17, 2006 [SCD 075-007]
   Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 23, 2005 [SCD 076-007]
   Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 29, 2005 [SCD 077-007]
   Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 7, 2005 [SCD 078-007]
   Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 14, 2005 [SCD 079-007]
   Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 27, 2005 [SCD 080-007]
   Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 4, 2005 [SCD 081-007]
   In-camera minutes of Student Council dated May 17, 2006 [SCD 082-007]
   ... Carried

C) Presentations to Council:
AMS Budget - Sophia Haque (VP Finance) [SCD 083-007]

Sophia Haque explained budget procedures and made the following points:

- budget priorities this year included staff appreciation and communication.
- a higher surplus is now expected because the businesses are suffering less disruption from the SUB asbestos removal than was expected, but the asbestos removal will still cost the AMS an estimated $100,000
- the budget draws on the funds to cover this loss and also the expected loss of the $30,000 Safewalk subsidy from the University
- potential challenges for the future include U-Town and inflation

Recommendations:
- do an audit of budget procedures
- do a mid-year budget review
- explore fundraising opportunities

Questions:
- Robin Anderson: Why was so much taken from the funds?
- Sophia Haque: Some money comes out of the funds annually, e.g., money comes out of the lobbying fund to pay our CASA dues and to pay part of the Policy Adviser's salary. This
year the funds are also being drawn on to cover the loss of $30,000 from the Safewalk subsidy and the loss of $100,000 in business revenue. It’s a scary number, but it’s okay. Some funds are set in the Bylaws, and we can’t touch them; they’re meant for a rainy day, though it’s hard to use them even then.
- Michael Woodward asked about accountability controls, for instance for the Services.
- Sophia Haque: There are no expenditures unless two signing officers sign off. For the Services, the ECSS signs off, then the VP Finance, and then two signing officers. Proper documentation must be provided.
- Michael Woodward asked about interest revenue.
- Sophia Haque said it was very good, significant money.
- Michael Woodward asked about the transfer of money to the radio station.
- Sophia Haque said they were actually in deficit.
- Michael Woodward asked about the effectiveness of having funds that can’t be touched.
- Sophia Haque said the AMS does make investment income from them. It’s not entirely a bad thing, but it does cause frustration.
- Darren Peets asked about funding for Tutoring and whether it was possible to keep relying on TLEF grants from the University.
- Jeff Friedrich said there is a three-year limit on TLEF grants, but there’s been an exception made for quite a while for AMS Tutoring. Now the grant is actually packaged as part of LEAP, but it’s certainly a valid concern that we’re relying on grant support for the continuation of service.
- Bernie Peets: If there’s a surplus at the end of a year, it goes into the funds. Last year was a good financial year, to the credit of the Executive. We’re drawing on the funds in anticipation of the Coke deal going away.

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

3. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 28, 2006 [SCD 084-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated April 4, 2006 [SCD 085-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated April 20, 2006 [SCD 086-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated May 18, 2006 [SCD 087-007]

C) Presentations to Council:

FCSL Conference Report - Executive [SCD 088-007]
- Sophia Haque said the FCSL (the Federation of Canadian Student Leaders) is like the old CCSA, but not. The FCSL meeting was noteworthy this year for its CASA vs. CFS clashes.
- Kevin Keystone provided background on CASA and the CFS, making the following points:
  - The CFS sees CASA as a splinter organization meant to challenge the CFS, fracturing the student movement.
  - The AMS is part of CASA; it was one of CASA’s founding members.
  - CFS-CASA tensions at the FCSL conference set the mood, making things political.
  - The regular CCSA conference had been planned for early June, but a series
of schools decided to organize their own conference this year and not go to CCSA because it had become too political.

- So FCSL was organized, but three errors were made:
  - it was scheduled at the same time as CCSA;
  - the organizers sent out a code of conduct;
  - the organizers also sent out bylaws as if to make FCSL into a third student organization.

- This made people nervous, and then due to low registration CCSA was cancelled.
- The schools that would have gone to CCSA (mostly CFS schools) came at the last minute to FCSL.
- At the open plenary, the bylaws and code of conduct were thrown out through block voting by the CFS schools, setting the tone.
- But there were still positives:
  - an open space session;
  - delegates running on-the-fly discussion topics, such as lobbying, corporate financing, SUB’s;
  - it’s always helpful to meet other student association executives.
- Next year’s steering committee will be a mix of CASA and CFS; they’ve had one meeting, and it was tense.

- Jeff Friedrich said the conference provided new perspectives on the CFS. Meetings like these can improve understanding and lessen conspiracy theories about each other.
- David Yuen: The AMS has more to give than to take at these sorts of meetings. Overall it’s useful to attend, especially for making connections.
- Sophia Haque said she found the meeting good for professional development and for networking.
- Gary Andraza said Sophia seemed to go to a different conference than the others. He said it sounded like a giant cocktail party.
- Sophia Haque: Expenses change year to year. Next time the conference will be on Vancouver Island, so it will be less expensive to get to.
- Kevin Keystone said Council might consider the principles surrounding whether to send the Executives.
- Amin asked about CASA.
- Kevin Keystone said it was created at something called the Winds of Change conference by people dissatisfied with the lobbying groups at that time.

D) President’s Remarks:

- Please refer to quarterly report [SCD 089-007]
- One thing to highlight is that CASA is creating a graduate student working group, and UBC’s GSS has a seat on it.
  - Darren Peets: A third graduate association?
  - Kevin Keystone: CFS doesn’t get along with the Graduate Student Association of Canada (GSAC). GSAC may cease to exist; that’s why CASA is creating the graduate student working group. GSAC is sheltering itself within CASA.

E) Executive Reports:

David Yuen (VP Administration) [SCD 090-007]
Sophia Haque (VP Finance) [SCD 091-007]
- Please refer to quarterly report
- Thinking of increasing the AMS fee.

Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic) [SCD 092-007]
- Please refer to quarterly report
- GVRD issue:
  - Met with Al Poettcker, Dennis Pavlich, and Nancy Knight, who didn’t want him to go to the GVRD meeting.
  - He did go to the meeting, deciding it was in the best interests of students to do so.
  - Though the motion to approve the pub passed, there was support for the consultation process he proposed, and a motion was referred to a GVRD committee. That was positive. There was also media interest.

- Feedback forms
  - Mentioned that there are forms for feedback on the Executive for Council members to fill out.

Ian Pattillo (VP External) [SCD 093-007]
- Please refer to quarterly report

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services) [SCD 094-007]
- Please refer to quarterly report

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering - Ryan Clare: Finished handbook.

Graduate Studies - Darren Peets: Looking at renovations for their building and involved in lease renegotiating.

Science – Jonathan Lam: The dean consultation sessions are done, and there will be a new dean by July 1. The new student building is going up.
- Kevin Keystone: Will the funding from SUS be acknowledged?

Regent College - Tim Cairns: Wednesday night lectures - come along.

VST - Gary Andraza: Summer school starts in July.

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

Betsy Segal - Senate
- An UBCO degree compromise has been reached:
  - on the diploma there will be greater emphasis on the OUC degree and less on the date of conversion to a UBC degree
  - it will be obvious it was originally an OUC degree.
- Kevin Keystone: Do you think they’ll be considered UBCO degrees?
- Betsy Segal said she thought it would look like a UBC degree. She would try to get examples.

Ombudsperson
- Jeff Friedrich said the Ombudsperson has been communicating while she’s away and has been able to meet the bare requirements of the job.
- Deputy Ombudsperson has been hired.

L) Committee Motions:
4. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE: [SCD 095-007]
   “That Council approve the 2006/07 final AMS Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:
5. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED GINA EOM: [SCD 096-007]
   “That Council approve the AMS Policy on Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment Policy for AMS Clubs as submitted.

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   Note: Distribution and communication of the policy to all clubs will take place in September 2006 and therefore will come into effect as of the distribution date.

Harassment
- David Yuen: There was a human rights complaint concerning a club. It was withdrawn, but there’s the possibility of such a thing happening again. Our current harassment policy is employment-specific; it doesn’t apply to clubs. This new one is club-specific, with the intention of ensuring that clubs treat their members with dignity and respect.
- Kevin Keystone: Do other student associations have harassment policies for clubs, or is it just that we have so many well-established, big clubs, making it more likely we’ll face these issues?
- David Yuen and Bernie Peets said they weren’t aware of such a club policy elsewhere. David Yuen said we were trailblazing.
- Darren Peets: Some clubs, like the Chinese Varsity Club, expect that their members will be from a certain group.
- David Yuen: It’s explicitly stated in the SAC Policy Handbook that all clubs are open to all AMS members.
- Chris Little: Will the AMS or the club have the responsibility?
- David Yuen: If it’s a legal question, the AMS. If internal, it will be discipline within the club.
- Bernie Peets: If someone files with the Human Rights Tribunal, that’s beyond this. If it does go there, then the AMS is a legal entity and the clubs are not.
- Robin Anderson asked how implementation will be ensured.
- David Yuen: Discrimination Police? The policy will be distributed to the clubs.
- Bernie Peets: There are complaint mechanisms that are to be used when a member comes
forward. If a club doesn't communicate the policy to its members, that could be an issue for SAC. The clubs will have to inform their members annually. It will also be posted on the AMS website.

- Ryan Corbett asked if this is just like the general policy, except for clubs.
- Jonathan Lam asked if this would apply to Constituencies, and David Yuen asked if he would like that. He said it had been talked of.
- Tristan Markle asked if a club itself could be disciplined.
- Bernie Peets said a complaint could be extended to the club, but he would expect complaints to be focused on individuals. An exception would be if a club refused to enforce the policy.

6. **MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:**

“That motion #5 be amended by striking ‘policy’ in the second line.” ... Carried

7. **MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED GINA EOM:**

“That Council approve the AMS Policy on Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment for AMS Clubs as submitted.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Distribution and communication of the policy to all clubs will take place in September 2006 and therefore will come into effect as of the distribution date.

... Carried

K) **Constituency and Caucus Motions:**

L) **Committee Motions:**

8. **MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:** [SCD 097-007]

“That Council appoint Gina Eom, Tristan Markle and Alex Lougheed to the Student Advisory Committee for the Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth (TAG).” ... Carried

9. **MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:**

“That Council appoint the following members to Student Court on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee for terms commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2007:

Carolyn McDonald - Student Court Judge
Cailean MacLean - Student Court Judge
Kim McGarrity - Student Court Judge
Leah Manson - Student Court Judge
Daniel Lerner - Student Court Chief Justice
Lindsay Williams - Student Court Clerk.” ... Carried
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Council Contact Information - Sheldon Goldfarb

Sheldon Goldfarb explained that e-mail messages to Council members no longer show all the members’ addresses. This was in order to comply with the new privacy law, PIPA, which forbids the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information without consent.

In order to allow Council members to communicate with each other, their consent had been requested on their sign-in sheets. Most had consented, though a few had not. E-mail addresses and telephone numbers for those who had consented had been compiled into a list which was being circulated to Council members. E-mail addresses for those who consented were also being put on the AMS website.

Q) Submissions:

Notice of the AGM of the AMS Foundation [SCD 098-007]
Grad Class Council Gift Proposals [SCD 099-007]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

10. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:pr
C) Presentations to Council:

**UBC Athletics & Recreation - Bob Philip/Katy Player/P.J. Lovick Architects**

- Bob Philip discussed a $40 fee that Athletics would like to see the students agree to in order to add a second building to the Student Recreation Centre (SRC). He made the following points:
  - the SRC needs more space
  - the addition would include two gyms and auxiliary rooms

- The architects for the project showed details of the new building.

- Bob Philip made the following additional points:
  - the $40 fee would be the same amount levied on students to build the original SRC.
  - it would be used to pay off the debt on the building and to reduce user fees for SRC programs.
  - the idea came from an AMS member on the University Athletics Council.
  - 20,000 students currently use the SRC, but 20,000 don’t, some perhaps because of the expense of the programs.
  - a referendum at the end of September would be desirable.
  - there are a number of options for where to locate the new building; it depends on what happens to the bus loop.

Questions:

- Sophia Haque: There were financial questions she’d wanted to ask Alnoor Aziz, about how the athletics fee is currently spent and why $40 more is needed. UBC students already pay the second highest athletics fee in the country (next to McGill) and pay higher user fees than elsewhere.

- Bob Philip said he was not sure UBC fees were the highest, but he agreed they were high. Elsewhere, however, the situation is different; money for athletics comes out of the General Purpose Operating Funds. Here it is separate. UBC students have traditionally invested in athletic facilities. As to the high fees, the program is expensive; the recreation side is one of the largest in the country, and the department is also responsible for maintaining the buildings.

- Robin Anderson asked about the effect of development on the planned site.

- Bob Philip said they were working with Campus Planning and had an alternate site.

- Jeff Friedrich: The OCP allocated green space for residents. UBC was not meeting the OCP requirements, and providing the residents free access to athletic facilities, or access at a reduced price, was a tradeoff. How will it be ensured that the residents’ access will not jeopardize student access? Students should not be subsidizing the residents.
Bob Philip: Athletics is negotiating with the University concerning UNA access. The residents do pay an annual fee to get access. As numbers grow and the demand for access grows from a different demographic, there will be new programs. Negotiations are underway.

Katy Player: Priority in recreation and intramural programs goes to UBC students.

Sean Kearney said this would be a fantastic idea, but he wasn’t sure how comfortable students would be voting more money when they weren’t sure where the current money is going.

Bob Philip: More funding goes to Varsity athletics than to Intramurals. The ratio is 4 or 5 to 1. Also facilities are needed, a place to run the programs. Part of this new $40 fee, perhaps up to 50%, would go to reduce user fees.

Jonathan Lam asked for a timeline.

Bob Philip: If there is a referendum in September, fees could be reduced right away. Athletics would work with the University to build the new facility as quickly as possible. There’s no proposal yet. Essentially what is needed are gymnasiums costing $12 million at $400 per square foot.

Katy Player said it would take three to five years.

David Yuen asked about using the funding to expand Intramurals and the recreation program.

Katy Player said currently they are turning people away. More indoor space is absolutely essential in order to expand. This is the first step in accommodating current need. Indoor is the greatest demand.

Bob Philip said they were also hoping to make money from some facilities.

Ryan Clare asked about waiting till after the Olympics, when it would be cheaper.

Bob Philip: Everyone thinks things will go down, but how long do you want to wait? If they received money now, they would use it, and other money would come. There will be borrowing anyway.

Ryan Clare asked why the expansion had to be a second building.

Bob Philip said the current building was not suitable for that purpose.

Ryan Clare asked about spending on Varsity versus Recreation.

Bob Philip: $3 million on Varsity, $1 million on Recreation (with some of that coming from fees); with most of that spending going towards the building.

Ryan Clare asked about cutting Varsity.

Bob Philip: Traditionally UBC has had a good Varsity program and a good Recreation program. The University should support Varsity; it’s a benefit to the University. Athletics is trying to get the University to contribute. He would like to expand both.

Josh Caulkins: The $40 fee would be for how long?

Bob Philip: It could be forever, but it’s only meant to pay off the capital cost. We say it would take 10 years to pay for the building.

Sophia Haque said it was not clear where the money is going. Western has two separate fees. That way students know where the money is going. Is that being considered here?

Bob Philip: You can see where the money is going. More to Varsity than to Recreation. We have all the figures.

Sophia Haque: We can get those figures?

Bob Philip: Sure.

Sophia Haque said that on the issue of reducing user fees, she didn’t understand why they had not already been reduced. Western has a lower athletics fee and they have reduced user fees. Why not here where we pay a bigger fee?

Bob Philip said they were trying to freeze or reduce fees. The problem lies in how Athletics is funded. It is an ancillary here. At Western Athletics gets resources UBC Athletics doesn’t. If UBC subsidized Athletics, the money would be coming out of tuition, so students
would still be paying for it. But he said they could try fundraising.

- Robin Anderson asked about the revenue resulting from the proposed $40 fee.
- Bob Philip: $1.6 million, with $1.2 to $1.4 million going to the building and the balance to reduce fees.
- Robin Anderson: Will the new building be expandable, unlike the current Bird Coop?
- Bob Philip: It could be, but will there be land? The campus is expanding southwards. Maybe Athletics should move there.
- Robin Anderson: Would you consider installing a green roof?
- The architects said they certainly would.
- David Yuen: Why does more go to Varsity? The average student is not a Varsity athlete, but they do use the SRC and Intramurals.
- Bob Philip said the fees are collected for the two together. Business operations could fund all Varsity.
- David Yuen asked about accessibility. Originally the SRC was going to be larger.
- Katy Player said it was reduced to try to keep MacInnes Field intact. Now the bus loop was available, but ...
- Bowinn Ma asked about the fees.
- Katy Player said they had preliminary numbers, but were waiting to see what Council said first.
- Bowinn Ma asked about the relation to the bus loop.
- Bob Philip said they would like to build as quickly as they can. They were working with UBC Properties Trust. He didn't know when the bus loop was to be abandoned.
- Kevin Keystone asked about the possibility of UBC joining the NCAA. If it enters that league, more money would have to be spent on Varsity. There's already concern about money not going to Intramurals because it's going to Varsity. What impact will joining the NCAA have on use of the new Rec Centre? Would more money go to Varsity athletes to the detriment of Intramurals? And will fees increase?
- Bob Philip: It's hypothetical. Athletics is not aiming to put more money into Varsity or to raise fees. But joining the NCAA would generate more money from the donor base. It wouldn't have any negative impact on time available to Intramurals.
- Jeff Friedrich asked about a report on UNA negotiations and UNA usage numbers, also about the effect on students.
- Bob Philip: UNA residents would pay the same as students. There will be up to 20,000 UNA residents; they're going to need more facilities. They've said they're willing to contribute. It will be a win-win if it's done right. He'd be happy to provide a report if it gets to that stage.
- Katy Player said they don't know for sure what the UNA wants. They have to figure that out. But it's always going to be students first.
- Kevin Keystone asked about options if there is no referendum question. Other sources? The Board of Governors?
- Bob Philip: Postponing a referendum would be different from not having one altogether. He was prepared to look at alternative funding. He could talk to the University about the UNA, look into partnerships, donors. There's a need to expand recreational space. He would not go to the Board of Governors to ask for a fee increase.
- Omar Sirri: If it fails at referendum ...
- Bob Philip: In 1990 a referendum failed, and the University introduced its own optional fee. He didn't want that. He didn't want 3,000 students opting out.

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m.
B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

*Student Financial Support - Brian Sullivan/Barbara Crocker* [SCD 101-007]

- Brian Sullivan summarized the University’s year-end report on student financial support, making the following points:
  - The bursary deductible for non-differentiated undergraduates and research graduates was zero.
  - The average bursary amount decreased because of a drop in unmet need.
  - The percentage of UBC students with debt increased.
  - 10% of early leavers cited financial reasons.
  - 60% reported delayed completion.
  - UBC graduates do repay 42% of government debt within two years of graduating.
- Barbara Crocker said there was no definitive answer yet on when the abolition of the tax on scholarships would take effect.

Questions:

- Ian Pattillo asked about seeking out third party loan providers. Is the intention to allow UBC not to have to provide as much assistance?
- Brian Sullivan: Students who are not student loan eligible want to borrow but can’t. Some students have made it clear they’d like a student-friendly mechanism to borrow money without a co-signer.
- Ian Pattillo: Who is the University negotiating with?
- Brian Sullivan: Credit unions, insurance companies. The University is no longer speaking to First Student Loan. We have to talk to people who have capital.
- Betsy Segal: What determines if there’s a deductible?
- Brian Sullivan: Unmet need versus the budget available.
- David Yuen asked about merit-based entrance awards. Will the number of scholarships go up? Where will the money come from?
- Barbara Crocker said that hopefully they could increase the quantity, but they were more aiming at increasing the level of the award. UBC has been falling behind on that. As a result, they’d been allowing students to collect multiple awards.
- Kevin Keystone: Students are spending more time at university, taking longer to graduate, accumulating a higher debt load. Why is the University not increasing the number of bursaries instead of decreasing them?
- Brian Sullivan: There is not another university in the country that handles need-based situations this way. There is no other that says, “Access loans, and if there’s still unmet need, we will make up the difference.” True, they were modernizing the formula for loans, as student groups had requested, and this meant more loan money was available. The University was still meeting its access commitment and had eliminated the deductible for most.
- Kevin Keystone asked about Policy 72 consultation.
- Barbara Crocker: We were here in January and talked about loans going up, debts going up, bursaries going down. The meeting energized us to ask what we could do to mitigate debt and still live within Policy 72. She believed they were meeting the needs of the neediest students. Emergency money was available.
- Kevin Keystone: Will we see a draft of Policy 72?
Brian Sullivan: Absolutely.

Kevin Keystone asked about allocating more money from the GPOF to bursaries.

Brian Sullivan: No, that’s not the issue. We have money; the question is how to allocate it.

Sophia Haque asked about the disappearance of some merit-based awards related to GPA.

Brian Sullivan: Eligibility criteria changed from being based on GPA to being in the top 5%. We can’t line up merit-based awards with need; we don’t know if those getting merit awards are in need.

Jeff Friedrich said there was a communication issue. It was not clear the criteria had changed.

Brian Sullivan: We did a lot of communication.

Stephanie Ryan said she was more interested in the quantity of awards than the level.

Ryan Clare asked about the minimum amount of bursaries.

Barbara Crocker said it was $100.

Ryan Clare suggested increasing it. He’d received a $400 bursary and thought the money could be better given to someone else as part of a larger award.

Brian Sullivan: This year they’d been able to get rid of the deductible.

Mariana Payet asked about consultation over third party loans and whether students wanted this at UBC.

Brian Sullivan: This Council made it clear it didn’t want First Student Loan. The Board of Governors has been making it clear they want this investigated. There will be consultation with Council before going back to the Board. It will be part of Policy 72.

Ian Pattillo asked about the large number of students applying for bursaries who were not eligible.

Brian Sullivan: Some who apply are not student loan eligible. Some are eligible, get a loan, and there’s no unmet need. Some are timed out, maxed out. Some are taking an insufficient course load. Part-time students are not eligible.

Ian Pattillo asked about the course load requirement.

Barbara Crocker said a student needs to be taking 27 credits.

Ian Pattillo: Some students are not able to access merit awards because they’re part-time.

Brian Sullivan: Part-time students have access to less money.

E) Executive Reports:

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)

Shinerama 2006

We really apologize for being unable to attend tonight’s meeting. However I hope Mariana does a good job of explaining what we would have said.

Once again the VC Office is working on Shinerama, Canada’s largest student fundraiser. We would like to request your support for Shinerama in the following areas:

1. AMS Executives:
Show your support by coming to the Faculty Administration shoe shine, at the President’s Office (Old Admin Building) On Thursday September 7th. 2-2.30 pm. President Toope will be around too!

2. Constituency Reps:
We need 4 reps from each faculty to promote Bling Bling and our Secondary fundraisers… and if you remember clearly we had sent you an email about this and only good old Mike
from Commerce replied! Surprisingly they were last years bling bling Winners

**What is Bling Bling?**
A game of cunning, deviousness and much much fundraising!

**How it works:**
a) Each team (constituency) is assigned a bucket which must be with the team (or a team member) at all designated times throughout the week. All buckets must be readily available to other teams throughout the week.
b) To score points team members must place pennies in their OWN bucket (1 penny = 1 point).
c) Stop teams from collecting points by putting coins (that are NOT pennies) and bills in the other teams' buckets. These items (coins and bills) subtract that number of points from their total. For example, 1 dollar in another team’s bucket will subtract 100 points from their total. The team that is the least ‘negative’ at the end, wins!

3. **Everyone Else:**
Donate whatever change you will have during the first week of school to Shinerama and the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

For more information contact:

*Lindsay Tallman/Ruth Situma*
Volunteer Connections office: 822 9268/ shinerama@ams.ubc.ca

**Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)**

**Webvote:**
- Have met with the university and discussed the possibility of developing our own system. Complexities on two levels here - Technology and Privacy. Privacy we need to address first. Couple of high points - we got a commitment to get a full list of our membership! But still no contact info. UBC is preparing a list of questions for University counsel to examine.

**Child Care Bursary:**
- Many may be unaware that the AMS set up a child care bursary (Evelyn Lett Bursary) through a $90,000 endowment in the early ‘90s. They’ve had a hard time handing out all of the award so I’ve been meeting with development, financial awards, and with the Parent’s Council to see if we can’t change the terms of reference to better be able to distribute the full award.

**Hiring:**
- Hired an AVP, Eric Doherty, who will be working most immediately on a comprehensive “Sustainability Strategy.”
- Katy Dillon is in town from the University of Nottingham’s student union, part of Universitas 21. I’ve been helping to host. Please welcome her.
David Yuen (VP Administration)

Renovations Planning Group:
- The Renovations Planning Group has been busy, as you will see with the motions I have later tonight.
- UBC’s asbestos removal project is moving forward with hops, skips, trips and jumps.
- The former arcade space project is also going forward swimmingly.
  - most of the demolition work is complete, some of the mechanical has been done and we are moving ahead with the construction phase.
- Council Chambers:
  - we have a chair possibility here today; please try it out and email me with your feedback.

SAC:
- SAC is doing well.
- We have been having some database troubles but are working to get on top of that.
- Clubs Days planning is going well and we are hoping to have a great job done this year.

First Year Council:
- Working on expanding last year’s initiative of a First Year Committee.
- Would like to involve it more in terms of possibly getting them a non-voting seat on Council as there is currently no first year representation, getting more events going.
- Just had a meeting the other day with Arts and Music undergrad reps; if everybody could please help by promoting the First Year Council to their first years come September we would greatly appreciate it.
- Stay tuned!

Ian Pattillo (VP External)

- Consultation with the University is complete and co-op students are about to be polled on whether or not they would like to remain fee paying AMS members during their work term, so as to receive the U-pass.

- My quest to get the AMS involved in provincial lobby efforts with other schools is ongoing. An invitation has gone out to every school in the province to come and speak with the AMS and each other about getting more in sync with provincial lobbying. No indication yet if the response has been positive enough to actually allow the conference to go off. But it is scheduled to go on the heels of the CFS AGM in Victoria, so if they won’t come to me, I’ll go to them.

- We have now got representation on a sponsorship review committee that is going to make recommendations to the Board in the fall as to how the University should engage with the private sector. I will present the AMS discussion paper, we will meet over the summer. Stay tuned.

- And U-Pass is good. Translink being a little difficult, as they are wont to do. No matter. We won’t be pushed around. As well, I am exploring ways that the AMS can support the U-pass coalition, which is a group of 7 colleges trying to negotiate for the U-pass. This is the update.
Sophia Haque (VP Finance)

Budget Follow-ups:
- Have been meeting with service coordinators to ensure they understand their budgets and know how to properly use and access their accounts. This will help with budget planning for the upcoming year.

Insurance Policy:
- Working with Henry to draft an Event Specific Insurance Policy email to inform AMS Subsidiaries of their insurance coverage

Celebrate Students:
- New initiative that I’ve been working on with Tim (and Kevin) which aims to recognize student achievement on campus. Been in touch with other universities to explore similar events on other campuses.

Fundraising and Sponsorship:
- Attended the Commerce Fundraising Breakfast to check out their operations

BOC:
- Been extremely difficult finding a meeting time that works for committee members due to conflicting schedules.

D) President’s Remarks:

Health & Dental Plan Committee:
- In spite of being on vacation, I participated in a conference call of the Health & Dental Plan Committee in which we approved Sun Life as the insurers for our plan. Studentcare, our plan administrators, conducted a review of our insurers, comparing them with other insurance companies that had tendered bids to compete for our plan. The committee felt, after reviewing the results of the review, that the incumbent Sun Life still provided the best value and service for our dollar.
- Studentcare is looking into the possibility of online dental claim reimbursements with Sun Life
- AMS/GSS Emergency Fund: The Committee also discussed a possible emergency fund for the GSS. Lauren and Josh presented the issue to the Committee: some graduate members have approached the GSS in need of emergency funds for food, rent, etc. The Committee was under the understanding that all interest and remaining balances from the fund were to be disbursed to the Health & Dental Plan Bursary fund, but was interested in considering an AMS/GSS Emergency Fund for students in emergency situations.

Sexual Assault Support Centre:
- The Committee responsible for the remaining restructuring of SASC met and received a report from Boland & Associates on recommended compensation for the SASC Counselling Coordinator. After much debate on the merits of the report, as well as on other levels of compensation at other related organizations, the Committee finally resolved the issue. This is particularly exciting, given the issue of fair compensation had been outstanding since last year.
- The Committee also considered and approved the Code changes that are being recommended this evening.
Other News:
- Main Event Carnival on Imagine Day: looking for suggestions of what to do for the AMS booth – cotton candy, which we did last year, has been stolen by Firstweek.
- Katy from the University of Nottingham is here tonight (welcome Katy!); we’ve been discussing benchmarking and student representation issues (for example, at U of Nottingham, their Board Reps are chosen from among members of their Student Council).

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Bowinn Ma: Octoberfest may be expanded to a week-long event in which other faculties could participate.

Science – Jonathan Lam: The new dean is Dr. Simon Peacock. Time means more building [of the Lahda social space building].

Arts - Stephanie Ryan: Working on Arts first-year handbook. Renovations going on. Hopes they don’t keep them out of their office too long.

VST - Gary Andraza: Time means less building: two buildings being demolished. First Nations salmon BBQ and totem pole raising coming up.

Commerce - Paul Moore: Mike Woodward is working on the budget and Connie on fundraising.

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

Omar Sirri - BoG
- Attended BoG retreat.
- BoG passed the first phase of University Boulevard.

Betsy Segal - Senate
- Posting the Senate Handbook online.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

1. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated June 14, 2006 [SCD 102-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 10, 2005 [SCD 103-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 18, 2005 [SCD 104-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 24, 2005 [SCD 105-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 2, 2005 [SCD 106-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 6, 2006 [SCD 107-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 19, 2006 [SCD 108-007]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:
   "That Council adopt the report of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006: SASC’ and amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich: The Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) was restructured last spring, ending its relationship with an external organization. This raised issues of hiring, budgeting, and compensation. Also, it meant there would have to be Code changes to reflect current practice.
- The Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee (SASSF) deliberated on these issues. It’s not really in their mandate, but they were best positioned to do this. There was a crisis when the relationship with the external organization ended, and SASC had to be put back up so students could access it. SASSF got involved, though really their job is to approve the SASC budget and oversee the SASSF fund. He was trying to get SASSF focused on its mandate again.
- Now the aim is to position SASC as an AMS Service. It’s no longer on the partnership model. It is branded as one of the Services, which raises the following points:
  - Who does the hiring and supervising?
  - It’s unique in having full-time coordinators who will be unlikely to be students.
  - There are support issues, such as vicarious trauma.
  - There’s continuing discussion of support for SASC workers, e.g., through an advisory committee that would provide the support they used to get from the external organization.
  - The 80-20 split in the use of the funds, with 20% going to sexual assault support initiatives; but there is not yet a standardized application process for that.
  - There are still some compensation and benefits situations to be discussed.
- Alex Lougheed asked whether their turnover would be yearly.
- Jeff Friedrich said there is no term associated with their employment.
- Ryan Clare said it would have been useful to have notes explaining the proposed Code changes. He asked about hiring.
- Jeff Friedrich said hiring would be done similarly to how it is done for other Coordinators: by the ECSS with advice from the current Coordinators and representatives of Council.
- Ryan Clare asked if this would change AMS liability.
- Bernie Peets said it would not.
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4. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON: [SCD 118-007]

“Whereas large-scale planning and development is underway or projected at UBC, including the addition of thousands of new residents in and around the campus; and

Whereas students should have a greater say in decisions concerning campus development and concerning the development of a new governance structure to deal with the increasing population in the area,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS call on the University to take the following steps to ensure a larger role for students:

a) A seat on the UBC Properties Trust Board of Directors, and/or the creation of a Community Advisory Board, with AMS representation on it, to ensure that UBC Properties Trust, the body that develops University real estate, adheres to the consultation guidelines put in place by the GVRD through its Official Community Plan for UBC;

b) creation of a seat for the AMS on the Development Permits Board, the UBC body that considers applications for non-institutional projects on campus; and

c) development of a process that will involve the AMS in consultations at early stages of projects and provide sufficient information early enough for meaningful consultation to take place.

Be it further resolved that the AMS call on the appropriate authorities to launch a new governance study for UBC and the surrounding neighbourhoods, and that this governance study recommend a model for implementation, and

Be it further resolved that the AMS have representation on the body carrying out this study.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jeff Friedrich explained the governance situation at UBC, making the following points:
- UBC is not a municipality and has a lot of discretion, being governed only by a Memorandum of Understanding with the GVRD.
- Questions have been raised about representation of the UNA and a say for the students in the planning process.
- There have been some recent incidents that have upset the GVRD, e.g., UBC’s chopping down of trees near the Museum of Anthropology against the wishes of the GVRD.
- Now a GVRD report is calling for developmental controls or zoning regulations for the short term.
- For the long term the report calls for a governance review.
- There was a past governance review that couldn’t reach a consensus; it considered
amalgamation of UBC with Vancouver and other options.

- The AMS Policy Advisor, David Wells, has been working on this issue, and has prepared a lobby document about involving students in the planning process via such things as a seat on the Development Permits Board (DPB) and either a seat on the Properties Trust Board or on a new Community Advisory Board for Properties Trust.
- The GVRD has opened a can of worms, and the AMS needs to have an opinion on the issue.
- The AMS should support a governance review, and students should be involved in it.
- He added that he is planning a municipal lobby day to tell people why students need to be more involved in decision-making. He was not necessarily in favour of amalgamation with Vancouver, but students need to be involved in the discussion.
- Josh Caulkins: It’s great to see this happening. There should be a City of UBC, and one of us should run for mayor.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about the benefits of amalgamating with Vancouver.
- Jeff Friedrich: UBC says how bad it will be. Cons relate to tax implications. The AMS would have to pay tax on the SUB. Pros would include having elected representatives to hold accountable for development. The GVRD report doesn’t say amalgamation will happen; it’s about having a review. We want a review.
- Stephanie Ryan asked if UNA residents pay tax.
- Jeff Friedrich said there is a rural services levy. He also distinguished between UNA and UEL.
- Jonathan Lam: Asking for seats on boards is unrealistic. We’ll be laughed at. It’s counter-productive. It’s just short term. It would be more productive to concentrate on the long term.
- Omar Sirri said it would be good to act now, but suggested focusing more narrowly and not asking for too many things.
- Ryan Corbett said the AMS would not be laughed at. This was one time the University was worried. If ever there was a time when the AMS had a bargaining chip, it was now. This was exactly the time to make a wish list.
- Jeff Friedrich: It’s not ridiculous to ask for a seat on the DPB. The UNA does have a seat; it’s notable that students don’t. Asking for a seat on Properties Trust is partly strategic; it matches a demand the UNA has made. We should ask for what they ask for.
- Josh Caulkins: This is timely. Meaningful consultation is an important point. Up to now the University has had carte blanche. It’s true their plan to put high buildings next to the SUB got shot down, but essentially they get what they want.
- Jonathan Lam said it was dubious to ask for a seat on a board while at the same time questioning the legitimacy of the board. And it undermines the request for a governance review.
- Betsy Segal: A governance review is no short-term project. In the meantime lots can happen. In the meantime we need to sit on boards.
- Omar Sirri: Properties Trust has too much power. A seat there is not going to happen. And there’s no point having a seat on that board.
- Jeff Friedrich said there was strategic value in asking for that and giving the University the window of creating an advisory board. There’s lots of interest at the GVRD. Lots of people see the need for change. He didn’t think it was unrealistic to ask for all these things.
- Omar Sirri: We don’t want to be part of something that’s broken.
- Jeff Friedrich: UBC Properties Trust is wholly owned by UBC. It’s not unreasonable to see students on their board of directors. They should be pursuing the interests of the University, but their main criteria is how much money they are going to get.
- Sophia Haque: There are advantages to lobbying for all of these things. To give up short term for long term means forgoing the chance to raise concerns in the current structure.
while still lobbying for long-term change.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Omar Sirri - abstained ... Carried

6. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:

“Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the disbursement of not more than $500 from the External and University Lobbying Fund for production and distribution of a lobbying document on campus development and governance review and for transit costs associated with its distribution.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously
7. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON: [SCD 119-007]

“That Council approve the amendments to the ‘Travel Policy’ as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Kevin Keystone: The amendment is simply to accommodate for potential future years when we don’t have the CCSA.
- Ryan Corbett: Does Council decide which convention the Executive should go to?
- Kevin Keystone: Presumably that’s at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Having Council drive it could be explored.
- Ryan Corbett: Given the binary nature of CFS and CASA...
- Kevin Keystone: CASA is in here separately.
- Stephanie Ryan: If there’s no real good conference, can the Executive still go to a conference that’s a complete waste of money?
- Kevin Keystone: If there’s no good conference, hopefully the Executive would exercise discretion and not go.
- Stephanie Ryan said she worried people would go to conferences just for the heck of it.
- Kevin Keystone: It’s a fair concern.
- Stephanie Ryan: Are we just supposed to trust you?
- Kevin Keystone: The Executive could come to Council for every conference.
- General murmur from Council members: No.

8. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

9. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the expenditure of up to $15,000 from CPAC funds for the installation of 10 additional light fixtures in the ceiling of the concourse as part of UBC's Asbestos Abatement project.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

10. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:

“That motion #9 be amended by striking ‘expenditure’ and replacing it with ‘allocation’ and adding the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that Council direct the Vice-President Administration to negotiate with the University to avoid the necessity of making this expenditure’.” ...

... Carried
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

David Yuen explained a problem with the University’s project to remove asbestos in the SUB. This had to do with the new lighting fixtures the University was putting in. When the AMS said the fixtures would not provide enough light, UBC said we could pay for more at a cost of $1300 each. Very expensive fixtures. It would cost us $15,000. Reno has looked into other options, including one that would cost us only $1,000, but UBC has been ignoring us, which is irksome. If they continue to ignore us, and we don’t pass this motion, we will only get dim lighting.

Robin Anderson criticized fluorescent lighting, saying they cause tumours.

Stephanie Ryan said it was counter-intuitive to have these two motions together, saying pay this but don’t. We should fail the first one.

Ryan Clare: Have they purchased the lights?

David Yuen: No, they’re waiting.

Ryan Clare: These are replacing existing lights?

David Yuen: Yes, the broken pot lights are not coming back.

Ryan Clare: Why not say get lost and put in our own lights?

David Yuen: It’s their contractor.

Bernie Peets: Within their budget they can do what they’re proposing or what we’re proposing. If we did our own installation, it would cost us $15,000.

Chris Little: Has anyone told them it will be dark?

David Yuen: It’s sufficient according to them.

Josh Caulkins: We don’t have power?

David Yuen: No, it’s their project.

Betsy Segal expressed general displeasure at fluorescent lights. She’d rather walk through a cave than have fluorescent lighting. It’s not just about the money.

12. MOVED ROBIN ANDERSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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

14. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:

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“Be it resolved that AMS Council approve the expenditure of up to $1,750 from CPAC funds for the installation of windows in the Lower Level entry doors.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

David Yuen explained that because the automatic SUB doors stay open too long, there’s a problem with pigeons, pigeon droppings, wind, and cold getting into the building, forcing heating costs up and subjecting vendor booths on the main concourse to windy conditions.

Stephanie Ryan asked about accessibility.

David Yuen: There still will be automatic doors, just not sliding doors. Push button doors.

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N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

16. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated April 4, 2006 [SCD 120-007]
O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

SUB Expulsion Policy - David Yuen

- David Yuen: This comes from SUB Security expressing concern. They need a policy to authorize them to act in situations where there is certain behaviour.
- Chris Little questioned the distinction between students and non-students. He said it was discriminatory.
- Josh Caulkins said he didn’t think salvaging food from garbage cans was so horrible. The same with soliciting money if it was done in a respectful manner.
- Robin Anderson: Student-led protests could be asking for stuff, seen as soliciting.
- David Yuen: There’s a health issue concerning salvaging food. And liability. It’s against provincial health regulations.
- Ryan Corbett: This looks like it’s saying “No homeless people.” He was uncomfortable with that. It was discriminatory. It’s not our role to say it’s our building and you can’t come in.
- Stephanie Ryan: Other places hand out tips for safe dumpster diving. We could offer options, e.g., use our Food Bank.
- Unidentified Council members: It’s for students.
- David Yuen: SAC is preparing a booklet listing resources.
- Stephanie Ryan: This is a growing problem on campus, something that needs looking into. There’s a consistency issue. So many rules. Will you enforce it against everyone?
- Ryan Clare: A lot of these are laws. Aggressive panhandling is illegal; loitering is illegal. Look at it this way: who do we want in the SUB? Who’s paying for the SUB? The building is for students. Students are less inclined to use the SUB when they’re aggressively panhandled there. We do need these rules written down.
- David Yuen: Student fees do pay for the building.
- Betsy Segal asked whether UBC Campus Security has jurisdiction in the SUB.
- Bernie Peets: Campus Security will support our efforts if we ask them to, but they don’t have jurisdiction except for Pacific Spirit Place (the University cafeteria).
- Mariana Payet: Panhandling is not illegal. There are more students on drugs than non-students. If students are storing stuff, that can cause problems.
- David Yuen: Students pay for the building. If you’re not a student, you don’t have the same privileges.
- Katy Dillon: If you used more positive language, if you flipped the emphasis, it would seem less harsh.
- Ryan Clare said he didn’t want to sound anti-homeless. Students can be on drugs or drunk. But no student on drugs had ever panhandled him. Some students will avoid the SUB.
- Mahtab Nazemi: Security wants support for what they’re doing. Having things written up is a great initiative.
Q) Submissions:
   - CACUSS 2006 Conference: Leading the Way Report [SCD 124-007]
   - Turbo Democracy - Mark Latham [SCD 125-007]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:pr
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The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Claudia Li (Joblink), Colleen Tang (The Ubyssey), Carson Gibson (The Ubyssey), Matthew Stevenson (AMS Speakeasy), Grace Gulati (AMS Speakeasy), Kevin Lee (Music), Raj Mathur (Music), Mark Latham (Turbo Democracy), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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 6:03 p.m.

1. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MARIANA PAYET:
   “Whereas Council Chambers are not available for this meeting;
   Be it resolved that Council meet in SUB Room 212A.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

2. MOVED ROBIN ANDERSON, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:
   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

   Turbo Democracy - Mark Latham

   [SCD 126-007]

   Mark Latham introduced himself by referring to his academic background at UBC, MIT, and Berkeley as well as his experience working on Wall Street. He then made the following points:

   ▶ The aim of his project is to make democracy work better.
   ▶ He tried proposing his ideas to corporations as a means of better informing their shareholders, many of whom currently don’t vote, so that there is a lack of accountability when corporate directors overpay themselves or trash the environment.
   ▶ Shareholders don’t want to spend the time to inform themselves.
   ▶ His idea was to allocate collective funds for someone to report back to individual shareholders.
   ▶ There’s a similar problem in political democracies: voters are too busy to investigate issues; they need help to develop political insight.
   ▶ Voters mostly depend on the media, which to some extent does the job, but most media outlets are in the private sector and have little incentive to serve the public interest; they’re more interested in stimulation and entertainment.
   ▶ So he proposes using public funds to pay news media, the funds to be allocated by the voters to competing news outlets.
   ▶ This idea has been recommended by others too, but no one has tried it yet.
   ▶ He is willing to put up $10,000 himself as the prize money to be awarded to competing news organizations such as the Ubyssey or other students or groups of students who set up websites to inform voters.
Questions:
- Robin Anderson asked about the name.
- Mark Latham: It’s a silly name, but descriptive. A turbo charger provides a feedback loop in a car, adding power to the engine. Similarly, his system will provide information feedback, thus creating more power.
- Chris Little pointed to the example of student groups who might apply for the $10,000 prize and asked about the one offering free beer and music.
- Mark Latham said they would be like a joke candidate. They should be allowed to be there, but he hoped voters would direct the money elsewhere. The idea is to have a mechanism that can work on its own to direct the money without the interference of a bureaucracy that might screen contestants. Under his plan, 50% of the voters would have to support a group for it to get money. He was also proposing a hurdle in the form of an entry fee (e.g. $200) before a contestant could get on the ballot; otherwise there’d be too many contestants for voters to look at.
- Stephanie Ryan: What is the incentive for groups if there’s this hurdle?
- Mark Latham: There are a number of ways to design this. The $200 entry fee is just one suggestion. It could be $100. The ideal would be to have 5 to 10 contestants. If the Georgia Straight and the Ubyssey are the only two sources already in, someone else might come in, thinking they’ll get part of the prize. It could be individual bloggers, groups, etc.
- Stephanie Ryan: Candidates get reimbursed, so if a candidate’s friend ran a blog they could profit from the election.
- Mark Latham said this raised the issue of partisan campaigns. A contestant needs 50% of the voters to say their website or other information was helpful. If the contestant is just a shill for a candidate, they likely won’t get more than 25% of the vote and thus would not get any money.
- In response to a suggestion that the project would take two years to do, Mark Latham said it could be done in one go, but he would prefer two years, two stages. Voter education is needed. Perhaps there could be a referendum in 2007 to ask if this should be done in 2008. Or there could be a dry run without any money. He suggested setting up a committee to look into this.

D) President’s Remarks:

The last few weeks have largely been taken up with meetings:

**Restore the Norm:**
Sophia and I met with Christine Lee from UBC Development, who has offered to help us make connections to alumni who might be interested in the Restore the Norm Campaign, and had some great ideas on how to get alumni involved.

**Code and Policy Committee:**
I attended a meeting of the Code & Policy Committee that unfortunately was not well attended. However, David (Policy), Chris and I had a good review of Committee Reform, and hopefully that proposal will move forward with the next meeting.

**Ad-Hoc Membership Review Committee:**
I attended a meeting of the Committee where we discussed the questions that have been drafted by Chris (Law). As a brief refresher, Student Court presented a ruling to Council that defined our membership in very broad terms, and the Committee was tasked with developing questions for Student Court for clarification of the ruling. Chris, Sheldon and I have been reviewing the questions, and will likely bring them to Council on the 23rd.
GSS-related Meetings with Lauren (Hunter):
Lauren and I, along with other members of the executive, have met a number of times to discuss GSS access to AMS Services like Advocacy and Tutoring. We’ve been negotiating with the GSS through Lauren; thus far the discussions have been amicable, and hopefully the issue will be resolved soon.

Meetings with Exec from Other Student Unions:
UBC has become an extremely popular hub to visit for executives from other student unions. Welcome tonight to Fab and Allie, President and VP Finance from the University Students’ Council of University of Western Ontario! Sophia, Ian and I have also met with McGill, Red River, U of Waterloo and St. Mary’s University. We’ve been discussing such issues as federal lobbying politics, internal operations and governance structure of student unions – these meetings have proven useful for both the other student union execs and ourselves. An interesting example is that the Vice-Presidents of Western are selected by the incoming and outgoing Councils, and not an election at large.

Survey:
We received the results from the CRi survey, which have come in at over 1400 pages of data. David (Policy) is courageously compiling that information – for which we thank him profusely – and we will hopefully have a presentation prepared for August 23rd.

E) Executive Reports:

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)

The summer is a great time for the services because we get to plan for the rest of the year and look strategically at what our services are doing and how we can improve them. Let me tell you about a few things that I have been working on:

- Currently in the 2nd wave of hiring for the AMS Services which include hiring the Foodbank Coordinator, the Volunteer Connections Assistant Coordinator, the Tutoring 2nd Assistant Coordinator and the Minischool Coordinator (I have been through 39 interviews since our last council meeting on July 12th).
- Hired a new Counselling Coordinator for SASC; her name is Nicky Brighid.
- In the process of hiring a new Program Coordinator for the SASC. Unfortunately Stephanie Kellington will be leaving the AMS at the end of the summer.
- Have been working on First Step (the orientation program for new to UBC students). Hired 8 leaders for the tours and am currently developing a workshop on how to create inclusive group dynamics for the leader training. The program begins August 17th, so if you know any new to UBC students let them know that registrations are open.
- Working with the LEAP committee to update the website, moving in a really positive direction.
- Have been organizing AMS Services presence at many orientation events for September as well as coordinating the production of general AMS Services promotional materials.
- I got a tricycle.
- Attended wine tasting and education (course offered through Minischool). It was fantastic!
- In the process of negotiating an extension to the Safewalk grant that was given by the VP Students office and the AVP Land and Building Services the last 3 years.
What some of our Services have been up to:

- SASC has negotiated a 3rd party reporting system (anonymous reporting) with the RCMP.
- Safewalk, Speakeasy and Tutoring are currently looking for students to be part of their teams.
- Summer Minischool was a great success.
- Volunteer Connections is moving forward with Shinerama (still looking for involvement from different faculties).
- Safewalk and the Advocacy Office have switched offices.
- Speakeasy has been working on potentially expanding its services (you’ll hear more about that in a few minutes).

Ian Pattillo (VP External)

- U-Pass coalition sends regrets. U-Pass fall rollout on track.
- Provincial gathering planning continues, BCIT, UCFV, Camosun, Cap and UNBC attending.
- I will likely get invited to the media sessions of the CFS-AGM in Victoria this month, which will be good for my goal of looking for ways to sync up with CFS and other SU’s on key provincial lobby initiatives.
- CASA fall campaign on the way.
- Xcom fall campaign being planned. Pies and buttons and beers and bands.
- I’ve been swimming.

Sophia Haque (VP Finance)

Financial Awareness Days (FAD):

- Working with Stanley Yeh (Financial Aid Commissioner) to revamp FAD. Upon the recommendation of last year’s VP Finance, we are looking to move from an open forum type program to a information brochure that can be handed out to students and posted on the website to direct students to places they can turn to or things they can do when feeling financial pressures.

Compensation Review Committee:

- Working alongside Jeff on this project.
- Have a group of commerce students called “Project C” on board to do a thorough compensation review of our student paid positions. They have researched past AMS Comp Review Documents and have collected position descriptions and are currently working on creating a survey to get further information.

Budget Committee:

- Have begun our budget review by exploring ways in which we can properly ensure proper account maintenance and also ways in which we can improve upon our budgeting process. Sean Wilson (an Accounting student working at KPMG) is meeting with some of his co-workers to determine suggestions for a budgeting process that can work in an organization such as the AMS.
Celebrate Students:
- Spending a lot of time meeting with various groups around campus to pitch (and properly form) the idea of “Celebrate Students”. Some Council members know about this already—this would be an event that would attempt to recognize student achievement in a centralized way and provide all parts of UBC (particularly the administration) with the opportunity to see the successes of UBC students.
- Tim, Kevin and I are making good progress on this and are working towards our meeting with Brian Sullivan to pitch the proposal and hopefully get some funding!

Fundraising and Sponsorship:
- The Committee is moving from working on our corporate sponsorship package and is instead turning to focus on completing the set of Fundraising & Sponsorship guidelines and values that state what kinds of sponsorship relationships the AMS is comfortable soliciting.

David Yuen (VP Administration)

Generally things are starting to get rather busy in preparation for September. The month change yesterday kind of scared me, as I can barely believe it’s August.

Renovations Planning Group

UBC Asbestos Abatement Project:
- Still moving forward
- The very next morning after we passed the motion regarding the Concourse lighting, they told us they were ordering the fixtures because they had no more time, and also that it looked like they might be able to get the lights half price and get the four they were insisting we help pay for.
- They also informed us that we should take the opportunity to make changes to ducting etc. while the ceiling was open, so we began to plan for it, and then they closed the ceiling up.

Conversation Pit:
- We are considering changes to the colour of the room, but it has been brought up previously that there may be interest in other changes; please let me know if there is interest.

Arcade space:
- is well underway and will be completed within the next few weeks.

First Year Council:
- As I have mentioned before, work is beginning on a First Year Committee. If there are any people heading into second year who would be interested in helping, please email me and I may recruit you to help out!

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering – Ryan Clare: Helping the UBCO engineering undergraduate society. Holding a Frosh Retreat. Parking took away their parking spots; they’re trying to get them back.
Science – Sean Kearney: Science social space to be ready August 19.

Arts – Stephanie Ryan: Office move postponed till September 25.

Law – Chris Little: Renovations.

GSS – Lauren Hunter: Renovations.

VST – Gary Andraza: Destruction. One building down; VST to be reduced to two buildings.

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

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

3. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED BOWINN MA:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated July 12, 2006 as amended [SCD 127-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 27, 2006 [SCD 128-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 4, 2006 [SCD 129-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 11, 2006 [SCD 130-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 18, 2006 [SCD 131-007]
... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

4. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE: [SCD 132-007]

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of $13,500 from the Student Services Fund for a pilot expansion of Speakeasy.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Grace Gulati, the Speakeasy Coordinator, explained why Speakeasy would like to expand its service, making the following points:

- Last year Speakeasy was open from 9 am to 7 or 8 pm.
- There’s a need for crisis support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- It’s common for crisis lines to be available 24 hours a day.
- The BC Crisis Centre gets more than half of its calls between 4 pm and 4 am.
- Some centres are only open overnight.
- There’s an increased need after hours.
- Other services on campus (e.g., Counselling Services) close at 4 or 5.
- Speakeasy would be the only place open late.
- Some might say students could call the BC Crisis Centre after hours, but Speakeasy is specific to students. Its volunteers are trained to deal with student concerns: exams, etc. They know about UBC.
- The expansion would require an increase from 40 volunteers to 75, with shifts increasing to four hours from three.
- There would also be an increase in team leaders from five to seven, in addition to eight on-
call supervisors, for a total of 15 staff doing supervision.
- Since SUB closes at 2 am, call forwarding would be used to reach volunteers after 8 pm on their cellphones (this is less complicated and less expensive than using a call answering service).
- Speakeasy is developing a resource book to help the overnight volunteers.
- She expects a dramatic increase in the numbers accessing the service, perhaps a 125% increase, as a result of doubling the hours Monday to Friday and adding Saturday and Sunday service.
- An increase of $11,510 should cover this.

- Ryan Clare asked about working with the BC Crisis Centre to get them trained in student issues.
- Grace Gulati said she hadn’t looked into that.
- Ryan Clare: It would be more cost-effective to forward calls to the BC Crisis Centre.
- Grace Gulati: Currently, those calling after hours hear a recording giving the BC Crisis Centre number.
- Matthew Stevenson (Speakeasy Assistant Coordinator): Calls can’t be automatically forwarded because there are different phone companies involved.
- Ryan Clare asked about the number of calls.
- Grace Gulati: In the past six or seven months, there were 160 incidents of crisis support and 13,744 information inquiries.
- Stephanie Ryan: How many calls are during the day?
- Grace Gulati: The 160 were all day-time calls or drop-ins. There would be at least another 160 after hours.
- Matthew Stevenson: At night there will be no drop-ins.
- Stephanie Ryan: Do people know it’s not counselling, but peer support?
- Grace Gulati: It’s advertised as information, support, and referral.
- Matthew Stevenson: Our volunteers are trained to say what the service is and what its limits are.
- Stephanie Ryan: How will you fill inconvenient shifts?
- Matthew Stevenson: This is a scheduling problem with all 24-hour crisis lines. The idea is to keep the shifts down to four hours and let people have a life.
- Grace Gulati: And the volunteers will be at home for the late shifts.
- Chris Little asked about the 13,000 information inquiries.
- Matthew Stevenson: Speakeasy also runs the Information Desk in the SUB. The numbers refer to that.
- Chris Little asked about the difference between the $13,500 in the motion and the lower figure mentioned by Grace Gulati.
- Grace Gulati said they had done some tweaking to reduce the numbers.

5. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE: (Friendly amendment):

“That motion #4 be amended by striking ‘$13,500’ and inserting ‘up to $12,000’.” ... Carried

6. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of up to $12,000 from the Student Services Fund for a pilot expansion of Speakeasy.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Chris Little asked about the different remuneration for team leaders and on-call supervisors.
- Grace Gulati: The team leaders plan bi-weekly meetings with volunteers and provide support, workshops, and training for the volunteers. The on-call supervisors don’t.
- Matthew Stevenson: And they keep regular office hours. They have extra responsibility.
- Darren Peets: If we fail this, Speakeasy could still decide to stay open under slightly different hours. Also, the GSS has been looking at services and thinking some are not used much by grad students, like Speakeasy. Grad student problems involve families, supervisors, comprehensive exams. A grad student calling Speakeasy would be getting counselling from someone ten years younger.
- Grace Gulati: Volunteers are trained for any sort of crisis. The focus is on active listening and empathy. They may not know everything about senior students, but they do know student services; they know phone numbers and resources.
- Lauren Hunter said statistics show that there are more suicidal calls overnight. There’s a difference between peer support and someone trained for that kind of call. People in high risk situations may not make a second call. We’re trying to help, but we may be putting some people at greater risk.

7. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER: (Friendly amendment):

“That motion #6 be amended to read:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of up to $12,000 from the Student Services Fund for a one year pilot expansion of Speakeasy.”

... Carried

8. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of up to $12,000 from the Student Services Fund for a one year pilot expansion of Speakeasy.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Bowinn Ma asked about volunteer appreciation and honorariums.
- Matthew Stevenson: Volunteer appreciation is an event at the end of the year for volunteers through which we express appreciation for their work. They’re dealing with high stress. The event makes them feel supported and valued. The honorariums are for outside speakers who give their time for training.
- On the suicide call issue, Matthew Stevenson said: There is training specifically for suicide. We take it seriously. We bring in an outside speaker from a suicide prevention group. Our volunteers are not counsellors who would give long term help, but they are trained to deal with crisis intervention.
- Sophia Haque noted that there is $150,000 in the Student Services Fund.
- Ryan Clare spoke against the proposal, saying although it was well-intentioned, there are better ways to do this. It would be hard to fill shifts. It would be good enough to forward calls to the BC Crisis Line; they’re better trained for suicide prevention. He didn’t want the AMS to have a lawsuit over this. Perhaps Speakeasy could come back with a better plan, including somewhat later hours than they’re open now.
- Babak Khorram spoke in favour of the proposal, saying he was a graduate student and maybe the service wasn’t as applicable to graduate students as to undergraduates, but it
was a good service, with a small enough budget, given the overall AMS budget.

9. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED BABAK KHIRRAM:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

- Lauren Hunter said she was really uncomfortable about the suicide call issue. There may have been some training, but there’s never enough. There should be promotional material telling people that if they are making only one call, it should be to a service with eight years of training. Let people make an informed choice.

- Gary Andraza: UBC has an Education faculty with a counselling program. We could look there to mitigate concerns over suicide issues. We could get people with pre-existing training, master’s and PhD students, instead of run-of-the-mill people.

- Mariana Payet: The volunteers receive extensive training, not just a couple of days. There is already a protocol in place concerning suicide. Yes, there could be more promotion concerning suicide. As to grad student concerns, counsellors don’t have experience in every aspect of your life; they’re there to provide empathy and support. Also, it’s not that hard to get volunteers; they conduct hundreds of interviews. It’s a popular service for those going into counselling psychology and medicine. This is an essential service that we provide to students.

- Chris Little noted that it is a pilot project: we’re trying it out.

- Robin Anderson spoke in favour of the proposal, saying: This is why we exist as a society. If it’s not to support students, then there’s no purpose. Being able to find support like this on campus made it possible for a person she knows to come back to school.

- Grace Gulati: Speakeasy has had many suicide calls. The importance of training is well recognized. The volunteers want to help. People want crisis support not at 9 am, but later when they’re at home in crisis over things like exams.

10. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of up to $12,000 from the Student Services Fund for a one year pilot expansion of Speakeasy.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI: [SCD 133-007]

“That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $2,500 from the Student Services Fund for promotional items for Joblink.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Claudia Li, the Joblink Coordinator, said Joblink is seeking money for carabineers as a promotional item. Joblink is the most valued service at the AMS, but it is not fully utilized. The idea is to encourage students to use aspects of the service beyond the job postings, for instance the resumé advice, the mock job interviews. This would be a one-time expense.
- Ryan Clare asked how long the carabineers would last.
- Claudia Li said they are durable and would last a long time.
- Mike Thicke asked how the carabineers would help the other services, given that Joblink is already the best used.
- Lauren Hunter suggested that posters would work better than key chains.
- Claudia Li said they were doing posters too.

12. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $2,500 from the Student Services Fund for promotional items for Joblink.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

13. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE: [SCD 134-007]

“Whereas AMS Security has requested a written policy upon which to act, such that they have an objective method of dealing with individuals contravening community standards of behaviour of the Student Union Building; and

Whereas the Alma Mater Society of UBC wishes AMS Security have a written policy containing community standards of behaviour by which to determine if an individual should be expelled from the Student Union Building; and

Whereas no such policy has yet been adopted by the Alma Mater Society of UBC;

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society of UBC adopt the SUB Expulsion Policy as presented, including the community standards of behaviour contained therein.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- David Yuen: The feedback last time was helpful and he had tried to incorporate it into the policy. There’s no policy currently in place, and AMS Security has requested one that they can have when dealing with various situations. Written guidelines will help lead to more objective decisions. The policy provides a method of discipline. We already can discipline students in clubs and staff members too, but if a member of the community is here creating problems, there’s no recourse except requesting them not to do something.

- Carla Henkel (AMS Security): This doesn’t really change how we proceed. There are no frightening aspects to this, like treating homeless people badly. We are always judging based on actions, not on who someone is. In 2005, there were 200 expulsions, but without a written policy Security has been relying on the law and on general principles. We want something put in place as a guideline.

- David Yuen: There have been changes to the policy since the last Council meeting. We’ve tried to make the language more positive, and included the AMS Mission Statement for motivation. The distinction between students and non-students has been removed, and some notes have been added to indicate that some things are required by law. Also there’s now a line giving discretion to Security to deal with situations not foreseen by the policy.

- Darren Peets asked about people staying past 2 am in the publications office.

- Carla Henkel: Authorized people can stay past then. It’s not clear in the policy, but it says that in the security manual.
- Darren Peets asked about expelled persons re-entering the building.
- Carla Henkel: They are not to re-enter for 24 hours. If they re-enter, it’s trespassing, and now we can say to the police that they’ve received an expulsion notice in accordance with our policies.
- Darren Peets asked whether the health issue referred to in the policy is for the whole building.
- David Yuen: Yes, there are food outlets everywhere in the building.
- Chris Little asked further about health regulations and whether footwear is required everywhere in the building.
- Bernie Peets said the AMS could get a ruling from the Health Department. This is not about the Conversation Pit; it’s about things like people paring their nails in the Pendulum restaurant.
- Stephanie Ryan suggested some stylistic changes.
- David Yuen said these could be looked at later.
- Jason Penner: If the SUB is a private building, then we don’t need to justify our procedures by reference to the Health Department.
- David Yuen: We didn’t want to put rules in “just because.” We wanted to provide a rationale. There will also be a pamphlet we hand out when issuing warnings.

14. MOVED RYAN CLARE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

15. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED BABAK KHORRAM:

“That Council approve the AMS Student Employee Handbook as submitted.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sophia Haque said the Handbook had not been revised since 2000. There are no major changes, just some updating and changes in wording and grammar.
17. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED BABAK KHORRAM:

“That Council approve the AMS Student Employee Handbook as submitted.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Ryan Clare - opposed ... Carried

18. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON: [SCD 136-007]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the recommendations in the Executive Committee Report ‘Code Changes 2006: Service Coordinators’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The wording of the Code amendment was slightly altered before the motion to adopt it was first presented

- Mariana Payet: This amendment is inspired by the situation at SASC, where there are two co-coordinators instead of a single coordinator and an assistant. We want to allow for this in general. It’s happened before.
- Sean Kearney: Would this affect funding?
- Mariana Payet: Not necessarily. In the past salaries have been split.
- Ryan Clare: Can we specify that in writing?
- Sheldon Goldfarb: That’s really something for the Compensation Review Committee.

19. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED MAHTAB NAZEMI:

“That motion #18 be amended by adding the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that Council direct the Compensation Review Committee to adopt the policy that Co-Coordinators will be paid equal portions of the salary of the combined position’.”

... Carried

- Stephanie Ryan said she didn’t want to shackle the Compensation Review Committee.

20. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED ROBIN ANDERSON: [SCD 137-007]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the recommendations in the Executive Committee Report ‘Code Changes 2006: Service Coordinators’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Compensation Review Committee to adopt the policy that Co-Coordinators will be paid equal portions of the salary of the combined position.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

21. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED SEAN KEARNEY:

“That the following minutes be approved by Council:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated May 24, 2006 [SCD 138-007]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated June 14, 2006 [SCD 139-007]

... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Turbo Democracy - Mark Latham

- Darren Peets said it was an interesting idea. There were a number of things to sort out. As a joke candidate himself, he knew some assertions in the presentation were not necessarily correct. There would be beer candidates. Also, WebVote would have to be reprogrammed and that was not a UBC priority, so it could not be done soon.

- Mark Latham: WebVote is something to look into. A number of things can be tweaked. And if people end up spending their money on beer, well, there are worse things.

- Mike Thicke: Would contestants get either $5000 or zero?

- Mark Latham: Everyone could say how much they want, and voters would then vote Yes or No or write in another amount. The award would be the median. If 50% say you get what you asked for, then you do. If 50% vote No, you get nothing. If 40% Yes, 40% No, 20% something else, then you take the midpoint, the median.

- Mike Thicke: How would the $10,000 limit play in?

- Mark Latham: There are two possibilities. You could scale down the awards. Or you could raise the threshold to 60%.

- Mike Thicke: Is this system of prizes, bribing people to be news providers, the best way to get the best information?

- Mark Latham said he believed in free speech. Some will give good information for free. This system would give them an incentive to serve the public interest. There’s already a lot of money at work, not necessarily in a good way. This would be a better way.

- Sean Kearney asked about the costs associated with implementing the proposal.

- Mark Latham said he would be open to negotiations. He wouldn’t promise to pay for everything; he was not that rich. The entry fee could bring in some money.

- Alex Lougheed said he thought the proposal was a good idea. His one concern was that most people would vote for only one contestant and no one would get anything.

- Mark Latham: You have to tell the voters not to pick just one; you should encourage them to be generous, on the grounds that it’s useful to have multiple perspectives.

- Stephanie Ryan suggested doing the vote by paper ballot and asked about what would happen if the voters voted Yes to everyone.

- Mark Latham: If the medians added up to $20,000, then you could scale down by half. There are other approaches. You could say to each voter: You have $5; decide how to spend it. His study explains why not to do it that way; it allows funnelling to narrower
interest groups. Requiring a 50% vote makes it serve the public interest.

- Stephanie Ryan worried that the system, like the single transferable vote, would be too confusing.
- Mark Latham: It’s not rocket science. As with STV, the voting is simple, but how it adds up is more complicated.
- Ryan Clare said it might be reasonable to try this once. He suggested all the Engineering students might vote for the Engineering newspaper, Science students for the Science paper, etc.
- Mark Latham: If Engineers vote for the Engineering paper and others don’t, they won’t get the money.
- Kevin Keystone asked about the possibility of the election information awards overshadowing the election of the candidates.
- Mark Latham: These media could become more influential than political parties. This would make it easier to run as independents. He was aware that the AMS had already banned political parties to allow independents to run. He didn’t think the media contest would overshadow the candidates, but added, It’s never been done; nobody knows. The only way to find out is to try it.
- Ian Pattillo: If the AMS entertains this, could we be allowed never to use the word turbodemocracy?
- Mark Latham said he was open to changing the name.
- Robin Anderson said the proposal could be good. In advertising their own source, contestants would be advertising the AMS elections and maybe produce a higher voter turnout.
- Mark Latham: The idea is to empower voters by giving them information meant to help them.
- Darren Peets: UBC has strict rules on research on humans. You may want to look into that.

Q) Submissions: [SCD 140-007]
   - Declaration of Gifts to Directors of the Society from Studentcare.net/works

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

22. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

   “That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

T) Social Activity:
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Claudia Li (Joblink), Betty Huang (Science), Behzad Memarzadeh (Science), Raj Mathur (Music), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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 6:07 p.m.

1. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

First Year Society - David Yuen/Reka Pataky [SCD 141-007]

Reka Pataky:
- First Year Society is the current name for a proposed new body for first year students.
- Science students have a first year committee, but there’s currently no body for all first years.
- There was a Frosh Council many years ago, but no more.
- Last year Spencer Keys tried to revive such a body, and was successful but only for narrow purposes: there were two events and no institutional backing.

David Yuen:
- There’s nothing linking students between faculties.
- There is limited awareness of the AMS structure.
- There are no first years on Council.

Reka Pataky:
- Need more communication.
- Dry events for first years is an issue.

David Yuen:
- This is a chance to train and mould first years.

Reka Pataky:
- We need to provide for first year representation and consultation.
- First years can’t get on AMS Council till their last month.
- The idea is to develop a sustainable structure.

David Yuen:
- The stakeholders are the AMS through the VP Admin, the undergraduate societies, and UBC first year coordinators.
Reka Pataky:
- The plan is for open membership, with infrequent general meetings.
- There would be reporting from campus partners and from faculties.
- There would be an executive with senior student advisors.
- There would be a link to AMS Council and a seat on Council, either voting or non-voting.

David Yuen:
- There would be campus-wide social events run by an Events Committee.
- The philosophy would be to promote service and leadership, philanthropy, to do good.

Reka Pataky:
- There will be an information session on September 12.
- Help is needed from the undergraduate societies.
- What’s needed is more engagement, increased exposure of the AMS, a larger audience for the AMS and thus a bigger election turnout; also a stronger leader pool and bigger events.

David Yuen:
- This is not just for 17-year-olds, but for all students new to UBC.
- The next step is promotion through Imagine/Orientations.

Reka: Kevin could mention it in his Imagine speech.

Questions:
- Stephanie Ryan asked what the AUS could do.
- Reka Pataky: Come to the September 12 meeting and talk about the AUS.
- Jeff Friedrich asked about using the term “society” in the name. He wondered how this body would fit into the AMS.
- Reka Pataky: The aim is to stress how it all fits together. As to the name, terms like council and committee had problems.
- David Yuen: It would be parallel to the undergraduate societies.
- Michael Woodward referred to second and third year transfer students who are also new to UBC but have no one catering to them.

F) Committee Reports:

2. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED: [SCD 142-007]

“That Council appoint Feruza Abdjalieva and Stephanie Ryan (Council Members) to the Sexual Assault Support Centre Advisory Committee for a one year term commencing immediately.”

... Carried

C) Presentations to Council: Continued

CRI Survey Report - Kevin Keystone [SCD 143-007]
- Kevin Keystone reported on the CRI survey of UBC students done for the AMS and made the following points:

- Council members might remember “surveygate”: we weren’t thrilled with some of
the survey questions.

- However, the results are in, and 7600 students answered, perhaps because of the iPod.
- The objectives were to determine student awareness of and affinity with the AMS, and to see if students were satisfied with AMS services, businesses, and advocacy efforts.

**Demographics:**
- all categories of students answered;
- the highest response rate was from students engaged with the campus and the AMS;
- student voters were over-represented, since 30-40% of respondents said they’d voted in AMS elections, but turnout for AMS elections is usually about 10%;
- grad students living in residence were under-represented.

**Findings:** CRI said there were contradictory findings about service satisfaction, but the AMS did its own analysis and found that all academic groups reported overall satisfaction. Other findings included:
- First years were most likely to get involved.
- Students in later years were more jaded.
- Grad students tended to be disengaged.
- Food services got an above average response.
- Services were slightly lower than food services overall.
- There was a disconnect because some students knew of the services but didn’t know they were provided by the AMS.
- The AMS was lacking in communication to first years and grad students, using passive communication and relying on the AMS website.
- (If we had access to e-mail addresses of students, we would improve our communication.)
- First years are keen on services and businesses.
- Grad students are interested in advocacy and academic development.
- All groups are interested in addressing the cost of education, financial aid, and core funding, so we’re on track with our lobbying.
- Students are strongly in support of academic services, though the AMS is not mainly dedicated to that other than through Tutoring.
- The lowest interest was in protests.
- Students are unsupportive of corporate partnerships, campus development, and tuition increases; they would prefer money be raised from donors.

**Recommendations for future surveys:**
- having several smaller surveys, each on its own area, would probably be better;
- questions should be simplified and value-neutral.

**Recommendations for the AMS:**
- get access to e-mail or the UBC website (lots of students access the UBC website) to reach students;
- make the electoral process more active;
- re-evaluate the service needs of upper level and graduate students against what we provide;
- actively engage first years.

Besides the quantitative responses, there was room for comments, some of which were inflammatory.
Questions:
- David Yuen asked about the inflammatory comments.
- Kevin Keystone: Some were obscene, some aggressive. Some engineering students spoke of a disconnect from the AMS election process. There were some misperceptions about what the AMS is doing. Last year he’d seen that sort of thing when some students thought it was the AMS that had brought Starbucks to campus.
- Reka Pataky: This legitimizes what we did all summer with the First Year Society. As to academic services, there was potential to expand that. She asked about teaching evaluations.
- Kevin Keystone: Jeff Friedrich is working on that, lobbying for it. We used to have the Yardstick, but that got shut down because of faculty objections.
- Michael Thicke: How much can we trust the results if the people who answered were those who are already involved in the AMS? Can we select out students who are not involved to see what they think?
- Kevin Keystone said it could be done.
- Gina Eom said that accessibility to the survey should be looked into. People with lower quality computers had difficulty filling it out, meaning there was a tendency to exclude a certain socio-economic bracket. How many students attempted to answer but were unable to finish?
- Kevin Keystone said there was no information on that, no hit count. He said the AMS would not be using CRI again.
- Feruza Abdjalieva asked if those who were disengaged said why.
- Kevin Keystone: In their comments, some said they were not informed. Some recommended more information around AMS elections, which is something we struggle with every year. Someone suggested closing down the SUB for a day to demonstrate how much the AMS provides. There were some contradictory recommendations; for instance, one person praised classroom announcements during elections, while someone else condemned them.

3. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“Whereas the recent CRI Survey of UBC students generated more than 7500 responses; and

Whereas the responses to the survey indicated satisfaction with AMS services in general, but also suggested that there was room for improvement in reaching and serving certain groups, such as first-year students, graduate students, and mature students,

Therefore be it resolved that Council strike the Ad-Hoc Survey Review Committee to review the recommendations from the CRI survey concerning communication and the provision of services to those groups of students.

Be it further resolved that this committee consist of four Council members, one of whom shall be chair.

Be it further resolved that the committee report back to Council by the second Council meeting in November with recommendations for further action.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Michael Woodward suggested that the committee be responsible for developing a good
survey.
- Omar Sirri asked who had developed the questions on the previous survey.
- Kevin Keystone: The Executive, AMS Council members, and the University contributed questions. Anyone who had a question or concern was encouraged to contribute. Gavin Dew, last year’s VP Academic, was the point person. One problem was a lack of sifting.
- Chris Little asked if there would be a survey every year.
- Kevin Keystone: That’s the hope, at least until benchmarks are developed. It’s something to discuss.

4. MOVED MIKE WOODWARD, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That motion #3 be amended by adding the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that the committee report back to Council by the first meeting of January with a draft for the next survey.’"

... Carried

5. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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Be it further resolved that the committee report back to Council by the first meeting of January with a draft for the next survey.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

6. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That motion #5 be amended by inserting the following:

‘Be it further resolved that this committee consist of four Council members, one of whom shall be chair, plus a graduate student to be seated by the GSS Council’.”

... Carried
7. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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Be it further resolved that the committee report back to Council by the first meeting of January with a draft for the next survey.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Gary Andraza said there would be a lot of work for the committee.
- Omar Sirri suggested that the VP Academic chair the committee, but the VP Academic declined.

8. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That motion #7 be amended to read:

‘Be it further resolved that the committee consist of three Council members, plus the VP Academic who shall be chair’.”

9. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That motion #7 be amended to read:

‘Be it further resolved that the committee consist of three Council members, plus the VP Academic who shall be chair’.”

Note: Jeff Friedrich - opposed
    Omar Sirri - abstained ... Defeated
11. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

"Whereas the recent CRI Survey of UBC students generated more than 7500 responses; and

Whereas the responses to the survey indicated satisfaction with AMS services in general, but also suggested that there was room for improvement in reaching and serving certain groups, such as first-year students, graduate students, and mature students,

Therefore be it resolved that Council strike the Ad-Hoc Survey Review Committee to review the recommendations from the CRI survey concerning communication and the provision of services to those groups of students.

Be it further resolved that this committee consist of four Council members, one of whom shall be chair, plus a graduate student to be seated by the GSS Council.

Be it further resolved that the committee report back to Council by the second Council meeting in November with recommendations for further action.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

12. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

"That motion #11 be amended by deleting 'a draft' in the final resolution and replacing it with 'recommendations'."

- Michael Duncan said such a change would make the resolution the same as the first one.
- Michael Woodward said it’s easier to work from a completed draft than from recommendations.
- Mariana Payet said preparing a draft would be too much work for the committee; recommendations would be better.
- Jonathan Lam said it would be preferable to get someone with expertise to do the actual drafting of a survey.
- Mariana Payet: The original motion identified a lack of academic services; the purpose of this committee was supposed to be to look into providing new services; it wasn’t about creating new surveys.

13. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

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... Carried
15. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Michael Woodward asked what the CRI survey company had provided.
- Kevin Keystone said they provided analysis, but not courses of action.
- Michael Thicke: No one knows what this committee’s supposed to do, and we’re adding things on. It seems way too broad. Is it about data analysis?

16. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the first resolution in motion #15 be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that this committee consist of four Council members, one of whom shall be chair, and at least one of whom shall be an Executive member plus a graduate student to be seated by the GSS Council.

... Carried

17. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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shall be chair, and at least one of whom shall be an Executive member plus a graduate student to be seated by the GSS Council.

Be it further resolved that the committee report back to Council by the second Council meeting in November with recommendations for further action.

Be it further resolved that the committee report back to Council by the first meeting of January with recommendations for the next survey."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich urged the removal of the survey part of the resolution. That would come up in any case in November. People won’t want to be on the committee knowing that drafting a new survey is part of their responsibility. The committee would lose focus.
- Lauren Hunter: If you seat a few competent people, this will not be onerous. People are making it into a bigger thing than it is.
- Gina Eom suggested having one group of people to look at the CRI survey results and then later have a different group who are better at deviseing surveys.
- Feruza Abdjalieva said some people should do both.

18. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED GINA EOM:

“That motion #17 be amended by deleting the final resolution.” ...Defeated

19. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

20. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
21. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council appoint Mike Woodward, Kevin Keystone, Feruza Abdjalieva and Mariana Payet (Council Members) to the Ad-Hoc Survey Review Committee.” ... Carried

22. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council appoint Kevin Keystone as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Survey Review Committee.” ... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

Communications Planning Group:
- CPG met and received a presentation from Paul (Marketing/Promotions) on Branding and Integrated Marketing. We established that the first step required in improving our image is conducting a survey to discover what messages resonate with our membership and how the AMS is perceived by our members. Our team of commerce students was stolen by Compensation Review Committee, so we’ll be looking for another one.

Meeting with President Toope:
- The Executives met with President Toope, and the meeting went very well. It was mostly an introductory meeting, and also to find out his perspective on some key issues. We were very happy that he agreed to meet regularly with us, every six weeks or so. We discussed issues like development on campus, tuition and government funding, and the “student experience.” Although we didn’t necessarily agree on every issue, we’re confident that we’ll have a positive relationship, and we look forward to working with him.

Health & Dental Plan Committee:
- The Health & Dental Plan Committee met and discussed performing a critical review of Studentcare, our health & dental plan administrator. This is something that was supposed to have been done last year, but never got off the ground. We’ll be reviewing Studentcare’s performance, and assessing whether we should be renewing our contract with them, which is expiring soon. Studentcare has also been negotiating a new possible underwriting structure with Sun Life, the insurers, that the Committee is also considering.

Media Interviews:
- It’s been a busy time for media interviews – I’ve done three interviews in the past couple of weeks. I interviewed with Sing Tao Daily on UBC pulling out of the Macleans rankings – we said we agreed with UBC’s perspective on the calculation of the rankings, but we’re in the process of putting together a letter that expresses our concerns about the lack of an open review process in Macleans’ absence. I interviewed with the Westender about the lack of affordable student housing in Vancouver, and interviewed with the Province about our thoughts on Toope. (I said we liked him so far.)

Speeches:
- I’ve been busy putting together speeches for orientations; I have four speeches to give: Parent Orientation, Mature/Transfer Student Orientation, GALA International Students Orientation, and, of course, the Pep Rally at Imagine. I’ve been racking my brains about what to say, so if anyone has any thoughts, feel free to let me know.

Other News:
- Ian’s Birthday is tomorrow! Happy birthday Ian!
- Today is Mahtab’s (Education) last Council meeting – Thanks Mahtab!
E) Executive Reports:

Ian Pattillo (VP External)

- First things first - the provincial relations at the student union level. My goal of having the AMS foster a more united voice for students in BC is moving along.
- Attended CFS AGM last weekend, looking for points of policy convergence and potential for partnerships. It was good. They are asking for many things that we are asking for and so we will see how that relationship develops. The with us or against us attitude that was rumoured to be the prohibitive factor in uniting the student voice in BC is not impenetrable.
- So then I came back to the mainland to host my own little shindizzle, which was well attended by UCFV, Capilano, Camosun, UNBC, BCIT, North Island, and VCC. That is three unaligned and four CFS and us. Next steps: To keep in touch about Campus 2020, to discuss possible non fed participation in the Day of Action in February, to go back to boards and see if we can use our policy convergences to make some consolidated effort for students. I will be resurrecting the Lobbying Review Committee to bring these ideas back to Council.
- Meetings of note:
  - Laurie Best, Campus 2020, our involvement.
  - Upcoming - Rob Fleming, Gregor’s replacement as Advanced Education Critic.
  - Strategic Alliances - first opportunity to present to Committee in early September.
  - BCSAP - been appointed to this Government Committee.

Sophia Haque (VP Finance)

Health & Dental:
- Met with Campus Trust.
- Working with Kevin on a critical review plan for studentcare.net/works.

Celebrate Students:
- Tim and I met with Brian Sullivan and he seems to be on board/in favour of the idea (and for financing it as well!) so it’ll be exciting to see where we end up with that.

Compensation Review:
- Been really busy working with Project C with the creation and implementation of the survey
- Liaising with Project C members and AMS staff to complete the survey.

Fincom:
- Been doing Treasurer’s Orientations.
- Preparations for September/Back to School craziness.

Fundraising and Sponsorship:
- Collaborating and sharing ideas with schools from across Canada and am now in the process of combining the input to finalize our own sponsorship guidelines.

Other:
- Lots of emails/questions regarding student fees/opt outs and the health plan etc.

Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)

- Away last Council meeting for Mom’s wedding. It was nice.
- Our Town. Drafted final copy and sent out copies to admin, councilors, government. Originally thought of Municipal Lobby Day, but now realize it will take more than several
days. Will involve councilors at some meetings as things move forward. Stay tuned…

- Sustainability Strategy: taking a comprehensive inventory of our initiatives- past and present, and developing a strategic plan to further progress on this. Met with AVP Atkins and the Sustainability Office, and both are interested/willing to help us with renovations or improvements that will help the energy efficiency of this building.

- Yardstick and Teacher Evaluations - I have had several discussions with some constituency reps about how teacher evaluations are done within faculties, and continue to serve on a university committee looking at implementing new, better ones. I think I’m moving towards publishing a new Yardstick- please contact me for further info.

- Webvote- distributed a memo; please keep this confidential as conversations are still in process.

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)

- My last two weeks have been pretty much consumed with First Step, the orientation program for new to UBC students. I was involved in hiring and training 8 leaders for this program as well as frantically setting up our headquarters in the Art Gallery.

- Just when I thought the wave of hiring was over I realized there was much left to do, so these past two weeks I have been involved in hiring processes for: Firstweek staff, AMS Tutors, and the AMS Events Assistant.

- The services are all currently preparing for all the orientation events that happen in September. This year we developed 100% recycled clipboards as a promotional tool for the AMS Services.

David Yuen (VP Administration)

I’ve been keeping very busy lately in the ramp-up to September.

SAC:

- SAC is keeping very busy with preparation for Clubs Days and the impending Club Move-In/Out Day.

- Releasing bookings has also proved a challenge and my email volume is skyrocketing.

- All told, however, things are still moving smoothly.

Renovations Planning Group:

- I have a few motions from Renos today; I hope you will all consider them carefully and/or vote yes!

- Good news - The Norm Theatre seats have arrived and will be installed imminently which means things are moving forward swimmingly!

- Bad news - The Asbestos Removal Project will not be finished on time.

  - The lights (the regular ones, not the ones we wanted to change) are going to be late.
  
  - Furthermore they threw out the ones they were supposed to put back into The Gallery; hopefully they will be able to summon a few replacements from around the SUB so that the Gallery will be able to open on time.

  - However, it looks like things won’t be done for September; in fact, they will be installing the late arrival lights during the week of Clubs Days.

F) Committee Reports:
G) **Constituency Reports:**

Arts – Stephanie Ryan: Getting a banner.

GSS – Darren Peets: A retreat is planned.

Science – Michael Duncan: Social space completion date has been pushed back to the second week of school.

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

**BoG - Omar Sirri** - Next meeting to be held at the end of September.

**Senate - Gina Eom** - Next meeting to be held on September 20, 2006 in the Law Building.

**Ombudsperson** - Jeff Friedrich said the Ombudsperson is back.

J) **Executive Committee Motions:**

23. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:  [SCD 144-007]

“Whereas Council on May 17 approved a project to convert the former Arcade space into bookable club and conference meeting rooms; and

Whereas AMS Catering has recently been increasing its business and is likely to increase its business even further, bringing in additional revenue for the AMS and its services; and

Whereas AMS Catering is currently working out of cramped kitchen facilities; and

Whereas in order to handle the increase in business, AMS Catering will need to add new kitchen facilities; and

Whereas the former Arcade space would be a desirable location for such facilities, being close to appropriate plumbing and to existing kitchen facilities,

Therefore be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council amend its motion of May 17 to authorize the conversion of part of the former Arcade space (Rm 42S) into catering space.”

Note: The former Arcade space is being converted into 4 bookable conference and meeting rooms. This motion would convert one of the rooms into kitchen space with the remaining three rooms still designated as bookable meeting and conference rooms.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sophia Haque explained the rationale for using part of the former Arcade space as a catering area, making the following points:

  - Any extra renovation costs will be borne by Catering.
  - Catering currently lacks space and has had to use restaurant prep space.
- There’s been a significant growth in AMS Catering (300% since 1999).
- There will likely be even more growth because UBC Conferences is now listing AMS Catering as an option for conferences.
- Catering is the biggest contributor of revenue of all the AMS businesses.
- The proposed space makes sense because it’s near the current space and near a water source.
- The new area could also be used by Sprouts.
- Student groups could use the extra refrigeration space.
- There were hesitations about this idea because it would mean one less meeting room, but she was open to looking into other social space possibilities, e.g., making the Pit a more welcoming space during the day.

Kevin Keystone: There had been disapproval of removing the Arcade originally, but it had been accepted with the understanding that the Arcade would be replaced by student space. Now this change would be taking away some of that promised student space to serve the bottom line. The Executive had had reservations about the idea. It’s an issue to be cognizant of in general: the bottom line versus student space. It’s a delicate balance, but Catering has been doing astronomically well, and so on balance he and the Executive were in favour of the change.

Michael Duncan: The real bottom line is getting enough revenue to do more for students. Darren Peets said he originally had asked about putting something in the Arcade space to make money, so he thought the new plan was good. There was still a problem of separating the two parts of the Catering kitchen. Could there be a take-out window?

Bernie Peets: That was not part of the plan. Ideally, the two kitchens would be connected. The AMS did speak to UBC about this, hoping to take over the UBC kitchen facilities, which seemed to be under-utilized, but UBC said they were in fact using them.

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

25. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated August 2, 2006 [SCD 145-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 25, 2006 [SCD 146-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 1, 2006 [SCD 147-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 16, 2006 [SCD 148-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 22, 2006 [SCD 149-007]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 29, 2006 [SCD 150-007]
Minutes of the Campus Safety Committee dated June 19, 2006 [SCD 151-007]
Minutes of the Campus Safety Committee dated July 10, 2006 [SCD 152-007]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions: Continued

26. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED: [SCD 153-007]

“That Council approve the Policy on Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment for AMS Constituencies as submitted.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- David Yuen: When we brought in the harassment policy for clubs, there was interest in a similar one for Constituencies. This policy for Constituencies is basically the same as the one for clubs.
- Chris Little: Just word changes?
- Bernie Peets: Some procedures had to be changed as well.
- Stephanie Ryan: How will these policies be enforced?
- David Yuen said they are what will be followed if a complaint is made.

27. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

28. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED: [SCD 154-007]

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006: Contract Renewals’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Kevin Keystone explained that this Code amendment was intended to avoid having to bring contract renewals back to Council if the only reason that would be done would be to comply with the old Code rule requiring that Council approve any contract that was for more than two years.
- Stephanie Ryan asked if this was for things like the Coke contract.
- Kevin Keystone said it was for any contract.
- Bernie Peets said the Coke contract would come back to Council as a “political” contract in any case. This was more for things like renewing a photocopying contract with Xerox.
- Kevin Keystone read out the conditions requiring that a contract go to Council for approval. They included any contract resulting in a visible limiting of choice for AMS members (that would mean the Coke contract) and also any contract resulting in an exclusive relationship providing a party with commercial access to AMS members (that would also mean Coke).

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

30. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee to review the proposal from Mark Latham and to make recommendations to Council concerning the proposal no later than the first Council meeting in October.

Be it further resolved that this committee be composed of three Council members, one of whom shall be chair and two members at-large.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian Pattillo: At the last Council meeting people seemed intrigued by the proposal. He personally felt it had potential to help the AMS. It may not work in practice, but it was worth a shot. The Executive thought a committee should be set up to look into it.
- Darren Peets asked about the possibility of giving it a different name.
- Ian Pattillo said Mark Latham had in fact provided a list of alternative names, e.g., Voter-Funded Media.
- Michael Duncan said the turbo name sounded good.

31. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

32. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That motion #31 be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that this committee be composed of three Council members, one of
which shall be chair, the Elections Administrator and two members at-large.”

33. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds Carried

34. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor, Stephanie Ryan, Ian Pattillo (Council Members) and Michael Thicke (member at large) to the Ad-Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee.”

Carried

35. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council appoint Ian Pattillo as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee.”

Carried

36. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED: [SCD 155-007]

“Be it resolved that Council approve CASA’s 2006 - 07 Campaign Proposal as recommended by CASA’s Campaigns and Events Committee and as set out in the 2006 - 07 Campaign Proposal Document, as presented.”

Ian Pattillo:
- The aim of the campaign is to increase awareness of CASA, demonstrate the benefits of a university education, engage students, and influence government.
- It is a bit vague; feedback is sought.
- Some aspects of the campaign are still undeveloped.
- CASA is trying to make the campaign flexible.
- There will be a focus on the path of education, highlighting four major steps:
  - entering the system.
  - working towards a degree.
  - completion or graduation and debt.
  - career and contribution to Canada.
- The launch will be September 22, with a media stunt in November.
- Darren Peets wondered about the statement in the supporting material that there would be a life-size map of Canada.
- Gina Eom asked about costs.
- Ian Pattillo said costs were down. In the past money was wasted on promotional materials that campuses were not using. He didn’t have the exact figures.
- Gina Eom asked if agreeing to take part in the CASA campaign meant exclusion from the National Day of Action.
- Ian Pattillo: No, and also we’re not voting to take part, just to approve.
- Gary Andraza: International students have to leave Canada after they complete their degree. How can they make a contribution to Canada after graduating?
- Ian Pattillo: Good point.
- Kevin Keystone asked how UBC would be involved. If the campaign is to be flexible and to vary at the various campuses, what will be happening here?
- Ian Pattillo: We will use some of the posters. Some Xcom events may focus on the CASA campaign.
- Darren Peets noted that some students take steps 2 and 3 over and over.
- Ian Pattillo: Those students are giving back to the education system, which is the driver of Canadian society.
- Jeff Friedrich questioned the focus on school as a means to a job rather than on education as a right or a means of growth.
- Ian Pattillo: That’s misreading it a bit. It doesn’t say students will give back to the economy, but to society. Also this is a response to the current federal government climate. The government does not think education is an important place for funding. If an economic argument can be made, that may help us get funds.
- Gina Eom asked about engaging students and getting the attention of the government. How engaging will this campaign be? The National Day of Action gets more attention.
- Ian Pattillo: Campaigning, mobilizing students — that’s not what CASA does well. It’s small and has less money than the CFS. It’s primarily a lobbying organization.

37. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

38. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council appoint the following members to Student Court on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2007:

Karen Chang - Judge
Candace Fong - Alternate Judge.”

- Jeff Friedrich: Kim McGarrity stepped down as one of the judges. This made him realize there should be alternate judges; hence the two proposed appointments.

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

40. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

"Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, Council approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $9,800 from the Repairs and Replacement Fund for the replacement and installation of the air conditioning system in the Art Gallery."

"Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, Council approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $1,000 from the CPAC Fund for the installation of a sound dampening tile in the SASC Counselling Office."

"Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, Council approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $500 from the SUB Management Fund to enclose the vent exhaust area adjacent to the Pit Pub."

"Be it resolved that AMS Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $350 from the CPAC Fund to paint the signs above the north and south Concourse entrances."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- David Yuen: The old air conditioner in the Art Gallery has been broken for years. The SASC office is not soundproof and needs to be for obvious reasons. The vent exhaust near the Pit has been open for six years and needs to be covered because it is unsafe. We want brighter signs to say this is the Student Union Building.

- Darren Peets asked whether the signs were made of bronze.

- Bernie Peets: No, plastic.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

42. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the following minutes be approved by Council:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated July 13, 2006 [SCD 156-007]

... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Conversation Pit - David Yuen

- David Yuen: The aesthetics of the Conversation Pit have been called into question. Some have described it as looking like an airport lounge. Also, it’s uncomfortable. It was just renovated last year at a cost of $80,000.
- Michael Woodward: It’s uncomfortable for a reason, to keep away people who are homeless.
- David Yuen: Does Council want the Conversation Pit looked into? Is it too soon? Not soon enough?
- In response to some support for looking into it, David Yuen asked what sort of furniture Council would like.
- Chris Little: Leather seats.
- David Yuen: People would key it.
- Chris Little said he wasn’t being serious.
- Jonathan Lam asked if a change was being contemplated because of comfort.
- David Yuen: And because it looks ugly, mustard yellow.
- Jonathan Lam: Have people come up to you?
- David Yuen: Yes, tons of people.
- Mariana Payet asked about removing the bars between the chairs.
- David Yuen: That might be possible for some.
- Michael Woodward suggested consulting last year’s minutes to see why the renovation was done this way.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about bigger cushions.
- David Yuen said that might be a problem because the furniture was modular.

Q) Submissions:

- ✔ Update - Constituency use of webvote (157-007)

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.
S) Adjournment:

43. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Carolynne Burkholder (The Ubyssey), Raj Mathur (Music), Natalie Colceriu (SLAIS), Chen Triny Shen (GSS President), Eric Doherty (AVP Academic Affairs), Steven Klein (AUS), Roger McAffee (Former AMS President), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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 6:08 p.m.

1. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Yardstick - Jeff Friedrich

Jeff Friedrich described the old AMS Yardstick, which published summaries of student evaluations in hardcopy from 1996 through 1999 and on-line from 2000 through 2002. He made the following points:

- The Yardstick’s data was obtained by soliciting the Deans, some of whom provided data and some of whom (e.g., in Engineering and Agriculture) did not; some thought it was not a fair form of assessment.
- The Yardstick stopped in 2002 at the University’s request.
- The University wanted to introduce a more comprehensive system.
- There was support for this new system from Senate and the Administration, but resistance from some of the Faculties, based primarily on the privacy issue.
- He is on a University committee looking once again at this project.
- The University has also suggested that the AMS produce an honour roll listing the top 10% of professors.
- He is interested in an honour roll and in getting the University’s comprehensive project going, but he is more interested in reviving the Yardstick, especially now that UBC has opted out of the Maclean’s university survey.
- Lorne Whitehead, UBC’s VP Academic, is supportive and has arranged for the AMS to make a presentation to the Council of Deans in October.
- He is looking for assistance and feedback from Constituency heads and Senate Caucus.

Questions
- David Yuen: How much did the Yardstick cost?
- Bernie Peets: $10,000.
- Jeff Friedrich said it would likely go on-line, which seemed appropriate in this day and age.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked about pursuing the University plan.
- Jeff Friedrich: Part of this is to make that process go further. At the moment they are talking about it as a pilot project; it may be years away.
- Darren Peets said he recalled the Yardstick came out in September, which made it virtually useless. He also said some departments violate the rules. Even if we get the Faculties on
board, some departments may opt out.

- Jeff Friedrich said that was probably true, but reviving the Yardstick would be a starting point.
- Dave Tompkins recommended speaking to the Faculty Association.
- Stephanie Ryan recommended publishing it in hardcopy to make it more tangible. She also recommended focusing on the positive, not just pointing out poor teaching but emphasizing that there is help to improve teaching.
- Jeff Friedrich agreed with the positive approach, reiterating the Honour Roll idea.
- Lauren Hunter, speaking from her own experience as a professor, warned against seeing negative evaluations as proof of bad teaching. Some students who get bad marks punish their profs. Maybe there should be a system to knock off the top three and the bottom three evaluations. The faculty should be consulted.
- Jeff Friedrich agreed and said the University committee he is on is looking at these concerns. He could see the imperfections of the Yardstick, but it's a resource that students are lacking, whereas this sort of guide is available at other universities.
- Brendon Goodmurphy questioned doing something with imperfections. Maybe we should seek to do student evaluations the way they should be done.
- Jeff Friedrich: It’s the best thing we have as a resource. We don’t control the questions. You’re never going to get something perfect.
- Ryan Corbett: Some faculties will not be happy if their professors get bad reviews. We need a better understanding of why some faculties are saying No to us.
- Anita Parkinson asked if the point was to help students pick profs.
- Jeff Friedrich: There’s a benefit for students. The bigger goal is to strengthen the focus on teaching at UBC. It will point out profs that do well too.
- Anita Parkinson asked about national comparisons via the CFS.
- Omar Sirri asked for clarification about the cost.
- Bernie Peets said that in the past the print version cost $10,000, but the on-line version cost only $2,500.

**Councillor Contracts - Kevin Keystone**

- He was asked during the Whistler Orientation in May to present a discussion of Council members’ rights and responsibilities to the first Council meeting of the school year.
- At Whistler there was a discussion on how to be a good Council member, including such things as staying informed, asking questions, requesting accountability, and pursuing compromise.
- He has drafted a Councillor Agreement covering these issues which he would like Council to approve at its next meeting.
- It is not a true contract, but more an information tool.
- He noted that Council is two different things: both a Board of Directors overseeing operations and a representative body setting policy.
- As directors, Council members contribute to the management of the AMS.
- As representatives they also represent their own members, and it can be a question how to integrate those roles.
- Constituency representatives may ask whether their priority is to their faculty or to all students.
- Code says the first duty of all Council members is to the Society.

**Questions**

- Matthew Naylor asked how the proposed agreement differs from the fiduciary responsibility
paper that Council members already sign.

- Kevin Keystone said that was more a legal document on conflict of interest; this would be more broad.
- Stephanie Ryan said it would be easier to pursue accountability if documents were provided earlier to Council. Monday night did not leave enough time.
- Kevin Keystone said an attempt is being made this year to send documents out on Friday, though that causes some timing difficulties.

P) Discussion Period:

AMS Sustainability Strategy - Jeff Friedrich/Eric Doherty [SCD 160-07]

Jeff Friedrich:
- UBC has a sustainability policy, but the AMS doesn’t, which is surprising since the AMS does better on sustainability, but on an ad hoc basis through such things as its Impacts Committee.
- A policy would celebrate what we are already doing well and institutionalize it and allow for long-term planning.
- A policy would also help in lobbying the University.
- The University’s sustainability policy is very broad.

Eric Doherty:
- Our policy would be narrow in scope.
- It will use ecological footprint analysis, focusing on such things as the production of greenhouse gases.
- An analysis has already been done for the Pendulum.
- U-Pass has reduced greenhouse gases by one-third of a ton per student.

Jeff Friedrich mentioned some specific goals that might be pursued, such as replacing windows and increasing the amount of metering of energy.
- Darren Peets: It’s easier for us to lobby the University if we’re already doing something and not asking them to do something we aren’t.
- Dave Tompkins asked about the timeline.
- Jeff Friedrich said he was looking for feedback to identify goals by January. He thought a policy could be ready by December.
- Connie Guo asked about working with the Constituencies.
- Jeff Friedrich said that was an interesting suggestion. He had been looking at the issue more from a central AMS perspective.
- Nadia Chana noted the waste of paper at the libraries, at the photocopiers. She noted that there were no longer any double-sided copiers at the Irving K. Barber centre.

D) President’s Remarks: [SCD 161-07]

Please see my Quarterly Report for what I’ve been up to recently.

A Few Announcements:

Montreal Shooting at Dawson College:
- I’d like to take a moment to acknowledge the shootings that took place today at Dawson College in Montreal. I’d like to express our condolences on behalf of the students of UBC for the 22 that were injured and the lives that were lost in this tragic
incident. This event serves as a sober reminder of the importance of safety on campuses, and of building a community where everyone feels safe and included. Our thoughts are with our peers at Dawson.

**New Council Members & Special Guest:**
- Welcome to Nadia (Music), Leah (Land & Food) and Jess (Medicine) to AMS Council. Thank you for taking up the challenge of representing your members; we’re glad to have you with us. Welcome also to Roger McFee, former AMS President.

**AIDS Walk for Life:**
- I’m trying to put together an AMS team for the AIDS Walk for Life – if anyone is interested in participating, please let me know.

**E) Executive Reports:**

**Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic) [SCD 162-07]**
- Barn Community Centre - Have been in discussions with the UNA and the university regarding the AMS interest in the new “old barn community centre.” The AMS had invested significant sums of money to renovate/restore the old “old barn community centre,” and after it was torn down we were promised certain amounts of access (and/or reimbursement of our investments) to the new space once it was built. We are discussing options and I will keep Council updated as things forward.
- Pass/D/Fail - Have been working with Jaspreet, student senator, to discuss with the university ways of improving offerings of Pass/Fail courses for the purposes of encouraging experimentation.
- Webvote - Please submit your info to me if you are interested in running constituency elections this fall. Conversation about future use is moving forward.

**David Yuen (VP Administration) [SCD 163-07]**

As you are all aware, my quarterly report is out. I blathered on for a while but I must confess that it is recommended reading - great tales of success, and frustrations, but mostly success. For a particularly entertaining read, may I suggest the section regarding the Asbestos Removal Project.

**First Year Society:**
- Meeting went very well.
- Large turnout, about 50 first year students
- I believe almost if not all of the attendees signed up.

**SAC:**
- Club Moving Days went well, with a minimum of hassle.
  - several people who had been around in previous years complimented SAC on this year’s organization - so I am very proud.
- Clubs Days planning is also nearly done - SAC has done a fantastic job organizing this so far.
  - there are some great incentive prizes such as iPods, laptop bags, free copies at CopyRight and 2 days for 2 people at the Whistler Lodge.
Online Bookings Lineup. Over the past weeks I have been working with Barry Ross, the AMS Webmaster to create an online system for single bookings. Tragically this means that there will no longer be camping outside the SUB to be first in line for bookings. Instead it will be like signing up for a course online, and everybody can just log in whenever the system goes active.

Renovations Planning Group:
- Former Arcade space renovations are nearly done except the new Catering Kitchen.
- We have also installed the banner poles previously approved at Council. Actual banners will be in sometime in early October.
- Also be sure to check out the lovely newly painted signs above the North and South Concourse entrances to the SUB.
  - hopefully this will help students associate the SUB and the services and businesses it contains with the AMS - something that’s previously been shown to be lacking.

Sophia Haque (VP Finance) [SCD 164-07]
- Executive orientations happening are happening from the 13th to 15th so if you’re a president or treasurer of a club/constituency and you haven’t already attended, do make sure to attend some time this week.
- I’ve just gotten back from an Alumni Affairs event and I found it interesting to note how much support the university has for Varsity from their involved alumni. There was one particular vocal alumni calling for more money to be allocated towards varsity. This demonstrates an interesting vicious cycle: varsity gets more money and more recognition through events like Big Block ➔ varsity athletes make a connection to the school ➔ they graduate and because of the attention they received during their time as students, feel passionately enough about the university to 1. donate money and 2. advocate for more money to varsity. Just something to keep in mind when we discuss the varsity/intramurals split of funding.
  - And, other than that, please refer to my quarterly to see what I’ve been up to!

Ian Pattillo (VP External) [SCD 165-07]
- Information that has not changed in 12 hours can be found in my report. Please enjoy and contact me with either outrage or praise.
  - You lot are my representation of the students of UBC, so we will be conducting a little market research with these remarks, in order to better serve our constituents.
    - Who takes the bus to school?
    - who has been late for class and or passed more than once in the last 10 days?

So, that’s a pretty bad response. We’ve been trying to ratchet up pressure on Translink and Government to get us some more buses. It is not the kind of thing that can be solved quickly, but the more pressure, the more likely that in several years service will be where it needs to be. So we are considering renting a bus if things don’t get better, and bringing in students ourselves. This will serve the benefit of shaming Translink, pressuring government, and reflecting positively on the AMS in the eyes of the UBC student being passed up. More later.

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services) [SCD 166-07]

Please see my Quarterly Report.
F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Many Constituencies described their participation in UBC’s first-day Imagine program.

Engineering – Ryan Clare: Biggest frosh retreat ever.

Commerce – Connie Guo: Largest entering class ever, 400 at frosh weekend.

Pharmacy – Stephanie Yu: Held a welcome back barbecue and executive retreat.

Science – Michael Duncan: Delays on the social space building. Things need renovating and the building is not even open yet. Also, they forgot to order doors. He expects the opening to be in late September. The new Dean of Science is cool, though he doesn’t know his way around campus yet.


Law – Betsy Segal (for Chris Little): Have discussed getting more involved. They don’t even know what Imagine is.

GSS – Lauren Hunter: Working out a fantastic funding package with the University and the government.

Arts – Stephanie Ryan: Been asked to postpone their move until January, so they’re going to move in themselves.

Library/Archival – Matthew Hall: Orientation had to be dry because it was the day of the AMS Welcome Back Barbecue and no additional liquor licences were available.

Regent College – Tim Cairns: He doesn’t know what Frosh or Imagine are. They have something exciting, though, called Chapel, which may be like Imagine. And if you take communion, you might get wine.

Medicine – Jessica Chiles: Students will be going off to Prince George and Victoria again this year. They’ve settled into their new building, which is very nice, so she’s sorry to hear of the problems of Arts and Science. They held a clubs day for all clubs in Medicine.

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

BoG – Omar Sirri: Committee meetings next week, full Board the week after in Kelowna.

Lauren Hunter asked Council members to run things by the Board reps if they want the reps to vote a certain way.

Senate – Gina Eom: Met with Lorne Whitehead on the function of the Senate. The Pass/Fail systems is being looked at.

Ombudsperson – Michael Duncan said the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee met with
the Ombudsperson and the meeting went well.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated August 23, 2006 as amended [SCD 167-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 6, 2006 [SCD 168-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 13, 2006 [SCD 169-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 20, 2006 [SCD 170-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 27, 2006.” [SCD 171-07]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“That Council appoint Stephen Klein (member at-large) to the Ad-Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee.”

“That Council appoint Nadia Chana (Council Member) to the Ombuds Advisory Committee.”

“That Council appoint Anita Parkinson and Sarah Naiman (Council Members) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee.”

Note: Matthew Naylor - abstained ... Carried

4. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“Whereas the University of British Columbia (UBC) Farm currently provides a range of research, academic and community outreach opportunities and activities for undergraduate and graduate students at UBC, and for the University community; and

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Whereas 750 students volunteered at the Farm last year, representing a cross-section of faculties, and over 10,000 people visited it ; and

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produce to the Alma Mater Society, Sprouts, UBC Food Services and several colleges on campus, as well as restaurants off campus; and

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Whereas the University has development plans for a University Town that could threaten the future of the Farm,

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS endorse the UBC Farm as an educational and community focused asset of the University;

Be it further resolved that the AMS lobby the University to ensure that the Farm remains an integral learning and community component of the South Campus.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jeff Friedrich said the farm policy had just expired and is now being renewed. The resolutions section is unchanged. The Whereases have been changed a bit.

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M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

6. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated July 25, 2006 [SCD 172-07]

... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

7. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“Be it resolved that the sentence from Section 2, Article 10 (1) ‘The Ombudsperson’s term of office shall be from October 1 to September 30’ to be removed from the Code of Procedure.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Michael Duncan: Code says the term for the Ombudsperson is October 1 to September 30. This has never been followed, except for last year, and the result was the appointment of the current Ombudsperson for a half term expiring at the end of this month. However, the feeling is that it would actually be better to hire the Ombudsperson at the same time as the Service Coordinators (May 1), and there’s also a desire to extend the current Ombudsperson’s term.
- Kevin Keystone asked if there would be a point to specifying a term of May 1 to April 30 in the Code.
- Michael Duncan: It’s not specified for the Service Coordinators either. It’s just traditional.
- Matthew Naylor: Will this Code change retroactively affect the current Ombudsperson’s term?
- Michael Duncan: No, but the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee is recommending that her term be extended.
- Darren Peets expressed concern that an unlimited term could result in someone being in the position for life.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said there’s no term specified for the Service Coordinators either.
- It was suggested that when motions come to approve the appointment of an
Ombudsperson, term limits would be included then.

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P) Discussion Period:

Graduate Student Society - Lauren Hunter (GSS VP Academic & External)
Ali Khalili (GSS VP Finance)

Ali Khalili described the Graduate Student Society (GSS), saying it advocates on behalf of UBC’s approximately 8000 graduate students. He said it is a UBC goal to have grad students be 25% of the student population within five years.

Lauren Hunter: There’s a perception in the AMS that the GSS is just another constituency, but it’s not. It differs from Arts, Science, etc. because it represents all the graduate students in Arts, Science, etc.

Ali Khalili: The type of services graduate students need are totally different from the services undergraduates need. For instance, graduate students have to deal with issues surrounding theses and supervisors.

Lauren Hunter: For some services, like Safewalk, there’s no difference in need.

Ali Khalili: We do appreciate the services we receive from the AMS.

Lauren Hunter: At an August GSS Council retreat, there was a three hour discussion on whether to stay with the AMS. The AMS Executive has been aware of this issue since May. This discussion now is a dry run for a proposal about a fee transfer to the GSS. We know this is unprecedented, but to end the situation of graduate students subsidizing undergraduates, which is a sticking point for graduate students who may want autonomy, we hope this fee transfer proposal can go forward on September 27.

Ali Khalili: The alternative for the GSS is to increase the GSS fee, but there are other fee increases the GSS is already committed to, so it can’t increase the fee for services.

Lauren Hunter: We will be going to the graduate students to match the fee increase; we’re not sitting around doing nothing. This is a serious matter; we realize that the GSS is a major component of the AMS: there are six graduate student seats on Council, and graduate students contribute $345,000 to the AMS budget. The GSS has four options:

- Option 1: do nothing
- Option 2: have the AMS adapt its services to allow grad students to access them, something the AMS has already passed a motion about
- Option 3: the current GSS proposal, which is to transfer a small portion of what grad students pay in AMS fees to the GSS
- Option 4: leave the AMS

Ali Khalili: Some AMS services are not adaptable to grad students, e.g., Tutoring.

Lauren Hunter: Option 3 is preferred. The GSS would like to receive $15,000 from the AMS to run various services. The GSS can do this cheaply; it can run a graduate advocacy office in a cost-effective way. The GSS is also more effective in advocacy within the Faculty of Graduate Studies; that’s one place where the GSS carries more weight than the AMS.
Also, the GSS does not pay its staff as much as the AMS does. The GSS can take the money and do programs more effectively. It could offer tutorials on core graduate skills for half the price the AMS could.

- Ali Khalili: The proposal is for a transfer of $2 per graduate student. This figure was reached after an analysis of the AMS budget, which revealed that graduate students cannot access $2 worth of AMS services.

Ali and Lauren presented the proposed GSS motion, calling for the $2 transfer, the appointment of more graduate students by the AMS (to AMS and University committees), and access by the GSS to AMS human resources.

- Ali Khalili: What the GSS does is dependent on what the AMS does on this motion.
- Lauren Hunter: At the retreat there was a 50-50 division between those who wanted to pursue this fee transfer proposal and those who wanted to separate from the AMS.
- Ali Khalili: Out of the transferred money, $7000 would go to the graduate advocacy program, $3600 to a program coordinator who would arrange a speaker series on core graduate skills, and $4500 to pay for speakers and tutorials. Up to now graduate advocacy cases have been silently handled by the GSS VP Academic.
- Michael Duncan said the $15,000 sounded reasonable, and it was true that Tutoring was mostly for first and second year students. He asked if the GSS services would be open to undergraduates.
- Lauren Hunter: If that’s the request, the GSS might ask for a larger transfer, because otherwise the graduate students would still be subsidizing the undergraduates.
- Ian Pattillo said the AMS is set up so that it collects fees to provide essential services, and what the AMS can’t do is provided by the undergraduate societies or the GSS for their students. There are also representative mechanisms, seats on Council, by which Council members can affect the distribution of services by the AMS. He didn’t see why an exception should be made for the GSS.
- Lauren Hunter: The exception comes from the AMS. Ombuds and advocacy services are a core right; it’s a failure of the University that it does not provide them. Currently, the AMS can’t handle graduate advocacy; it’s letting down its graduate population. Also, at no point can graduate students access the Tutoring service.
- Ali Khalili: It’s not like we haven’t tried to tailor the advocacy service. It didn’t work.
- Kevin Keystone: If graduate students are not satisfied with AMS services, why don’t they opt out of the student services fee?
- Lauren Hunter: Because they couldn’t take that fee and get a service with it elsewhere. It would be a protest against the AMS, putting a hole in your budget, but it wouldn’t help the graduate students.
- Jeff Friedrich questioned two of the GSS assumptions:
  
a) that some AMS services were completely unusable; that’s not true of any of our services; graduate students have enough weight on Council to affect how we target the services, and the data from the recent survey showed a proportional use of AMS services, except perhaps for Tutoring; the Ombudsperson, SASC, and Speakeasy are all available to grad students;
  b) that GSS services would be the cheaper way to go; the AMS has the lowest fee in the country and we have AMS businesses that bring in 50% of our revenue; if the GSS is looking to create a second set of services, hiring all the administrators, they will end up charging more to the graduate students.

- Lauren Hunter: We’re not talking of pulling out of all services. That would be Option 4,
pulling out of the AMS.

- Jeff Friedrich: There’s cross-subsidization of services at the AMS.
- Lauren Hunter: We’re asking the AMS to consider this. We acknowledge that grad students use certain AMS services. We’re only asking for $2, not the full $9 fee.
- Jeff Friedrich asked why the GSS was raising the issue of separation.
- Lauren Hunter: We thought the AMS should be aware of how serious this is. We didn’t want to come to ask for a fee transfer and then, if that didn’t work out and we said we would then be considering separation, we didn’t want the AMS to say that was the first time they’d heard of it.
- Betsy Segal asked if the GSS had looked into other ways of raising money. Professional schools also don’t access services like Tutoring. She would love to get money back, but her Constituency (Law) had found other ways to fundraise.
- Lauren Hunter said other paths were being pursued, but nothing was guaranteed. They were also going to raise GSS fees.
- Ali Khalili: Grad students can’t be asked to pay more fees for undergraduate services.
- Gina Eom: How would U-Pass be affected by this if the GSS separates? And Safewalk? Would the AMS be forced into checking ID’s? And what would be the motivation for the AMS to continue lobbying on behalf of graduate students?
- Ali Khalili: These are good services for the AMS. It would not be easy to renegotiate these services for the GSS. He didn’t know what the final decision of the GSS Council would be.
- Lauren Hunter said she was confident TransLink would extend to the GSS the same deal as to the AMS. TransLink had made assurances. The AMS does a fantastic job lobbying. If we had the AMS’s sort of money, we could do more. There are lots of services the GSS would like to buy into. That would be something for discussion.
- Ryan Corbett said it was important to take a holistic view. The services pay for each other. He had a problem with the approach that said, We want all the good stuff and we don’t want to pay for it. And though it was true the GSS had a different demographic, a 6’2” guy could say he didn’t need Safewalk, so why should he pay for it? He also questioned whether the presentation was in good faith. The GSS is here saying this is what they want, but it can’t say it will agree even if the AMS goes along.
- Lauren Hunter: We can’t speak on behalf of GSS Council. We want to give our constituents a chance to vote Yes or No on this. Our Council has asked us to see what we can work out with the AMS. Ali and I have faith in this proposal. We will throw our weight behind the proposal if it passes here, but we can’t speak for the GSS.
- Ali Khalili: There are a lot of question marks for the GSS. One thing is waiting to know what happens at the AMS.
- Lauren Hunter: Ultimately, the AMS makes the final decision on the wording of the motion, so it was logical to come here first.
- Omar Sirri: If we pass it, and then it goes to the GSS and you don’t pass it, that’s a slap in the face to us. We deal with secession, agreeing to the alternative to secession, and then the GSS still says it wants to secede.
- Ali Khalili: The result of the AMS discussion will affect the GSS decision.
- Omar Sirri said that was a fair point, but he didn’t see any motions from the GSS Council. It would make more sense if a motion came first from the GSS. He asked how many GSS Council members were at the retreat that led to this proposal.
- Lauren Hunter said it was about half.
- Dave Tompkins said it was closer to a third than a half.
- Lauren Hunter said the reason the proposal was coming forward now had to do with the timeline at the GSS. No disrespect was intended to the AMS. The AMS was the governing body. This began with talk of a $4000 transfer to Advocacy. The GSS Council has heard of this; it just hasn’t passed a formal motion.
Omar Sirri: On the question of Tutoring and demographics, there was no tutoring available in Economics, so why should Economics students pay? It was a slippery slope. It was a hostile approach to bring up secession; it’s a little early.

Ali Khalili: This is grad students versus undergraduates. All undergraduate students could access the Tutoring service.

Lauren Hunter: The other approach would have been to ask for the money first and then, if not given it, talk of seceding. Then the AMS would have said, Why didn’t you tell us before?

Omar Sirri: We don’t know that.

Stephanie Ryan said there would be more opting out of the services if grad students thought they were not useful. Also, tutoring is mostly for first year students; most second, third and fourth year students don’t get much out of it either. And tutoring could be offered to graduate students. She also wanted to know if there had been a motion at the retreat.

Lauren Hunter: There was a three hour discussion, with non-binding votes on each option.

Sophia Haque: The AMS could put up money if the GSS passed a fee increase. The GSS could get AMS support without creating a permanent hole in the AMS budget.

Lauren Hunter said that would be a short-term stopgap.

Ali Khalili said the concern would be that the services created that way would not be sustainable, if the money was not guaranteed for future years.

Lauren Hunter replied to the suggestion that a large man wouldn’t need Safewalk. He could still access Safewalk; grad students can’t access Tutoring.

Brendon Goodmurphy: The AMS should be meeting the needs of all its members. Option 4 (secession) seems just a bargaining tool. Option 2 (adapting AMS services) has been overlooked. Why? If Arts came with concerns, the AMS would try to address them within the Society. He also wanted to see how it would be cheaper for the GSS to run its own services. How do you plan to offer these services yourselves as a body much smaller than the AMS? He would rather follow Option 2, and if current services can’t be adapted, maybe a whole new service could be created.

Lauren Hunter pointed to the close relationship between the GSS and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Even if the AMS got a full-time advocate for graduate issues, it wouldn’t have the same relationship with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The recent situation at Green College was a good example. The graduate advocate had access to her, and she had access to the Dean, and there was a resolution. The GSS can resolve things so much more easily. It has the expertise and the infrastructure as well. It would cost the AMS four or five times the amount.

Brendon Goodmurphy said he would like to see more detail on that. Where would the $2 go? Could you flesh it out for us?

Sophia Haque: On the human resources issue, you already have access to the AMS General Manager, the Designer, etc.

Lauren Hunter: It’s a question of institutional memory. We have the ability to access this labour pool; we just want it to continue.

Ryan Clare: Obviously, separating would be foolish, suicidal. It would make two groups that could be played off against each other. He was the first one to complain about AMS services. The AMS can look at this as a wake-up call. We could do more with our money. We need to change the services to cater more to the GSS. But he questioned the notion of differential fees, with the GSS not paying as much but still receiving as much. The way to go is to have a fee increase. If you’re strapped for cash, well, everyone is strapped for cash. But this proposal would be a fee decrease for the AMS, a negative thing; it will hurt the AMS ego-wise. Some things will disappear. We all duplicate what the AMS does; duplication happens. Increasing fees is the only option, along with working with the AMS.

Michael Woodward: As a trade school or a professional school, Commerce has some of the
same issues as the GSS. We don’t take advantage of Tutoring; we offer our own tutoring. But we have access to Safewalk. We provide our own ombuds office. He’d like to see a campus-wide ombuds service, and several ombudspersons could be trained at once (for the AMS, the CUS, and the GSS). That would be cheaper. Instead of setting graduate students against undergraduates, why not seek to contribute more to campus community? Our ombudsperson goes to our dean; that’s similar to the GSS. That doesn’t mean we should separate. Separation would create a number of separate contingents; it ruins the spirit of the University. He also asked for statistics on the use of AMS services. The only ones he’d seen said grad students use them as much as undergraduates.

Lauren Hunter: Those survey results conflict with the AMS services’ own records. A graduate student survey had shown a different picture for advocacy.

Michael Woodward: But are graduate students using the other services?

Lauren Hunter: We don’t have information on that.

Michael Woodward said he would like that information. It was not fair if the GSS took away its money. A better approach would be to restructure AMS services to serve Constituencies better. We can add another service. It could be graduate-based. It could be located in the GSS.

All Khalili: It doesn’t matter if you pay us the money and we pay them, or if you pay direct.

Michael Woodward: That would be better than taking money away from the AMS.

Lauren Hunter: We need to be able to allocate the money.

Michael Woodward: If you take away money, you undermine the campus community. He would have no problem scraping every single service and building from the ground up.

Lauren Hunter said she was getting a sense of what people were saying, and asked for a straw poll.

Michael Woodward asked about the proposed GSS fee increase.

Lauren Hunter said it would be $5, raising the fee to $49 or even $50.

Michael Woodward: You’re thinking we’re opposed to this, but we all want to work with you to make sure you’re as comfortable as you can be within the AMS. You seem to be giving up too easily. Grad services are something we can work on. He was open to that. More work needs to be put into finding alternatives, and due diligence is needed to find numbers on the grad usage of AMS services.

Stephanie Yu asked about the effect of the fee transfer on the AMS budget.

Sophia Haque said it would mean taking $15,000 out of the budget.

Tim Cairns: If anyone’s hard done by, it’s Regent. We don’t even have a vote on Council. But the question is, How do you do student government? Is it for the benefit of the whole community? Or is it more a corporation providing services which we can buy or decline to buy? There are services we aren’t going to use, but we’re happy to do that for the greater good. He was unhappy about those who wanted to get their money back. Student government is about trying to help each other; he was uncomfortable about opt-outs. We should care about our fellow students. We’re a community; we need to stay a community; needs should be addressed within the community.

Triny Shen (GSS President): We’re not just asking for money. We’re trying to better serve the graduate students on campus. If there’s a better way to serve graduate students, then we’ll do that. We want to provide the best service for our graduate students. Ultimately, we’re representing graduate students on campus. We can’t compromise the interests of graduate students to serve some other population. This wasn’t just at the Council retreat. It was also at a couple of Council meetings. We were asked to go to the AMS to see the reaction; we were directed to seek feedback. She couldn’t say what the GSS Council would do, but she was pretty sure what the GSS Executive would endorse.

Jessica Chiles, after saying she represented a professional school (Medicine) most of whose members were not even on campus, said she hoped the GSS would focus on
working with the AMS.

- Lauren Hunter: It’s a straw man argument to say we’re being selfish and against community. We’re here to seek community. We want to work with the AMS. We’re proposing the cheapest solution. We can do these things better. We make up 20% of the campus population. There were 3000 of us only a few years ago. Now we’re over 8000.
- Betsy Segal said it was positive that there was so much interest in restructuring services. She wondered if the GSS would collaborate on doing that. The professional schools have issues too. They could all work together with the AMS.
- Lauren Hunter said she was not closed to that.
- Betsy Segal asked if secession would be legal.
- Lauren Hunter said the GSS could go to referendum and then approach UBC’s VP Students and ultimately the Board of Governors. They would speak to the University’s counsel, Hubert Lai.
- Ryan Corbett asked if all four options could be brought next time.
- Lauren Hunter: We’ve researched this for four months. This is our motion from the GSS. You can always fail it and pass your own motion. You have already voted in favour of Option 2.
- Ryan Corbett: So the answer is No.
- Lauren Hunter: Yes.
- Sophia Haque said she hadn’t seen the numbers to demonstrate that with the AMS running things the cost would be three times as much. She pointed to the power of numbers, economies of scale. She also suggested an AMS referendum to raise a number of fees, including one for the GSS.
- Matthew Naylor asked if the GSS would receive $2 less for each grad student who opted out of the AMS services fee.
- Lauren Hunter said that could be part of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the GSS and the AMS.
- Matthew Naylor asked how long the fee transfer would last.
- Lauren Hunter said it would not be in perpetuity. As the proposed motion says, it would be only until the AMS brings up the level of its services.
- Matthew Naylor: Would you describe the GSS Council as federalist or separatist?
- Lauren Hunter: These words have been tossed out more than she’s comfortable with. We’ve been called Quebec.
- Dave Tompkins: So the answer is Oui.
- Matthew Naylor: Could the GSS present a budget to the AMS to show how the money is being used?
- Lauren Hunter: That’s an absolute must. It’s still AMS money. I think the GSS should report every quarter.
- Matthew Naylor: Do you see grad students as a separate student body or as part of the whole University?
- Lauren Hunter: That’s a difficult question.
- Ali Khalili: Even if we secede, we still want to work with the AMS.
- Lauren Hunter: It is the dominant model at other universities for graduate student societies to be separate.
- Matthew Naylor asked about membership in CASA.
- Lauren Hunter said that if the GSS were separate, it would become a separate member of CASA. This might even be helpful, in light of the new graduate council being established.
- Kevin Keystone: The GSS already had a seat on the graduate caucus at CASA through the AMS.
- Matthew Naylor: Could the GSS join the CFS?
- Lauren Hunter: Absolutely, though the current GSS leadership hated the CFS.
Gina Eom asked about lobbying the University.
Ali Khalili said on the issue of the Ombudsperson they would like the University to pay for a University-wide Ombudsperson.

9. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“Whereas AMS Council recognizes the concerns of the GSS in relation to AMS Services;
Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the AMS Executive to negotiate with the GSS Executive to improve and enhance AMS Services to meet the specific needs/requests of Graduate students.”

Omar Sirri: Grad students’ concerns are not being met. Through this motion Council is telling the Executive to address these concerns and show the GSS we’re on their side.
Lauren Hunter said negotiations were already happening.
Omar Sirri: But Council didn’t approve them, and now through this motion Council would be recognizing your needs.
Sean Kearney: Would the Executive and Council be willing to hear grievances from other Constituencies?
Kevin Keystone said he was of two minds on that issue. On the one hand: one Constituency at a time. Or: all on the table to improve services for everyone. But he thought the focus here was on grad student grievances. In a separate discussion it would be in order to bring up the other issues.
Ryan Corbett: This motion will indicate where Council is to the GSS. Turning down everything is negative. This motion is proactive, saying we’re in favour of Option 2. He didn’t want to vote something down. This was a way to be positive.

10. MOVED ANITA PARKINSON, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That motion #9 be amended by adding ‘and to report back to AMS Council at the September 27, 2006 meeting’.”

Ryan Corbett: Council may still feel it’s being forced. There will be a looming deadline in two weeks, and we’ll have to have the right answer or it’s Option 4.

11. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That motion #10 be amended to read ‘and to report back to AMS Council by the October 11, 2006 meeting.’”

Lauren Hunter said October 11 would make the timeline awkward for the GSS. Secession is being debated in September. We can say the AMS is still discussing. Meanwhile we’ll see if we can change the meeting times.

12. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
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Note: Matthew Naylor - opposed

... Carried

16. **MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:**

“That the meeting be extended by ten minutes to 10:18 pm.”

... Carried

- There was discussion over whether to conduct a straw poll of Council members and over what the question should be for such a straw poll.
- Ryan Corbett asked what the ramifications of a straw poll would be for the GSS.
- Lauren Hunter: You’ve already passed Option 2. At the retreat we discussed Option 2. It’s not going to work for us. Options 3 and 4 are the top two for us.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said he thought Council had already made it clear that it’s not worth the GSS’s time to go forward with Option 3.
- Matthew Naylor disagreed. He would want to see the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Nadia Chana said she would consider Option 3. If grad students can’t use Tutoring, it’s reasonable that they get money back.
- Omar Sirri: The GSS decision may be influenced by the straw poll.
- Ryan Corbett: This is precedent setting. It would change the AMS. More time is needed on this collaboratively. There will be a tainted question and answer now. Everyone’s afraid of saying the wrong thing and offending the GSS.
- A straw poll showed Council was in favour of having a straw poll, but not in favour of having it on the question drafted by the Speaker:

‘*Do you wish to let the GSS know that you would likely vote YES to the proposed motion?*’

- Council chose to vote on a straw poll question drafted by Jeff Friedrich:

‘*Would you support a negotiated Memorandum of Understanding that could have as an option a transfer of fees or services to the GSS?*’

- Council voted in favour of that question.
Q) **Submissions:**

- Letter from Brian Sullivan/Geoff Atkins re: $20,000 grant for Safewalk for 2006/07

R) **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) **Adjournment:**

17. **MOVED LEAH SHAINHOUSE, SECONDED NADIA CHANA:**

   “That the meeting be adjourned.”  ... Carried

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

T) **Social Activity:**

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Jeff Friedrich  
VP Academic and University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Colleen Tang (The Ubyssey), Boris Korby (The Ubyssey), Brad Aqacurio (SUS), Cameron Funnell (SUS), Bob Philip (Athletics and Recreation), Anne DeWolfe (VP Students), Alnoor Aziz (Athletics and Recreation), Madison Myrfield (Engineering), Raj Mathur (Music), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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 6:28 p.m.

1. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Athletics – Bob Philip and Alnoor Aziz [SCD 177-07]

- Bob Philip said that the last time he spoke to Council, to discuss the possibility of a referendum to increase athletic fees, questions were asked about current athletic fees, so he was back to explain where the current fees go.
- He presented a summary of the athletics budget, noting that 24% goes to recreation, 15% is the aquatic fee, and 60% goes to Thunderbird varsity sports.

Questions:
- Sophia Haque said these numbers were different from earlier numbers.
- Bob Philip referred to fee splits and the adding in of facilities numbers.
- Sophia Haque said the numbers still did not match up.
- Alnoor Aziz said the difference was between last year’s actuals and projected numbers.
- Sophia Haque: These are the actuals?
- Alnoor Aziz said he would have to look at that.
- Michael Duncan asked how much of UBC Recreation funding comes from student fees.
- Bob Philip said he was showing the total number spent on Recreation, and it comes from student fees, user fees, and the community. He said fees escalated when tuition was frozen. The aim now is to reduce user fees by introducing a new $40 student fee to pay for a new facility. There would be a reduction in user fees of 75-80%.
- Michael Duncan expressed concerns about capacity, especially for such things as the Longboat.
- Bob Philip: Some things, like the Longboat, are different. But if there were three more gyms, new soccer fields, and an arena, there could be an expansion of programs. Our argument is that Intramurals can’t be expanded without new facilities.
- He added that for the first time the University is giving money ($180,000) to Athletics, and that money can subsidize Varsity programs.
- Ian Pattillo asked where the $5.6 million in revenue came from.
- Bob Philip: User fees, student fees, the general public, rentals (field rentals, arena rentals). This did not include fundraising through the Development Office. Intramural user fees were $225,000, with an equal number for dance and martial arts.
- James Henderson asked how much money Athletics needed.
- Bob Philip: The target is $2.5 million. We’re at $3 million now.
- James Henderson asked why, if the target has been exceeded, Athletics doesn’t simply use
  what it has.
- Bob Philip said it was because the arena is not available this year, but for next year they
  are prepared to invest that money.
- David Yuen asked what Varsity athletes contribute.
- Bob Philip said they pay for a $100 weight room pass. As to their uniforms, most are
  provided. Many athletes get scholarships. In some sports, like rowing and skiing, the
  athletes have to pay for their own travel, but for most of the high level sports it’s covered.
- Darren Peets asked how UBC costs compare to those elsewhere.
- Bob Philip said UBC costs were consistent with those elsewhere, given where UBC is
  located. It’s hard because there is a lot of travel, though that is lessening because there
  are more teams now in British Columbia. The cost per trip is the same.
- Darren Peets asked about off-campus users and members of the University Neighbourhood
  Association (UNA).
- Bob Philip said UNA members get the same discount as students. He said there are
  currently 4,000 of them, and there are going to be 20,000. What would be a fair amount
  to charge?
- Darren Peets asked if the proposed fee would go down after paying down the building.
- Bob Philip said they could service the debt over 20 years and build bigger. Or the fee could
  be stopped, or something else could be built.
- Jeff Friedrich asked what the effect of joining the NCAA would have on the travel budget.
  He said it was startling to see that the travel budget was as much as the budget for
  Recreation.
- Bob Philip: It would cost substantially more to play in the NCAA, but there’s a lot of support
  for it from alumni and the community, and it would generate a lot of revenue. GM Place has
  asked us to play there.
- Jeff Friedrich asked about the access agreement with the UNA, saying that in return for
  giving up some promised green space the UNA was offered greater access to University
  facilities. He wondered how that would work. Will students and UNA residents be
  competing for use of University facilities? Will students be subsidizing UNA residents?
- Bob Philip said UNA residents want access to some of the same programs as students, but
  they’re a different demographic and also want some other programs. He talked of going
  to the University for annual amounts of money and facilities contributions.
- Jeff Friedrich asked if the AMS would see any agreement.
- Bob Philip: Absolutely. It was being developed with the University Athletics Council.
  Athletics was looking to get $420,000 from the University. UBC was talking about
  $275,000.
- Jeff Friedrich asked about the UNA discount.
- Bob Philip: The University said they wanted us to do this. We feel we’re getting a raw deal;
  the UNA thinks they’re getting a raw deal. They get the student rate, but there are no
  special times for them.
- Sophia Haque suggested that business operations could finance Varsity sports.
- Bob Philip: No. It’s hard to say where the dollars go.
- Sophia Haque: Why are intramural fees and user fees artificially high? There’s a $200
  student fee and then $300 to join the Bird Coop. Is this because of a shortage of facilities?
- Bob Philip: Yes, we don’t have enough facilities.
- Sophia Haque: It costs $10 to drop in at the Bird Coop, whether you’re a student, a faculty
  member, or a member of the general public. Where’s the advantage for the students who
  pay an additional student fee to Athletics and Recreation?
- Bob Philip: Most programs have discounts for students. Athletics was ancillarized in 1994 and made to pay its own way. Fees should be reduced; it’s just a question of how.
- Sophia Haque asked what the justification was for students paying $40 more when they already feel they’re paying more than they should. Why not just reduce fees and allow students to come to you?
- Bob Philip: We could reduce fees on existing programs, but we need a fee increase to expand our programs.
- Sophia Haque said swimmers and triathletes can’t get funding from Athletics to go to competitions. They have to go to the Walter Gage Fund.
- Bob Philip: Athletics does pay. If students are invited to compete, we will always subsidize. But the Walter Gage Fund is available, and students can go there. It’s getting expensive. We’re trying to contain that. Some are funded by sports organizations and some are not.
- Mike Thicke asked about revenue from sponsorships.
- Alnoor Aziz said it was going up. Last year it was low, but this year it’s up.

Cold Beverage/Strategic Alliance Com - Lenny Freilich (Business Development)

2. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN, GINA EOM:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

3. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED JAMES HENDERSON, RYAN CLARE:

“That Council remain in camera.” ... Defeated

4. MOVED FERUZA ABDJALIEVA, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the Council agenda be amended by moving up Discussion Period starting with the Athletics discussion following by the Cold Beverage discussion.” ... Defeated

D) President’s Remarks

AMS/GSS Negotiations

We met twice for several hours each time to discuss expanding services for graduate students. Negotiations are going well – we’ve achieved a rough outline of providing advocacy services for graduate students, as well as core graduate skills seminars, and are working out the details. Each of these services will be joint AMS/GSS services for graduate students, and will tie back into existing AMS services (ie. AMS Advocacy and AMS Tutoring).

Studentcare Critical Review

We’re in the process of finalizing questions for the review of our health & dental plan, and have settled on which groups we’ll be asking the questions of. The review is slated to be completed by the end of October, so look forward to that one.
Cold Beverage Agreement

After further discussions with Brian Sullivan and Anne DeWolfe, we received a presentation from Anne at Executive Committee, which prompted the presentation this evening. The process for the agreement is that it will go to the Board Finance Committee at the end of November, and if approved there, will be sent to the Board of Governors on December 7th. I’ve put in a request to speak to the Board Finance Committee, which is why we’re having the discussion this evening, to draft a policy to come forward for approval at the next Council meeting that I’ll then present to the Committee.

Toope Installation

I’ll be saying a few words of welcome at the installation of Professor Toope on Friday. By the way, I have six tickets for it, if anyone wants to go.

Alumni Weekend

The UBC Alumni Weekend is this weekend, and the AMS has a booth from 8 until 4. I’ll be there for most of the day, but I’m looking for people to help out with staffing the booth. You get to schmooze with Alumni, talk up the AMS, and I’m sure there’s free food involved somewhere. I really need the help, so if you’ve got the time, please do.

BC Community Achievement Awards

I’ve received the nomination package for the BC Community Achievement Awards. These awards are for any current or former long-term resident of BC who has made a significant contribution through a unique achievement or outstanding service in any area that provides a benefit to the community. Nominate yourself, nominate someone in your faculty – I think it’d be great if a UBC student won the award.

Thanks to everyone who made FarmAde an amazing success – in particular, congratulations and thanks to Jeff! Congratulations to David on one of the best run and smoothest Clubs Days yet.

E) Executive Reports:

David Yuen (VP Administration)

Renovations Planning Group:

▶ We haven’t had a meeting that I can update you about right now, but there is a meeting coming up this Friday and I should have some news for you all at the next meeting.

Impacts Committee:

▶ I hope to be scheduling this year’s very first Impacts Committee meeting tomorrow.

SAC:

▶ Clubs Days:
  - Last Friday when it ended I felt relieved. I have heard so many compliments and great things about how organized it was and how much better it’s been than in years past. I have to say that the response, as a whole has been overwhelmingly positive. There were some interesting complaints from a few groups, but I would have to say that for the SAC Vice-Chair, Sam, and myself, it was an experience that matured
us a lot. We definitely have suggestions to improve next year’s Clubs Days and I think we have set a precedent for future years.

- Single Bookings Line-up:
  - It’s set to go live on Saturday at noon. I have been working on this fairly hard with the AMS Webmaster over the past couple of weeks and I really have high hopes for the system. Just a reminder that this means no more camping outside the SUB! I know you’re disappointed.

And finally, I have managed to keep up (mostly) with my coursework and I thought I’d express some personal pride.

**Ian Pattillo (VP External)**

- I have been externalizing quite a bit. Two weeks ago I went to Ottawa to attend a conference on student financial aid which was extremely interesting. I will report back on that later with a presentation of some sort, hopefully tie it into my major push for this fall provincially which is the establishment of a needs based grant for undergrads and the grad student scholarship which the GSS has been working on. Then I was in Victoria to sit on the committee that is the final arbiter for students who have had their loan request denied by the province. Lots of fun to argue with bureaucrats about why we should be funding these students. Record number of approvals granted, so I look forward to more of that. I also got to meet Gordon Campbell and he’s a bit of a jerk but the opportunity to talk PSE was not lost.
- The Strategic Alliances Committee has not met and will be doing so three times in October, so I’ll keep you posted.
- The Turbo Democracy Committee has changed its name.

**Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)**

- Committee of Deans presentation regarding Webvote went well. Kevin and I will be following up with more meetings/requests.
- Upcoming presentation to GVRD-UBC Joint Committee on October 4th. Also have had meetings with the mayors of West Vancouver, Vancouver
- Farmade - 800 people in attendance- tripled previous efforts. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out.

**Sophia Haque (VP Finance)**

Finance Commission:

- Discussions have begun to improve financial procedures. This is exciting. Met with a number of people (Ryan (EUS), Kevin (CVC), and Gary (CUS) to discuss avenues for improvement.
- Clubs Days: a lot of office hours were spent ‘patrolling’ clubs days booths and answering general questions.

Businesses:

- Working with Henry and BOC on AMS Businesses market situation.
- Exciting plans are in place for the AMS Business Website so do stay tuned!
- The AMS Businesses are hiring so if you or any of your friends are looking for a job on campus that has flexible hours and will work around class schedules, do let them know!
Services:
› Met with John Calveley to discuss improvements to the current Rentsline structure.

Celebrate Students:
› Moving forward. Tim and I met with Kim Davidson and David Whyte (from the Sauder UGO) to formulate a pilot plan to roll out the project. We worked to narrow the scope of “Celebrate Students” to an internal focus and are working on building relationships with the various faculties to garner support for the initiative.

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)

I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are currently on stolen Musqueam territory.

Since I was away last week I don’t have much to report for myself, but I can tell you about some of the things that the services have been up to:
› Shinerama was a huge success, raising a bunch of money for cystic fibrosis research. Congratulations to Commerce for winning ‘bling-bling’ and an honorable mention to Arts who even though they did not participate still donated $65.
› Speakeasy has a launch date for their 24 hour crisis line on October 15th. Just a quick note about their volunteers: there were some concerns brought up before about the ability of the volunteers to relate to clients of different ages. This year volunteers range from the age of 17 to 40, so hopefully this will make the service more accessible to all students.
› Minischool registration is now open, but filling up quickly, so don’t forget to register.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Stephanie Ryan: They’re moving back into MASS.

Regent – Tim Cairns: They’re back from a retreat in Washington at a place called Warm Beach, which was neither warm nor a beach.

Law – Chris Little: $1 million for a new building.

Commerce – Craig Powell: Fee increase of $500 on top of their current fee of $265 to pay for a new building.

Science – Michael Duncan: Still have not moved into Lahda.

Engineering – Ryan Clare: Octoberfest will not be on MacInnes field this year, maybe next year. They had visited UBCO to help set up course unions there. They’re looking into a new building, but would not raise their fees $500.

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

Senate – Gina Eom: Honeymoon period with new UBC President Toope. He says Senate will be consulted more on campus development and the budget. The composition of the Council of Senates has been changed to include three student seats from each campus, including a designated graduate student seat. Working on extended hours at the library.
Controversy over the College of Inter-disciplinary Studies; it may skew Senate composition in favour of the administration, which needs to be offset by an increase in student and faculty seats.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

5. MOVED CHRIS ANDERSON, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated September 13, 2006 as amended [SCD 179-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 3, 2006 [SCD 180-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 10, 2006 [SCD 181-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 16, 2006 [SCD 182-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 24, 2006 [SCD 183-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 31, 2006.” [SCD 184-07]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

6. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT: [SCD 185-07]

“That Council approve the Agreement for Council Members of the Alma Mater Society of UBC as presented.”

• Kevin Keystone: This was sent around after the last Council meeting. He wanted to thank Council members for all their feedback, which amounted to none. He was considering whether to put the agreement in the Code. After it was approved, every Council member should sign one.
• Ryan Corbett: Is it binding?
• Kevin Keystone: Not yet. He hopes to bring a Code amendment to Council.
• Gary Andraza: Does it apply to non-voting members?
• Kevin Keystone: They’re dealt with too.
• Darren Peets said he would end up with first duties to multiple societies as a result of this.
• Kevin Keystone: Constituency representatives first and foremost have a duty to this society.
• Darren Peets said this was also true of another society he belongs to, the Graduate Student Society.
• Kevin Keystone: Interesting. The GSS is different because it is a separately incorporated society. There’s also the GSA; as a member of the GSA your first duty is to us. This may be something to be visited by Code and Policies.
• Matthew Naylor asked about people who are executives on undergraduate societies.
• Dave Tompkins: Your first responsibility is to the AMS.
• Darren Peets: You’re not a society; we are.
• Kevin Keystone: Undergraduate societies are not legal entities.
• Darren Peets: We’re a distinct society.

7. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council approve the Agreement for Council Members of the Alma Mater Society of UBC as presented.”

... Carried
K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED JAMES HENDERSON, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council omnibus all appointment motions on the agenda and addendum.”

... Carried

9. MOVED JAMES HENDERSON, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council appoint James Henderson, Michael Duncan and Stephanie Ryan (Council members) to represent the AMS on the UBC Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a term of up to two years.”

... Carried

“That Council appoint Tim Cairns (Council Member) to the Ad-Hoc Membership Review Committee.”

“That Council appoint Nadia Chana (Council Member) to the Impacts Committee.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor (Council Member) to the Communications Planning Group.”

... Carried

10. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee extend Hayane Dahmen’s appointment as AMS Ombudsperson for a term ending April 30, 2007.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

11. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated April 6, 2006 [SCD 186-07]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated April 28, 2006.” [SCD 187-07]

... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

12. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated August 18, 2006 [SCD 188-07]
Minutes of the External Commission dated May 18, 2006.” [SCD 189-07]

... Carried
O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

**Athletics Fee Referendum - Sophia Haque (VP Finance)**

13. MOVE MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED JAMES HENDERSON:

“That discussion on the Athletics Fee Referendum be limited to twenty minutes.”

... Carried

- Sophia Haque: Bob Philip wants a $40 fee referendum. We have to decide whether we want to support a $40 increase for athletics.
- Sean Kearney: Does this mean we’d run a referendum and actively support the No side?
- Sophia Haque: If we don’t support the $40 fee, we won’t hold the referendum.
- Sean Kearney asked if we would foot the bill for the referendum.
- Sophia Haque said we would, but she was not sure how much it would cost.
- Kevin Keystone said there was money in the Elections Committee budget for referendums, but he also thought Athletics would co-sponsor it.
- Michael Duncan: Science would probably not support a raise, but would support holding a referendum.
- Ryan Corbett asked about Yes and No campaigns.
- Kevin Keystone said they are provided for in Code.
- Ryan Corbett: It’s impossible to squash this based on our own opinions.
- Ryan Clare said he’d like to have a talk with Athletics on how they’re running things, and if there is an athletics fee referendum, he’d like another question run too.
- Matthew Hall: Do we have an idea whether it would pass?
- Kevin Keystone: When we introduced the fee raising the AMS contribution to Athletics and Recreation from $6 to $21, Athletics and Intramurals mobilized, persuading athletics and intramural users to vote Yes. That’s why they are encouraging us to run the referendum. They say run it and we’ll give you quorum. We could ask other questions at the same time.
- Sophia Haque referred to the original referendum to build the Student Recreation Centre (SRC).
- Sheldon Goldfarb recounted the history of SRC funding. First an AMS referendum approved funding through a student fee. Then a year later a second AMS referendum reversed that decision. As a result, the University introduced its own $40 opt-outable fee.
- Stephanie Ryan: So Athletics will go to the Board of Governors anyway.
- Kevin Keystone: Bob Philip is on record in our minutes saying he won’t.
- Cameron Funnell asked about the new fee being opt-outable and about taking advantage of the fee referendum to ask other referendum questions.
- Gary Andraza asked if the $40 fee would mean free access to the Rec Centre.
- Dave Tompkins: The $40 fee is to build an extension to the Rec Centre.
- Kevin Keystone: It will reduce user fees 75-80%.
- Darren Peets asked about accountability, wondering if the AMS would get to look over the books to see how the $40 was being spent. He also expressed concern about athletes swaying the vote.
- Mike Thicke: There will be a reduction regardless.
- Dave Tompkins: They could make a reduction.
- Mike Thicke: Bob Philip said they would.
- Dave Tompkins said he had heard him say they could.
- Kevin Keystone: As to athletes swaying the vote, when you hold a referendum, that’s
always a risk you run. The people more inclined to support an issue will be the ones who turn out to vote.

- Sophia Haque: If we support this and it passes, AMS fees will go up $40, and yet we’ll have no real control over that $40. We’ll be sending $61 to Athletics, with no control over that money. Students are already complaining about the athletics and recreation fee.

- James Henderson: Does it have to be incorporated into the AMS fee?

- Sophia Haque: If it’s an AMS referendum, it’s an AMS fee.

- Ryan Corbett: This is how democracy works. This is how we got elected. People went out and voted. And if people don’t bother to vote and suffer as a result, that’s a good lesson to learn.

- Kevin Keystone: The U-Pass fee and the Health and Dental plan fee are not listed as AMS fees.

- Sophia Haque said she supposed this new fee could also be listed separately, but then there would be a Recreation fee, a Recreation fee, and another Recreation fee.

- Darren Peets suggested putting bylaw changes to referendum at the same time. He also suggested pushing for all the money to go to Recreation and not Varsity. He asked if the fee collection tax would give UBC extra money on this fee.

- Bernie Peets: Yes, but we would only transfer the net.

- Ryan Clare: It’s really hard to tell where the money is going.

- Bernie Peets: A statement that 100% of the fee will go to the reduction of construction costs could be part of the question.

- Michael Duncan: How much will the SRC addition cost? $40 times 40,000 students over 10 years, or $16 million?

- Sophia Haque: $12 million.

- A straw poll was proposed on whether to put the question to referendum.

- Stephanie Ryan: We shouldn’t go to referendum until they clean up the sketchy mess they call a budget.

- Jeff Friedrich said the AMS was in a stronger position to pressure Athletics now than after a referendum. We could come up with a list of concerns, then look into a referendum for next year. There are other referendum ideas. This is not the best one to bring to students.

- Sophia Haque: We have more power if we ask first and go to referendum later.

**Exclusive Cold Beverage Agreements - Kevin Keystone (President)**

14. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That discussion on Exclusive Cold Beverage Agreements be limited to twenty minutes.”

... Carried

- Kevin Keystone presented some questions for consideration:
  - What are the implications of a cold beverage monopoly on campus?
  - Are these factors important/unimportant?
  - Would the possible financial benefits of an exclusive agreement affect your decision?
  - Would you support an exclusive cold beverage agreement at UBC?
  - Are there other areas of concern around this agreement?

- He noted that Council had not received all the details it might like about an agreement, but asked for Council members’ concerns exclusive of details.

- Ryan Corbett expressed concern that Council would be ignoring a larger discussion to focus on just one facet.
Leah Shainhouse: Is it legal to sell without a contract?

Kevin Keystone: If there is an exclusive agreement, it would not be legal for undergraduate societies to sell non-Coke products.

Ryan Clare: The general University policy seems pretty good. People don’t like Coke; that’s a different discussion. If the University wants to sign, it will probably benefit the school. Exclusivity is bad, but if it’s how the University wants to go, he had no problem with it. It would mean losing Pepsi on campus, but he was okay with that.

Matthew Naylor said the problem was not with exclusivity. There were emotions over Coke. He would have appreciated exploration with another company or an exploration of the possibility of a free market or the AMS promoting an ethically responsible cola or franchising fees.

Tristan Markle: The AMS got involved in the original deal because of financial necessity. We don’t have that financial necessity any longer, so we don’t have to support a new deal. The University doesn’t have to either. They are pushing it for symbolic reasons. If they win, that breaks the backs of those opposing corporatization on campus. They’re not getting any money out of it. We should direct the Executive to lobby UBC not to sign the deal.

Jeff Friedrich: They’re taking a fee from students; they’re asking students to pay more than they would have. They’re not bringing any clear alternatives. The money may be going to education for the support of students, but it’s not fair to give them so much slack. The money will become part of the operating budget, and the province will then expect the University to continue making efforts to secure outside funding. This sets a precedent.

Mariana Payet said she opposed all corporate partnerships.

Alex Lougheed said exclusivity contracts are standard business contracts, but we’re not a business.

Gary Andraza: It’s not like the University is forcing students to drink one beverage. Students can still walk down the street and buy any beverage they want. There are some corporations that do good things. He didn’t see a nefarious agenda here.

Cameron Funnell expressed concern over the University becoming dependent on corporate funding.

Tim Cairns: If we’re looking for an ethical cola, maybe it should be AMS President’s Choice.

Kevin Keystone: We don’t need to see the details of the contract. Our objections are based on principle, not the finances. If there’s an exclusivity agreement, would we see lower prices? UBC is likely to sign with only one supplier in any case because of economies of scale, even if there’s no exclusivity clause. It would be good if the AMS passed a motion supporting greater variety. He would like to see more than one cold beverage option on campus.

David Yuen: Getting off campus to buy another product is hard. If you’re in residence, it can take half an hour. He was for free choice.

Sophia Haque: If we’re opposed on ethical grounds, but then allow Coke into our building, then we’re on shaky grounds. She’d be happier to oppose on the basis of a limitation of choice.

Gina Eom: Coke also sells bottled water, not just soft drinks.

Mariana: And orange juice, iced tea.

Gina Eom: This is limiting choice to a company whose ethics are at least questionable. The Board of Governors passed an ethical purchasing policy; there are sweatshop-free sweaters in the bookstore. How does the Coke contract fit with that spirit? The recent student survey showed that students are uncomfortable with corporate partnerships. Ten years ago we were $250,000 in debt. We’re not $250,000 in debt now. We don’t have to do this.

Darren Peets: The Board of Governors has a number of policies, several of which they obey. He was not sure how enforceable they were. He did not mind what the University
did in its buildings, but what he did not like was when they imposed things on the graduate students in the Grad Centre, on Science students in the Ladha centre, on arts students in MASS. In the old agreement (Coke Classic) rogue machines were allowed. His big concern is that this deal tells UBC it has to impose it on everyone they sign agreements with. It’s an issue of sovereignty. This is not symbolic; the overriding principle is money; they don’t care about anything else here. They’re not seeking to promote corporatization.

Mike Thicke: UBC is very aware of corporate opinion. The deal serves a rhetorical purpose; it is symbolic. When they talk of benefits from funding, it’s generally a lie. Those things will be funded anyway. The money goes into a pool. It’s all a matter of priorities.

Chris Anderson: This is not symbolic. Research partnerships in some fields are great; in others, not.

Ryan Corbett: When some say “Coke,” an anti-corporate ideology flows. Our students are opposed to exclusivity deals; they’re not anti-corporation.

Avneet Johal: If we say No to Coke on the basis of ethics, there shouldn’t be any Coke on campus. If UBC gets more money from exclusivity, then it should go ahead, but student societies should be able to make their own choices. He wasn’t sure how much information had been provided to students who opposed corporate partnerships in that survey.

A straw poll was held on the question: Do you oppose UBC entering into an exclusive cold beverage agreement?

A majority voted Yes.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

15. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

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Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Kate Balleguoyen (SJC), Mike Thicke (SJC), Cameron Funnell (SUS/FYS), Diana Karina Moreiras (AUS/FYS), Jessica Lam (Commerce), Denise Chau (SUS/FYS), Edward Joon Hyung Park (AUS/FYS), Tim Louman-Gardiner, Reka Pataky (FYS), Jonathan Elmer (UBC Croquet Society), Raj Mathur (Music), Eric Szeto (The Ubyssey), Mark Latham (Voter Media.org), Claudia Li (AMS Joblink), Sarah Costa (AMS Firstweek), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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.

1. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Shinerama - Ruth Situma/Lindsay Tallman/Marlisse Silver Sweeney  [SCD 190-07]

- Marlisse Silver Sweeney explained cystic fibrosis, the disease for which the AMS raises money through Shinerama. She had Council members take part in a breathing exercise with a straw to demonstrate what it is like to have the disease.
- Lindsay Tallman reported on the sponsors for Shinerama.
- Ruth Situma described various fundraising events and said a net of $15,131.55 was raised (after deducting $8,026 in expenses). She said fundraising went well, but costs were unexpectedly high, largely because of expensive T-shirts. She suggested not going with a name brand next year.

Questions:
- Lauren Hunter asked if faculties can simply donate, adding that the GSS would consider making a donation. She was told they could.
- Alex Lougheed asked if President Toope donated.
- Ruth Situma said he just recognized the event, but Brian Sullivan donated $40.
- In response to a question from Stephanie Yu about cystic fibrosis cans, Ruth Situma said the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has other ways of fundraising besides those used by the AMS.

AMS Firstweek - Sarah Costa (Coordinator)  [SCD 191-07]

Sarah Costa described this year’s Firstweek, saying there was a good turnout and more stuff to do. She added:

- The pool party was intended as a non-alcoholic event for minors, but it was on the same night as Pit Night, and security had to confiscate $600 worth of alcohol.
- Expenses were high, but still under budget.
Questions:
- Jeff Friedrich commented that the showing of the movie Ghostbusters on the knoll was amazing.

D) President’s Remarks

Welcomes
I’d like to welcome the First Year Society to our Council meeting, and thank them for joining us this evening. I hope they find it informative and entertaining. I’d also like to welcome our newest members of Council to the table – Erin and Rachael from Arts, and Willy from Forestry – and thank them for agreeing to take on the responsibility of representing their Faculty.

I’d also like to acknowledge that today is National Coming Out Day. I think that’s great.

GSS Update
At Council’s direction, we have been negotiating with the GSS over a series of meetings. To bring some Councillors up to speed, the intention was to fill a service gap for graduate students, specifically with respect to Tutoring and Advocacy. The proposal that we have been working on is to expand AMS Advocacy to include a graduate student-specific advocate, and to expand AMS Tutoring to include a series of workshops that focus on core graduate student skills. Negotiations have been going well, and we hope that the Memorandum of Understanding will come to Council on October 25th.

IPF
The Innovative Projects Fund Committee is getting started up again, and applications are now available for this year’s round of funding. Thank you to Paramjit for continuing to facilitate that process. The IPF was created from the payments that the AMS makes to UBC annually for the utilities of our business spaces; UBC set aside a portion of our payments to create the jointly administered AMS/UBC Innovative Projects Fund.

Exclusive Cold Beverage Agreement
The motion regarding UBC’s possible exclusive cold beverage agreement is coming to Council this evening. Sheldon and I drafted the motion (thanks Sheldon!) based on the discussion had at Council last meeting; we hope that it accurately reflects the opinion of Council.

Ad-Hoc Membership Review Committee
The committee has met for the last time, and will be recommending to Council a course of action at the following Council meeting. We’re looking forward to the dissolution of the committee, despite how much fun we had.

E) Executive Reports:

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)

- I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are currently on stolen Musqueam territory.
- As you can see from the presentations before, the AMS Services are doing great! We had a staff meeting yesterday and got a chance to catch up with each other.
- Currently we are looking into some of the operations manuals and making sure they are up to date.
- Realities of Race is also on it’s way, if you would like more information on how to get involved please e-mail me.
LEAP is also going strong. We are currently in the process of setting up some meetings with different university departments to see how we can provide tutoring services better

Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)

GVRD and UBC joint committee passed a resolution asking province to initiate a governance review of Electoral Area A. If you remember the set of motions we passed in July you’ll remember that this was a motion we supported. We have been assured that there will be AMS representation on that committee as it moves forward. Also had meetings with University regarding other requests, discussions have been positive to this point.

Discussions with UBC Childcare, Financial Awards and Assistance about changing terms of reference for Evelyn Lett Bursary. Developing strategy to ensure full award dispersal next year. Also participating in upcoming multi-stakeholder Childcare roundtable to discuss strategies to address daycare crisis on campus.

Also: www.campusplan.ubc.ca The campus plan review has been “launched,” please take a moment to comment on the website.

David Yuen (VP Administration)

I hope everybody had a happy long weekend; for those who celebrated it, I hope you had a happy turkey day.

I went to my parents’ and my grandma and dad made lots of really good food, and I got to take home lots of leftovers, but I have yet to bake pumpkin pie.

I would also like to officially welcome all those first year students from the First Year Society who are here today. Thank you for coming!

Yesterday the executive had a meeting with President Toope, episode two in what we hope will be a series

I think we were able to make him aware of our stances on some issues that were important to us and I’m looking forward to our next meeting with him

It seems promising to me that he, for the most part, agreed with what we had to say.

SAC:

We’ve mostly been recovering from September.

Looking at doing building usage space audits.

We will be convening a meeting of clubs that violated membership rules prior to Clubs Days in order to prevent such situations from happening again.

Looking to reform the constitution submission procedure and put it online in order to make it simpler and easier and also to more easily create an electronic database of club constitutions

Renovations Planning Group:

We have a motion here today regarding Council Chambers; I know it went out as an addendum without much explanation and I’m hoping to answer any burning questions you may have today during my motivation for the motion.

I’m also hoping to get a what-do-you-want-done-to-the-SUB survey of sorts started sometime soon that would ask users of the SUB as well as constituencies what they want done to the SUB.

Impacts Committee:

I admit that I didn’t get the meeting called as quickly as I’d hoped but it looks like the
Sophia Haque (VP Finance)

Athletics
We had a UAC meeting the day after our last Council meeting. It was quite interesting…in a span of less than 24 hours, Athletics was able to reduce the Birdcoop drop-in fees from $10 to $5 or $6. Bob also mentioned that Athletics is committed to reducing user fees next year—regardless of whether or not there’s a referendum. I find this very exciting.

Fundraising and Sponsorship
Sarah Naiman and Jasper Lin have undertaken the wonderful project of creating a sponsorship package for the AMS. The sponsorship guidelines are virtually complete and will be coming to Council asap.

CUS Fee
I attended the CUS Exec meeting this past week to hear a presentation about the proposed new building fee. This was exciting. Thanks to Mike and Co for having me.

AMS Hoodies
If you’re interested in getting an AMS Hoody, please give me $45.48 by next the Council meeting and also let me know what size hoody you would like. Also, if you already have a blue one, I will be ordering some white ones this year as well so let me know which colour you’d prefer!

Ian Pattillo (VP External)

Last week I was at the Federal Finance Committee presenting the AMS’ pre-budget submission. It went very well, with many intelligent questions from MP’s. And Yesterday I presented potential AMS concerns with corporate relationships the University may enter into at the Strategic Alliance Committee. I want to have formal AMS motions on that in the coming weeks, so we can more properly advise the University on this one.

Campus 2020 is ongoing, you should all visit the website to have a better understanding of what is being undertaken. On November 14th they will be in Vancouver to hear what you have to say about what the future of PSE in BC should look like, so please sign up to speak on the website.

The CASA campaign is underway, the first part that supports the media stunt at lobby week. Please check out the CASA website to enter contest. Apparently you have a one in ten chance of winning right now. It is, prima facie, a very popular campaign. That was Latin, by the way. No big deal.

And we recently messed with the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee to make it useful and active so I am excited and we will discuss it more later.

F) Committee Reports:

Turbo Democracy - Ian Pattillo (VP External) [SCD 192-07]
- Ian Pattillo reviewed the Turbo Democracy concept, which is now being referred to as Voter Funded Media (VFM). His committee is going to recommend VFM and it may also be an opportune time to look at other electoral changes to increase
awareness and involvement. He mentioned two in particular:

- lifting the prohibition on slates;
- allowing Constituencies to participate through their newspapers

He said that this liberalization of the electoral procedures might lead to politicization and wondered whether that was a good thing.

Re slates he said:

- Slates were banned in 2004 and since then there had been two years of fine executives.
- Collaboration has been easier, and the friction of the slates era has disappeared, but there’s been less competition and less politics in student politics.

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Stephanie Ryan: They’re thinking of raising fees. They’ve moved into their office.

GSS – Triny Shen: Negotiating with the AMS, and something will come forward at the next Council meeting. Also discussing child care issues with Jeff Friedrich. Their ballroom renovation is near completion, and they’re hoping to renovate Koerner’s pub so they can offer food next year.

Forestry – Waleed Raad – Forestry Week last week.

Law – Chris Little: Projectors stolen from the law building.

Science – Michael Duncan: Still not in their new building.

Engineering – Ryan Clare: Looking to rebrand, seeking a new logo.

Commerce – Michael Woodward: Re their new building, their dean will be coming to the next Council meeting. They’re also looking to rebrand and seeking a new logo. It’s the 50th anniversary of their faculty.

Library-Archival – Matthew Hall: There’s a problem with professors rescheduling classes.

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

Board of Governors - Lauren Hunter: Raising the issue of lack of a University ombudsperson; also the issue of lack of consultation on housing and campus development.

Senate – Gina Eom: Re the issue of Senate representation and the Interdisciplinary College Principal, it has been decided not to expand Senate at all except for putting the Principal on. Funding for the library hours extension has been found [applause].

Ombudsperson – Hayane Dahmen: The office averages 120 cases a year. This year there have been 40 so far, of which 23 have been closed. She is meeting with the Commerce ombudsperson and is looking for a marketing intern.
I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated September 27, 2006 as amended [SCD 193-07]
In Camera Minutes of Student Council dated September 27, 2006 [SCD 194-07]
Minutes of the AGM of the AMS Foundation dated September 27, 2006 [SCD 195-07]
Minutes of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee dated May 5, 2006 [SCD 196-07]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that Council approve an amount not to exceed $4,000 from the AMS Repairs and Replacement Fund to facilitate the test for a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) on approximately 20 AMS phones.

Note: Following the test, a decision will be made as to extension of the service to other AMS internal phones and may include the offering to the AMS Club Offices.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sophia Haque said this would be a pilot project to see if service is consistent.
Stephanie Ryan asked about current phone costs.
David Yuen said they are currently about $40 per month per phone.
Bernie Peets said that through VOIP costs would go down to $10 per month. The $4000 in the motion is for installation.
Ryan Corbett said there would be no long distance charges.
Ian Pattillo said there would actually be a minimal long distance charge.
Chris Little asked about providing the new phone service to the clubs.
Sophia Haque said that if the pilot project worked out, the hope was to use VOIP for all the phones in the building.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

5. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“Whereas UBC is negotiating a new exclusivity agreement with a cold beverage supplier; and
Whereas prior to the current exclusivity agreement, the availability of more than one brand of cold beverage was widespread across campus; and

Whereas a new exclusivity agreement would restrict the vast majority of campus to one brand of cold beverage; and

Whereas through such an agreement the University, in order to create a financial benefit for itself, will therefore be depriving students of the opportunity for greater choice of beverages; and

Whereas an exclusive cold beverage agreement may prevent Constituencies from exercising choice over beverages available in student spaces, including the Meekison Arts Student Space, the Ladha Student Science Centre, and the Graduate Student Centre; and

Whereas product sold under an exclusive agreement would not be subject to market competition, therefore providing no guarantee of competitive pricing; and

Whereas there are concerns that corporate partnerships can create undue dependency on corporate funding and may negatively affect the academic environment; and

Whereas there are concerns that the pursuit of corporate funding may lead the provincial government to expect the University to rely on such funding and decrease the possibility of the province providing funding; and

Whereas the Graduate Student Society has also passed a motion opposing exclusive beverage agreements,

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on the University not to enter into an exclusive beverage agreement.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kevin Keystone: We drafted a motion we felt best reflects Council’s opinion on exclusivity agreements.

There was discussion over whether to debate just the resolution or the whereas clauses as well.

Ryan Corbett strongly objected to voting first on the resolution and having controversial whereas clauses go into the record.

There was agreement to include the whereas clauses in the debate.

Brendon Goodmurphy asked about other exclusivity deals.

Dave Tompkins said there were some smaller ones that UBC had entered into.

Ryan Corbett: The motion adequately addresses all of Council’s concerns, but that’s the problem. It includes everything everyone said and effectively ties our hands or puts us in a hypocritical position. The only whereas clause needed is one saying the cold beverage exclusivity agreement is not in accord with the wishes of our constituents.

6. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That motion #5 be amended by adding the following whereas clause:

‘Whereas there are concerns that an exclusivity agreement would impinge on the right of UBC’s resident population to exercise ethical and responsible consumption; and

... Carried
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

8. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE: (Friendly Amendment):

“That motion #8 be amended by inserting ‘cold’ in the final resolution.” ... Carried

9. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

10. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That motion #9 be amended by striking all the whereas clauses and replacing them with:

‘Whereas it has been generally ascertained that it is not the will nor the want of the AMS constituents to see an exclusive cold beverage agreement’;”

› Chris Little: How do the whereas clauses bind us?
› Dave Tompkins: They don’t, but they’re on record. People may refer to them.
› Ryan Corbett said he didn’t mean they were legally binding.
› Brendon Goodmurphy: People will look back, and it would be helpful if they could know why we did this.
› Tim Louman-Gardiner: To pass a policy without whereas clauses is ludicrous. The intended audience appreciates whereas clauses.
› Michael Duncan: Some of the clauses are on exclusivity, some are on Coke. The problem with exclusivity is that we use it as well. SUS has an exclusivity agreement with Molson. We just don’t want this exclusivity agreement.
› Ryan Clare objected to some of the whereas clauses.
› Mariana Payet: The whereas clauses are important. They speak to the reasons why people don’t want the agreement to go through. It was not a good idea to replace all of them with
one clause that just says your constituents don’t want such an agreement, especially if you don’t go out and consult with your constituents.

Alex Lougheed raised a point of personal privilege over the suggestion that he and other Council members did not go out and consult.

Chris Little: To shoot all the whereas clauses down doesn’t contextualize.

11. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That motion #9 be amended by deleting all the whereas clauses and replacing them with:

‘Whereas it has been generally ascertained that it is not the will nor the want of AMS constituents to see an exclusive cold beverage agreement;’

... Defeated

13. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

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Whereas the Graduate Student Society has also passed a motion opposing exclusive
brought up beverage agreements,

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on the University not to enter into an exclusive cold beverage agreement.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Tim Louman-Gardiner: This doesn’t bind the AMS; it doesn’t say the AMS won’t do this, just that the University shouldn’t.

Michael Woodward: We’re doing this without looking at the finances. The minutes only record the negatives; none of the positives. If we want to see development, change on campus, we need money to do that. Where else will it come from? Tuition? If we shut this out, we shut out other contracts too. At a pure guess, rejecting this agreement could be costing the University $200,000 a year.

Chris Little objected to singling out specific student spaces.

Lauren Hunter objected to singling out the GSS in a whereas clause.

Jeff Friedrich: Possibly we’re overthinking the whereas clauses. They’re included to inform Council of arguments, and there are a variety of different arguments to justify this motion. But it’s a fair point to note that this motion doesn’t apply to the AMS. That’s an oversight.

14. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“That motion #13 be amended by striking the following:

Whereas an exclusive cold beverage agreement may prevent Constituencies from exercising choice over beverages available in student spaces, including the Meekison Arts Student Space, the Ladha Student Science Centre, and the Graduate Student Centre; and

... Carried

15. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

16. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“That motion #15 be amended by striking the following whereas clause:

‘Whereas the Graduate Student Society has also passed a motion opposing exclusive beverage agreements’."

Note: Gina Eom - Abstained ... Carried

17. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

18. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED IAN PATTILLO:

“That motion #17 be amended by adding the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that the AMS not enter into an exclusive cold beverage agreement.’

Jeff Friedrich: It seems silly that we’re not including the AMS.

Ryan Corbett suggested asking the General Manager what sort of agreements the AMS has. For instance, is there exclusivity with Molson’s rather than Labatt’s?

Bernie Peets: We don’t have exclusivity with Molson’s; we’ve simply drifted towards them.

Tristan Markle said it is not hypocritical to omit the AMS. This motion is specifically about the University. The reasons why the AMS might not enter into exclusive agreements might be different; there would have to be other whereases.

Ryan Clare: Would this bind the Constituencies?

Bernie Peets: The last agreement excluded certain buildings, but was binding on Council and on the Constituencies.

Ryan Clare said there was a scale problem. Also, if Coke said Engineering had to be exclusive, that should be a decision for Engineering to make. It was not fair to ban exclusivity agreements entirely. The Constituencies have to be part of the AMS, though they may not want to be. He was ready to decide on a policy for the AMS, but didn’t want to decide for Science or other Constituencies.

Dave Tompkins said this amendment would not affect Constituencies.

In response to a question, Sheldon Goldfarb said external policies and combined policies like this one (if the amendment passed) are in effect for three years. Purely internal policies last indefinitely, but are supposed to be reviewed every three years.

Matthew Naylor said the operational clause cheapened the motion and made it lose focus. The intent is to deal with the University.

Stephanie Ryan said it was not prudent for Council to lock itself in unnecessarily. It’s better to be ambiguous. Why include something we don’t have to?

Brendon Goodmurphy suggested a separate debate on the AMS and exclusivity.

Erin Rennie asked if the effect of the amendment would be that even if UBC didn’t accept the AMS recommendation against exclusivity, the AMS would still be bound not to have any exclusive contracts.

Dave Tompkins: Yes.

Erin Rennie: Then why do this?

Michael Woodward: This is shortsighted. We don’t like the Coke deal, but next year if a company we like comes by we won’t be able to enter into an agreement with them.

Gary Andraza: Last time’s debate seemed to suggest that all corporate partnerships are unethical, of the devil. Now we’re saying we don’t want the University to enter into exclusive deals, but we don’t want to bind ourselves. We’re being terrible hypocrites; the University can’t do it, but we can. Keeping this amendment is the guts behind the motion. If we’re not behind our ethics ...

Tim Louman-Gardiner: These are two very distinct issues: whether the AMS enters into exclusivity agreements and whether to lobby against UBC doing so. This is an irresponsible
way to develop a policy for the AMS: through an amendment from the floor. It’s a business decision; it needs more study. He was also not sure the Speaker was right to say the amendment would not affect Constituencies.

19. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

20. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED IAN PATTILLO:

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Note: Ryan Clare, Matthew Naylor - Against ... Defeated

Ian Pattillo: The defeated amendment would have reinforced our case, but it’s still not wrecked. We’re not the ones in negotiation with a company. We’ve shown no indication we’re going down that road.

Brendan Goodmurphy asked for a debate in two weeks on the AMS’s own policy.

21. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That motion #17 be tabled until later in this session.” ... Defeated

22. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council take a roll call vote on the final motion.” ... Carried

23. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

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‘Whereas there are concerns that an exclusivity agreement would impinge on the right of UBC’s resident population to exercise ethical and responsible consumption; and

Whereas there are concerns that corporate partnerships can create undue dependency on corporate funding and may negatively affect the academic environment; and

Whereas there are concerns that the pursuit of corporate funding may lead the provincial government to expect the University to rely on such funding and decrease the possibility of the province providing funding;

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on the University not to enter into an exclusive cold beverage agreement.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

24. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BOWINN MA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

Ryan Corbett said he had a hard time with rhetoric on ethics. The whereas clause on corporate funding creates an onus not to look for corporate partnerships. That’s far too far-reaching. He wouldn’t go down that road. He added that there had been guarantees of price protection, so the whereas clause saying there would be no price protection should be struck.

25. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That motion #23 be amended by striking the following whereas clause:

“Whereas product sold under an exclusive agreement would not be subject to market competition, therefore providing no guarantee of competitive pricing; and’.”

Kevin Keystone said the clause on price protection had been included because incorrect information on this had been presented to Council. There had been a misunderstanding over what Council had been referring to. The clause should stay in.

Michael Woodward: The price on campus is not that different from elsewhere in the city.

Ryan Clare: It’s true there’s no guarantee of prices, but that doesn’t matter. There’s gouging anyway. We gain profits because people come to the Cheeze [the Engineers’ building] and pay only $1 for pop. It’s cheaper than the vending machines in the SUB.

Brendon Goodmurphy: Why are we being so apologetic to a multi-national corporation? They’re making lots of money.

Bernie Peets: All the vending machines in the SUB are managed by Coke. The Engineering machines are excluded.

Chris Little: This clause may be overly pro-active. We may have received guarantees, but it’s important to let the rationale for the motion be known.

Rachael Dillman asked for clarification about the guarantees.

Kevin Keystone said we didn’t have any guarantees in the current contract; prices went up during it. Before the contract, Coke and Pepsi were sold side by side, so one couldn’t be cheaper than the other. That’s more of a guarantee of competitive pricing than having the prices regulated by Coke.
Bernie Peets: Under the current contract, cost price was affected by CPI and increased incrementally. That was on the wholesale level. We set the retail price.

26. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

27. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That motion #23 be amended by striking the following whereas clause:

“Whereas product sold under an exclusive agreement would not be subject to market competition, therefore providing no guarantee of competitive pricing; and’.”

... Defeated

28. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“Whereas UBC is negotiating a new exclusivity agreement with a cold beverage supplier; and

Whereas prior to the current exclusivity agreement, the availability of more than one brand of cold beverage was widespread across campus; and

Whereas a new exclusivity agreement would restrict the vast majority of campus to one brand of cold beverage; and

Whereas through such an agreement the University, in order to create a financial benefit for itself, will therefore be depriving students of the opportunity for greater choice of beverages; and

Whereas an exclusive cold beverage agreement may prevent Constituencies from exercising choice over beverages available in student spaces; and

Whereas product sold under an exclusive agreement would not be subject to market competition, therefore providing no guarantee of competitive pricing; and

‘Whereas there are concerns that an exclusivity agreement would impinge on the right of UBC’s resident population to exercise ethical and responsible consumption; and

Whereas there are concerns that corporate partnerships can create undue dependency on corporate funding and may negatively affect the academic environment; and

Whereas there are concerns that the pursuit of corporate funding may lead the provincial government to expect the University to rely on such funding and decrease the possibility of the province providing funding;

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on the University not to enter into an exclusive cold beverage agreement.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
29. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That motion #28 be amended to read:

‘Whereas product sold under an exclusive agreement would not be subject to market competition, and may therefore providing no guarantee of competitive pricing; and’

... Carried

30. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“Whereas UBC is negotiating a new exclusivity agreement with a cold beverage supplier; and

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

› Ryan Corbett: We heard two presentations today featuring corporate sponsorship, so it’s questionable to include the whereas clause opposing corporate sponsorship.
› Michael Woodward: What is meant by exclusive? Over the whole campus? For everything? Just for an event? There’s been no discussion of the benefits we might get. All the time we debate opinion with no facts to back things up, no proof, no research. People can make stuff up. Commerce thrives on exclusive contracts. They help our students; they put them in touch with the business community. Rejecting all deals with business means shutting us out of a world of opportunity, and all because we don’t like Coke.
31. MOVED GARY ANDRAZA, SECONDED TIM CAIRNS:

“That motion #30 be amended by striking the following resolution:

Whereas through such an agreement the University, in order to create a financial benefit for itself, will therefore be depriving students of the opportunity for greater choice of beverages; and’.”

Gary Andraza: This clause is just mudslinging, making us sound envious of UBC for making money.

32. MOVED GARY ANDRAZA, SECONDED TIM CAIRNS:

“That motion #30 be amended by striking the following resolution:

Whereas through such an agreement the University, in order to create a financial benefit for itself, will therefore be depriving students of the opportunity for greater choice of beverages; and’.”

Sophia Haque: This is not about exclusivity at individual buildings. It’s about the whole campus.

Chris Little asked if the University was negotiating for exclusive alcohol agreements.

Bernie Peets said exclusive alcohol agreements were not allowed under the liquor law.

33. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That motion #30 be amended by striking the following resolution:

‘Whereas prior to the current exclusivity agreement, the availability of more than one brand of cold beverage was widespread across campus; and’.”

Ryan Corbett: That’s the one good reason for the motion, that we used to have Pepsi and Coke.

34. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That motion #30 be amended by striking the following resolution:

‘Whereas prior to the current exclusivity agreement, the availability of more than one brand of cold beverage was widespread across campus; and’.”

... Defeated

35. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

36. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“That whereas UBC is negotiating a new exclusivity agreement with a cold beverage supplier;
and

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Note: Requires 2/3rds


Against: Alex Lougheed, Betsey Segal, Bowinn Ma, Michael Duncan, Michael Woodward, Ryan Clare, Sarah Naiman

Abstained: Christopher Little, Feruza Abdjalieva, Kate Bisnaire, Leah Shainhouse, Stephanie Yu

... Carried

Brian Sullivan, UBC’s Vice-President Students, responded to the passage of the motion by making the following points:

- The whereas clauses will provide very instructive context for the Administration and the Board of Governors.
- He understands the sense of urgency, but the timing of the motion is unfortunate, in that consultation and discussion around the broader issues of corporate
partnerships would have been better before moving to the specifics of cold beverage agreements.
- He acknowledged that the University has not yet tabled a proposed framework and criteria for the broader issues.
- These issues form a hierarchy: there are issues about strategic alliances, about exclusivity, about cold beverage agreements, and finally about the specific provider, be it Coke or someone else.
- The University will still be seeking student input on the issues of strategic alliances, including exclusivity arrangements broadly, and will be asking for an opportunity for presentation and feedback at upcoming AMS Council meetings before consideration by the Board of Governors and its committees.

Tristan Markle: Before the ethical framework was in place, you entered into negotiations.

K) **Constituency and Caucus Motions:**

L) **Committee Motions:**

37. **MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED RACHAEL DILLMAN:**

“That Council revise the terms of reference of the ad hoc Lobbying Review Committee so that it will now perform the following tasks:

a) recommend priorities and policies to Council having to do with lobbying the various levels of government on matters connected to the portfolio of the Vice-President External Affairs;

b) function as a resource for the External Commission, especially in organizing the annual provincial lobbying day; and

c) review and report to Council on the lobbying performance of the AMS, especially with reference to provincial lobbying day."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

“Be it further resolved that Council alter the composition of the ad hoc Lobbying Review Committee, so that it now be made up of:

a) three (3) Council members, one of whom shall be chair;

b) the Vice-President External Affairs;

c) two members of the External Commission designated by the Vice-President External Affairs, one of whom shall be a Commission member working on provincial lobbying and one of whom shall be working on federal lobbying.

Note: At the request of the Chair, the Policy Adviser shall attend meetings of the Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ian Pattillo explained that the lobbying review committee had been set up to look into the
effectiveness of CASA, but now he would like to change its terms of reference so that it could help shape the external lobbying priorities of the AMS, advise him, and evaluate his performance.

- Stephanie Ryan asked about the length of time ad hoc committees usually last and why this one was still around. She wondered whether it should be made a standing committee.
- Ian Pattillo said that vacancies on the committee had come up and he had thought the committee could be put to a useful end. He wanted to wait for committee reform before making this committee permanent.

38. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED RACHAEL DILLMAN:

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Note: At the request of the Chair, the Policy Adviser shall attend meetings of the Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

39. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED KATE BISNAIRE:

“That Council appoint Feruza Abdjalieva, Matthew Naylor and Tristan Markle (Council members) to the ad hoc Lobbying Review Committee.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor as chair of the ad hoc Lobbying Review Committee.”

Note: Matthew Naylor - abstained
40. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

"Be it resolved that Council strike an ad hoc Referendum Committee to be comprised of five Council members plus the VP Finance who shall be chair."

"That Council appoint ____________________, ____________________, ________________, ____________________, and ____________________ (Council members) to the ad hoc Referendum Committee."

Sophia Haque said the recent Council presentation from Athletics asking for a referendum to raise the athletics fee had got people talking about referendums on AMS fees or on other topics. It was important to strike this referendum committee to better negotiate with Athletics.

41. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

"Be it resolved that Council strike an ad hoc Referendum Committee to be comprised of five Council members plus the VP Finance who shall be chair."

"That Council appoint Brendon Goodmurphy, Alex Lougheed, Rachael Dillman, Leah Shainhouse and Waleed Raad (Council members) to the ad hoc Referendum Committee."

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

42. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED LEAH SHAINHOUSE:

"That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated May 15, 2006 [SCD 197-07]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated May 29, 2006. [SCD 198-07]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 20, 2006 [SCD 199-07]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 11, 2006 [SCD 200-07]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 25, 2006 [SCD 201-07] ... Carried

43. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON: [SCD 202-07]

"Be it resolved that Council approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $34,000 from CPAC Funds for the purposes of renovating Council Chambers."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

David Yuen described the deficiencies in the Council Chambers, including the degrading of windows, tiles falling off, the table losing finish, and problems with the ceiling and floor. He said there were also plans to upgrade the chamber by adding electrical outlets to the table, adding a permanent LCD projector to eliminate the need for set-up before meetings, and putting wood panelling on the walls. And there would be new flooring and a suspended ceiling. The estimated costs would be $33,765.

Stephanie Ryan suggested changing the lighting to get new, not ugly lights.

Chris Little suggested table lamps.

Chris Anderson asked when the renovation would take place.
David Yuen said over Christmas.

Ryan Clare asked where the Council composite portraits would go.

David Yuen said they would be on the wood panelling.

Ryan Clare asked about redoing the composites.

David Yuen said that was not in the budget.

Ryan Clare recommended tightly securing the projector.

Sarah Naiman asked about the chairs.

David Yuen noted that he had brought a new sample chair to Council, but new chairs would cost a ridiculous amount of money and the old ones were mostly in decent shape.

Brendon Goodmurphy said the renovation was not necessary. Nothing was falling apart. He also asked about using recycled carpets and panelling.

David Yuen: Not everything is crucial, for instance the wood panelling. But as soon as you fix one thing, that makes everything else look bad. So while doing renovations, we might as well do the rest.

Darren Peets noted that everything in the plan was brown.

David Yuen said the colour scheme was not fixed.

Darren Peets said the chamber was already brown and he was concerned about making it more brown. He also asked about the work on the table.

Bernie Peets: The table refinishing would be done in the chambers. First it would have to be moved over and the carpet ripped up. It would be a horrendous job.

Darren Peets asked about installing a sound system.

David Yuen said that hadn’t been considered. He wasn’t sure how much it would cost.

Darren Peets asked why this was top of the priority list.

David Yuen said he had campaigned on a promise to get student opinion on how to spend renovation funds, but this project had been around for a while, and some things like the table finishing are necessary. There’s still over half of the money left in CPAC: $286,000. Once this project is done, he will run a survey to see what students want done with the rest.

Darren Peets asked what else the Council chambers is used for.

David Yuen: It’s booked out in conference season and is used by Constituencies, clubs, Minischool, Grad Class Council, and the First Year Society.

Chris Little asked about the bricks at the front of the room.

David Yuen: The walls will not be fully covered by wood panelling; there will be a foot of brick all around.

Chris Little asked if the committee was okay with a foot of brick showing. He also called for less brown. So did other Council members.

Stephanie Yu asked about not having a carpet because of the stains.

David Yuen said there would be acoustic problems then.

Dave Tompkins recommended putting the Canadian and BC flags in. He said renovations should be all done at once, but he didn’t see the urgency for the table.

Bowinn Ma recommended WD-40 for the squeaky chairs.

Hayane Dahmen asked about student consultation.

David Yuen said he is planning that.

Stephanie Ryan recommended whitewashing the bricks and putting in purple curtains.

David Yuen said colour choice was not the crux.

Chris Little asked if the final version would be brought to Council.

David Yuen: If you like.

44. MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
45. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

"Be it resolved that Council approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $34,000 from CPAC Funds for the purposes of renovating Council Chambers."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

46. MOVED FERUZA ABDJALIEVA, SECONDED BOWINN MA:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated August 15, 2006 [SCD 203-07]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated August 31, 2006 [SCD 204-07]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 12, 2006 [SCD 205-07]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 19, 2006 [SCD 206-07]

... Defeated

47. MOVED FERUZA ABDJALIEVA, SECONDED BOWINN MA:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated August 15, 2006
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated August 31, 2006
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 12, 2006
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 19, 2006

... Carried

48. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

“Whereas there is a need for our society to promote the use of sustainable transit; and

Whereas the AMS’ U-Pass program makes us a leader in this respect in the lower mainland; and

Whereas students at other publicly funded post secondary institutions in the lower mainland face a considerable financial burden in choosing public transit; and

Whereas the goal of a better public transit system would be more effectively served by a united student lobby;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS support the U-Pass coalition* in their goal of expanding the U-Pass to the colleges at the same price as the Universities.

Be it further resolved that the AMS lobby all appropriate levels of government to support the expansion of this important program for students.

Note: *The U-Pass coalition is presently comprised of the Student Associations of Langara College, Capilano College, Vancouver Community College, Kwantlen College, Emily Carr, Douglas College, the Native Education Centre and Simon Fraser University.”
Ian Pattillo said U-Pass is a good deal, making us the envy of every other post-secondary student in the Lower Mainland and encouraging them to pursue their own U-Pass. Other points:

- Students have been forming a U-Pass coalition.
- UBC students got a low price because a high percentage were not riding the bus before U-Pass.
- Because it has high ridership already (65%), VCC is being offered a high price, whereas Kwantlen, with low ridership, is being offered a very low price: $18.
- The colleges don't like these different prices for the same program; they want a single price, the same price as the universities.
- This motion supports them; it's asking if you support U-Pass and think all students should get it.

Ryan Corbett: That's not what the motion is asking. It's asking TransLink to add greater stress to a system that is already overburdened. It would be better to lobby for more money for TransLink.

Chris Anderson said he had heard this could raise UBC's U-Pass price.

Ian Pattillo said that was possible. The motion doesn't specify what price. We'd want them at our price, but the common price could be $28. Any increase would have to go to referendum.

Chris Little asked how students become members of student associations at the colleges. He suggested some people might take a course for $100 just to get a U-Pass. He felt trepidation about expanding without information.

Bowinn Ma raised the issue of TransLink funding. How could we expect TransLink to keep up with the demand?

Erin Rennie asked why Kwantlen would want to be in the coalition if they could get a U-Pass for $18. If a coalition is formed, would there then be a single referendum of all student associations? Would the process be contingent on what happened at other colleges?

Ian Pattillo said he expected U-Pass not to be approved at Kwantlen because of lack of transit in the area. As to there being a single referendum at all coalition schools that all would have to support, he didn't really see the AMS getting into a position where if the colleges voted No that would end the AMS program.

Brendon Goodmurphy asked about going to referendum in January.

Ian Pattillo said that would not be necessary because the current contract runs to August 2008. It's just good to start thinking about this. Some say we should be lobbying government and TransLink. That's what we're already doing. It would be more powerful if every student in the Lower Mainland were doing this. That's the long-term vision.

Darren Peets said there were issues about advocating this and asking them to spread themselves thin when we already have inadequate service. Also, universities do not have the same price.

49. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That motion #48 be amended by striking ‘Universities’ and replacing with ‘UBC’. Therefore be it resolved that the AMS support the U-Pass coalition* in their goal of expanding the U-Pass to the colleges at the same price as the UBC U-Pass Universities. ... Carried

Ian Pattillo: There is a difference between UBC and SFU. At UBC, the Administration pays $3 per student to lower the price per student to $22. At SFU students pay $26 per month.
Gary Andraza: This is a good corporate partnership.

Ryan Clare: The colleges get a deal already: three-zone passes for the cost of one zone. But TransLink wants to discontinue that.

Jeff Friedrich: It’s hard to argue against this, but there’s the nimby situation (not in my backyard).

Hayane Dahmen: Lobbying government for more money is great regardless, and getting all students into the program is great, but it may change the way TransLink sees its contract with UBC. It may have unintended consequences. If there are too many riders, TransLink may scrap U-Pass altogether.

Ron Fremont spoke in favour of taking the initiative in spreading the wealth, and if TransLink tries to take U-Pass away from us, that would be another fight, and it would be fun.

Ryan Corbett questioned the notion of our responsibility to other students. Council members were elected to represent UBC students, most of whom would not want to pay $10 more a month to subsidize other schools.

Jeff Friedrich: If he were in VCC’s shoes, he would not find it logical to have to pay more because VCC students use the bus more.

50. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

“Whereas there is a need for our society to promote the use of sustainable transit; and

Whereas the AMS’ U-Pass program makes us a leader in this respect in the lower mainland; and

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51. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That motion #50 be amended by adding the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that the AMS lobby to maintain the current price of the UBC U-Pass’.

Ryan Corbett: That would be like a tuition freeze. It starves the system, and nobody wins.
52. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That motion #50 be amended by adding the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that the AMS lobby to maintain the current price of the UBC U-Pass’.”

... Defeated

David Yuen said he didn’t think this could happen without us paying more money. As an elected representative of UBC students, he didn’t think he could do that.

Michael Woodward: He’d had dinner with the CEO of TransLink, who said this is going to happen anyway. It doesn’t matter if the AMS supports it or not. It was a good motion to support the environment.

53. MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

54. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

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... Carried

55. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the agenda be amended to move up the Voter Funded Media discussion to right now.”

... Carried

56. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the Council meeting be extended until 10:30 p.m.”

... Carried
P) Discussion Period:

_Voter Funded Media - Ian Pattillo (VP External)_

- Ian Pattillo said he was a bit uncertain over what to propose. He likes Voter Funded Media (VFM) but is unsure about the suggested electoral changes; however, the rest of the committee is quite sure they are good changes.
- Mike Thicke: The changes are desirable. VFM is a way of producing de facto slates. A variety of media each saying who they support for various positions amounts to a slate. There would be stealth slates. To make the electoral reform to allow slates would be a move towards honesty.
- Matthew Naylor: This system is wonderful and it would work better if media outlets were allowed to promote and endorse candidates.
- Mark Latham: VFM is possible even if the electoral changes are not made, but the changes would be enhancements. It’s more important to allow campus groups to compete. Unbanning slates is a lower priority. Both would make VFM work better, allowing more interplay and freedom of association. VFM can provide a remedy to worries of corruption. The media can be watchdogs. Slates can be a too superficial way of thinking for voters, but VFM would combat superficiality. VFM would also make it easier for independents.
- Stephanie Ryan: Some of the rules against slates are silly. Let elections be elections like they are in the real world. Slates increase participation.
- Ryan Corbett found it unfortunate that these proposals were being lumped together. VFM could be done without the electoral changes. As to VFM itself, increasing the spectacle or show wouldn’t necessarily increase voter turnout. As to slates, he would guarantee a return of the Radical Beer Faction holding a keg party, and he was not sure that was better. The Executives have been good the past two years because voters were not voting for politicians, but for good bureaucrats. There had been a lower quality under slates. There was no reason to return to those days.
- Matthew Naylor: We don’t know they were lower quality. We don’t know the effect of this.
- Darren Peets: We don’t know for sure if this media thing will work. We do know that slates don’t work. They’re bitter. People vote for a slate because they have a friend on it or there’s a pretty girl on it. There were 10 complaints a day in the slate system. He really didn’t want to go back to that, though the rules could be eased a bit to allow some cooperation.
- Matthew Hall said he was skeptical of attempts to improve turnout if they would disrupt the current smooth system.
- Matthew Naylor: VFM would counter any detrimental effect of slates.
- Stephanie Ryan: Get rid of the rules against slates. Slates do reduce the cost to the voters of figuring out and getting information on elections. VFM provides more information and can avoid the slates’ dumbing down of politics and the problem of uninformed voters.
- Ryan Clare said he hated slates because they produce uninformed voters. This year’s executive and last year’s were the result of banning slates.
- Chris Anderson said he was against slates. He was okay with Constituency papers endorsing candidates, but even with increased advertising in the media, if you have slates it will still come down to Red or Blue. People don’t pay that much attention to the media.
- Ryan Corbett said he was not sure there was a terrible void of information about elections. There’s the Ubyssey and posters. People don’t care; there’s apathy. That won’t be addressed by having more websites.
- Dave Tompkins: Another concern is who gets to be on a slate.
O) **Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:**

57. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“Whereas Council likes variety, (except calzones);

Be it resolved that sandwiches not be served at consecutive AMS meetings.”

- Ryan Clare asked if there were alternatives to sandwiches for Council meetings but expressed his opposition to calzones.
- Kate Bisnaire said sandwiches are best for those with dietary restrictions.

58. MOVED ERIN RENNIE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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60. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“Be it resolved that Alex Lougheed (Council Member) be appointed to the Communications Planning Group.”

61. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That motion #60 be tabled until the next Council meeting.”... Carried

62. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“Be it resolved that Alex Lougheed (Council Member) appointed to the Communications Planning Group.”... Tabled

P) **Discussion Period: Continued**

*Imagine UBC - Michael Woodward (Commerce)*

Michael Woodward said he would like to see a new direction for Imagine. He made the following points:

- While Commerce tried to avoid derogatory cheers and even did other faculties' cheers, they were still booed and felt insulted.
- Imagine doesn't build school spirit, faculty rivalry, or faculty spirit.
- Students were not allowed to be happy or proud, but had to listen to boring speeches.
- He'd like to see the faculties work better together.
- Michael Duncan said Science did try to work with other faculties, but Commerce didn’t participate in their events. He thought Imagine did a good job. There were some flaws because of the unprecedented amount of leaders. There’s no good way to appoint 600 leaders.
- Chris Anderson: We were told not to cheer during Brian Sullivan’s speech. Commerce and Human Kinetics did cheer and disrupted the speech.
- Jeff Friedrich: Imagine is not an AMS event. We can make suggestions.
- Stephanie Ryan: Imagine is lame. It’s so contrived, so high school. I don’t want to cheer. I’m too cool for that. Imagine should be more academic, not all fun, but real meat and potatoes. There should be tour groups to learn about campus.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: It’s embarrassing and condescending to students.
- Matthew Naylor said he really loved the fluff; it was great fun before being bogged down in all the meat and potatoes.
- Ryan Clare said he really liked it, but noted that student leaders have a hard time controlling their students. Engineering students booed, but that wasn’t the leaders. He saw a need for rules on times to cheer. Human Kinetics students were the worst offenders. He apologized for the booing by Engineering.
- Bowinn Ma: It was good to see people hyped up. It shows that university is more than just about academics.
- Michael Woodward said he wasn’t against Imagine, but there were a ton of things to look into.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

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

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Tim Louman-Gardiner, Raj Mathur (Music), Mark Latham (Voter Funded Media), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary), Robert Helsley (Associate Dean, Sauder School of Business), Jonathan the Tooth Fairy (The Dental Society), Kearnivore (The Berzerker Clan), Dr. Caravagro, Plague Doctor (1600's Venice)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED CHRIS ANDERSON:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Main Campus Plan - Nancy Knight, Campus and Community Planning[SCD 207-07]

- Nancy Knight described plans for a new UBC campus plan, making the following general points:
  - The previous plan, from 1992, has been outgrown.
  - The new plan is being done in the light of Trek 2010 and other UBC policies.
  - The aim is for something consultative and comprehensive, with clear implementation mechanisms.
  - The old plan’s implementation mechanisms were ad hoc and bred cynicism.
  - There’s been great growth and change at UBC since 1992 in research and teaching.
  - There’s also been movement towards creating a more complete campus life, moving from a commuter campus to one where people live, study, and work, providing more opportunities for social life.
  - This is a very spread-out campus, not cohesive.
  - The new campus plan does not involve opening up the neighbourhood plans, but aims to integrate with them and University Town.
  - There is concern now about ecological and social sustainability.

- On the process, she made the following points:
  - Broad approval from the Board of Governors was obtained in March 2006.
  - The plan is now in the Ideas and Issues phase, which will include workshops and lead to a draft plan.
  - Final approval of the campus plan is looked for by 2008.

- She made the following additional points:
  - The future housing reserve will only be used for housing if there is no institutional need for the area.
  - The UBC campus is larger than the campuses of Queen’s, McGill, and U of T combined.
On consultation, she said:

- The aim is to reach out to the campus community in various ways.
- Since a large part of the campus community is young and plugged in, the aim is to use new media.
- She encouraged everyone to look at the website.
- Speakers will be brought in to talk about vision and thinking outside the box.
- There will be a wide variety of ways to provide input: forums, e-mails, the website, writing.
- Workshops have not usually been well attended at UBC.
- She noted the presence of AMS representatives on various planning committees.
- She said she would be happy to come back regularly to Council.

Questions:

- Ian Pattillo asked why University Boulevard was beyond the purview of the plan.
- Nancy Knight said the University Boulevard plan was done, approved by the GVRD and the UBC Board of Governors. That was being taken as existing, but there could be input on how that might develop in the future.
- David Yuen asked about the UBC Farm and the future housing reserve.
- Nancy Knight said she had encouraged the Dean to put together teaching and research needs, along with land use requirements. This would be taken into account. The farm might turn into a community garden or a market garden even if it is not needed for academic research. It’s not automatically going to turn into high rises.
- Darren Peets said this was an example of good consultation which he’d like to see more of.
- Gina Eom asked if each piece of consultation would be documented, along with publication of what will be followed and what will not. She also asked for the criteria for determining what will happen to the future housing reserve and wanted to know who will decide and by what process. She mentioned the Senate.
- Nancy Knight said they would commit to summarizing the consultation received at every stage and at the end showing how the themes of consultation were reflected in the plan or if not reflected, why not. But there were not enough resources to refer to every piece of consultation. Information could be grouped into issues, with comments on how the issues were addressed.
- She added that there were issues about being heard and about having an impact. Not every idea can be the idea.
- On who decides, Nancy Knight said that in the end it’s the Board of Governors that decides, but there will be all sorts of consultation and it would certainly go to Senate.
- As to criteria for the housing reserve, those will evolve out of the next phase. She said they were trying not to answer all the questions before consulting with people.
- Ryan Corbett called on Council members to take this plan to their constituents, saying it would be a shame if after all the calls by the AMS for consultation, the AMS did not provide feedback.
- Mariana Payet noted that the campus is on Musqueam territory and asked what steps were being taken to consult with the Musqueam.
- Nancy Knight said that was a good question and she would have to get back to Council on that. Nothing had been done on that so far.
- Tristan Markle: How will suggestions be implemented, and what is the implementation mechanism for our input?
- Nancy Knight: We sit down as a planning team. We look at the information from consultation. There will be documentation of consultation input posted on-line for accountability. The Board of Governors will get all that. There’s an art in planning. You immerse yourself in the input, look at the themes that emerge, and see how the plan
responds to those themes.
- Erin Rennie asked if the future housing reserve could be for student housing.
- Nancy Knight: Could be.
- Jeff Friedrich: This has been a good process. It’s a big challenge, and there is a major problem concerning the integration of this plan with the non-institutional parts of campus, the condos, Hampton Place, etc. The average student doesn’t separate the institutional and the non-institutional aspects of campus development, and a lot of the comments now are about housing, condos, developers. Those things went through an imperfect planning process. What will the University do to address those sorts of comments?
- Nancy Knight: They’re not really in the scope of this plan. Brian Sullivan wants the University Town committee to deal with them.
- Jeff Friedrich: That’s the wrong place. They have an interest in those projects. This plan is more objective and impartial. The non-institutional plans need to be looked at in a similar way.
- Nancy Knight: Planning doesn’t end at the plan stage. The University Town plan is finished. Later it will be time for the OCP review. At that point people can ask, What is the University trying to do? Is it working? Should we do more of it? Are the socio-economic objectives of University Town working out? It’s the bigger OCP review where that discussion can take place. But she was not averse to having more timely discussions. She had talked with the AMS and the UNA about social cohesion with the University Town project. She was happy to do that, but she didn’t want to confuse people.

2. MOVED CHRIS ANDERSON: (friendly)

“That the Council agenda be amended by moving up Discussion Period to the next item .”

. . . . Carried

P) Discussion Period:

[SCD 208-07]

Commerce Building Student Fee - Michael Woodward (Commerce Undergrad Society)

Michael Woodward described the student fee increase to pay for improvements to the Commerce building, making the following points:

- Better facilities are needed.
- Currently there is no space for meetings for students.
- They have a First World program in a Third World building.
- The plan is to renovate and add on.
- Business school accreditation is based in part on spatial criteria and technological capacity.
- Commerce lost its accreditation during the tuition freeze, got it back, but is fearful of losing it again.
- A new wing is planned, with a new library, new meeting rooms, a floor of undergraduate space, a place for guest speakers, and an atrium.
- The aim is to allow students to learn in a more modern way and to profile the school around the world.
- There would be a $250 fee increase to begin with and a full increase of $500 only when the building is ready.
- This would not be an AMS fee, but a mandatory student fee.
- It will fund a $20 million mortgage for the building.
- There will also be fundraising and contributions from the University and perhaps the province.
- He would be going to CUS, asking for support, organizing an information session, and publicizing the plan to Commerce students.
- There are websites where students can post comments.
- Students have been upset that they don’t have enough information, so a mailout, posters, and flyers have been arranged.
- There will be a referendum on the fee, and he was hoping that would go well.

Questions:

- Kevin Keystone said this was an issue for the Commerce Undergraduate Society and Commerce students, who would have an opportunity to express themselves in the referendum. He appreciated the opportunity to express views on the process. He also asked whether the mandatory student fee would be similar to a CUS fee. If the referendum fails, will the fee not be implemented?
- Michael Woodward: If the referendum does not pass, there would be no funding from the business community and the project would not go ahead. He said there will be one fee for the CUS and another for MBA’s through the Graduate Student Society.
- Darren Peets said GSS Council currently has Commerce reps, but not MBA’s.
- Kevin Keystone asked if MBA students would have the chance to vote.
- Michael Woodward said MBA’s are a smaller group and so could gauge opinions without a referendum.
- Kevin Keystone: If the MBA’s reject the fee, will it not go ahead?
- Michael Woodward: It would be back to the drawing board.
- Robert Helsley, Associate Dean at the Sauder School of Business, said he had not heard the MBA’s say they would not go to referendum, but they can if they like.
- Gina Eom: Is the hope that these improvements will lead to improvements in quality and recognition of the Sauder school here as being as good as the Wharton School of Business?
- Michael Woodward said he thought there would be increases in quality, but Sauder would probably not rise to the level of Wharton.
- Robert Helsley: Wharton’s endowment is probably bigger than UBC’s.
- Omar Sirri said the project has already been to the Board of Governors and been approved. Construction is already going ahead.
- Michael Woodward: There is already a $266 fee. This $500 is a separate fee. Policy 71 only requires the University to come to us after they have a plan. It would not be worth doing this if it hadn’t passed at Board.
- Omar Sirri: Will MBA’s pay the same fee?
- Michael Woodward: A higher fee, $1,000 instead of $500.
- Omar Sirri: This is a temporary two-year fee?
- Michael Woodward: It is not a two-year fee. It’s a 25-year fee.
- Omar Sirri: Is it appropriate for the CUS to take a position on the fee passing? He could understand paying for social space, but this is for the academic program. What do we pay tuition for?
- Michael Woodward: As the Commerce Undergraduate Society, we’re asking students to have a vision of the school and their own degree. It’s fair to take a stance on this. It’s a question of transparency. We want to know where our tuition increases are going.
- Omar Sirri: Shouldn’t it be covered in existing tuition fees?
- Michael Woodward: If we’re going to build the building, we need money.
- Ian Pattillo: You consider this a tuition fee, but you’re following the process for a student fee. Part of AMS policy opposes differential tuition; this is going against that policy.
- Michael Woodward: We already have a differential fee.
- Stephanie Ryan said more should come from tuition and asked if the old Sauder building was being torn down.
- Michael Woodward: Part of it is; the rest will be gutted and refurbished.
- Stephanie Ryan: Where will Commerce students go while that’s being done?
- Michael Woodward: It will happen in phases over three years. While the new building is being built, students will be in the old part. When the new one is built, the students will be there.
- He added that UBC has to go through student consultation on these fees, but it’s not an AMS fee and does not require a referendum.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about the lack of time.
- Michael Woodward: It was a bit of a rush, but we supported the idea and are going to the students. The decision was not made badly.
- Jeff Friedrich: Commerce students are already paying premiums for things other students can’t access. He wished students were accepted to the University and not to a faculty, so that everyone would have access to all resources. This would be setting up another wall. Will it be the way it is in Forestry, where you need a card to get in the building?
- Michael Woodward: A card will be used. There are security issues. He wasn’t sure if that would be all day; it might be just for the evening.
- Jeff Friedrich: You’ve talked of having a First World program in a Third World building. It’s the Fourth World in some of the other faculties.
- Michael Woodward: Our students want this; we’ve been asking for this. If every student wanted this, we’d all be paying more tuition and getting new buildings.
- Chris Little asked for clarification about where the money would be coming from. Was it $20 million of the required $65 million from students, with the rest secured?
- Michael Woodward said $18-20 million was secured. The rest would be leveraged off student support.
- Chris Little asked about indexing the fee.
- Michael Woodward said it would be indexed to inflation. It would be the real value of $500 for 25 years.
- Chris Little asked if there would be flashing signs on the building.
- Michael Woodward said he didn’t know.
- Darren Peets: This is a colossal amount. If he were a Commerce student, he’d be asking a lot of questions. He was also worried about the precedent. The government will say, Want a new physics building? Ask the students to pay for it.
- Robert Helsley said Dentistry had already done something similar, introducing an $8,000 fee to support its clinic.
- Gary Andraza: This doesn’t have anything to do with the AMS. If Commerce students want a building, they’ll pay for it. If not, not.

3. MOVED GARY ANDRAZA, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That the presentation be closed and Council move on with the agenda.”

D) President’s Remarks

- Health & Dental Plan Survey

After much review of the questions to be sent out, the health & dental plan survey is ready. There are four specialized surveys for the different groups we will be sending it to: AMS/UBC Staff, Plan Users, the Health & Dental Plan Committee, and y’all – AMS Councillors. Some of the questions may not be applicable to you (for example, some of you may never have seen a presentation by Studentcare), but please respond to the questions you can answer. The survey is short (we’re learning), and your responses will be very important for our negotiations with Studentcare, and the renewal of their contract. The e-mail will be sent out tomorrow.
- **Restore the Norm Reopening**

Last night was the Grand Re-Opening of the Norm Theatre. The gala was very well attended; out of a list of 40 invitees we had about 30-35 people show, including two of our major sponsors Studentcare and Bank of Montreal, and several members of Norm’s family. Norm was a longstanding member of FilmSoc and died tragically of a brain tumour shortly after he finished his degree in Engineering at the age of 25. The program included myself, Sophia, the current chair of the Film Society Jessica Piper, and Brian Sullivan on behalf of UBC. A highlight of the evening was the spontaneous and extremely moving remarks made by Norm’s father and step-father, who spoke of memories of their son.

- **BC Humanists Society Address**

I gave an address to the BC Humanists Society on the topic of why post-secondary education should be free, along with Shawn Hunsdale, the (now former) President of the Simon Fraser Student Society, and Scott Payne, BC Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. The three of us played very well on the strengths of our presentations, and I’m becoming progressively more convinced that there is merit to the argument that university-level education is becoming the new high school-level education of a few decades ago.

- **GSS/AMS Memorandum of Understanding**

I’m thrilled to say that negotiations on the memorandum are nearing completion, and we’re just working on final touches. Both we and the GSS are very happy with the outcome, and the memorandum will be coming to Council for approval on November 16th, and to GSS Council on November 22nd. We are confident that the agreement will be approved by both Councils.

**E) Executive Reports:**

**Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)**

- I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are currently on stolen Musqueam territory.
- In the past week I met with Lauren, Josh and Jess from the GSS and President Toope to discuss the development of a UBC Ombuds Office (UBC is the only large university in Canada that does not have such an office). President Toope is very supportive of this project. We have struck an ad-hoc committee with students, staff and faculty to examine different potential models for this office.
- LEAP is in the process of evaluating the project. We will be conducting a series of focus groups with students, staff and faculty to assess how LEAP is affecting student’s academic experiences at UBC. You should have all received an e-mail invitation to the student focus groups, please forward the invitation to your constituents, and if possible attend. I will be conducting some focus groups within the AMS with the services and the executive.
- The survey review committee met. We had a very productive meeting. Currently we are coming up with some recommendations on how the AMS can better communicate with students and serve students. I am currently consulting with some graduate students in regards to their experiences with student involvement during their undergraduate careers.
- Safetogether at UBC and AMS Events present Sweatshop Union and the Clips November 2nd at the Pit Pub. This is part of the drink safe campaign (encouraging safe drinking on
Ian Pattillo (VP External)

- Hello friends. A few things. XCom has wound down the final stage of the CASA campaign for the build up to the Lobby Con Media stunt in a few weeks. Good fun.
- Transit stuff is getting interesting, I'm going to a meeting with the Link and the colleges next week to discuss program expansion.
- Quiz Show Spectacular Exciting Super Fun- Who can name the review the provincial government is undergoing to chart the course for PSE in BC for the next twenty years. (note: two people out of 30 claim to have the answer). I have been talking about this in exec remarks for three months, maybe more. Answer: Campus 2020. Alex Lougheed wins a copy of the Canadian Bill of Rights.
- Now that it is clear that nobody listens when I talk, I will shut up. But...I am working on a submission, attending a thing next week for it, and thinking about doing something on campus but maybe not, who knows.

David Yuen (VP Administration)

- I'll try to be brief; these past two weeks have not been extraordinarily productive for me as I had all of my midterms last week. It sucked.
- SAC
  - It's been business as usual
  - The Block Bookings Forum has occurred with most bookings conflicts resolved; the confirmations will be held next Monday
- Renos
  - have not had a meeting since the last one (due to the midterms I told you about)
  - I am in the process of scheduling one for next week and once the time, date and location are finalized then I will make sure to invite you all to help make colour scheme choices
- Impacts
  - it was a bit difficult to find the focus for this group
  - Eric Doherty, the AMS AVP Academic and University Affairs presented a sustainability strategy for consideration and we may make use of it to help produce a sort of guiding principle for this year’s Impacts Committee goals

Sophia Haque (VP Finance)

- BOC: Currently working on plans to improve the operational efficiency of Pie R. Hope to give Pie R both an operational boost as well as a cosmetic one. We are also happy to be introducing a plan to roll our debit capabilities at most of our AMS Businesses.
- Bernie, Kevin and I met with Grant Burnyeat (former AMS President, current Chief Justice), to discuss potential plans for a new/renovated SUB.
- Norm Theatre Grand Re-Opening Event was last night and was a great success. Thanks
to the amazing efforts of the committee and Coreen.

> Get your Hoodies and give me your money. Please and thank you!

**Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)**

> Hired a new Elections Administrator.

> Please come tomorrow night to the MCP review where I will be speaking. If unable to attend, please take a chance to go to campusplan.ubc.ca

> Have been reviewing NSSE and other survey results and hearing university's plans to improve (SHINE initiative).

4. **MOVED CHRIS ANDERSON:** (friendly)

> “That the Council agenda be amended by moving up the Policy 72 and Turbo Democracy motions to after constituency reports.

. . . . Carried

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Arts - Stephanie Ryan: The new Women’s Studies club is having an event.
Law SA - Chris Little
GSS - Darren Peets
SLAIS - Matthew Hall
Science - Michael Duncan
Forestry US - Waleed Raad
Commerce US - Craig Powell
Pharmacy US - Stephanie Yu
VST - Garry Andraza
Regent College - Tim Cairns
Medicine - Jessica Chiles: International health workshops are being held with money from the AMS.
Land and Food Services - Leah Shainhouse
Engineering US - Ryan Clare: Ryan Clare: Also looking at a fee for their new building. Organizing a pie-in-the-face charity campaign

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

Board of Governors - Omar Sirri

Senate – Gina Eom

**O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motion:**

5. **MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE:**

"Whereas Policy 72 states that qualified students will not be denied access to UBC solely for financial reasons,"
And Whereas there are still questions surrounding the ability of the University to fulfill the mandate of Policy 72,

Be it therefore resolved that Council direct the Code and Policy Committee to form a working group to consider the strengths and weaknesses of Policy 72, and to report back to Council."

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: There are cracks in the system, and the University is moderately receptive to reviewing the policy. Students should be involved in this; it should be a student-based review. He wanted Council support and guidance.
- Stephanie Ryan suggested striking an ad hoc committee rather than sending it to the Code and Policies Committee, which she said had too large a workload.
- Jeff Friedrich asked why Code and Policies should be the committee looking at this.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: Code and Policies would not do the work; they would set up a working group.
- Chris Little, the chair of the Code and Policies Committee, said he had full confidence in Tim Louman-Gardiner’s judgement about the workload, Tim having been the previous Code and Policies chair.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: Council has already passed a policy on Policy 72.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: That policy is very good, but not sufficient. It identifies two cracks, but more is needed.

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8. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council recess for two minutes.”

Council recessed for the EUS Pie in the Face Fundraiser - Ryan Clare for $10 passed to Mike
Duncan for $15 passed to Sophia Haque for $20 passed to Bernie Peets for $25 passed to Omar Sirri for $30 to Gary Andraza who took it.

The meeting was recalled to order at 8:03 pm

9. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MARIANA PAYET:

“Whereas the Ad Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee has agreed unanimously that implementation of the Voter Funded Media proposal should commence immediately, and become a component of the 2007 AMS elections; and

Whereas there is a dearth of information about the AMS available to voters; therefore,

Be it resolved that the AMS approve in principle the implementation of Voter Funded Media in the January 2007 AMS election, and begin publicizing the contest to encourage participation.

Be it further resolved that on November 8th, 2006, Council vote on the Code changes which will add Voter Funded Media to the ballot and consider associated Code changes to encourage the smooth operation of the Voter Funded Media contest.”

- Ian Pattillo said Code changes would come to Council later.
- Matthew Naylor said there is a dearth of information on campus. This plan, now called Voter Funded Media (VFM), would give the voters $7850 to distribute to media outlets.
- Stephanie Ryan said prizes would range from $500 to $1500. There would be a $100 entry fee. She was hoping the Province, the Straight, and the Sun would enter, along with campus newspapers. She said the plan would make the AMS more relevant and would lead to more voting. The worst case would be that voters would still not get informed.
- Matthew Naylor: If this fails, it won’t make things worse. There’s no possible loss. We should have faith in the people who elected us. To not assume they’d elect people like us with more information doesn’t speak well of us.
- Gina Eom sought assurances that this would just be a pilot project with a sunset clause, suggesting that the Code changes be made temporary, so that they would expire unless renewed by Council.
- Stephanie Ryan: Next year funding may come from Mark Latham again or from within the AMS.
- Ryan Corbett: To say things can’t get worse is incorrect. Things can always be worse. A sunset clause is important. He didn’t want any suggestion that this could be a burden on the AMS. This plan would not solve all problems, but because it was free, it was worth exploring.
- David Yuen asked why the money involved had been reduced from $10,000.
- Mark Latham said he was still good for $10,000, but the committee had tweaked the numbers and changed some of the rules, and as a result less money was needed. He added that he would likely be willing to sponsor again next year. This would be a learning experience and a second year would be valuable.
- Jeff Friedrich said he was skeptical about whether this was worth it in the long run. Are we going to get $10,000 worth of additional turnout? He didn’t think we would, and he was nervous about worst case scenarios. If Constituencies are allowed to publish endorsements, the system could be abused by the Constituencies. He wondered if the committee had done due diligence and looked at worst case scenarios.
- Stephanie Ryan said it was in the committee report.
Ian Pattillo: The system is the safety net. If Arts funneled money to support Arts candidates, other media sources would point that out. The Constituency change was the most controversial, he realized. Perhaps there could be some more rules on Constituency spending. Allowing Constituency papers to campaign without a limit is a concern.

Jeff Friedrich: Did the committee ask professors at the University about worst case possibilities?

Ian Pattillo said there had been an attempt to get Fred Cutler, but he couldn’t make it.

Jeff Friedrich said he would like that for next time.

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Be it further resolved that the ad-hoc committee report back to Council in February 2007 on the effectiveness of the Voter Funded Media Project.”

Ian Pattillo said he didn’t want big posters put up by Constituency papers for candidates. The papers cannot poster like candidates. It would also be a de facto slate.

Omar Sirri asked what was to stop a candidate from paying the entrance fee for someone else’s website.

Ian Pattillo: Voters would see the partisanship.

Mike Thicke: You can do that now. The loophole exists.

Omar Sirri: But if money is funneled back, candidates could bypass the spending limits.

Matthew Naylor: That would only be for the website portion, and it probably would not be sufficient.

Erin Rennie: Where does the entry fee money go?

Ian Pattillo said that hadn’t been addressed. It would go to the AMS. It might be a good idea to have AMS Elections spend it on promotions. It couldn’t go towards the prize money, because it wasn’t known how much entry money would be coming in.

Ryan Corbett asked about running anti-campaigns to smear someone and also whether candidates could endorse media sources.

Ian Pattillo said he expected freedom of the press would continue to exist. As to candidates endorsing media sources, he hadn’t thought of that. Might it lead to slates?

Ryan Corbett asked about deciding on unfit media.

Ian Pattillo said that would be at the discretion of the Elections Committee.

Ryan Clare said de facto slates can be set up through newspapers even now.

Ian Pattillo: No, that’s forbidden by Code.

Chris Little: This doesn’t seem ready now, given all the concerns.
11. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That Motion No. 8 be postponed to the next meeting.”

- Ian Pattillo said he would not be heartbroken if this was put off, but it’s just approval in principle. Then there will be a two-hour discussion this Friday.
- Jeff Friedrich said he didn’t see why Council was not prepared to pass this now. If a worst case scenario emerges, then Council could simply not pass the Code amendments.
- Matthew Naylor said the aim tonight was to seek input and move the process along. The approval in principle is not really committing Council to anything right now.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said there were a lot of speculative concerns being raised and he didn’t think it reasonable to ask the committee to prove something about worst case scenarios. Instead of making the committee do this research, Councillors could do their own research.
- Omar Sirri said he thought the plan was ready to go, and didn’t think Council members should have to do their own research. That was the point of the committee; they’re supposed to do that. There are still a vast array of concerns.
- Ryan Corbett said he presumed the committee would address the issues. He was prepared to give tentative support, but that could change.
- Gina Eom said she thought the plan was ready to go, and didn’t think Council members should have to do their own research. That was the point of the committee; they’re supposed to do that. There are still a vast array of concerns.
- Ian Pattillo said he thought the plan was ready to go, and didn’t think Council members should have to do their own research. That was the point of the committee; they’re supposed to do that. There are still a vast array of concerns.
- Gina Eom said the planned Friday meeting should have happened before this meeting.
- Chris Little: The purpose of passing this in principle seems to be to publicize it, but if we’re not sure about it...
- Ian Pattillo: The committee was sure about this; that’s why it came to Council now. Part of the purpose now is to get Mr. Latham to sign an agreement. The Code changes can come later.

12. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That Motion No. 8 be postponed to the next meeting.” . . . . Defeated

- Gina Eom questioned the necessity of amending Code rather than just putting the details in a letter of understanding and allowing the Elections Committee to fine-tune the rules. She wondered if another position on the Elections Committee might be necessary. She also wondered what would happen if there were less than eight contestants.
- Erin Rennie asked if the plan applied to Resource Groups.
- Ian Pattillo said it applied to everyone.
- Matthew Hall said the problem now was there would be a financial incentive to get around the rules.
- Gary Andraza said Council members were overthinking this. All the motion was saying was that we kind of like this.
- Gina Eom asked for the minutes of the committee.
- Ian Pattillo said he could give what they had, but most of the minutes had turned into the report.
- Chris Little asked about addressing the Constituency issue and other issues.
- Ian Pattillo: A lot of issues are unresolved. All we’re saying to people is that they can get ready to enter the contest and issues will be clarified later.

13. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MARIANA PAYET:

“Whereas the Ad Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee has agreed unanimously that implementation of the Voter Funded Media proposal should commence immediately, and become a component of the 2007 AMS elections; and
Whereas there is a dearth of information about the AMS available to voters; therefore,

Be it resolved that the AMS approve in principle the implementation of Voter Funded Media in the January 2007 AMS election, and begin publicizing the contest to encourage participation.

Be it further resolved that on November 8th, 2006, Council vote on the Code changes which will add Voter Funded Media to the ballot and consider associated Code changes to encourage the smooth operation of the Voter Funded Media contest.

Be it further resolved that the ad-hoc committee report back to Council in February 2007 on the effectiveness of the Voter Funded Media Project.

Be it further resolved that Voted Funded Media be, in principle, a one year pilot and accordingly that any code changes apply only to the January 2007 elections."

14. MOVED GARY ANDRAZA: (Friendly)

“That the question be called.” . . . . Carried

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Abstn: Omar Sirri, Chris Little, Bowinn Ma, Matthew Hall . . . . Carried
I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

16. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:
   “That the following minutes be approved as presented.

   Minutes of Student Council dated October 11, 2006 [SCD 209-07]
   Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 7, 2006 [SCD 210-07]
   Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 14, 2006 [SCD 211-07]
   Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 22, 2006 [SCD 212-07]
   Minutes of the Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee dated May 25, 2006 [SCD 213-07]
   Minutes of Ad-Hoc Lobbying Review Committee dated October 10, 2006 [SCD 214-07]

   ... Carried

17. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE: (Friendly)
   “That Motion # 1 be moved to just before discussion period.”    . . . . Carried

L) Committee Motions:

18. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MARIANA PAYET: [SCD 215-07]
   “That Council appoint Mariana Payet, Leah Shainhouse and Brendon Goodmurphy (Council Members) to represent the AMS on the UBC Disability Accommodation Appeal Committee.”    . . . . Carried

19. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE:
   “ Whereas on February 1, 2006 Student Court, in response to a request from AMS Council, rendered an opinion on the portions of the AMS Bylaws defining membership in the Alma Mater Society; and

   Whereas in order for this opinion to take effect, it must be accepted by Council; and

   Whereas Council at its meeting of March 8, 2006 struck an ad hoc Membership Review Committee to look more closely at the Court ruling; and

   Whereas the ad hoc committee has recommended that Council ask the Court some follow-up questions to clarify its originally ruling,

   Therefore be it resolved that Council request Student Court to answer the following questions concerning its ruling:

   1. In its ruling the Court, after defining which students it thought should be AMS members, said that these students were “entitled to receive AMS benefits and services in return for paying AMS fees, except where such fees are waived by referendum or other AMS membership or Council directive.”

      a) In referring to a “Council directive,” is the Court saying that AMS Council can exempt certain students from paying AMS membership fees?

      b) If so, from where is this power of AMS Council derived and what procedures
must Council follow to exercise it?

c) If this power exists for AMS Council, for which students or categories of students can Council waive fees?

d) If fees are waived for certain students or categories of students, are those students or categories of students still entitled to receive AMS benefits and services?

e) If fees are waived for certain students or categories of students, are those students or categories of students still entitled to vote in AMS elections?

2. In its ruling the Court looked at Bylaw 2(1)(a), which says that to be an Active Member of the AMS an individual must be registered in a credit course “taught in the Greater Vancouver Regional District [GVRD].” In interpreting this Bylaw provision, the Court said that it should not be taken to mean that the person taking the course must be physically present in the GVRD, only that the course “originate in GVRD.”

As a result, the Court held that students taking courses through distance learning are AMS members.

a) Does the Court ruling mean that distance learning students and others taking courses while physically outside the GVRD are Active Members of the AMS within the meaning of Bylaw 2(1)(a)?

b) If so, what is the meaning of Bylaw 2(1)(b)(ii), which defines Associate Members to be persons taking courses “taught outside the Greater Vancouver Regional District”?

c) If any course originating in the GVRD is taught in the GVRD, what courses are taught outside the GVRD?”

. . . . Carried

Kevin Keystone: Student Court’s ruling on AMS membership raised a number of questions. For one thing, we thought it contradicted our bylaws, which was confusing, given that this is the body that’s supposed to interpret our bylaws. So we’ve asked the Court to clarify its ruling.

Jason Penner asked about students here under the Western Deans Agreement.

Kevin Keystone said exchange students are AMS members.

Gina Eom asked how the joint institution run by UBC, SFU, and Emily Carr would affect AMS membership.

20. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“Whereas the Primary Appointments Committee recommends that Council appoint Chris Anderson as Elections Administrator; and

Whereas Chris Anderson is a member of Council; and

Whereas Section IX A, Article 1A(4) of the Code 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,'

Therefore be it resolved that Council appoint Chris Anderson as Elections Administrator for a term commencing October 26, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007; and

Be it further resolved that Council suspend Section IX A, Article 1A(4) of the Code to allow Chris Anderson to serve in this office."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich said the Elections Administrator's position had been posted several times and he had interviewed several candidates. Due diligence had been done, but the EA position is difficult to fill; it requires an advanced skill set, and then there’s the rule that the EA not be affiliated with the AMS. That creates a difficulty. Those with the high skill set tend to have an AMS connection.
- The committee has found a candidate it's pleased to put forward, but the candidate is a member of Council.
- Chris Anderson is being put forth with the understanding he will leave Council and the AUS executive.
- Code shouldn’t be suspended lightly, but this is the best way to get the appropriate person in the position.
- Chris Anderson said technically he was on the Primary Appointments Committee, but had never actually been to a meeting.
- Omar Sirri: Does this look okay? He was concerned about image.
- Jeff Friedrich said he recognized it was not the best option in a way, but really it was the best option. It was done last time too, for Ian McKechnie, though Ian had not currently been on Council, but he had been on in the previous six months, which also was against Code, so it was essentially the same thing.
- Ryan Corbett wondered if it was a good motivation to suspend Code to say a person is the most qualified. What if someone was the best bartender for the Pit?
- Darren Peets said choosing an EA was much different from hiring a bartender. The EA is responsible for running elections for the Executive. If they do a bad job, we'd have to hold a special general meeting to impeach the lot of them.

21. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.” . . . . Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds” . . . . Carried
Abstns: Omar Sirri, Chris Little, Stephanie Ryan, Brendon Goodmurphy

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

23. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED GINA EON:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 6, 2006 [SCD 216-07]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated August 15, 2006 [SCD 217-07]
. . . . Carried

24. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED SEAN KEARNEY:

“Be it resolved that Alex Lougheed (Council Member) be appointed to the Communications Planning Group.”

Note: Pro: Matthew Naylor Con: Ryan Clare and Bowinn Ma .. . . Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

25. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated September 26, 2006 [SCD 218-07]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated October 3, 2006 [SCD 219-07]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated October 10, 2006 [SCD 220-07]
. . . . Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

26. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“Whereas a motion was passed on October 11, 2006, calling on the University to not enter into an exclusive cold beverage agreement; and

Whereas many of the arguments opposing exclusive cold beverage agreements would similarly apply to the AMS;
Therefore be it resolved that the AMS not enter into an exclusive cold beverage agreement.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kevin Keystone said he thought the motion was self-explanatory. He didn’t want it to include a large number of whereas clauses. Some of the whereas clauses from last time did not apply in this case, and ironically some of the whereas clauses nearly prevented the motion from being passed last time. It would be awfully hypocritical if the AMS didn’t oppose exclusive cold beverage agreements for itself.

Ryan Corbett: Besides not getting revenue from making such a deal, what would prohibiting such deals do for us for price points?

Bernie Peets said cost prices actually went up after the last deal. He expected costs to go down now because of competition.

Michael Duncan: Does this affect the Constituencies?

Bernie Peets said he thought so.

Michael Duncan asked about liquor sales.

Bernie Peets said the liquor laws prohibit exclusivity deals for liquor. But there can be preferred suppliers.

Matthew Naylor expressed concern over the effect on Constituencies.

27. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED GINA EOM:

“That there be a roll call vote”. . . . . Carried

28. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

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Whereas many of the arguments opposing exclusive cold beverage agreements would similarly apply to the AMS;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS not enter into an exclusive cold beverage agreement.”

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

Pro: Kevin Keystone, Jeff Friedrich, David Yuen, Ian Pattillo, Sophia Haque, Stephanie Ryan, Brendon Goodmurphy, Zoe Shipley, Rachel Dillman, Craig Powell, Babak Khorram, Darren Peets, Jason Penner, Lean Shainhouse, Nadia Hana, Tristan Markle, Michael Duncan, Gina Eom

Abstns: Ryan Corbett, Omar Sirri, Lindsay MacPhee, Bowinn Ma, Ryan Clare, Waleed Raad, Christopher Little, Matthew Hall, Stephanie Yu, Matthew Naylor, Alex Lougheed, Sean Kearney
P) Discussion Period:

**University Town - Darren Peets**

Darren Peets asked Council if it wanted to seek to try to change the neighbourhood plans either in small ways (e.g., by raising the issue of cars and parking on University Boulevard) or in a more substantial way. He was against parking, though he was fine with drop-off and delivery zones.

- He said seeking to fix something minor might suggest the rest is good. On the other hand, it might establish a process for making changes and was more likely to succeed than a more substantial approach, which could look half-baked.
- Gina Eom referred to the upcoming governance review. She didn’t want to sound like a Trotskyist, but if you’re working within the system, then you’re part of the system. She suggested pointing out major problems.
- Darren Peets: The GVRD got annoyed with how UBC was being run and over how things ended up in their lap when things went wrong, so the GVRD and UBC have jointly called for a provincial governance review. His gut feeling was that the AMS should start with something that will pass and say we have major concerns as well, just starting here.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said his initial impulse was to go for something bigger. What would that look like? What would have to be done to get UBC to stop?
- Darren Peets: That’s a problem. Construction costs are going through the roof. It’s possible this whole project may die or get delayed indefinitely for financial reasons. He didn’t think it would work to redraw the whole plan in a week. He talked of having a longer process or a motion saying we don’t like the current plan or a motion listing things we don’t like.
- Matthew Naylor asked if UBC was going to sell land.
- Darren Peets said the plan was for long-term leases, 30 years and 99 years.
- Brendon Goodmurphy suggested that the Campus Planning and Development Committee draft a general statement of opposition to the plan and list specifics.
- Chris Little recommended doing both small scale and large scale things.
- Kevin Keystone: This is a big deal. He’d been quiet because he’s divided about what he’d like to see and about what would be useful for the University. And a lot of decisions have already been implemented; buildings are being built. A decade ago we might have been in a better position to stop it. He’d like Council to look at a list and decide what it would like to see.
- Jason Penner said some parts of the plan, such as the water feature, seem unreasonable.
- Kevin Keystone suggested having a presentation on the plan to generate more discussion. He asked if Council would be interested in a half hour presentation?
- A straw poll showed Council to be in favour.
- Ryan Clare expressed concern about process. He was personally tired of hearing about the plan when it was so hard to get anything done, and it wouldn’t be finished anyway until long after he was gone. He suggested striking a committee. It would be inefficient to have Council spend time on this over and over.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: The University keeps making plans and not involving students. We need to come together and lobby, put pressure on them. Councillors need to engage more.
- Tristan Markle: If we have problems with process, we should assume we have the right and power to change that, not assume we can’t.
- Darren Peets: Small things might be better. If it’s small, it’s obvious it’s a problem, such as traffic and parking on University Boulevard.
- Jeff Friedrich said it would not be difficult for the Campus Planning and Development Committee to come up with a list of concerns.
- Darren Peets: It might be difficult if it’s exhaustive.

R) **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) **Adjournment:**

29. **MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ZOE SHIPLEY:**

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

T) **Social Activity:**

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Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:val
A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD, SECONDED SEAN WILSON:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

[SCD 221-07]

Business Process Re-engineering - Barney Ellis-Perry/Gavin Dew (Alumni Affairs)

Barney Ellis-Perry spoke about attempts to increase alumni engagement with the University, making the following points:

- The alumni are increasing by 7,000 or 8,000 a year.
- Currently, there is poor data about them.
- The challenge is to find out their club connections, whether they were Council members, etc.
- A recent brainstorming session overseen by deans, vice-presidents, and associate vice-presidents, and attended by four students, came up with a new project which has been approved.
- First there was discussion of the definition of alumni, and new category of associate alumni was suggested for those who completed 60 credits.
- The aim is to include the alumni as a key constituent of the University, expanding the standard phrase “students, faculty, staff.”
- There is a lifelong relationship beginning even before someone becomes a student at UBC, continuing through their student years, and then continuing throughout life.
- Alumni are looking to do things for current students, providing such things as a network to help students pursue a career.
- The aim is to change graduation from goodbye to “welcome to the next stage of your relationship with the University.”
- Relationships would be developed, and probably no one would be asked for money for the first five years of being a member of the alumni.
- The aim would be to provide alumni with the services they want while getting from them time, talent, and treasure.

Questions:
- Darren Peets said he’d been solicited for donations by the University as an alumnus who supposedly no longer has anything to do with the University even though he is still here doing a second degree.
- Barney Ellis-Perry said this was something to work on. He also talked of reviving Open
House, there not having been one for about fifteen years.

- Darren Peets mentioned that there is a seat on Council for the alumni which has been vacant for several years, but which could be filled.
- Barney Ellis-Perry said that is something they want to do.
- Kevin Keystone asked about the role of the AMS.
- Barney Ellis-Perry said he saw a role all the way through. He saw students as “alumni in residence” and was seeking support and engagement from students. Students should have a voice, a check. There had already been dialogue about the proposed Alumni Centre. They were trying to be open about that.
- Kevin Keystone asked what value the AMS could receive from working more closely with the Alumni Association.
- Gavin Dew said a UBC-specific Facebook would be rolled out to improve communication and allow people to connect.
- Michael Woodward asked if this would be open to current students.
- Gavin Dew said it would, and students could also use it to connect to alumni. It could be searched by sector so people could ask alumni what they do in that sector.
- Barney Ellis-Perry said it could be used for career and business networking.
- Michael Woodward said he hoped it would be more used for social interaction.
- Barney Ellis-Perry said it would be very much social. It would bring people together with common interests so they could build bonds with each other and with the University. In the first few weeks, 8600 have already signed up.
- Jeff Friedrich asked if this wasn’t just about future giving.
- Barney Ellis-Perry: You could argue that, but it’s not the reality. Our alumni giving is very low. Alumni who volunteer are more likely to give because they feel connected to the organization. But for us that’s a by-product. We’re seeking to create connection. The dollars will come. In the past UBC pushed people away who wanted to help.
- Sean Wilson asked about how to stop spamming of alumni.
- Gavin Dew said people can turn off their availability settings.

**Proposed Fees - Anne De Wolfe (Executive Coordinator, VP Students)**

Anne De Wolfe discussed proposed fees in dentistry, education, and engineering.

**Dentistry Clinic Fees - Dean Ed Yen**  
[SCD 222-07]

A proposed increase in the annual clinic fee for domestic students entering the four-year program in September 2007 and for international dentists entering in May 2008.

Anne De Wolfe:

- A $3000 increase.
- Current fees were last changed in September 2004.
- This will pay for the new Oral Health Centre.
- The annual fee will go from $23,300 to $26,300.
- The fee is tax deductible.
- UBC has the newest clinic in North America.
- There’s been fundraising for bursaries, and the banks have been asked to adjust lines of credit.
- Dentistry grads can find jobs anywhere in North America and have the highest average taxable income of any health professionals in Canada.
- Student feedback raised issues of flexibility and loan forgiveness.

Questions:

- Jason Penner asked why the fee was only for domestic students.
- Dean Edwin Yen said international students will be paying in May 2008.
- Kevin Keystone asked if the Dentistry Undergraduate Society was favourable to the
increase.
- Dean Yen said they were favourable in the sense that they know where the fee goes: to the clinic. They understand and know that it is needed. There are always some who will have financial problems, and that's why the faculty is working to increase bursaries and loans.
- Kevin Keystone asked what the increase had been in 2004.
- Dean Yen: $2500.
- Kevin Keystone asked if, as a result of the greater duress caused by the increase, there would be a commitment to increase the number and value of bursaries or the sum of money available for bursaries. Also, would the Ministry be lobbied?
- Dean Yen: We've made all those commitments. The question is, What have we done? We've increased the number of bursaries every year. No one ever drops out of Dentistry, and students all pay off their student loans. We go to the Ministry every year. This year we were asking for loan forgiveness for Dentistry grads taking remote placements. We're optimistic about getting that; it's already been done for doctors. We're also asking that the clinic fee be counted as part of assessed need instead of as supplies and equipment, which has a limit of $3000. The provincial government looks at it as an equipment purchase, but it's not; it's a tuition fee. The federal government already treats it that way.
- Darren Peets asked about a recent $7000 increase.
- Anne De Wolfe said that was for dental hygienists, not dentists.
- Darren Peets suggested the money should have been obtained ahead of time, not a year and a half after the building was built.
- Dean Yen said the fee would have had to go up whether the clinic was in the old building or the new building, and would have increased more in the old building.
- Jeff Friedrich asked if dental students are paying 30 percent of the cost of their education.
- Dean Yen: About that. It costs $120,000 per student in the program.
- Jeff Friedrich said that with the proportion of what students pay increasing, ways should be found to increase the student voice at the faculty level. He also asked if Dentistry was receiving rent from the commercial tenants in the Dentistry building, such as Shoppers.
- Dean Yen: No, no, he wished they were, especially from the pub. The rents go to the University. Dentistry only gets the second floor of the building. As to student representation, it was not based on fees, but on what students wanted. They are on all Dentistry's committees.
- Omar Sirri asked if the fee would go up.
- Dean Yen said it would go up with inflation, not regular inflation, but the cost of dental supplies such as gloves, rubber masks, etc.
- Jessica Chiles asked what role the banks are playing.
- Dean Yen said they were promising a line of credit of $40,000 a year.
- Jessica Chiles said there would be a $300,000 debt burden.
- Dean Yen said he didn't think anyone would owe that much. The banks will lend $160,000 over four years, no questions asked, and they will come up with extra money if necessary.
- Darren Peets asked if Dentistry paid rent.
- Dean Yen: No.
- Jeff Friedrich: If the student contribution goes up, will you support the AMS if it goes to the Board of Governors about student representation.
- Dean Yen said he didn't know what the AMS was seeking at the Board of Governors, but he said that in principle, assuming all fees increased by the same proportion, then yes.

**Education - Various Program Application Fees - Dr. Rita Irwin**

- Anne De Wolfe said Education is proposing to charge a fee for the verification of credentials for former students (not for current students or those who have been students within the past two years). The cost would be double for international students. The Education students had supported this in principle.
Questions:
- Jason Penner questioned whether it would really take six hours to look a student up on a computer to see what courses they had taken.
- Associate Dean Rita Irwin said it might seem not, but they had to compare what was being requested with what was on file.
- Mariana Payet asked why international students would have to pay more.
- Dean Irwin said often with international students there is more work.
- Anne De Wolfe: We have to check how marks in, say, Singapore translate. It’s not straightforward.

Anne De Wolfe said Education is also proposing an increase in the application fee, explaining as follows:
- Education employs four full-time staff to vet applications, which often include personal statements that have to be read and evaluated.
- There are also two to four seasonal staff hired.
- This costs between $210,000 and $280,000.
- The current application fee of $60 generates $84,000, leaving a deficit of $126,000.
- The deficit is not sustainable.
- Education wants domestic students to cover the direct costs.
- There are about 1400 applicants; they will pay $150 if they are domestic; $180 if non-Canadian.
- Other BC schools charge from $35 up. Other Canadian schools charge between -

Questions:
- David Yuen: Why is it higher for international students?
- Dean Irwin said there are significant time challenges in handling international applications. One has to know other programs, other languages. It takes longer to understand the transcripts.
- Omar Sirri asked how many of the 1400 applicants accept.
- Dean Irwin said the school takes in 900 students a year.
- Darren Peets asked what percentage of the application cost is covered by the application fee elsewhere at UBC.
- Anne De Wolfe said she hadn’t seen a cost analysis.
- Darren Peets: It looks as if students are being asked to cover all the costs. That seems unusual.
- Dean Irwin said if the fees don’t cover the costs, then students in the program or someone will have to subsidize.
- Darren Peets said he would expect that someone to be the Registrar’s Office.
- Anne De Wolfe said a lot of good staff are needed. People want instant answers on-line. There are costs for that. It’s a competitive market. If staff can’t be hired, expectations can’t be met.
- Brad Macurio asked what goes in the application.
- Dean Irwin: Reference letters, supplemental information about experience with children and youth, transcripts. It’s quite a process.

**Masters of Engineering Program International Option**

Anne De Wolfe:
- A professional activity fee of $7000 in the Master’s of Engineering international option in Vancouver.
- $3500 in Singapore.
- Full cost recovery for international students.
- Fee covers overseas travel to Singapore, course delivery overseas, orientation, and career development.
- No objections from Engineering or the Graduate Student Society.

Questions
- Darren Peets asked about the involvement of a headhunter firm.
- Anne De Wolfe: Senate did approve the use of headhunters for international recruiting for the Master’s of Engineering.

D) President’s Remarks

Please see my Third Quarter Report for what I’ve been up to, but to highlight some points:

CASA Lobby Conference

I spent last week in Ottawa at the Lobby Conference with Ian and Lauren Hunter. Over the course of the week, CASA delegates met with over 100 members of parliament and senators, lobbying on CASA’s five lobby points. I met with 10 MPs over the week, and am thrilled to say that I left every meeting with a commitment of some sort, whether it was a question in question period, a letter to the PM or an SO31 (a one-minute speech in the House). The conference was hugely successful and an amazing experience, and was really a strong indication to me of the value of our CASA dues.

AMS/GSS Memorandum of Understanding

The MOU is finished and I’ll be presenting it this evening for Council’s approval. Subject to that approval, I will be presenting it tomorrow night to GSS Council, where they will hopefully also support it.

E) Executive Reports:

Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)

Please refer to my quarterly report.

- Hillel house experienced a third act of vandalism in as many years on the anniversary of Kristallnacht. I attended, in Kevin’s absence, a roundtable discussion where various campus stakeholders debriefed on the events surrounding the incident. I would encourage other constituencies to join with us in extending sympathies to the Hillel House.
- Admin changes at the University: VP Academic and Provost Lorne Whitehead has resigned to assume a new position. AVP Academic Resources has been named acting VP. University Counsel Hubert Lai has replaced Allan Tupper as the AVP Government Relations.
- AMS Campus Planning Committee is taking suggestions on people’s priorities for the University Blvd project and will be compiling recommendations to bring to Council.
- Webvote update to come at next Council meeting.
David Yuen (VP Administration)  [SCD 227-07]

For most of my remarks I shall simply refer you to my third quarterly report

In terms of Renos:
- The Council Chambers colour scheme was finalized with the help of many of you who answered my email call.
- We were sad that nobody came out to the renos meeting Council was invited to, but we were happy with the email response.
- Colour scheme “A” kicked butt and the carpet has been ordered – I circulate the winning scheme for your interest.

Grad Class Council:
- Please note that there is an inaccuracy in my report.
- The Grad Class Council (GCC) meeting will not be postponed until next week but will be held tomorrow as originally planned.
- Elections will be held for the executive positions, but only one nomination has been received, so please turn in your nominations to sacvc@ams.ubc.ca – due by 4:30 pm tomorrow, otherwise you will have to nominate in person at the meeting.
- Also, while turnouts were strong from Engineering and from Arts, there was a lack of attendees from Science (only one showed up!) and Commerce (none!).
- Keep in mind that the GCC decides how the fees of the GCC are spent - $33000 in total. You may wish to attend if you’re a graduating student.

Ian Pattillo (VP External)  [SCD 228-07]

- Behold, my quarterly. I tried to make it look bigger by attaching appendices. Please read it, it should be emailed out soon.

- Otherwise I should mention some interesting meetings recently had. Yesterday with Minister of Advanced Ed Murray Coell and his ADM Tom Vincent, to talk about the reinstatement of the BC Grant, a grad scholarship, tuition, and other topics of interest.

- I met today with Noel Baldwin of Millennium Scholarship, a federal foundation providing 43 million in grants in BC. The conversation was mostly about the future of the organization and the findings of some recent research.

- I was also in Ottawa last week with Kevin. It was fun. Read the report.

Sophia Haque (VP Finance)  [SCD 229-07]

Please refer to my quarterly report

- Our fabulous new AMS Hoodies should be in by next Council meeting.

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)  [SCD 230-07]

- I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are currently on stolen Musqueam territory.

- Most of what I have been up to is in my quarterly report.
LEAP is currently applying for our third year of TLEF funding. I will be signing off the application as co-chair of the committee and we have also secured support from Jeff Friedrich.

F) Committee Reports

Executive Committee Report on negotiations with the Graduate Student Society

Kevin Keystone traced the history of the negotiations leading to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the GSS and the AMS:

- There were discussions in the summer, but no concrete proposals.
- Some members of the GSS Council held a retreat at which they discussed four options concerning the GSS relationship with the AMS.
- The GSS then made a presentation to AMS Council, which led to a motion directing the AMS Executive to negotiate with the GSS.
- In negotiations, the service gap concerning advocacy and tutoring was addressed.
- The AMS serves who it can, and he made no apology for that.
- But the AMS was willing to expand its services:
  - first to create a new AMS/GSS Advocate who will report to the GSS, at a cost of $7,000 to the AMS (this might in the future be superseded by a new UBC Ombudsperson);
  - second to establish AMS/GSS Graduate Core Skill Workshops coordinated within the GSS, with reporting to the AMS Executive Coordinator of Student Services, at a cost of $3600 to the AMS.
  - This will be a three-year agreement.
  - AMS staff will also be available to the GSS in the same way they are to Constituencies.
  - The GSS will make an effort to fill its AMS Council seats, this being a key mode of representation for the GSS.
  - The issue of representation was not supposed to be part of the negotiations, but it came up.
  - There are questions regarding who represents graduate students, and are there overlaps?
  - He felt it made sense for there to be GSS representation on University bodies when a graduate student issue was involved, but it made less sense for things like campus planning.
  - Why should the GSS President be on a campus planning committee if the AMS represents graduate students?
  - This had not been resolved.
- Chris Little asked if AMS Advocacy and the AMS Ombudsperson would cease to exist if there is a UBC Ombudsperson.
- Kevin Keystone: If there is overlap, we’ll have to see, but he thought it unlikely.
- Omar Sirri asked about reports being made to AMS Council.
- Kevin Keystone said that was in the agreement.

2. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY: [SCD 232-07]

“That Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Alma Mater Society and the Graduate Student Society as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Omar Sirri: It's great to see that we're not going to break up. Unity forever.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked if costs would be shared 50-50.
- Kevin Keystone: Not quite. They're providing office space and a computer. We feel the dollar values are fair. The agreement has to be approved by both councils. Hopefully, it will be approved by the GSS Council.

3. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Alma Mater Society and the Graduate Student Society as presented.”

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

G) Constituency Reports:


Science - Michael Duncan: SUS has written to UBC Properties Trust to complain about how they've been treated over the new Science social space. The building is still not open, and SUS has not been kept informed about what is going on. However, the donor is sweet; Mr. Ladha has donated election equipment and a video editing suite.

Engineering US - James Henderson: Engineering would like to rent the Science building.

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

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

4. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated October 25, 2006 [SCD 233-07] ... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR: [SCD 234-07]

“That Council approve the Operations Manuals of the AMS Student Services as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Mariana Payet said Code requires operations manuals to be approved by Council for all the Services. Some of the manuals are outdated, and some Services had no manual at all. So for all the Services, manuals have been reviewed, renewed, or written.
- Chris Little questioned the line in the manuals saying Service staff will engage in “thinking critically and challenging oneself and others.”
6. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council approve the Operations Manuals of the AMS Student Services as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“Whereas the AMS General Manager and those executive members who are AMS signing officers spend a large portion of their time signing cheques, many of which are for small amounts; and

Whereas the Society’s bank will honour cheques signed by using a rubber stamp or a mechanically or electronically reproduced signature (known as Facsimile Signatures) if authorized to do so by a resolution of the AMS Board of Directors,

Therefore be it resolved that the Bank of Montreal be authorized to honour all AMS cheques bearing Facsimile Signatures, provided such cheques are for amounts of less than $250 and also provided that such cheques are not made out to members of the AMS Executive or to senior managers of the AMS.

Be it further resolved that the following resolution be provided to the Bank of Montreal:

‘Whereas for the convenience of the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia (“the AMS”), the AMS requests that cheques drawn on the Bank of Montreal (“the Bank”) against the AMS account number be signed by affixing one or more signatures by using a rubber stamp or mechanically or electronically reproduced signature (each a “Facsimile Signature”) in place of a handwritten signature,

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Bank is hereby authorized and directed to pay any and all cheques or instruments purporting to be cheques of the AMS presented for payment bearing a Facsimile Signature of any of the following officers who have been duly authorized to sign cheques for and on behalf of the AMS:

   Vice-President Finance
   Vice-President Administration
   Vice-President Academic & University Affairs
   Student Administrative Commission Vice-Chair
   General Manager

2. That such cheques or instruments shall have the same legal effect, may be dealt with to all intents and purposes and shall bind the AMS as fully and effectually as if signed in the handwriting of and duly issued by such officer or officers for and on behalf of the AMS, regardless of howsoever or by whosoever a Facsimile Signature shall have been affixed.

3. That the AMS shall provide the Bank with a certified copy of this Resolution and a certified specimen of such Facsimile Signature and that such Resolution may be acted upon by each branch of the Bank with which dealings are had by the AMS.
until notice to the contrary or of any change therein has been given in writing to the Bank.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sophia Haque said lots of cheques have to be signed; there are lots of checks and balances in place already. The aim of this motion, in introducing a rubber stamp for signatures, is to reduce the time Executives spend signing cheques. It’s a standard thing. The bank has forms for this; other organizations do it. It will save time and be more efficient.
- Ian Pattillo asked what percentage of the cheques are for less than $250.
- Sophia Haque: 41 percent.
- Dave Tompkins asked who would do the stamping.
- Sophia Haque said it would be Administration Office staff.
- Darren Peets asked about the bank knowing not to accept cheques made out to members of the Executive.
- Sophia Haque said that’s an internal matter.
- Bernie Peets: There’s no way the bank would review who the payees are.
- Sean Wilson asked about safeguards for the stamp.
- Sophia Haque said it would be locked in the safe.
- Dave Tompkins asked whose signatures would be on it.
- Sophia Haque said hers and David Yuen’s.
- Darren Peets asked if she would be coming back to Council to ask for money for the stamp.
- Sophia Haque said the stamp had already been obtained and tried out.
- Michael Woodward suggested giving signing authority to more people instead, such as members of the Finance Commission.
- Sophia Haque said this procedure was preferable. There were safeguards in place.
- Michael Woodward said there was no accountability over who used the stamp. It could get out.
- Bernie Peets said the signing officers are named in the AMS bylaws. We can’t designate others.

8. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

9. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR: [SCD 235-07]

"Be it resolved that Council amend the Code of Procedure by adding a new Article 14 to Section IX A, Article 7(5), as recommended in the report entitled VFM Code Changes."

Note: These amendments shall expire at the beginning of October, 2007, unless Council votes by 2/3rds majority to keep them in place.”

- Ian Pattillo: This Code amendments add Article 14 to the electoral procedures. It sets out the framework of Voter Funded Media (VFM): the timeline, the entry fee, etc. Under it, the Elections Committee will have discretion to add wrinkles to the rules. It also sets out the rewards.
- Chris Anderson asked if the Elections Committee was permitted to hire someone to administer VFM.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said the Elections Committee hires people all the time: poll clerks etc. Nothing in Code prevents that.
- Ian Pattillo said the Elections Committee doesn’t have to hire someone to do this.
- Chris Anderson said he may not be able to hire someone and was worried he couldn’t implement VFM as well as possible as a result.
- Ian Pattillo said he was flummoxed to hear that no one could be found to take $800 to oversee VFM. It can’t be the VFM committee doing it; that would be Council through its own committee overseeing the media. There’d be a conflict of interest.
- Chris Little asked why the sunset deadline on the amendment is October 2007.
- Ian Pattillo noted that Gina Eom wanted it moved up so that the current Council would consider it, which seems sensible.

10. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That Section IX A, Article 14(11) be amended by striking October 2007 and replacing with March 2007.”

- Mike Thicke wondered if there would be enough time between the elections and March to evaluate VFM.
- Stephanie Ryan: If the VFM committee makes a full report, it won’t matter which body receives it.
- Kevin Keystone: But the VFM committee won’t be a committee after March; its members will cease to be on Council and thus won’t be on the committee. It’s important for this Council to decide this.

11. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That Section IX A, Article 14(11) be amended by striking October 2007 and replacing with March 2007.” ... Carried

- Darren Peets questioned whether Councillors, members of the Elections Committee, and members of Student Court should be allowed to enter the VFM contest.
- Ian Pattillo: We shouldn’t allow the Elections Committee.

13. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That Section IX A, Article 14(2) be amended by inserting ‘and members of the Elections Committee and Student Court’.” ... Carried

- Darren Peets: There are no rules on what name contest participants can use. They could call themselves I Want to Vote for Kevin. Then they could put posters up with their name on them.
- Ian Pattillo: They won’t be able to put up posters.
- Chris Anderson said the names could be confusing.
- Omar Sirri: The rules say they can’t poster on behalf of a candidate, but they could just put their name up.
- Ian Pattillo: The Elections Committee will have discretion to enforce the rules of the contest.
- Darren Peets asked about making the Elections Committee the final judge of the contest. Shouldn't Student Court be available for appeals?
- Sheldon Goldfarb said that if the aim was to follow the rules for elections, the appeal body would be an Election Appeals Committee, then Student Court. 
- Jeff Friedrich: This is just a contest.

14. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That Section IX A, Article 14(6) be amended by striking ‘organizations’ and replacing with ‘participants’.”

... Carried

Moved into Committee of the Whole.

Left Committee of the Whole.

15. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That Section IX A, Article 14(8) be amended by inserting ‘with ties broken with a coin toss(es)’.”

... Carried

- Darren Peets said contestants should mention the election date and the AMS website address.
- Ian Pattillo said he had been concerned about giving extra duties to the Elections Committee. Also, where would you include this information? At the end of articles? Every day on a blog?
- Ryan Corbett: This would add to the burden of the Elections Committee and slow down the election.
- Chris Anderson: The Elections Committee could use its discretion to add rules.
- Omar Sirri suggested the AMS would be biasing the contest by soliciting one potential participant, the Ubyssey, to run the Elections Supplement.
- Paul Dayson said he had spoken to the Ubyssey, and they were fine with producing a copyright-free publication that anyone could use.
- Ian Pattillo: And that would still guarantee the traditional level of coverage in the Ubyssey.
- Omar Sirri: Is the contest open to non-students?
- Ian Pattillo: Yes.
- Omar Sirri asked if this was the time to bring up problems with VFM as a whole.
- Dave Tompkins said objections on the big picture level would be appropriate in this debate.
- Erin Rennie said the entry fee should not be used for non-contest purposes.

16. MOVED ERIN RENNIE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Section IX A, Article 14(5) be amended by inserting ‘they may not used the funds for non VFM-related expenses’.”

... Defeated

- Sophia Haque: If VFM is to create awareness of the elections, and if the Elections Committee is being given the extra burden of administering VFM, they should be allowed to use the funds to promote the elections.
- Ryan Corbett said there was a tremendous onus being put on the Elections Committee to police this. He wondered about the benefit. He’d been a candidate and it took a long time to get things approved for the candidates; this process would add to the Elections
Committee duties and slow things down even more.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said the discretion clause was not strong enough.
- Ian Pattillo said he’d wanted the Elections Committee to have the power to exclude contestants, but the ad hoc committee said the contest had to be open, free.
- Gary Andraza: We’re making this harder than it is. This is just a pilot project. Let’s see what it does the first time. All this fiddling may mean we don’t ever get to do it.
- Omar Sirri said he was still concerned whether the AMS would be getting what it wanted out of this. It’s free money, there’s no expenditure, but there is the work of the committee, the time put in. The aim is better informed voters and a better turnout, but he didn’t think it would achieve that.
- Ryan Corbett said he’d be happier if one person were dedicated to running this instead of the whole Elections Committee.
- Chris Anderson: We would hire a VFM coordinator to do it. The rest of the Elections Committee would be separate from it. The Elections Administrator would have to oversee them, but the majority of the duties would be done by the VFM person.
- Ian Pattillo: The only reason we’re keeping it at the Elections Committee is if problems occur. He predicted fewer problems on the media side than on the candidates’ side. He didn’t want one person in charge; that would give them a lot of power.
- Omar Sirri: Why is the contest open to non-students? Why spend money to allow non-students to win?
- Ian Pattillo: Limiting it to students might make sense if it was AMS money, but it’s not. The possibility of outside media participating is slim, but if there’s a chance of that, that’s good.

17. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

18. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR: [SCD 236-07]

“Be it resolved that Council amend the Code of Procedure by adding a new Article 14 as amended to Section IX A and by amending Section IX A, Article 1B and Section IX A, Article 7(5), as recommended in the report entitled VFM Code Changes.

Note: These amendments shall expire at the beginning of March, 2007, unless Council votes by 2/3rds majority to keep them in place.”

For: Matthew Naylor
Opp: Omar Sirri, Ryan Corbett
Abstn: Jeff Friedrich ... Carried

19. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that Council amend Section IX A, Article 2(7) of the Code of Procedure, as recommended in the report entitled VFM Code Changes.”

Note: This amendment shall expire at the beginning of March, 2007, unless Council votes by a 2/3rds majority to keep it in place.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.
Ian Pattillo said these Code amendments loosen up the campaigning restrictions. Currently, you can’t do anything publicly about elections before the Official Campaign Period (OCP), and there’s a concern about muzzling the media. The media is going to need time beforehand and if candidates aren’t allowed to talk to the media, that will restrict coverage. We still want to restrict the length of the campaign period, but we do want to allow talking to the media. Candidates still will not be able to poster or do flag-waving stuff, but they can talk to the media.

- Ryan Corbett: Can’t the media wave flags?

- Darren Peets said he didn’t mind people talking to the media, just the media shouldn’t publish until later.

- Matthew Naylor said that was not the intention of the change. The intention is to allow the media to publicly report on the elections in a period set out by the Elections Committee, a greater period than the OCP. This will be beneficial in giving the voters information.

- Ryan Corbett: For the $100 entry fee, that becomes the new campaign period. It’s extending the campaign period.

- Kevin Keystone: Candidates still won’t be able to poster, hand out flyers, make classroom announcements. Even though this amendment will allow media sources to talk about the elections, it still prohibits the largest types of campaigning.

- Stephanie Ryan: In the real world people can publish letters. Why is it prohibited here?

- Matthew Naylor noted that the amendment was not restricted to VFM contestants.

20. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that Council amend Section IX A, Article 2(7) of the Code of Procedure, as recommended in the report entitled VFM Code Changes.”

Note: This amendment shall expire at the beginning of March, 2007, unless Council votes by a 2/3rds majority to keep it in place.”

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

21. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that Council amend Section IX A, Article 2(8)c of the Code of Procedure, as recommended in the report entitled VFM Code Changes, with the following alteration (indicated in bold):

Article 2(8)c shall now read:

‘Neither the Student Resource Groups nor the Society’s Constituencies shall spend money or resources on behalf of any candidates, with the exception of any publication dependent on a Resource Group or Constituency for funding that has entered the Voter Funded Media Contest and abided by all procedures outlined in Section IX: A: Article 14. Any candidate who benefits from a violation of this provision may, at the discretion of the Elections Committee, be penalized in accordance with Article 3 below.

Note: This amendment shall expire at the beginning of March, 2007, unless Council votes by a 2/3rds majority to keep it in place.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian Pattillo said these Code amendments would remove the prohibition preventing
Constituency newspapers from entering the contest. This year with their budgets already in place, it will be difficult for the Constituencies to funnel money to their publications. We want these groups participating. We’re not sure they’re interested, but that’s the goal.

- Jeff Friedrich said he was nervous about this one. He didn’t like the fact that Constituency newspapers are tied to their Constituencies; they’re like state-funded media. It could lead to corrupt manipulations. It also penalizes smaller Constituencies that don’t have newspapers.

- Ian Pattillo: As to penalizing the smaller faculties, there’s no answer. They don’t have newspapers. As for corruption, if this goes forward, in future years you would have to look to autonomous models for Constituency newspapers, like the Ubyssey.

- Omar Sirri noted that media sources that don’t enter the contest would not qualify for the exemption from the rule, and he objected to the last sentence of this provision because it allows for penalizing candidates when the candidates may not have done anything.

22. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That motion #21 be amended by deleting the text in bold:

‘Any candidate who benefits from a violation of this provision may, at the discretion of the Elections Committee, be penalized in accordance with Article 3 below.’”

- Kevin Keystone: It’s important if we establish VFM that we keep the integrity of the previous electoral procedures. We need to have restrictions on the manipulation of the system. And it’s at the discretion of the Elections Committee.

- Omar Sirri said it was wrong to punish the candidate if they were not involved in soliciting an endorsement.

- David Yuen said the provision says “may.” The Elections Committee doesn’t have to penalize. He still wanted to prevent manipulation.

- Ryan Clare said that if someone made an unsolicited endorsement violating this provision, the candidate should e-mail them to stop it.

- Omar Sirri: But what if the candidate doesn’t know about it?

- Brendon Goodmurphy said there has to be penalization, but penalizing the candidates was not achieving the goal. The Constituencies should be penalized.

- David Yuen: There is discretion for the Elections Committee. It can look to see if there is collusion. If the media source is in the VFM contest, these are the rules. If they’re outside and they endorse, then they’ve harmed the candidate.

- Sophia Haque: Endorsements are being allowed because of VFM. If the source is not in VFM, then there’s no incentive to provide accurate information about the elections.

- Sean Wilson suggested changing the provision to read “your Constituency.”

- Ian Pattillo: It’s at the discretion of the Elections Committee. If the candidate receives a benefit, it makes sense to penalize the candidate.

- Brendon Goodmurphy: Are we trying to prevent candidates from using Constituencies or trying to prevent Constituencies from supporting candidates?

- Ian Pattillo: Both.

- Omar Sirri said he didn’t see how we could penalize candidates for something done by a Constituency or a Resource Group when the candidate was not affiliated with them and didn’t solicit.

- Ian Pattillo: If you receive a benefit, you are charged with that benefit.

- Brendon Goodmurphy suggested changing the wording to read “actively seeks to benefit.”

- Omar Sirri: That makes sense, but there’d be a burden of proof issue.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Now it’s worded so a candidate is penalized if they merely benefit passively.

23. MOVED GARY ANDRAZA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

24. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

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‘Any candidate who benefits from a violation of this provision may, at the discretion of the Elections Committee, be penalized in accordance with Article 3 below’.”

Abst: Brendon Goodmurphy, Matthew Naylor ... Defeated

25. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that Council amend Section IX A, Article 2(8)c of the Code of Procedure, as recommended in the report entitled VFM Code Changes, with the following alteration (indicated in bold):

Article 2(8)c shall now read:

‘Neither the Student Resource Groups nor the Society’s Constituencies shall spend money or resources on behalf of any candidates, with the exception of any publication dependent on a Resource Group or Constituency for funding that has entered the Voter Funded Media Contest and abided by all procedures outlined in Section IX: A: Article 14. Any candidate who benefits from a violation of this provision may, at the discretion of the Elections Committee, be penalized in accordance with Article 3 below.’”

Note: This amendment shall expire at the beginning of March, 2007, unless Council votes by a 2/3rds majority to keep it in place.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Opp: Omar Sirri ...Carried

26. “Be it resolved that Council amend Section IX A, Article 2(10(h) of the Code of Procedure, as recommended in the report entitled VFM Code Changes.”

Note: This amendment shall expire at the beginning of March, 2007, unless Council votes by a 2/3rds majority to keep it in place.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

27. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated September 29, 2006 [SCD 237-07]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 4, 2006 [SCD 238-07]

.... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

28. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 17, 2006 [SCD 239-07]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 24, 2006 [SCD 240-07]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 31, 2006 [SCD 241-07]

.... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

29. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED STEPHANIE YU:

"Be it resolved that Code Section IXA, Article 1A be amended by striking paragraph 4:

'4. Members of the Elections Committee shall not hold any other elected or appointed position in the Society, including positions within Clubs or Constituencies, 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.'

and replacing it with:

'4. Members of the Elections Committee shall not be members of Council or the Commissions nor hold any Executive position within Constituencies while serving on the Elections Committee.'"

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Anderson explained the motivation for loosening the restrictions on members of the Elections Committee, saying:
  - Currently, the Code excludes people like the Salsa Club president, which is ridiculous.
  - The six-month rule was mostly a slate issue; it’s been suspended twice; any bias is addressed in the interview process.

- Jeff Friedrich said there should still be a six month exclusion for Executives.
Sophia Haque said she didn’t see why if she was an Executive last year she shouldn’t be allowed to join the Elections Committee the following year ie; 04 and 06. 

Kevin Keystone said to make the exclusion meaningful, since the committee is not typically hired till the fall, it should be for one year. 

Jeff Friedrich said it was drastic to scrap all the rules. There should be something saying the outgoing Executive could not be involved in overseeing the elections of the next Executive. 

Ryan Corbett: Can Council members resign from Council and take an AMS job? Isn’t there a six-month waiting period generally? 

Sheldon Goldfarb said the six months requirement is only for the Elections Committee, not for jobs in places like Pie R Squared. 

Darren Peets said there is a national student organization that likes to use the Elections Administrator position to maintain power. One has to be careful. 

Chris Anderson: The Executive Coordinator of Student Services chairs the hiring committee for Elections Committee members. The ECSS is a hired position and not biased. 

30. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY: 

"That motion #29 be amended by adding the following:

‘In addition, members of the Elections Committee must not have been members of the Executive Committee during the year prior to being appointed to the Elections Committee’.”

... Carried 

31. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED STEPHANIE YU:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds 

Abstn: Omar Sirri ... Carried 

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:
R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

32. MOVED STEPHANIE YU, SECONDED JAMES HENDERSON:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

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

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Carolynne Burkholder (The Ubyssey), Momoko Price (The Ubyssey), Geoff Noble (Science), Raj Mathur (Music), Josh Zukewich (Science), Jamie Moskowitz (Science), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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.

1. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED SEAN WILSON:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks

Announcements – World AIDS Week:

This week is World AIDS Awareness Week, which culminates in the annual World AIDS Day on December 1st. I sent around a list of all the events on campus that have been organized by the World AIDS Week Organizing Committee, and I encourage all those that can to attend the Candlelight Vigil on McInnes Field this Friday at 5. A Canada-wide petition is also being circulated that will be presented to Parliament on December 5th.

Presentation to GSS of Memorandum of Understanding:

After AMS Council unanimously approved the AMS/GSS Memorandum of Understanding at the last meeting, I presented the agreement to GSS Council the following day. After a very brief question period, the agreement went to a vote and was unanimously approved by GSS Council as well. The agreement is now being circulated for signing, and will come into effect March 1, 2007. Special thanks to Jeff for being an integral player in the negotiations, and to the GSS for their collaboration and negotiation in good faith.

Health & Dental Plan Committee:

Having received the surveys, I’m now working to compile the results in a written report for the Health & Dental Plan Committee, and to present a list of recommendations to Studentcare. The survey results were discussed by the Health & Dental Plan Committee, which, after careful consideration, decided to enter negotiations with Studentcare for a renewal of their contract as our health & dental plan administrators. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Studentcare.

Graduation:

I attended a number of graduation ceremonies last week as part of Fall Convocation. I was also asked to speak to the graduating students at one of the ceremonies, at which I regaled them with German proverbs and quotes by Julia Roberts. My remarks were well received.
Strategic Alliances Framework:

The Strategic Alliances Framework that Lenny Freilich of UBC Business Development spoke about a few Council meetings back was recently finalized by the UBC committee considering it, and circulated to UBC executives for review. The framework was to provide guidelines for “acceptable” strategic alliances (ie. corporate partnerships) between corporations and the University. Although the AMS was represented well on the committee, through further discussion we identified some key weaknesses that we took back to the University, who has therefore agreed to present the framework only for information, not for approval. We will continue to work to strengthen the framework, and I’ll be attending Board Finance Committee tomorrow to follow the discussion.

Name Game:

Just to keep Council apprised, we have once again been approached by the University to change our official name from the AMS of UBC to the AMS of UBC-Vancouver. We were similarly approached last year, on the grounds that the University has the rights to their name under the Trademark Act, and therefore the right to tell us to change ours. We duly informed them that we could only do so by referendum or special general meeting, and are awaiting their response.

E) Executive Reports:

Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)

- Child care- Kevin and I are discussing ways of partnering with the university to develop more child care spaces on campus.

- Volunteer Services/AMS Internship program - Mariana and I met with Volunteer Connections and with the AMS Internship programs to talk about ways we could use them better internally. We’d like to find ways for using our services to recruit volunteers and interns for clubs, services, events, and for clubs and constituencies. We’ll be following up in the new year.

David Yuen (VP Administration)

- Greetings all, and congratulations everybody on a term nearly and duly completed.
- In the past few weeks, things have been relatively calm and placid in the ocean of my portfolio; I’ve been pretty darn busy with term papers, lab exams and the like.
- I’m looking forward to:
  - The AMS Holiday party!
  - Getting my exams over and done with!
  - Four weeks of liberty from school and its corresponding worry
  - Four weeks of David finally getting to a baking spree for the first time in approximately a year!

- The Student Leadership Conference is coming up – please circulate the email to as many interested parties as you can – forward widely.
- Nominations are open for AMS Elections! I applaud and salute those of you who will decide to run – you’re courageous, courageous individuals!
  - For any of you who are interested in running for the VP Admin portfolio, I would like to invite you to come and chat with me, and I would be pleased to answer any questions you might have about the job.
Ian Pattillo (VP External)

I have not had a terribly busy two weeks, or at least not a lot has changed.

I had to attend a number of graduation ceremonies which were rather dull and only served as a reminder that I am not graduating any time soon. The UBC Executive has criticized the Strategic Alliances Framework and it will only go to Board for information purposes. This brings me much relief. The Campus 2020 submission is a work in progress. As usual, please contact me if you have any ideas for higher education reform. The Policy 72 group had a productive meeting with SFAA. A Service Review Committee meeting at Translink was a joyous occasion because we are back on good terms and no lawyers were called, to my knowledge.

Sophia Haque (VP Finance)

- VOIP: Ongoing discussions. Now looking to receive a formal quote from Allstream.
- BOC & Fundraising: I have two motions coming later in the meeting today. Stay tuned!
- Interesting Things:
  - Had a meeting with Coca Cola for the annual business review. The SUB still holds the highest revenue generating vending machine on campus.
  - University Athletics Council: Referendum question is back on the table for discussion—looking at one to be held next fall (potentially).
  - Also, I turned 22. I invite you all to come look at my wonderfully tin-foiled office.

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)

- UBC Library is running Food for Fines once again.

F) Committee Reports

Report of the Ad Hoc Survey Review Committee - Kevin Keystone

Kevin Keystone said he was reporting on behalf of the committee in accordance with the motion setting it up, but the committee has not yet had a chance to engage in much discussion. He has developed some recommendations to take to the committee and will report back later.

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering US - Ryan Clare – Christmas carolling Friday.

Sean Wilson – Building referendum passed with 75% in favour and a 48% turnout.

Science - Michael Duncan - The SUS letter to Properties Trust prompted a reply full of typos and blaming everyone else, but there have been better relations lately, and the building is supposed to open Friday, barring snow delays.

Music - Nadia Chana - Voting on a new logo.
H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Omar Sirri - Board of Governors:
- Board Committee meetings to be held tomorrow and Friday.

Gina Eom - Senate:
- Dinner with Stephen Toope on 13 December.
- Motion re pass/fail coming up today.
- If anyone is interested in running for Senate please come and see me.

C) Presentations to Council:

UBC Performance and Pass/Fail Courses - Jeff Friedrich /Jaspreet Khangura

Jeff Friedrich commented on UBC’s performance in comparison with other universities, referring to two surveys, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Canadian Undergraduate Survey Consortium (CUSC). He made the following points:

- UBC now refers people to the NSSE and CUSC results as a replacement for the Maclean’s survey.
- Those surveys indicate that there is room for improvement.
- UBC consistently does worse than other schools, especially on class size ratios.
- Students are less satisfied when they leave than when they arrive.
- American schools outperform Canadian schools.
- The AMS Policy Adviser, David Wells, has been looking through the data as the basis for AMS policy initiatives on such issues as class size, TA training, and pass/fail courses.
- The AMS does not have a body clearly suited to academic policy, so Jeff has been going to the Student Senate Caucus.
- Senate Caucus has already approved a Pass/Fail policy connected to interdisciplinarity initiatives.

Jaspreet Khangura of the Senate Caucus talked about the Pass/Fail policy, making the following points:

- The aim is to improve the undergraduate experience by de-emphasizing grades and re-emphasizing learning.
- The idea is to encourage students to take difficult courses they might otherwise fear to take because of the effect on their GPA.
- Different faculties have had different reactions to the proposal.
- Pass/Fail is common in the US.
- The current proposal would allow students to take a number of elective courses on a pass/fail basis, with there being no effect on the student’s GPA if they pass, but the course would count in GPA calculations if the student failed or got a D.

- Jason Penner: Can’t undergraduates already audit courses?
- Jeff Friedrich said he thought auditing was for emergency situations. This plan would be incentivizing students to take courses outside their discipline.
- Kevin Keystone: Why bother with a D?
- Jaspreet Khangura: If it’s pure pass/fail and you need 51% to pass, the student may pass and not really know the course, so this creates a buffer, ensuring that the student will really
know the material.
- Kevin Keystone asked about the limitation on the number of courses that could be taken
  this way.
- Jaspreet Khangura: The limit is an arbitrary number now. The details have not been
  finalized. There is an attempt to cater to an important faculty concern: faculties do have to
  consider GPA’s for admission to programs.
- Gina Eom asked if the surveys covered both private and public institutions.
- Jeff Friedrich said there was a range of private and public universities.
- Sophia Haque said audited courses were not for emergencies; they were simply courses
  for which you don’t get credit.
- Omar Sirri said there was a concern on the University side and on the student side that the
  pass/fail system would lower the quality of education; students would not try.
- Jaspreet Khangura: That’s why the plan is to use the D system.
- Omar Sirri asked about implementing the system across various faculties.
- Jeff Friedrich said that a number probably will not be receptive, which is unfortunate. Lots
  of good schools have experimented with pass/fail. Grades can disincentivize, so that
  students become concerned only with seeking them.
- Sean Wilson asked about making the system fair. Some students want to do well. Also,
  how would this affect grade scaling?
- Jaspreet Khangura said the details are still being worked out. Professors would not know
  which students are taking a class on a pass/fail basis. This would eliminate bias for the
  professor.
- Sean Wilson asked about capping the number of pass/fail students.
- Jeff Friedrich said details are still to be worked out.
- Nadia Chana asked about students making a retroactive decision.
- Jaspreet Khangura said the US model includes deadlines. One suggestion is to make the
  deadline the same as the Drop Course deadline. It would be hard to make a course
  pass/fail retroactively.
- Nadia Chana: What about the opposite? Taking a course for pass/fail, but then wanting
  it to count for marks.
- Jaspreet Khangura: That could be something to bring forward.
- David Yuen asked about incorporating results into the GPA. Why not get some credit for
  a Pass? Under the current proposal, a pass/fail course could only hurt you; if you get a D
  or an F, it can drag your GPA down, but there’s no way it can lift the GPA up.
- Jeff Friedrich said they were trying to stay away from that sort of thing: Pass, Pass-plus,
  etc.

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

2. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED GINA EOM:

   “Whereas the AMS supports the movement towards greater inter-disciplinarity within the
   undergraduate experience at UBC; and

   Whereas students do not always seek out new opportunities for interdisciplinary learning
   and inquiry because their reward or incentive system is organized principally around
   grades; and

   Whereas in the last two surveys from NSSE (2004 & 2006) UBC consistently
   underperforms relative to their peer universities in Canada in the areas of “Enriching
   Educational Experience”, “Active & Collaborative Learning”, and “Level of Academic
   Challenge”; and
Whereas the quality and flexibility of the academic programs at UBC is the most significant reason for not recommending the university, generating a larger than average dissatisfaction rate over the last several years; and

Whereas the AMS supports efforts to improve undergraduate education at UBC; and

Whereas pass/fail systems have been a successful and popular option at a number of internationally renowned universities in the United States for over a decade.

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS supports the expansion of Pass/Fail course offerings as a component of a strategy to improve undergraduate education at UBC; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS call on the University to endorse/support the UBC Pass/Fail System Reform Proposal as the basis for expanding Pass/D/Fail course opportunities across the undergraduate spectrum.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Darren Peets said audited courses are on the transcript, but don’t count towards the GPA. He’d taken one and he did not spend as much time on it as on his other courses; he was happy with 60%. This system would require the professor but not the student to work fully. As to emergencies, in those cases the student can get an adjudicated pass; that’s not auditing. He also wondered if this would apply to graduate students, and he wondered what grad schools would think about pass/fail marks: that the student was just goofing off or did a bad job? Also, since a student’s average is calculated on their top 27 credits, there was a limit to how much could be dropped.

- Ryan Clare said he didn’t think students would take a pass/fail course and do a bad job; they’d still be paying for it. His concern was with enrollment and taking up of places in courses with pass/fail students, places that could go to students who need the course for a mark in a graduating requirement. He also asked about student loans and differential tuition. And he was concerned about group work; if he needed a 90 to get into med school, he wouldn’t want to be in a group with someone doing pass/fail.

- Gary Andraza said that at VST there are no grades at all; everything is pass/fail; there is no numerical basis. This proposal, however, seemed to him like grades with a pretty face. The numbers would still be there in the background. Pass/fail does encourage learning by removing competition and encouraging dialogue and co-operation. It’s a great idea, but this plan should become a truer pass/fail system with no crouching tiger, hidden dragon grades.

- Michael Duncan said this was a great opportunity. Lots of science students want to take other courses, but are concerned about the effect on their grades. As to group work, that’s still a problem even if everyone is getting grades; a fellow student may still not want to try. He wondered about having different sections of a course scaled differently for those with pass/fail and those with grades.

3. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That the question be called.”

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

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

5. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MATTHEW HALL:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated November 15, 2006 [SCD 243-07] ... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

6. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED IAN PATTILLO: [SCD 244-07]

“Whereas Article 4.6 of the Constitution of CASA indicates that a member school wishing to exit the organization may do so by adopting Associate Membership status for one year; and

Whereas Article 4.4 of the Constitution of CASA defines Associate Membership as requiring approval by a Special Resolution of the membership at a general meeting; and
Whereas the relationship between Article 4.4 and 4.6 of the Constitution of CASA would require the CASA membership to approve or decline a request from a Member Association to revert to Associate Member Association;

Therefore be it resolved that the content of Article 4.4 of the Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations be struck and replaced with the following:

‘Associate Membership shall be used to allow Student Associations to evaluate the merits of phasing-in or phasing-out of the organization. When phasing-into the organization it is required that the Student Association be approved by a Special Resolution of the Members at a General Meeting in order to become an Associate Member. When a Member wishes to step down to Associate Membership, or an Associate Member wishes to phase out of the organization a Special Resolution of the Members at a General Meeting is not required unless an abridgment or an extension to Associate Membership is being sought. Associate Members shall be assessed one half (½) of the full membership fee.’

- Ian Pattillo explained that changes to the CASA constitution in March concerning the easy in/easy out procedures had led to a glitch pointed out by Gina Eom at a previous AMS Council meeting. Under the original plan, CASA members could have kept other members from exercising the right to drop down to associate status.
- Ryan Clare asked procedures for dropping out.
- Ian Pattillo said schools used to be able to just drop out; now they can drop down to associate membership and leave a year later, paying half the regular membership fee during their associate member year.
- Ryan Clare asked how CASA could make a school pay for a year if it simply wanted to leave?
- Kevin Keystone: They could sue.
- Ryan Clare said it was ridiculous to be made to pay.
- Patrick Meehan: CASA’s problem is that the CFS or some other organization can front people to run in student society elections and if they win they pull their school out of CASA. This has been possible because of CASA’s easy in/easy out rules. The CFS, in contrast, has draconian rules about leaving. The result has been that CASA has been consistently unstable, not knowing how many members it has. This new procedure just slows the process and allows long-term strategic planning; it’s a good thing.
- Kevin Keystone: It’s already the case that you apply for associate membership status and pay half. That’s not what the current motion is about. The current motion just fixes a problem from last time.
- Sean Wilson asked about AMS Council voting on CASA motions.
- Ian Pattillo explained that when a CASA special resolution is passed at a CASA meeting, it also has to be approved by a majority of member Councils.

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Note: Ryan Clare - Abstained ... Carried

8. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED GINA EOM: [SCD 245-07]

‘Whereas CASA amended the structure and composition of the Board of Directors at the 2006 Annual General Meeting in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, necessitating changes to the process of selecting the National Director,

Therefore be it resolved that Article 4.3 of Bylaw 4 of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations be amended to now read:

‘Prior to the vote beginning, each of the regional directors upon consultation with their region shall rank the candidates on one secret ballot per region which shall be sealed in an envelope and held by the Chair, who shall not participate within his or her regional consultation at this stage in the selection process. In the absence of both regional directors, the alternate regional director may cast the secret ballot for that region. If both regional directors and the alternate regional director from one or more regions are not present, then voting must be delayed until such time as all regions have one of their directors cast a ballot.‘

And be it further resolved that Article 4.5 of Bylaw 4 of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations be amended to now read:

‘In the event of a tie, a discussion will be held concerning the merits of the candidates, followed by a tie breaking vote. If a tie reoccurs, the ballots cast by the Regional Director(s) or Alternative Regional Director(s) prior to general voting are opened by the Chair and the candidate whose name of the two tied candidates is ranked highest on two or more ballots wins. If a tie reoccurs, then the Chair shall decide the winner.‘

- Ian Pattillo said this motion changes the process of choosing the CASA National Director to reflect changes to the constitution made eight months ago altering the number of regions in CASA.
- Kevin Keystone said it also includes alternate regional directors.
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Note: Ryan Clare - Abstained ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

10. MOVED CRAIG WROTNIAK, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Robert Taddei as the Student Senate Representative for the Faculty of Education and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“That Council appoint ______________________, ______________________ and ______________________ (Council Members) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee.”

...Tabled

12. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED LEAH SHAINHOUSE: [SCD 246-07] [SCD 247-07]

“That Council adopt the report of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2006: Sponsorship and Fundraising Contracts’ and thus amend the Code
as recommended.

Be it further resolved that Council adopt the AMS Sponsorship Guidelines as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sophia Haque said the aim of the new policy being introduced was to change the basis for deciding whether to enter into agreements with potential sponsors. There would be a shift away from deciding on the basis of the sponsor’s ethics in favour of deciding on the basis of their reputation. It is easier to know a sponsor’s reputation than their actual behaviour, as for example with Coca Cola.
- She said the policy will allow exclusivity only on an event by event basis.
- Co-billing will be the most a sponsor will be allowed.
- The current policy, in the Code of Procedure, was impossible to follow.
- The new policy is based on guidelines drafted by Brian Duong, a former VP Finance, and also incorporates ideas from elsewhere, such as Western.

13. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED LEAH SHAINHOUSE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Ryan Clare - abstained ...Carried

14. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That Council accept the resignation of the Ombudsperson and direct the Ombudsperson to fulfil her duties under Section II, Article 10 (5) (g) of the Code regarding transition and reporting.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Primary Appointments Committee to hire a new Ombudsperson.”

- Michael Duncan: The Ombudsperson has submitted her resignation.
- Omar Sirri: How many Ombudspersons have we had this year?
- Michael Duncan: Only one this year, but in the past two years we’ve gone through several.
- David Yuen: The various Ombudspersons have had to resign because of conflicts or workloads.
- Jeff Friedrich: Law students are the best qualified for the position, but they often are not able to carry on in the job because of workload.
- Bernie Peets: Three of the last four Ombudspersons have been law students and have resigned. The longest serving Ombudspersons have not been law students.

15. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

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reporting.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Primary Appointments Committee to hire a new Ombudsperson.”

Note: Ryan Clare/Jeff Friedrich - abstained ... Carried

16. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“That Council appoint Sarah Naiman, Leah Shainhouse and Sean Kearney (Council Members) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee.”

Note: Alex Lougheed - in favour ... Carried

17. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED: [SCD 248-07]

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Business Operations Committee Council allocate an amount not to exceed $106,000 (including contingency) from CPAC for the renovation of the prep kitchen facilities.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sophia Haque:
• Council already approved the plan to create additional catering space in the bookable rooms area.
• The amount mentioned in this motion will be the landlord part of the cost for renovating the space.
• The Food and Beverage Department will also pay.
• The amount works out to $1.81 per square foot, which is in the normal range for kitchen renovations.
• This is time sensitive, because the aim is to have the space ready for the catering season in April.

- Chris Little asked about other expected sizable projects that might eat up funds.
- David Yuen said there was nothing currently planned, except for possible Pit renovations, for which there is no budget. Things are up in the air about redoing the Party Room and Ballroom floors.
- Chris Little asked about the chance of exceeding the funds available.
- David Yuen said he was not sure; it depended on whether they would be digging through concrete for the Pit renovations.
- Darren Peets: Have we already paid for this, or are we releasing new money?
- Sophia Haque: Work has already been done for the bookable rooms. This is to make part of the area into kitchen space.
- Sean Wilson asked about the payback period.
- Bernie Peets: The Catering Department is the Number 1 profit contributor to the AMS and they have just become an official caterer for UBC, so we anticipate an increase. The CPAC portion of the cost is not amortized. Food and Beverage is contributing $35,000 plus $60,000 worth of equipment. That $95,000 will be amortized. The increased surplus from Catering should allow it to be paid for in short order.
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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

19. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY: [SCD 249-07]

“Whereas UBC students pay $25 per month to Translink for their U-Pass;* and

Whereas college students are being asked to pay $34 per month to Translink for their U-Pass; and

Whereas all students in the GVRD use the same public transit system; and

Whereas college students have just as rightful a claim to affordable transit as university students; and

Whereas the goal of a better public transit system would be more effectively served by a united student lobby;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS support a common U-Pass price for all colleges and universities of approximately $29 per month.

Note: “Students actually pay $22, with the remaining $3 covered by a UBC subsidy.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ian Pattillo:

- He’d received a letter from TransLink the day before asking him to clarify the AMS position on U-Pass expansion and pricing.
- After Council’s last motion on the subject, the coalition of colleges said the AMS supported the search for a common price for all PSE students in the Lower Mainland.
- UBC students currently get a lower price for U-Pass than college students are being offered because of the large numbers of UBC students who weren’t riding the bus beforehand.
- The colleges have a higher ridership, so TransLink stands to lose more revenue with them.
- Seven colleges want in, representing 40,000 students.
- There are four options:
  - All seven pay $34 if all agree.
  - If they don’t all agree, the price could be $40 each.
  - There could be variable pricing, ranging from $25 at Kwantlen, which has low ridership, to $50 at VCC, which already has high ridership.
  - If all nine institutions (the seven colleges and the two universities) agree, there could be a common price of $29, which would mean a $4 increase for UBC students.
- TransLink needs to know if we support a higher price.
The issues are:
- there will be another price rise in 2008 under our current contract;
- can all the colleges do this?
- can TransLink provide the service? service is not great now; how will they cope with increased ridership?
- this year UBC dominated the TransLink expansion; we’re not going to get that in 2007 and 2008;
- the benefit of a united student lobby; the coalition says it will be good for lobbying for transit improvements and on prices;
- the $4 increase will amount to $1 million; is that the best thing to do with our money?

This motion is not coming from the Executive; the Executive is not necessarily united on it.

UBC students are not necessarily better and deserving of a cheaper bus pass.

If the motion passes, it doesn’t commit us to pay more; we would have to go to a referendum to pay the increased price.

He hoped that UBC students would see the benefit of one price for all students using the same bus system.

He hoped Council would pass the motion to give students the chance to say what they want.

- Ryan Corbett: This is not entirely fair. Different populations have different needs. It’s not unreasonable that costs will be different. It’s as if we said everyone should get the same tuition prices. It makes no sense.

20. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That motion #19 be amended to read:

‘Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS support holding a referendum on the question of a common U-Pass price for all colleges and universities of approximately $29 per month’.”

... Carried

21. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“Whereas UBC students pay $25 per month to Translink for their U-Pass;* and

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich asked about putting a dollar figure in.
- Ian Pattillo said it would be better to take it out.
- Sean Wilson: Why bother with a referendum if the other colleges are not going along?
- Sophia Haque said there was a need to look at the costs of holding this referendum as opposed to one that would benefit UBC students instead.
- Gina Eom asked about timing.
- Ian Pattillo said it could say not till 2008.
- Gina Eom said it was strategically wise to approve $29.
- Ian Pattillo said to approve $29 individually wouldn’t mean anything. There were no guarantees from TransLink.
- Omar Sirri asked what the increase in 2008 would be if this proposal did not pass.
- Ian Pattillo said it would probably be $2 or $3, based on pre-U-Pass ridership, but that was not certain.
- Omar Sirri asked how long a new price would be in effect.
- Ian Pattillo said he didn’t know; TransLink didn’t know. TransLink was being pushed to expand U-Pass. They’re reluctant. If students approve, we become a bloc at $29 until 2009. Then in 2009 the coalition would go to TransLink.
- Omar Sirri asked about Translink’s view.
- Ian Pattillo: TransLink is okay with U-Pass expanding.
- Chris Little said he couldn’t see doing this without guarantees from TransLink. He didn’t see how UBC students would benefit from paying more for less service. We have a sweetheart deal, and that’s how it should be.
- Darren Peets said a referendum would go over like a lead balloon. It would be asking for more fee and less service. He asked about the risk of losing UBC’s $3 subsidy and about the handling fee. He asked if going to referendum was just avoiding Translink’s question.
- Ian Pattillo: Yes, but it would be appropriate to say we are going to our students. UBC can’t wriggle out of the subsidy. As to the handling fee, at some point we should get the students to approve an extra 16 cents a month.
- Erin Rennie: Lots of college students become UBC students. They’re sort of our constituents.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: This would be a benefit. It would force TransLink to provide better service, and it would increase ridership of public transit, which would benefit everyone.
- Avneet Johal: This does benefit everyone, but different situations require different prices. TransLink can know better and budget for it. The best solution would be to go to individual fees based on ridership at each institution.
- Ryan Corbett: Increased ridership with no increase of funds does not encourage better service. This will mean an overloading of an already overloaded system. It may be doing UBC students a disservice by introducing an increased price with no guarantees from TransLink or the other schools. It may help the environment and build better relationships with the schools, but those schools haven’t been discreet with us. There’s no benefit to UBC students.
- Ryan Clare said he didn’t think we were really discussing the environment. He didn’t agree with subsidizing the colleges. They know we want them to have it.
- Lindsay McPhee: If you’re on the same route as the colleges, why would you want to let six buses pass you instead of three?
- Ian Pattillo said he didn’t expect the same increase in ridership as when UBC got the U-
Pass, but certainly some new passengers would be brought in.

- Craig Wrotniak: We need to represent our constituents. Few Kwantlen students use transit. This should be per school. We should wait till 2008 to deal with the money again.
- Sean Wilson said increased ridership would lead to increased prices. More routes would be introduced to other schools, not to UBC. There would be a negative bargaining effect; we would have to rely on others to support us.
- Michael Duncan said the issue is whether or not we want to fund the colleges. Science could do a lot with that money, and he was against a referendum; there are already too many referendums.
- Sean Kearney: This will fail so badly, we should squish it right now.
- Tristan Markle said he didn’t really believe in the virtue of selfishness. It was important to let people use transit. Why can’t Council or the Executive take a stand?
- Dave Tompkins said Council could take a position, but a referendum would be required for a fee increase.
- Tristan Markle said the AMS should not go to a referendum in order to negotiate and lobby; it should negotiate and lobby first, and then go to a referendum.
- Matthew Hall said he didn’t see what going to a referendum would do. It would almost certainly fail, and there would have to be a referendum in 2008 anyway.
- Jeff Friedrich said the proposal would lead to service improvements. There would be benefits in the long run. The Georgia Straight and the Vancouver Sun will call us on this if we say No; they’ll say UBC students are elitist and selfish. He supported giving students the opportunity to make the decision.
- Ian Pattillo: It’s inevitable that the colleges will get the U-Pass. The colleges may get it at $35 while we’re paying $25. The question is how long will it take TransLink to close the gap. We could step up now. Being in a coalition of 100,000 students would increase our bargaining power. And the 2007 referendum could be for a two-year price, if TransLink agrees, so we wouldn’t have to go back in 2008.
- Stephanie Ryan: We should give students a chance to voice their opinions.
- Omar Sirri said the first people to call us on this would be the University. They’d say we pass motions on sustainability, and we tell the University to practice sustainability, and here we’re not supporting a motion on sustainability.
- Matthew Cheng: The sustainability issue is not key. They’ll get U-Pass anyway. This is a social justice issue. VCC is a poor college.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: We can’t argue the U-Pass has not increased service and not made the student voice part of the discussion. Yes, we have to wait more, but there are more buses. TransLink takes us more seriously now. If we brought this in 2008 ...
- Ian Pattillo: That would probably be too late. They would go ahead with the higher price now.
- Michael Duncan: We’re not saying others shouldn’t have U-Pass, just we shouldn’t pay for theirs. Referendums cost a lot of money, and raising fees $32 a year is a lot for Science students. It would mean there’d be no way to pass a $3 increase for SUS.
- Dave Tompkins said that in its amended form calling for a referendum the motion was no longer a policy motion requiring two-thirds, but just a regular motion.

22. MOVED JASON PENNER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
23. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council challenge the chair on the question of whether the motion is a policy.”

- Ryan Corbett said the motion was directly linked to Executive action; it would have ramifications for what the Executive would do in relation to an external body. It was essentially setting policy.
- Omar Sirri said that all this was doing was calling for a referendum and not setting policy.
- Sheldon Goldfarb read out the section of the Code defining what a policy is. An external policy expresses “an opinion, sentiment or principle about external matters.”
- Avneet Johal said he didn’t think Council was expressing any sentiment or opinion through the motion. It was an action, not a policy.
- Michael Duncan said it was clearly a policy. TransLink asked for a letter. This was going to an external body.
- Ian Pattillo said this was a request for a policy in a policy vacuum. We can’t decide, so we need a referendum.
- Chris Little: If we fail this, it’s a policy, telling TransLink we’re not in favour. If we pass it, it just goes to referendum.
- Patrick Meehan said this was an action, not a policy. It was not binding. It supports asking the students.
- Ryan Corbett said he was prepared to concede that this was not a policy. It was supporting a referendum, not making a request, not taking a stand. Eventually we could come up with a policy.

24. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council challenge the chair on the question of whether the motion is a policy.”

... Defeated

- Chris Little: What if this motion fails? What do we tell TransLink?
- Ian Pattillo: We say we’re for a common price, as we said in our previous motion, but we are not going to a referendum on a higher price.

24. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

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Note: Against: Ryan Clare, Michael Duncan, Sean Kearney, Conor Topley, Sean Wilson
In Favour: Ian Pattillo, Jeff Friedrich, Omar Sirri, Brendon Goodmurphy, Tristan Markle

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

25. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $5300.00 from the SUB Management Fund to install lighting fixtures in the Storeroom.”

“Be it resolved that AMS Council approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $7500.00 from the SUB Management fund to replace the flooring between the AMS Art Gallery and The Outpost.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

26. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of the External Commission dated September 11, 2006 [SCD 250-07]
Minutes of the External Commission dated September 25, 2006 [SCD 251-07]
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 2, 2006 [SCD 252-07]
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 16, 2006 [SCD 253-07]... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

27. MOVED CRAIG WROTNIAK, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED GINA EOM:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Studentcare.net/works - Graham Senft

Graham Senft provided background on the health and dental plan, making the following points:
- The plan dates back to 1999.
- It is not a Cadillac plan, but is meant to fill in the gaps in students’ health care coverage.
- Studentcare, which just celebrated its tenth anniversary, is the largest provider in the country, representing 300,000 students.
- Studentcare is a licensed insurance broker, negotiating with insurance companies on behalf of the AMS, and also provides administrative service, delivering the plan and benefits.
- The current plan expires this year, but the Health and Dental Committee will be recommending renewal.

Graham Senft also went over the annual report, making the following points:
- The aim is to have 88-90% of the premiums returned to the members as claims.
- If the percentage is higher, as it was in the first few years, then the insurer takes a loss.
- In previous years, benefits had to be cut to avoid increases in premiums.
- Now in its sixth year the plan has stabilized, with the percentage this year at 79%, meaning it’s been possible to add benefits.
- This is good news; the plan is in good shape.
- The bulk of claims are for prescription drugs.
- One recent increase has been in medical equipment because orthotics were recently added as a new claimable benefit.
- Dental claims have not changed.
- The Health and Dental Committee, after doing a market review of the insurance industry, is recommending renewing with Sun Life.
- There is new coverage for eyeglasses and contact lenses and for physiotherapy and chiropractic.
- There is also new trip cancellation and interruption insurance, offered only by Studentcare plans.
Questions
- Gina Eom asked about travel coverage.
- Graham Senft said travel insurance is handled separately because it is volatile, and the provider was changed this year.
- Darren Peets asked about jumps in January and May, when new students arrive.
- Graham Senft said enrollment occurs only in September and January, not in May. It would be difficult to pro-rate for the four months beginning in May.
- Anita Parkinson asked when the new physiotherapy coverage started.
- Graham Senft: In September.
- Jason Penner asked about blackout periods.
- Graham Senft said blackout periods have been eliminated this year for returning students, though new students will still have one.
- Kevin Keystone asked how students can opt out other than on-line.
- Graham Senft: At the office.

D) President’s Remarks

IPF Committee:
The IPF Committee has had its first meeting and has reviewed a number of the applications submitted. We will be meeting again next week, and will likely require a third committee meeting before we finish reviewing the applications. The committee work is progressing smoothly.

Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF) Committee:
TLEF is a university committee that distributes approximately $1.5 million of tuition money to projects that enhance teaching and learning at UBC. Some applications are for upwards of $100,000. We’ve had one committee meeting, and will be meeting again soon – many of the applications are interesting and will likely make significant enhancements to teaching and learning for the students they’re targeting.

Hunter Estate:
We have been left 30% of the estate of Mr. John Alexander Hunter, a twice graduate of UBC in the 1930s. We have received a preliminary summary of assets and liabilities of his estate, which net approximately $369,000, to which we are entitled approximately $110,000. He asked that the 30% be allocated to the AMS President’s Fund, which at present does not exist, so we will be creating a fund in his memory and are in the process of considering terms of reference. Many thanks to him for his generous and unexpected donation.

SUB Renew Project:
Sophia and I met with UBC AVP Development Clark Warren and Heather McCaw, Executive Director of the Development Office, to discuss realistic fundraising expectations for the SUB Renew Project. We discussed at length the process required for major capital projects at UBC and what approval would be required to make the SUB Renew Project a development priority. Sophia and I are reviewing past applications for UBC Executive and Board of Governors approval as templates for SUB Renew.

Studentcare Agreement:
Sophia, Bernie and I, on behalf of the Health & Dental Plan Committee, have been reviewing our plan administration agreement with Studentcare, and will be engaging in negotiations with Studentcare next week on any changes to the agreement. We do not expect negotiations to be extensive, as we don’t anticipate many changes to the agreement. It is our intention to approve revisions to the agreement at a Health & Dental Plan Committee meeting late next week, and send the agreement to the next Council.
meeting for approval.

**Childcare:**
Since the last Council meeting before Winter break, Jeff and I have met with the University to discuss an expansion partnership of UBC Childcare between UBC, the AMS and the provincial government. The discussions we have had are the impetus for the motion coming to Council this evening for funding from CPAC, and I plan to outline progress and the partnership in greater depth when we debate the motion later this evening. My hope is that Council will be supportive of this important and extremely valuable initiative.

We will no longer be passing out paper copies of Council minutes prior to the meeting, as an initiative to save both paper and photocopying expenses. You will continue to be sent electronic copies of the minutes with the agenda. If you would still like to receive paper copies of Council minutes in your mailbox, please let Paramjit know.

**Tiffany Glover - Voter Funded Media:**
- Tiffany announced that the deadline for Voter Funded Media had been extended until January 19. Four media outlets have registered so far.

**E) Executive Reports:**

**Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)**
- V6T News is good.
- Yesterday Ian and I went to Victoria and met with the Minister for Community Services regarding the Governance review that was requested from the GVRD and UBC- you’ll remember that we supported that request. We just want to make sure we are active stakeholders at that table- which so far the university and the GVRD have committed too.
- I had a meeting regarding the rest of the “Our Town” proposals that we passed in the summer. We have been granted by the University a seat on the Development Permits Board- which approves all non- institutional development on campus. They want us to come forward with some nominees. Campus planning and development committee will handle this interviews process in the coming weeks. We also received a seat on the PPAC’s committee.

**David Yuen (VP Administration)**
- Welcome back! I hope everybody had a great holiday break! I have heard various tales of how some people’s holidays have been full of work and business and such. I did a lot of sleeping, eating, baking, cooking, going out, and more sleeping and eating… so I took it pretty easy. I’m sick so I’m glad that my voice is working well enough to talk… but down to business.
- You’ll notice that Council Chambers have been renovated.
  - The projector screen has been installed and a permanent projector is on the way.
  - The table has been refinished and electrical outlets have been installed under the table.
  - New wood wall paneling has been installed.
  - There are new windows sills.
  - Suspended ceiling tiles have been repainted and the trim has been painted
- Also, the banners for the building exterior have arrived and have been put up! They look pretty snazzy – be sure to have a look in the next few days!
- AMS Day and AMS Pit Night are coming up quickly!
  - AMS Day is coming up on Friday – I’ll be sending out an email with more information and such but the lowdown is as follows:
    - There will be an Involvement Fair including the Commissions, the Services
and the businesses, letting students know what we do and how they can get
involved.
- We’re probably going to get a danceoff going on in the main floor between
members of the Hip-Hop club.
- There will be free samples from the AMS food outlets at various times
during the day.
- AMS Pit Night will be held in celebration of AMS Day to create awareness about the
AMS and just to have a good time.
- $3.75 single highballs
- $5.75 doubles
- $2.75 sleeves of Oldstyle Pilsner
- $10.50 pitchers of Oldstyle Pilsner
- Be sure to come by! Or I will cry.

Sophia Haque (VP Finance)
Welcome back! I had a good break and came in sporadically over the break and did some
organizing—expect to see a lot of committee minutes at the next Council meeting!

SUB Renew:
Kevin and I met with Clark Warren and Heather M. from the UBC Development Office to explore
the possible ways in which we can collaborate in order to raise funds for a major SUB renovation.
They were able to provide us with some direction on the procedure we need to follow to get the
AMS on their fundraising priorities list.

Financial Systems:
Currently working with the CUS VP Finance to further streamline AMS Financial procedures that
will help increase the rate at which we are able to process cheques for larger clubs/constituencies.

Work Smarter Initiative:
Reviewed suggestions from AMS staff members on ways to save the organization money. The
suggestion to no longer print out Council minutes for each Council member came from this initiative
and has the potential to save the AMS upwards of $2000.

Health and Dental Plan:
Continuing to work on ironing out the details of the contract renewal with studentcare.net/works

Ian Pattillo (VP External)
- I had a refreshing break, and between egg-nog benders managed to squeeze in the
  completion of this document (waves thick report in the air) which is the AMS submission to
  Campus 2020. It details our position on the future of pse in BC. If you’re wondering what
  we are telling the government to do with UBC for the next 20 years, read this, or stop by my
  office and I will gladly arm you with a copy. Also, earlier in the week we met with Geoff
  Plant, former AG and the head of the 2020 project, to explain the paper and have a
discussion about the recommendations we would like him to make to government in his
report which he has now started writing and will be done in the spring. It went well.
- As you will see tonight, planning has begun for Lobby Day. Ought to be a good one. I won’t
  bore you with committee reports.
- I should mention that this afternoon I dissolved the External Commission. It was not a
decision I arrived at easily, but it had to be done because I cannot prioritize managing them
and they weren’t performing to expectations on their own. Basically the cost could no longer be justified. That, and I think the incoming VPX should assemble their own team. Xcom is necessary and can work, just not under me.

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)

- I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are currently on stolen Musqueam territory.
- Things have been pretty quiet for the past few weeks in the services so there aren’t a lot of things to update you on. But here are a few things:
  - The Foodbank remained open by appointment during the break to make sure students had a constant and reliable source of food during the month of December.
  - Big thanks to Biosoc: The UBC Biological Students Society (aka BioSoc – http://www.zoology.ubc.ca/~biosoc/) hosted a mock final exam for Biology 334 at the end of the fall 2006 semester. Proceeds from the entry fee to this mock exam went to the UBC food bank as BioSoc feels that supporting the community is important – especially at Christmas. In addition to this, extra donations were also collected from several students that wished to donate more than the requested minimum donation fee. In total $292 was collected and donated to the UBC Food Bank.
- I’ve continued to meet with the UBC Ombuds Committee. Things are moving forward. Our next meeting is on January 15th.
- Tonight I am deeply saddened by the actions of the United States government and the complicit role of the Canadian government in the destruction and exploitation of the world and its people. As war from the hands of Canadian troops continues in Afghanistan, and the US starts to drop bombs over Somalia, this evening George Bush will announce his new plan to send 21,500 more troops into Iraq and the spending of a further $6.8 billion dollars in the bloody war that has caused the death of thousands of Iraqi civilians. His argument will be that this is necessary in order to get the troops out of Iraq quicker. This plan does not make sense: how will increasing the killing help to decrease the killing? Please, be outraged and take action.

F) Committee Reports

G) Constituency Reports:

Science – Michael Duncan – SUS has officially moved into the Ladha Centre. The 432 is celebrating its 20th anniversary.


Arts – Stephanie Ryan – Arts is the biggest and best faculty. They’ve received 1000 free hats.

Law – Chris Little – RCMP liquor ban.

GSS – Darren Peets – Ballroom redone and reopening.

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

Omar Sirri - Board of Governors:

- Board meets next week.

Gina Eom - Senate:

- Senate will meet on January 24th.
J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“Whereas there are currently over 1,200 children on wait lists for Childcare at UBC, an estimated 40% of whom are the children of UBC students, and

Whereas wait times on the lists are estimated as being two to three years, and

Whereas the availability of childcare is critical to many AMS members, especially mature and graduate students, and

Whereas UBC, the AMS and the Provincial Government are currently working towards a partnership to increase the number of childcare spaces at UBC from 331 to 477, at an estimated cost of $4.2 million, and

Whereas 40% of all new childcare spaces in Phases I and II of this joint childcare expansion initiative will be guaranteed for AMS members, contingent upon a financial contribution by the AMS, and

Whereas the AMS Capital Projects Acquisition and Construction Fund (CPAC) was established in part to fund the construction of new day care facilities,

Therefore be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve an expenditure of $100,000 for 10 years from CPAC for the expansion of childcare facilities at UBC.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kevin Keystone: There have been meetings with the University to discuss the expansion of childcare on campus. President Toope says there is a crisis. The AMS feels similarly, especially noting that students are not proportionately represented in childcare spaces.

A childcare roundtable was held. A childcare proposal was developed by the University. The AMS would pay $100,000 a year for ten years out of its CPAC funds. CPAC was originally set up to fund day care in addition to renovations.

The AMS tried to use CPAC money to fund a childcare project at St. Andrews, but that project didn’t go ahead. Now here’s another chance to help UBC students with children who need childcare. UBC students can’t wait two or three years on a waiting list. Some of them are forced to drop out to take care of their children.

Gina Eom asked if the AMS was taking on a responsibility that more properly belonged to the University or the Province.

Kevin Keystone: UBC students have a long history of contributing to capital projects that matter to students: Brock Hall, the War Memorial Gym, the Meekison social space, the Student Union Building. We have a reputation and a tradition of providing for ourselves. It is the responsibility of the Province and the University, and they have agreed to fund the majority of the cost, but he had no reservations about doing this. Our predecessors decided this in a referendum, and we are guaranteeing 40% of the spaces for students’ kids. We’re not doing the University’s job; we’re doing our job.

Matthew Naylor asked about childcare for native American children in the wake of a shutdown of one of their facilities. Will this new project address the closure and the need for native American spaces.

Kevin Keystone said that while this project did not specifically address First Nations children, by increasing the overall number of spaces, there will be more for First Nations
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children.

- Jeff Friedrich said the AMS has less ability to affect the First Nations situation; it is not through UBC Childcare.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked if the AMS financial contribution would be 40%.
- Kevin Keystone said it would be less than 25%.
- Ryan Clare objected to the process by which this motion had been brought to Council. No information had been presented beforehand; there could be no informed decision.
- Chris Little asked about indexing to inflation.
- Kevin Keystone said there would not be any; the AMS would pay $100,000 every year.
- Darren Peets asked how much money is in CPAC.
- Sophia Haque: $550,000.
- Darren Peets: Will this commitment make CPAC run negative?
- Sophia Haque: Budgets will be made with this in mind.
- Darren Peets: Would this project go ahead without our money?
- Jeff Friedrich said that in his opinion it would not. There’s a waiting list of 1200 for a reason. There’s a lack of institutional will. There were funding gaps in the original proposal, and we’re trying to act to make sure the project happens, by providing the money.
- Darren Peets: This plan will reduce only a small part of the wait list.
- Kevin Keystone: There’s no other way to whittle the wait list down.
- Darren Peets: Mostly CPAC is used to fix things up in the SUB. People won’t drop out because of worn carpets, but they will because of children.

Darren Peets - suggests adding ‘per year’ in the motion.

- Ryan Corbett: This is the kind of stuff to put in Executive Remarks instead of reports on where you ate lunch. A heads-up would have been nice. But this is not a big decision, just a big amount of money. We’re not rebuilding the SUB in the next 20 years anyway. A past referendum was for this. It’s a very good move to pay for this. Our chief mandate is to fill in shortcomings and gaps in what the University provides.
- Jeff Friedrich said the issue was mentioned in Executive Remarks.
- Gary Andraza said this could be a PR coup for the AMS so that it could show it was relevant and not just about beer gardens. The AMS will be helping to obtain childcare for students’ children.
- Kevin Keystone apologized to Ryan Clare and other Councillors for the lack of advance information. This was unfortunately something that took place since the last Council meeting. It would have been preferable to give information to Council first, but it was a time-sensitive issue. It was going to a Board of Governors meeting, and the University needs to know whether we’re in.
- Jeff Friedrich: This is not a done deal. There are expectations of what the University will contribute, but there are cuts to childcare at the provincial level that could affect this.
- Jason Penner asked why the information could not have been sent out earlier.
- Kevin Keystone said the motion had just been drafted the day before.

3. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

"Whereas there are currently over 1,200 children on wait lists for Childcare at UBC, an estimated 40% of whom are the children of UBC students, and

Whereas wait times on the lists are estimated as being two to three years, and

Whereas the availability of childcare is critical to many AMS members, especially mature and graduate students, and

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partnership to increase the number of childcare spaces at UBC from 331 to 477, at an estimated cost of $4.2 million, and

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Brendon Goodmurphy - in favour ... Carried Unanimously

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

4. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated November 29, 2006 [SCD 255-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 23, 2006 [SCD 256-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 30, 2006 [SCD 257-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 6, 2006 [SCD 258-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 9, 2006 [SCD 259-07]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MARIANA PAYET: [SCD 260-07]

“Whereas the next session of the BC Legislature starts on February 13th; and

Whereas the next provincial budget will be presented on February 20th; and

Whereas the provincial government, through such actions as the launch of the Campus 2020 initiative, has indicated post-secondary education is becoming a higher priority; and

Whereas a lobbying event during the AMS transition period in February, when both the outgoing and incoming Executives are present, will ensure a more seamless transition of AMS government relations activities;

Therefore be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee AMS Council approve the disbursement of not more than $7,000.00 from the External and University Lobbying Fund for lobbying materials, meals, accommodation, and transportation for up to 40 individuals to meet with government and opposition members of the legislature on February 15 for the purpose of raising awareness about issues of importance to the AMS and its constituents.”
Be it further resolved that the participants in this event include the outgoing Executive, the incoming Executive, members of the External Commission, and members of Council.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ian Pattillo said he was looking for support for the annual AMS lobby day, which would only be annual if approved; otherwise it would just have been the once last year.

The idea is to go speak to the MLA’s in Victoria to provide education and raise our profile so that the government thinks about us, come budget time.

Last year there was a sleepover in SUB after a Council meeting the night before. This time there is no Council meeting, and there’s thought of spending two days this time.

The money comes from the External Lobbying Fund, which has $70,000 and is primarily used during elections. There were three elections last year; this year there may be one. So there’s a lot of money not being used.

Dave Tompkins: If you go the day before, that will be Valentine’s Day. Romance and lobbying.

Matthew Naylor said the lobby day was an excellent idea. He asked if it would be the responsibility of the new VP External to hire a new External Commission to go along.

Ian Pattillo: Lobby day will take place before the new VP External takes office. There won’t be an External Commission. He’s not heartbroken over that. One problem with Xcom was that it was not able to devote itself to getting up to speed on these sorts of issues. It’s not a great loss not to have Xcom along; they were not instrumental last year. Most of the work was done by the VP External and the Policy Adviser.

Gina Eom: Last year’s lobby day had a significant achievement: getting the rules changed to allow international students to work off campus. It has a potential to make a difference.

David Yuen asked about the budgeting difference resulting from staying overnight in Victoria.

Ian Pattillo said it depended, but would be a couple of thousand dollars.

Chris Little: Staying overnight is a sweet idea. People were exhausted last year. It’s worth the extra expenditure for revitalization.

Ryan Corbett: Either way the lobby day is a good thing. Last year there was the feeling of being impactful. He wouldn’t mind a perk, getting to stay overnight.

6. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED MARIANA PAYET:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held in the SUB Conversation Pit at 12 noon on February 16th, 2007.”

- Kevin Keystone noted that the AGM date will be earlier than in recent years.
- Darren Peets: You want to get the hell out.
- Kevin Keystone: You said it, not me. The AGM has to be held at least 14 days after the election, which this year ends on January 31, so it could be no earlier than February 14. It’s before Reading Week. Sophia Haque will be away during Reading Week.
- David Yuen: Is it urgent that we all show up?
- Kevin Keystone: The only ones giving reports are Bernie Peets and Kevin Keystone, but attendance is advisable for all Executives, and everyone.

8. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

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... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Webvote - Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)

- Webvote is how we’ve done elections since 2002 or 2003.
- Previously there was a system involving stickers on the old student cards which were scratched off to indicate a student had voted.
- When the new UBC cards were introduced, there were objections, but the VP Students office said, No problem; there will be card readers for these new cards which can tell if students have voted.
- But the card readers never happened.
- At the same time, through Brian Silzer and the Registrar’s office, Webvote was introduced.
- We came to an understanding: we would continue to run BoG and Senate elections
for the University, and they would let us use Webvote.

- The cost of Webvote comes out of Brian Silzer’s budget, and he says now that they never intended a long-term commitment.
- Last year they came to us for money, especially to run the Constituency elections: $25,000.
- We asked for a breakdown of the costs and have got not very satisfactory answers.
- They say the $25,000 is half of the person’s salary who does the data transfer and handles inquiries about Webvote.
- One year they had 800 inquiries; other years a lot less.
- We’ve talked about the number, but that didn’t go anywhere.
- We’ve talked of developing our own system or using an outside private company, but the University says there are privacy concerns with handing out membership lists.
- They say we’ve had a savings since we no longer need poll clerks for paper balloting, which is true; we save the money paid to poll clerks, though we disagree about how much.
- Chris Eaton from the Registrar’s office says we’re saving more than $25,000.
- We’ve held them to the commitment made by Michelle Aucoin, which is a bit unfair of us since she had not ability to make promises on behalf of Brian Silzer.
- They charge for other elections, e.g., for Chancellor and for faculty elections to BoG and Senate.
- The University of Calgary and the University of Alberta both hire external companies and pay $12,000 to $15,000, and it’s a smooth system.
- The University claims that even if we develop our own system or hire a company, there would still be costs to them for providing data and answering inquiries; they would still charge us money.
- One company, Canvote, says there are no privacy issues.
- A lot of Constituency presidents think the University should be paying.
- Jeff is not sure the University has that responsibility; there’s a logic in paying something.
- Also it’s fair enough that Brian Silzer doesn’t want to pay; there’s an argument for Brian Sullivan, someone higher up in the pipeline, paying.
- Constituency representatives could approach their deans; more likely to get money there.
- There’s a chance of some movement in the $25,000 number, but students will end up paying.
- He does resent not being given any options by the University, and he also has not heard back from Brian Silzer on recent questions he raised.
- Gary Andraza: We could get Brian the Greater to tell Brian the Smaller what to do.
- Matthew Naylor asked if this was necessary. Last year Science ran a paper ballot election with 9% turnout and it was inexpensive. He’d like to see Webvote but without the AMS paying or our own better system, something better than Webvote.
- Gina Eom said Brian Silzer had been able to do work on exams without charging. She was surprised there would be a charge for this, but his department is facing a budget cut.
- Jeff Friedrich: Funding is difficult because UBC is in a shortfall situation.
- Chris Little: Cheaper is better. Until we get answers, there’s not much we can do.
- Darren Peets: They ought to provide this free. He was not sure he bought their arguments.
Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

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

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Colleen Tang (The Ubyssey), Bahram Norouzi (The Knoll/Student Environment Centre), Brad Macurio (Science Undergraduate Society), Vivian Cheung (AMS Tutoring), Nathan Crompton (The Knoll/Student Environment Centre), Chris Anderson (AMS Elections), Raj Mathur (Music), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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.

1. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED LAUREN HUNTER:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks

Studentcare Negotiations
Negotiations are complete, and the contract is before Council tonight for approval.

Innovative Projects Fund
We’ve received word from the Vice-President, Students’ office that any funds not distributed from the Innovative Projects Fund will rollover for the next year. Traditionally, any balances get absorbed, so this is great news. The Committee has also finished its deliberations, and we’ll be sending out decision letters next week.

Teaching & Learning Enhancement Fund
I’ve finally finished going through all the proposals assigned to me, and we continue to give out tens of thousands of dollars. I have one meeting left before we finish our deliberations.

Strategic Alliances Committee
After the Guidelines for Strategic Alliances and Corporate Relations were rejected by the Board of Governors, a new committee was formed to do internal consultation on revised guidelines. We’ve been invited to present to the committee, and since Ian will be in Victoria, he and I are going to collaborate on a presentation I’ll be giving to the committee this Friday.

Vandalism of Prayer Room in Brock Hall
The prayer room in Brock Hall has been vandalized again, for the second time this academic year. It is mostly used by members of the Muslim Students’ Association, and we have written a letter of support to them, expressing our disgust and sadness at the incident. I will be attending a roundtable with the MSA, UBC, Campus Security and Access & Diversity to discuss how we can better educate the campus community on issues of diversity and racism. Our sincerest regrets to the Muslim students of UBC.
Canadian Student Horizons Group Resignation
Some of you may know that I am currently Vice-President of Canadian Student Horizons Group, the company that was formed to hold our shares of Travel CUTS as a result of the settlement with CFS-Services. I have tendered my letter of resignation from my position as of February 16th, since after that I will no longer be an elected student representative.

Councillor of the Year
We will once again be selecting a Councillor of the Year, and will be creating a plaque to ensure it becomes an annual tradition. Applications are now available – please pick one up and submit it to Paramjit by February 2nd. The Executive Committee will be selecting a councillor from the pool of nominations, and announcing it at our final Council meeting on the 7th.

Announcements
Council on the 21st has been moved to the 28th to allow for two business weeks between meetings (one of the three weeks is reading break). Council will resume its every-other-week schedule thereafter.

Welcome to Charmaine, our newest Council member, representing Pharmacy!

E) Executive Reports:

David Yuen (VP Administration)

- I’ve had my hands pretty full with classes, but SAC has been full of interestingness lately! Unite For Sight, an AMS club, garnered more unwanted attention that usual when the President of the international organization contacted us requesting we dissolve the club as the club hadn’t conformed to their requirements and were not legally using the Unite for Sight trademark. They seemed very upset.
  - So we changed the club name from ‘Unite For Sight’ to ‘Come Together For Vision’ which should solve their woes.
- And today, the SUB almost burned down as a burning object had been left unattended in a bookable room and burnt a hole in the floor. The group responsible has been contacted and the matter resolved, but a reminder to you not to leave burning objects unattended, especially in the SUB …. because I, among many other people, will be extremely upset if you do.

Sophia Haque (VP Finance)

Financial Systems:

We will be beginning a pilot project with the CUS over the division of accounts in order to lighten the workload of larger club/constituency treasurers.

Compensation Review:

Due to the low response rate of the surveys sent out this past year, comp review felt that the analysis in the comp review report prepared by ProjectC did not accurately address some of the initial questions raised by the committee. Looking forward, comp review is hoping to use the data from the survey and combine its own research to make some recommendations to council for review.
Budget:

Part of Budget Committee’s goal this past year was to ensure a smoother budget transition between coordinators. To facilitate this process, I have begun having meetings with each coordinator to review budget numbers, ensure accounts are being used appropriately and to remind coordinators to include budget transition as part of their end of year transition.

Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic)

- February 1st I have organized a focus group to take feedback on the university proposal to reform teaching evaluations. Please attend and direct others to the AMS website where they can provide written comments.
- Had an opportunity to speak with President Toope, Walter Sudmant of PAIR, Don Avison of TUPC, and Sean Junor of Educational Policy Institute about the NSSE results. Developing strategies and policy suggestions, motion tonight will encourage university to start committee to deal with results.

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services)

- I would like to first acknowledge the fact that we are currently on stolen Musqueam Territory.
- I have continued to meet with the UBC Ombuds Office Committee. We are trying to get things moving quickly as most of the students on the committee will be out of our positions fairly shortly.
- I attended a panel discussion organized by Student Development and the Office of Learning Technology on the role technology plays in student’s lives. We discussed whether or not using WebCT is perceived by students as helpful, whether or not technology is currently being used properly as a pedagogical tool, and what are some of the barriers students face as we move more towards a technology focused classroom. This was a great opportunity for me and other students to share our perspectives on technology inside and outside of the classroom with instructors and other service providers.
- I had a meeting with the Safewalk Coordinator and some staff members at Campus Security. We discussed some ways in which Campus Security can assist Safewalk in collecting usage statistics. This was a really good meeting, as it had been a long time since any of us had seen anyone from Campus Security. We were able to catch up and do some strategic planning for the next few months.
- Minischool registration opened January 15th. Minischool achieved an average participation rate of 35% by the end of the first week of registration.
- Tutoring has started some discussions with several stakeholders in relation to the potential use of the Ladha Science Students Space to offer drop-in tutoring.
- I have been working really hard to get my transition report ready for the next ECSS.
- Finally, just a reminder that the job posting for the ECSS position has already gone up, deadline for applications is February 5th. If you or anyone you know is interested and would like more information about the position feel free to get in touch with me or swing by my office anytime.

Ian Pattillo (VP External)

- Bernie and I attended a meeting at Translink today and things there are peachy as ever. Interestingly, it is now reasonable to surmise that there will be no college expansion of U-Pass in fall 2007. Because Translink had been planning for at least 2 expansions to go
ahead, this could mean more service for UBC routes in the fall, which is nice because we weren’t anticipating much improvement this fall.

› Also Lobby Day is being planned for the 15th of February and guarantees to be a huge success. Please keep this date clear, you’ll be getting an email to confirm soon. It is an important part of what we do for students, and we need your help. Some people think it's fun. And it's educational. Also, please visit www.ams.ubc.ca/news/releases to begin to familiarize yourselves with the extent of our provincial policies.

› Also, had a chat with SFSS’s freshly minted executive today. They had some interesting theories as to why the CFS doesn’t return my calls.

› Lastly, we’re organizing the Great Trekker award for alumni who have given back to UBC, the AMS, and the world. It will be in March. That is all.

F) Committee Reports

G) Constituency Reports:

Science – Michael Duncan – Science Week next week; he will be there at the Dunk Duncan dunk tank. He held the first SUS club presidents meeting.

LAFS – Leah Shainhouse – Aggie Week.

Commerce – Mike Woodward – Second annual business games: UBC finished second to SFU overall, but won three individual first prizes.

Engineering – Ryan Clare – Engineering Week the week after Science Week. Still working on getting a new building.

Law – Chris Little – RCMP liquor ban lifted. $6 million, plus matching funds, coming in for new law building. Talk of changing the law degree from LL.B. to J.D. (Juris Doctor) to make it clear it is a second degree.

GSS – Lauren Hunter – GSS Council meeting tomorrow.

Regent College – Tim Cairns – Regent rocked in the Gallery Lounge, with a gospel choir and a marimba band. Regent library reopening next week.

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

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

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Minutes of Student Council dated January 10, 2007 [SCD 261-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 20, 2006 [SCD 262-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 1, 2006 [SCD 263-07]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated March 23, 2006 [SCD 264-07]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 12, 2006 [SCD 265-07]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 14, 2006 [SCD 266-07]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated July 26, 2006 [SCD 267-07]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated April 20, 2006 [SCD 268-07]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“Whereas, according to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), UBC trails the large research universities across Canada in all five major categories of the survey, including Level of Academic Challenge, Supportive Campus Environment, Enriching Educational Experience, Active and Collaborative Learning, and Student-Faculty Interaction; and

Whereas UBC’s performance in this survey has actually declined or remained static over the two years in which the survey has included Canadian schools; and

Whereas UBC is now as much as 20-30% behind the American research universities that UBC has on occasion identified as peer institutions in the areas of Enriching Educational Experience and Student-Faculty Interaction,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on the University Administration to form a committee, including AMS representation, that will take action on NSSE at the University and Provincial levels.”

Note: For the full survey, see [http://www.pair.ubc.ca/studies/nsse.htm](http://www.pair.ubc.ca/studies/nsse.htm)

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jeff Friedrich:
- UBC consistently underperforms in a number of areas.
- The Pass/Fail policy passed at a previous Council meeting was meant to address this.
- He’s met with the director of PAIR to discuss the UBC numbers on the NSSE survey.
- President Toope has asked that this be talked about and said there is a need for a committee; he’s expecting this motion.
- Issues include class size, incentives for better teaching by professors, how grad students are trained and paid, etc.
- The committee will have a wide range of people on it.

- Chris Little asked for clarification of the third whereas clause concerning being behind peer institutions.
- Jeff Friedrich said that the two areas mentioned in that clause are worrisome; UBC lags behind on them.
- Chris Little asked further about peer institutions.
- Jeff Friedrich said peer institutions would be similarly sized institutions with graduate programs and a medical school. In the U.S. these would be the Carnegie peers, the larger Ivy League schools.
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Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

5. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED RACHAEL DILLMAN:

“Whereas the Alma Mater Society has as its Mission “to improve the quality of the educational, social, and personal lives of the students of UBC”; to “cultivate unity and goodwill among [its] members” and to “advocate student interests”; and

Whereas the purpose of a university is to provide individuals with the necessary tools to be responsible, committed, self-reflexive, and aware citizens of the world; and

Whereas the AMS has numerous members and several student groups including Oxfam UBC, Amnesty International UBC, Pride UBC and Colour Connected Against Racism that can use this policy when advocating for issues regarding human rights; and

Whereas it is our responsibility as the student society to foster a climate of inclusion, respect and safety on campus.

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS support the standard of Human Rights as defined by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.”

Note: For the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, see http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html
Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mariana Payet noted the recent vandalism of Muslim prayer space on campus and the earlier vandalism of Hillel House, and made the following points:

- The disrespect and hatred revealed by this vandalism is heart-breaking.
The incidents should serve as a wake-up call.
Students’ human rights are threatened.
The AMS Mission Statement speaks of fostering respect so that students can feel safe.
It is our responsibility to encourage students to take responsibility for their actions.
One way to do this is to extend beyond student and campus issues.
There are campus groups that could benefit from an endorsement of human rights.
This is not the first time Council has acted on such an issue: Council passed a motion on same sex marriage and also formerly had a policy on human rights.
Other student societies have passed similar policies, including societies at Queen’s, Guelph, Carleton, and the University of Toronto.
This is not a puppies and rainbows motion.
This must not be taken lightly.
When rights are taken for granted, we are in danger of losing them.
Council should set an example.

- Omar Sirri said he’d worried that this motion didn’t fall under the jurisdiction of the AMS, but he saw no problem with recognizing human rights and passing a motion in support of them. This wasn’t to do with politics, but with something more basic.
- Alex Lougheed said people would be hardpressed to oppose the motion itself, but the question was whether such a motion should be debated by AMS Council.

6. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Defeated

7. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED RYAN CLARE::

“That motion #5 be postponed indefinitely.”

- Ian Pattillo: Postponing this indefinitely suggests we should be coming up with a policy on policies, something that’s been suggested before. He was against this notion that Council should restrict its mandate and bind future Councils to stay within a framework. It was up to each Council to decide how to be the manifestation of student will. These sorts of motions should be allowed to come forward. The AMS has an obligation to go beyond education issues.
- Chris Little: Postponing doesn’t necessarily send that message. It just means we’re declining to take a stand on this issue. It may or may not set a precedent on whether this sort of issue should come to Council. And if this policy passes, does that mean we have to take a stand on other UN declarations? He was all for human rights, but this policy was not something this Council should engage in.
- Ryan Corbett said he was generally not in favour of external policies, but there’s direct precedent in this case. Also, if we’re saying we don’t want to deal with this issue, that would only make sense if we were unsure what our constituents think. Are we unsure of our constituents’ support for human rights? That’s a bit ridiculous. We should be spreading the message that human rights are important. It’s ridiculous to argue over whether we’re in favour of human rights.
- Matthew Naylor: This speaks to our character as an organization, and he was in favour of supporting human rights, though he wondered about one of the UN’s rights, the one saying
no one can be compelled to belong to an organization. Do we not compel ...? [laughter]

8. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That motion #5 be postponed indefinitely.”

Note: Ryan Clare, Michael Duncan, Alex Lougheed, Jason Penner, Chris Little - in favour ... Defeated

10. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED RACHAEL DILLMAN:

“Whereas the Alma Mater Society has as its Mission “to improve the quality of the educational, social, and personal lives of the students of UBC”; to “cultivate unity and goodwill among [its] members” and to “advocate student interests”; and

Whereas the purpose of a university is to provide individuals with the necessary tools to be responsible, committed, self-reflexive, and aware citizens of the world; and

Whereas the AMS has numerous members and several student groups including Oxfam UBC, Amnesty International UBC, Pride UBC and Colour Connected Against Racism that can use this policy when advocating for issues regarding human rights; and

Whereas it is our responsibility as the student society to foster a climate of inclusion, respect and safety on campus.

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS support the standard of Human Rights as defined by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.”

Note: For the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, see http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Ryan Clare, Michael Duncan, Jason Penner, Chris Little - Abstained. ... Carried

12. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SOPHIA HAQUE:

“Whereas the Executive Committee feels the remuneration for the position of Executive Coordinator of Student Services (ECSS) should be reviewed to ensure it appropriately
reflects the responsibility attached to that position,

Be it resolved that, in accordance with Code Section VI, Article 1(1), Council strike an ad hoc committee to review the remuneration of the ECSS and report back by the last Council meeting in February, this committee to consist of three non-Executive members of Council and the General Manager."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich: The Executive Coordinator of Student Services (ECSS) has similar responsibilities to the Executive, and despite being an apolitical position, it affects the direction of the Society through the stewardship of 10 or 12 AMS Services. There are strong reasons to re-valuate the remuneration of the position; it’s weird that the ECSS receives slightly less than the Executive.
- Michael Duncan asked if this should go to the Compensation Review Committee.
- Jeff Friedrich said that he chairs the Compensation Review Committee, and Code specifies that an ad hoc committee with no executives on it be the one to review remuneration for the Executive and the ECSS.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

"That Council appoint the Chris Little, Omar Sirri and Ryan Clare (Council members) to the ad hoc ECSS Remuneration Review Committee.

Be it further resolved that Omar Sirri be appointed as Chair."

... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

15. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

"Be it resolved that Council approve the following appointments to the Elections Committee on the recommendation of the Assistants Appointments Committee for a term effective November 30, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007:

Chief Returning Officer: Adam Kagan
Lindsay Young
16. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Council appoint Lisa Robbins as AMS Ombudsperson effecting immediately for a term ending April 30, 2007.”

- Jeff Friedrich said the Primary Appointments Committee has approved the plan to fill the position from within by elevating the Deputy Ombudsperson to Ombudsperson for the remainder of the Ombudsperson’s term.

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... Carried

★ Studentcare.net/works Agreement Renewal - Kevin Keystone [SCD 273-007]

A review of the agreement had been promised by his predecessor, but never happened, so he went ahead with it. The Health and Dental Committee decided to renew with Studentcare, with the following terms:

- Studentcare will provide one additional survey per year.
- Studentcare will pay more rent.
- The underwriting structure will be changed, leaving the plan still fully insured, but splitting surpluses between the AMS and Sun Life, with the AMS receiving a credit for benefits (this is the only plan that allows this).

- Michael Woodward asked for clarification about the surpluses.
- Kevin Keystone explained that if there is a deficit followed by a surplus, Sun Life gets the whole surplus. But if the surplus comes first, the AMS gets a credit and it is not applied to a deficit in the following year.
- Kevin Keystone mentioned one other issue that came up in negotiations: health and dental discount provider networks. The original plan said that if the AMS terminated the plan, it could keep the networks for $15,000 a year. Studentcare wanted to raise that to $50,000 or have it acknowledged that the AMS would keep the networks for only one year as a transitional measure, or both; but we said No and the original provision will remain as is: it’s still $15,000 and not transitional.

18. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED LAUREN HUNTER: [SCD 274-007]

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee, approve the Letter of Agreement and Understanding between ASEQ (Studentcare.net/works) and the AMS for provision and management of the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously
19. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DAVID YUEN: [SCD 275-007]

“That Council approve the AMS Environmental Sustainability Policy as presented and also adopt the report of the Impacts Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Impacts Committee’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jeff Friedrich:
The new policy comes from the Impacts Committee, which wants it recognized that we are already doing environmentally friendly things in our AMS businesses, and which wants those things recognized as a core value. The aim is also to be able to set targets and to focus the Impacts Committee more. Fair trade and organic coffee are things we have already done, and that led the University to do them too.

- Ryan Clare: Do we have anyone to consult with on sustainability?
- Jeff Friedrich: We talk to the University’s Sustainability Office. We’ve had conversations with them about helping us with our policy development. We’ve applied for Three Seeds projects, including one about litter in the SUB and better ways to collect trash and promote recycling; also one about a greenhouse gas calculator for the U-Pass program. We want to lobby the University about things we care about, such as green retrofitting.
- Ryan Clare: The policy is good, but we need experts, especially one who can look at the businesses. There are some in Engineering who do that work. We should do more to engage them.
- Jeff Friedrich: That’s the Seeds project idea.
- Tristan Markle asked about hiring a paid person for the Impacts Committee.
- Jeff Friedrich: Our Food and Beverage Department has thought of hiring a sustainability coordinator to deal with post-consumer composting. We could find volunteers at the Student Environment Centre. Food and Beverage is interested in hiring. It could happen in the future.

20. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:
22. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED NADIA CHANA:

“That Council adopt the report of the Finance Commission entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Student Initiatives Fund’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sophia Haque: A small number of students are abusing the system. Members of a group each apply as individuals for some initiative or project, which goes against the purpose of the Student Initiatives Fund, which is to fund as many initiatives as possible. The Code changes will address this problem.
- Chris Little said he appreciated the intent of the Code changes, but thought they were misguided. The Finance Commission can simply ask people if they are members of a group.
- Sophia Haque said this still allows Fincom to look at projects on an individual basis; there’s a danger of running out of money.
- Chris Little: Then just don’t give out the money if you see 20 people in cahoots. Putting it in the Code makes it onerous.
- Sophia Haque said it was not onerous. Also this way applicants will know clearly what the rules are.
- Chris Little: Won’t this preclude any group from applying? If the money has to be divided by eleven, there won’t be much for anyone.
- Sophia Haque: If they’re flying, yes, but if it’s for some other sort of project, no.
- Erin Rennie: This is not uniform enough. What conditions would allow bigger groups to apply separately?
- Sophia Haque: If there was a competition and one person was going for a debate and another for swimming, that would be two separate things; they could be funded separately. But some groups are just all attending a conference together.
- Ryan Clare said it was good to say this in Code, though it might need to be fine-tuned; he wondered about the $250 limit per grant.
- Charmaine Ma asked about dividing $250 among a number of people and also asked about the definition of a group.
- Sophia Haque said that the previous week members of a student club all applied as individuals. Clubs can use the Club Benefits Fund. Constituencies can use the Constituency Aid Fund.
- Stephanie Ryan suggested drawing up guidelines instead of putting restrictions in Code. She was more comfortable with guidelines than Code restrictions.
- Lauren Hunter said the proposed changes allow for discretion by the Finance Commission and at the same time will stop the abuses, meeting both objectives.
- Sarah Naiman asked if Fincom spends all the money in the fund.
- Sophia Haque: Not always. We did last year and will probably come close this year. We would have depleted the whole fund last week if we had approved those individual applications.
- Ryan Corbett: It makes no sense to apply to this to go to a conference.

23. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Chris Little - opposed ... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

AMS / ASEQ Letter of Agreement and Understanding

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

25. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Defeated

26. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:pr
Minutes of Student Council

February 7, 2007

Guests: Claudia Li (AMS Joblink), Chris Anderson (AMS Elections), Tiffany Glover (Voter Funded Media), Joshua Caulkins (GSS), Colin Simkus, Peter Rizov, Jonathan Elmer, Omid Javadi, Mark Latham (Voter Media.org), Raj Mathur (Music), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing and Promotions), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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.

1. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED LAUREN HUNTER:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Elections - Chris Anderson (Elections Administrator) [SCD 277-007]

Chris Anderson presented the official election results, adding:

- Turnout was up or down, depending on how you looked at it.
- 4759 people voted, or 10.1% of eligible voters, including 3899 by WebVote (three less than last time) and 860 by paper ballot (86 less than last time).
- He recommended hiring the Elections Administrator and Elections Committee on time.
- He would have done a better job if hired on time.

Questions:
- Chris Little asked why the Student Legal Fund election had not been advertised.
- Chris Anderson said the SLFS had contacted him three days before WebVote; they had asked for only one link and had not asked for advertising. They run their own election and just wanted the AMS Elections Committee to count the ballots. He hadn’t received any information from them, but if it was thought that the Elections Committee should be further involved ...
- Chris Little: It’s the same with the Ubyssey elections. He’d found it hard to vote for either; it’s hard to vote without being informed.

Voter Funded Media - Tiffany Glover [SCD 278-007]

Tiffany Glover announced the eight winners in the Voter Funded Media (VFM) contest.

- Josh Caulkins asked why Radical Beer didn’t win.
- Tiffany Glover said it was the will of the voters. She said VFM had gone well and made the following additional points:

  - She’d acted in a laissez faire spirit, allowing as much freedom as she could.
  - Candidates had found VFM useful for getting information out, whether it was always accurate or not, but it had been an overwhelming time commitment for them.
If VFM continues in the future, it would be helpful to have more specifics in the AMS Code of Procedure about what contestants can and cannot do.

The Elections Committee should be hired on time.

The VFM Administrator should be given a budget and a voting role.

Questions:
- Michael Woodward asked if VFM had achieved its goal of increasing voter turnout and if not, what could be done better?
- Tiffany Glover: It was the inaugural year. Nobody knew about VFM. There had been a hill to overcome to get the word out. Maybe it was a reflection on her abilities or maybe there were other reasons. Hiring the VFM Administrator earlier might help, so they could begin getting information out in September or the summer.
- Claudia Li asked why it was impossible to vote No in the VFM contest.
- Tiffany Glover: The procedure was that the media group getting the most votes was rewarded.
- Ian Pattillo: That’s how Council set it up.
- Tiffany Glover: There were 13 contestants, but only eight winners.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Is there a point when Council will discuss the larger issues associated with VFM?
- Ian Pattillo: There’s a committee coming back to Council in March, and Council will decide whether to continue VFM.
- Darren Peets asked about changes in the actual structure of the contest, something more fundamental.
- Tiffany Glover: That’s something for the VFM Committee. Meatier analysis.
- Darren Peets asked if she would take part.
- Tiffany Glover said she would participate in the analysis. Personally, she wouldn’t change much, just put a few more rules in Code.
- Michael Woodward: One VFM participant didn’t do anything, but still won. Shouldn’t we make sure we do something to calibrate this?
- Tiffany Glover: Some did significantly less than that winner. It’s something to be looked at.

F) Committee Reports

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Stephanie Ryan – Arts Career Express coming up.

Library-Archival – Matthew Hall – Trying to transfer some of their affiliated student groups to the AMS.

Music – Nadia Chana – Raising money for choir.

Pharmacy – Charmaine Ma – Sponsorship conflict of interest issues being discussed.


Commerce – Mike Woodward – Into elections. 600 votes in out of 2300 students in Commerce. Enterprise coming up.

Engineering – Ryan Clare – Engineering Week this week. Career Fair tomorrow. SUB
display with ball models displaying departments. Red Night. ERTW, which he said means Engineers Rule the World.
Darren Peets: He’d heard it meant Engineers Rarely Touch Women.

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

Ombudsperson - Lisa Robbins said there were 17 cases open; 45 had been covered this semester.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated January 24, 2007 [SCD 279-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 4, 2006 [SCD 280-07]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 11, 2006 [SCD 281-07]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated October 3, 2006 [SCD 282-07]
Minutes of the code and Policies Committee dated October 18, 2006 [SCD 283-07]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated January 19, 2007 [SCD 284-07]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“Therefore be it resolved that Council strike an ad hoc SUB Renewal Committee with the following composition and terms of reference:

Composition:

a) the Vice-President Administration, who shall be chair;
b) two (2) current members of Council;
c) two (2) current members of Council who shall remain on the committee indefinitely, whether or not they remain members of Council;
d) the General Manager, who shall be non-voting;
e) the Facilities Development Manager, who shall be non-voting; and
f) the Designer, who shall be non-voting.

Terms of Reference:

a) To identify the unmet needs of the users of the Student Union Building, including
individual students, AMS clubs and constituencies, AMS staff, and other members of the University community.

b) To create plans to address the unmet needs identified, giving priority consideration to the needs of students; these plans may include major restorative work and upgrades to the current building, the construction of additional space, or both.

c) To identify possible sources of the funding required to implement the plans, and to create a Case for Support for a fundraising campaign.

d) To prepare the documents required for approval of the plans by the necessary University and AMS bodies, including Council, the AMS Executive Committee, the UBC Executive Committee, and the University’s Board of Governors.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Kevin Keystone: Aiming for a 2008 timeline for approval, 2008 being the year UBC has decided to celebrate its hundredth anniversary. The one unusual thing about the committee is appointing two Council members who will remain on even after they leave Council.

- Charmaine Ma asked how long those members would serve. Until the renovations are finished?

- Kevin Keystone: Not until they’re finished, but until all plans are approved and projects are underway.

- Michael Woodward said that if that took three or four years, would people be sitting on the committee after they graduated?

- Kevin Keystone said they could resign at any time. Also, he did not expect the process to take three or four years, maybe one year. He was inspired by the Commerce example.

- Brendon Goodmurphy asked about members at large.

- Kevin Keystone said member at large positions were typically difficult to fill, and commitment was hard to secure. The two Council members who would stay on would be virtually the same as members at large, but with experience.

4. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“Whereas the increase in the number of students on campus has meant a greater demand for the facilities and services in the Student Union Building, and

Whereas it is important to identify the unmet needs of the users of the Student Union Building, including individual students, AMS clubs, constituencies resource groups, AMS staff, and other members of the University community, with a view to embarking on upgrades, restorative work, or extensions,

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

5. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MIKE WOODWARD:

“Be it resolved that Aidha Shaikh and Darren Peets (Council Members) and Kevin Keystone and Michael Duncan (Permanent Council Members) be appointed to the new ad hoc SUB Renewal Committee.”

... Carried

6. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT: [SCD 285-007]

“Whereas the Executive Committee requested the Code and Policies Committee to review the section of the Code of Procedure on donations; and

Whereas the Code and Policies Committee felt that the Code section on donations was basically sound as is, needing only the addition of a clause empowering the Executive to handle all donation requests for $500 or less; and

Whereas the Code and Policies Committee felt that to create greater awareness of the Code section on donations, it should be removed from Code and made a separate Internal Policy,

Be it resolved that Council delete Code Section IX B, Article 12 (Donations) and approve the Donations Policy as submitted.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Little: Code and Policies was proposing one minor change in the Donations policy, establishing a $500 minimum for donations that had to go to Council rather than being decided by the Executive.
- The meaning of “priority” seems to have been at the origin of this review. The Executive took that to mean that it required everything to come in at the same time, but it was not really a time issue; it had to do with whether proposals were in accord with the AMS mission statement.
- The one major change being proposed was to remove this from Code and make it an internal policy to increase access to it.
- Jeff Friedrich said his original concern had been about access. This is discretionary money, but not that many people know about it. A person would have to have some connection to
the Executive even to know to apply. That meant not giving every student an equal chance to access that pool of money. He’d been looking for clarification, guidelines, or should the Executive set its own guidelines?

- Chris Little: More or less. It is discretionary. It’s perhaps a publicity issue. It’s unfortunate people are not aware of the funds, but the reality is that this money is there to fulfill the aims of the AMS. The committee didn’t want to set out hard and fast rules, which in any case could simply be overridden in a case of tsunami over-indulgence. There was a not a whole lot of guidance the Code and Policies Committee was prepared to offer.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE: [SCD 286-007]

“Whereas the AMS launched a Food Bank in 2005 to provide emergency food relief for UBC students; and

Whereas the Food Bank has been functioning like an AMS Service, providing services and resources which are in significant demand; and

Whereas in times of financial need, services like the Food Bank are critical,

Therefore be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Food Bank be established as a Student Service.

Be it further resolved that Council approve the operations manual of the Food Bank as submitted.

Be it further resolved that the current Food Bank coordinator, Shabita Nathwani, be appointed as the Service Coordinator for the Food Bank for a term ending April 30, 2007.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mariana Payet described the Food Bank, making the following points:

- It started in 2005.
- It was for emergency use only.
A coordinator had been hired for the first time this year.
Previously it had been run by unpaid volunteers and the ECSS, but there were time issues.
The Food Bank had taken part in the Trick or Eat campaign and had raised the second most amount of food in Canada, 10,000 pounds, some of which it had had to send over to the Vancouver Food Bank.
There are about 100 clients on file.
Five to 20 come in every Thursday.
There are 75 ongoing volunteers.

- Josh Caulkins asked how it is known that clients are students.
- Mariana Payet: They have to present their student ID.
- Stephanie Ryan asked where the Food Bank is.
- Mariana Payet: In the SUB basement near the Wellness Centre across from Sprouts. It’s a relatively confidential location, but easy to find.
- Michael Duncan asked how the change in status would affect funding.
- Mariana Payet said currently $6,000 is paid out. It’s functioned the last two years on an IPF grant. This will make it more stable, with a regular Service Coordinator under the ECSS, and access to resources.
- Michael Woodward asked if making the Food Bank a Service will make a big difference.
- Mariana Payet said it would by improving focus.
- Ryan Corbett asked if this would mean a stable source of funding from the AMS and how much that would be.
- Sophia Haque: $7,000, an annual commitment in the budget. $6,000 of this will go to the Coordinator. This is a line item. We will have to find money within the AMS. There is a budget issue to think about.
- Sean Wilson said that if our Food Bank has to send food to the Vancouver food bank, maybe it would be better to spend money on expanding storage rather than on personnel.
- Mariana Payet said $6,000 would not buy much space, and as a Service, the Food Bank would get priority.
- Omar Sirri expressed concern that the Food Bank didn’t match up to the other Services in terms of usefulness.
- Mariana Payet: It’s only been running two years. It’s hard to get established. At UVic they’ve had one for eight years and they get tons of people using it. It may grow; of course, she doesn’t entirely want it to grow; she’d rather students didn’t need it. Also, without a stable structure, there’d be less time to devote to promotion.
- Dave Tompkins said that as a Service it would report to Council.
- Omar Sirri said the question was whether you wait to see if there’s a clientele or whether you make the Service first.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about a job description.
- Mariana Payet said there is one already.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds Carried

10. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“Whereas the province of British Columbia has the lowest university participation rate in Canada amongst 18-21 year-olds at 13.5% as compared to a national average of 23.8%; and

Whereas young people in British Columbia consistently cite financial barriers as the primary reason they choose not to pursue a post-secondary education; and

Whereas students coming from the top economic quartile are 2.5 times more likely to attend university than those coming from the bottom economic quartile; and

Whereas the AMS already has a policy stating 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;’

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS lobby the University and the Government to implement policies that will ensure increased university participation in lower income brackets, with the goal of equalizing access to university education in British Columbia across income quartiles.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian Pattillo said this new policy is something the AMS already has policy on, which in a way is awkward because if it is defeated, the AMS will have to go to the government and say it doesn’t believe everyone should be allowed to attend regardless of income.
- Essentially this is saying that university should be accessible so that there is no skewing economically. The University itself has come on board with this in its 2020 submission. The idea is to put pressure on the government to come up with ways to help low income students attend.
- Michael Woodward asked if this was just reiterating Policy 72.
- Ian Pattillo: Policy 72 doesn’t place any weight on quotas. It just says that if someone can’t come because of money, we’ll take care of that. This says, We’ll work to ensure people come here from diverse backgrounds.
- Michael Woodward: Is this advocating for a specific demographic?
- Ian Pattillo: We’re supporting the restoration of BC grants. That’s the kind of tool we want government to use. We’re also trying to get the message out to younger kids.
- Sean Wilson asked if the policy includes trade schools.
- Ian Pattillo: It could. That’s not really our mandate, but lots of time we do talk broadly to government about things such as trades training.
- Sean Wilson: It’s also valuable to go to trade school.
- Ian Pattillo: The situation shouldn’t be skewed so those with lower income go to trade school and higher levels go to university.
- Ryan Corbett: Is this redundant, given Policy 72?
- Ian Pattillo: You’re giving Policy 72 more credit than it deserves. It doesn’t bring people in. For that we need grants, etc.
- Derek Desaulniers: Have you talked to the University about what it is possible to do for students?
- Ian Pattillo: Yes, that’s been a major part of what we’ve done. A lot has been on grants, on getting up front money to students. And we’ve also talked about early education, the things that turn people away. We’re in those conversations.
- Chris Little expressed concern about inconsistency in the proposed policy; at times it refers to university and at times to all post-secondary education. The policy may be misguided.
- Ian Pattillo said the point is that universities are under-enrolled, creating a crisis for the province. And it’s under-enrolled for the lower income quartile. He asked if it was being suggested that it was a cultural thing, choosing to go to trade school. In fact, there are financial issues, financial barriers.
- Chris Little said the policy seems incomplete. Is there high enrollment in trade school?
- Ian Pattillo: What it comes down to is people with a low income background aren’t participating in post-secondary education for that reason.

11. MOVED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED IAN PATTILLO, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“Whereas the province of British Columbia has the lowest university participation rate in Canada amongst 18-21 year-olds at 13.5% as compared to a national average of 23.8%; and

Whereas young people in British Columbia consistently cite financial barriers as the primary reason they choose not to pursue a post-secondary education; and

Whereas students coming from the top economic quartile are 2.5 times more likely to attend university than those coming from the bottom economic quartile; and

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

13. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“Be it resolved that Tim Louman-Gardiner be appointed the Alumni representative on AMS Council on the recommendation of the Alumni Association.”  
... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

14. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE:

“That Council appoint Jason Penner (Council Members) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term ending March 31, 2007.”  
... Carried

15. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council appoint Michael Woodward and Aidha Shaikh (Council Members) to the Business Operations Committee for a term ending March 31, 2007.”  
... Carried

16. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“Whereas Section 4.1.2 of the Official Community Plan calls for University Boulevard to be a greenway and 4.1.10 calls for it to "emphasize transit, pedestrians, and cyclists"; and

Whereas Section 4.2.3 and Schedule B of the Official Community Plan designate University Boulevard from Wesbrook to East Malls, and all of East Mall, as collector roadways; and

Whereas several sections of the University Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan allow or require cars and parking; and

Whereas patrons of any commercial establishments in the area should not require customer parking; and

Whereas the UBC Bookstore is within a 300m walk of two parkades and has metered parking in front of it on East Mall; and

Whereas the Aquatic Centre feels it requires drop-off access,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS call on the University to seek amendments to Schedule B of the Official Community Plan and to the University Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan to exclude vehicular traffic and parking from University Boulevard between Wesbrook and Main Malls and East Mall from University Boulevard to Memorial Road*, and

Be it further resolved that AMS inform the University of their intent to request additional amendments in future, and

Be it further resolved that the AMS recommend the creation of a drop-off zone for Aquatic Centre patrons to the north or north-east of War Memorial Gym, accessed off Wesbrook Mall.”

*Note: The exclusion of vehicular traffic will not apply to emergency vehicles, TransLink-
operated buses, vehicles making deliveries where the relevant loading access is from these roads, or for the purposes of a limited number of disabled-accessible parking spaces.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Darren Peets motivated the motion, saying:

- At a meeting with the VP Students, the question of how to amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) came up, and the answer was that it simply meant going to the Board of Governors and then to the GVRD.
- This motion is a means of calling their bluff and setting a precedent.
- The University Boulevard plan includes cars and parking.
- The plan caused shock at the GSS; it didn’t seem sensible.
- There are three reasons to encourage traffic:
  - Properties Trust wants it for shopping;
  - the bookstore would like people to be able to park nearby;
  - the Aquatic Centre wants drop-off access for kids.

- Lauren Hunter said she understood the alumni centre was also advocating for traffic.
- Darren Peets said he hadn’t heard that.
- Ryan Clare said that was the one road that he’d like to use.
- Darren Peets said it is supposed to be a public plaza; it will be very busy with traffic.
- Gary Andraza: Traffic is already prohibited?
- Darren Peets: It’s a temporary prohibition until they build the bus terminal. This motion would have the AMS lobby to make it permanent.
- Erin Rennie asked about the knoll.
- Darren Peets said this traffic issue is meant to set a precedent for amending the plan in other ways, for instance concerning the knoll.
- Dave Tompkins: Baby steps.

17. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

18. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHRIS LITTLE: [SCD 287-007]

“Whereas there is some confusion over current practices concerning reimbursement for alcohol-related expenses,

Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee, Council approve the Alcohol Reimbursement Policy as submitted.

Be it further resolved that, on the recommendation of the General Manager, the section of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook on reimbursement of employees for travel expenses be amended as follows [addition in bold italics]:

11.3 Meals

The employee should make every effort to obtain meals at reasonable prices. The meal allowance will be for food and non-alcoholic beverages (the AMS will not reimburse an employee for alcohol) and also for alcoholic beverages in accordance with the AMS Alcohol Reimbursement Policy. Meal receipts considered excessive may be deemed inappropriate and therefore not covered under business expense.

Note: The section of the Executive Procedures Manual on reimbursement of student appointees for travel expenses has also been amended, as follows:

Section IV, Article 3(4)

The appointee shall make every effort to obtain meals at reasonable prices. The meal allowance shall be for food and non-alcoholic beverages (the Society shall not reimburse an appointee for alcohol) and also for alcoholic beverages in accordance with the Society’s Alcohol Reimbursement Policy. Meal receipts considered excessive may be deemed inappropriate and therefore not covered under business expense.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Kevin Keystone motivated the motion by saying:

- There are different policies on alcohol reimbursement in the Code, the Executive Procedures Manual, etc.
- The idea is that someone like Jane Barry, the Facilities Development Manager, should be able to take out the custodial staff for a complimentary lunch and provide drinks. The Code and Policies Committee thought that was acceptable.
- It’s also a common practice at student societies for a student executive to take a university official to lunch.
- The proposal here is to allow such an executive to be reimbursed for alcohol during such lunches up to a maximum of $150 for the year.
- Other societies don’t even have a maximum.

- Chris Little: One concern was that Executive members in cahoots could approve drinks for each other, but the solution to that is to read the Executive Committee minutes.
- Dave Tompkins: Who prevents Bernie from spending all the money?
- Chris Little: You have to have a certain amount of faith.
- Dave Tompkins said he was joking.
- Sarah Naiman wanted it made clearer that each Executive member could spend $150.

19. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN: Friendly amendment

“That the Alcohol Policy be amended to read:

1. Each member of the Executive may be reimbursed ....’” ... Carried

- Bernie Peets said that other functions held, for instance, by the Services could get approval by going to the Executive.
- Kevin Keystone said a particular group of student staff had in fact wanted to be reimbursed for a bottle of wine. That was what had prompted the review of the policy.
- Michael Woodward: How will this affect Constituency reimbursement?
- Kevin Keystone: It doesn’t.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN: [SCD 288-007]

“That Council approve the agreement with UBC’s VP Students Office for the rental of SUB Rooms 56A and 56B, as presented, for the purpose of expanding UBC’s student service operations.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sophia Haque motivated:

- The Business Operations Committee has been trying to fill SUB Rooms 56A and 56B for almost a year since the former tenants, Perpetual Insurance, left.
- The UBC VP Students Office is going to take the space now, using it to expand Brock Hall’s student services to somewhere closer to where students hang out.
- This space is near the Wellness Centre.

- Mariana Payet asked what services would be put in the space.
- Sophia Haque said they’re not sure themselves.
- Bernie Peets said it might be things like the Equity Ambassadors and other services with a large student component.
- Jeff Friedrich: Was the University asked why it was paying to lease this space when it’s in a $37 million shortfall situation? Is this appropriate? Student Development is abusing student money. We should be telling them we don’t want their money because we want them to save their money.

22. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MARIANA PAYET:

“That motion #21 be tabled until the next Council meeting.”

23. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
24. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MARIANA PAYET:

“That motion #21 be tabled until the next Council meeting.” ... Defeated

- Gary Andraza: It would be a bad political message to say we don’t want your money; we don’t want to work with you.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked if conditions could be put on the use of the space.
- Bernie Peets said there’s a requirement in the lease that the space be used for student services; any other use is subject to the approval of the AMS.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: This seems like a good thing to put money into.
- Stephanie Ryan asked if these are the newly built rooms in the SUB basement.
- Sophia Haque: This is the UBC Wellness Centre, not the new arcade rooms. The space has been empty all year; we’ve been losing revenue.
- Ian Pattillo asked how much money.
- Bernie Peets said it was $38.50 per square foot; comparable to what the AMS is getting for Travelcuts.
- Darren Peets asked about provisions for renovations.
- Sophia Haque: If they are landlord renovations, then we do them. If anything else, they do them.
- Darren Peets said he suspected they’ll want the AMS to renovate so that UBC’s Plant Ops doesn’t.

25. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN, MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Tristan Markle against moving in camera. ... Carried

26. MOVED MIKE WOODWARD, SECONDED MATTHEW HALL:

“That motion #21 be tabled until the next meeting.”

27. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

28. MOVED MIKE WOODWARD, SECONDED MATTHEW HALL:

“That motion #21 be tabled until the next meeting.” ... Defeated

29. MOVED SOPHIA HAQUE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds
30. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Gina Eom (Abstained)
Jeff Friedrich (Opposed) ... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

32. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated March 20, 2006 [SCD 289-007]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated April 28, 2006 [SCD 290-007]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated May 9, 2006 [SCD 291-007]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated December 8, 2006 [SCD 292-007]

... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

33. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVID YUEN:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 7, 2006 [SCD 293-007]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 14, 2006 [SCD 294-007]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 21,2006 [SCD 295-007]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 28, 2006 [SCD 296-007]
Minutes of the External Commission dated May 31, 2006 [SCD 297-007]
Minutes of the External Commission dated August 1, 2006 [SCD 298-007]
Minutes of the External Commission dated August 15, 2006 [SCD 299-007]
Minutes of the External Commission dated November 20, 2006 [SCD 300-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated August 25, 2006 [SCD 301-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 29, 2006 [SCD 302-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 6, 2006 [SCD 303-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 13, 2006 [SCD 304-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 20, 2006 [SCD 305-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 27, 2006 [SCD 306-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 2, 2006 [SCD 307-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 10, 2006 [SCD 308-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 17, 2006 [SCD 309-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 24, 2006 [SCD 310-007]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated December 1, 2006 [SCD 311-007]

... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

[VSCD 312-007]

Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympics (VANOC) - Sophia Haque

Sophia Haque reported on a proposal from the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympics (VANOC) to rent the Whistler cabin from the AMS, making the following points:

- Vanoc wants the lodge for two months to house volunteers and tradespeople.
- The AMS would get anywhere from $128,000 to $224,500 instead of the $49,000 the lodge would bring in normally in that period through student rentals.
- The question is: Is it better to keep the lodge open for students during the Olympics or to take the money to use?
- The Business Operations Committee discussed this and was leaning towards keeping it for students, but there are arguments on both sides.

- Charmaine Ma said students who get tickets for the lodge might just sell them. She also asked about sponsorship and asked how many beds there are.
- Sophia Haque said there are 42 beds. If the AMS reserves the lodge for students, that would be not for financial purposes. It would be a service to students.
- Sean Wilson said Vanoc has lots of problems, and the AMS should donate the lodge to them.
- Michael Woodward asked if the AMS could make just as much money by selling tickets to students for the same price Vanoc is paying.
- Sophia Haque said Vanoc is paying a premium. It will provide more money than selling to students could.
- Ryan Clare said that this is not just for the two weeks of the Olympics, but for two months. We can’t take the lodge away from students for that long.
- Ryan Corbett said he’d like to hear what we might do with the money. He was resistant to taking away a resource from students.
- Sophia Haque said the money would be a line item from business. It would be one-time money, and she’d be uncomfortable recommending what should be done with it in 2010. The Executive then might want to pick an initiative. It could go to renovating the lodge.
- Chris Little: If you allow students to get it, they’ll put it on the Internet and sell it. He suggested prolonging the negotiations with Vanoc to get a higher price.
- Lauren Hunter said to give it to the students, especially to Student Council members to reward them for time on Council.
- David Yuen: Money is money. It’s $200,000, yes, but this could be affordable space for students. It should be kept for students.
- Matthew Naylor: Whistler Lodge is a resource for students. We should provide students an opportunity to go to Whistler in an affordable manner. We could have a lottery and mechanisms to enforce attendance.
- Tristan Markle said the Olympics displaces thousands of people. Activists are raising awareness about that. When we rent out to Vanoc, we’re helping that.
- Darren Peets: So two weeks versus two months. Actually, because of the Paralympics the slopes will probably be closed for four weeks, and probably for some time before and after that too. If students go up there, it won’t be for skiing, but just to spend money in bars and burn firewood.
- Omar Sirri: It’s a lot of money, and we could negotiate for more. But it’s not necessarily about the use of the slopes, but the use of the lodge.
- Stephanie Ryan: The opportunity cost of not renting is gigantic. The utilitarian approach would be to measure the benefits. If we reserve it for students, 40 students benefit. If we rent it out, 40,000 students benefit.
- Sean Wilson: Actually, the opportunity cost is zero. We could rent it out to anybody. This is an opportunity that has come up which is very tempting. If we really want that, we should rent it out all year round. The point is to allow a place for students to go for cheap. Enter it into a draw; do something for the students. $80,000 is not worth it.
- Ryan Corbett: The lodge is not all that cheap, and it’s not swanky digs. Only during the Olympics can we get this.
- Sophia Haque said the number of students benefitting would be 42 times 14 days, or 294 for two nights each during the Olympics. For the other eight weeks, 672 students if they stay for three days each. That’s a total of 966 students.
- Kevin Keystone: There isn’t any amount of money the AMS could accept that would equal the benefit of letting students stay there for the 2010 Olympics. There is the value of going to see the Olympics.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Who cares about the Olympics? It’s not a valuable service to let students see the Olympics. That’s not a strong argument, but two months of not having use of the lodge ...
- Sarah Naiman: If we give it to Vanoc, Council in 2010 will say, What were they thinking? Students will appreciate the chance to stay at the lodge.
- Sean Wilson: Giving this away to students would be good, but make sure they can’t redistribute. Make people show their student card.
- Chris Little: People will produce fake student cards. There are good arguments on both sides.
- David Yuen: This will be a fantastic opportunity for students. What is the optics? Will there be a student outcry? We shouldn’t ignore that.

The following straw poll question ‘should the AMS rent the Whistler Lodge to VANOC during the 2010 Olympics’ showed most Council members were opposed to renting the lodge to Vanoc.

**UBC Ombudsoffice - Mariana Payet, Lauren Hunter, Joshua Caulkins**

Mariana Payet, Josh Caulkins, and Lauren Hunter presented a report on plans for a University ombudsperson, making the following points:
- The aim is to have a professional University ombudsperson.
- There’s significant unmet need; other universities average 400 to 600 cases a year; we handle 150 cases here.
- Martha Piper said no to a University ombudsperson, but Stephen Toope is keen on the idea.
- A committee has been established.
- Michael Woodward suggested that the Commerce ombudsperson be added to the
Lauren Hunter said there is already heavy student participation on the committee, but it was something that could be looked into.

Lauren Hunter, Mariana Payet, and Josh Caulkins outlined a possible framework for the proposed Ombudsoffice:

- It would be student focused to begin with, handling complaints only from students, not from staff or faculty.
- But it could expand in the future.
- In the manner of other universities, there would be an advisory or oversight committee for the Ombudsperson, chaired by the UBC President.
- There would be joint funding by UBC and the AMS, maintaining student ownership.

Lauren Hunter said that at the next meeting there will be a request for money, seed money. The graduate students are prepared to kick in some money too. The GSS has passed motions in support.

Gina Eom asked about the possible conflict of interest in having the UBC President chair the committee.

Lauren Hunter: The Ombudsperson will handle cases. The President will handle oversight of the Ombudsperson. But if anyone on the oversight committee is involved in a case, they would excuse themselves.

Lisa Robbins discussed the future of the AMS Advocacy Office and GSS Advocacy. Advocacy won’t disappear.

Lauren Hunter: But this is about mediators. We need someone with authority.

Josh Caulkins: It will be much stronger coming from a University ombudsperson.

Charmaine Ma asked about the Pharmacy ombudsperson and about what will happen now.

Lauren Hunter: For now it’s business as usual. The Ombudsperson would go beyond academic and equity issues.

Josh Caulkins: This officer will be untouchable. They’ll be able to go anywhere, ask for anything.

34. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED LAUREN HUNTER:

“Whereas every other major University in Canada has an administrative Ombudsperson and,

Whereas students have been trying to establish an Ombuds Officer at UBC intermittently for the last 15 years and,

Whereas, since that time, student-run and student-funded services have been filling the gap via the AMS Ombuds, AMS Advocacy and GSS Advocacy and,

Whereas the current AMS and GSS offices have stated that there is significant unmet need based on numbers provided by other Canadian Universities,

Be it resolved that AMS Council support the pursuit of an administrative Ombudsperson at UBC as presented.”

Kevin Keystone questioned the phrase “as presented” in the motion. He wanted confirmation that the funding referred to would be seed money only, not recurring money.

Lauren Hunter: Yes, this is a three-year commitment to help UBC over its budget hump.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: There will be just one ombudsperson?
- Josh Caulkins: Usually, there's only one, but case workers can be hired. This plan will replace four current ombudspersons with one.
- Lisa Robbins: But the four current ombudspersons are part-time students.
- Lauren Hunter: And the new ombudsperson will be professionally trained.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: What is the timeline?
- Josh Caulkins: We don't know.

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... Carried

Councillor of the Year
- Kevin Keystone said there will be a plaque for Councillor of the Year including the inaugural winner, Patricia Lau.
- This year it had been a tough decision. More than one exceptional candidate was considered. It's a testament to the quality of the councillors this year.
- The winner: Ryan Corbett.

E) Executive Reports:

Mariana Payet (Executive Coordinator, Student Services) [SCD 314-007]
Kevin, Jeff, Sophia, David and Ian: it has been an absolute privilege working with all of you. I cannot think of another group of people that I would have been happier to work with. You are all amazing individuals and I am sure you will continue kicking ass wherever you go. The only thing I regret is not getting to know you even better. And I’m sad to think that I may not see some of you again or at least for a very long time.

Jeff Friedrich (VP Academic) [SCD 315-007]
- Please see Performance Report

Ian Pattillo (VP External) [SCD 316-007]
- Please see Performance Report

Sophia Haque (VP Finance) [SCD 317-007]
- Please see Performance Report
David Yuen (VP Administration)

You can see my quarterly report for the detail on the hot topics – you may also notice that I've mislabeled it, and it's not my third quarterly report but actually my fourth. I've been working on some agreements and projects that Sarah will hopefully carry on – real sexy stuff, etc., it's all in there. Also, it is with great satisfaction that I report that the SUB, as you may have noticed, has not burned down since last meeting. It is thus that I infer that you and other users of this building have taken my advice to not leave burning things unsupervised in rooms. Thank you!

Something people have been asking me recently (and given that this is my last AMS Council meeting as VP Admin) is how happy I am to be leaving Council behind. I have to say that I'm not. I don't really want to go yet. You've all been really great. The staff have been great. The Executive has all been really great! I really have actually enjoyed all these meetings, and I'm really sad to be leaving it behind. I've shared some of the most stressful and taxing and still enjoyable moments of my entire university career with all of you, and I hope that at least some of you feel the same way. I really hope that I can continue to stay involved at the AMS as is my plan, but, for the record, I'm really going to miss it here. Thanks so much you guys, you've been peachy.

D) President's Remarks:

Well, I guess this is it. For those of you that got this far, this is the end of my very last Quarterly Report as President, and as an AMS Executive member. This would be Quarterly Report number eight, and it is a strange feeling knowing it is my last. Suffice to say, I'm both glad and somewhat saddened by it. The next week will be a difficult one for me, as I say goodbye to what has been a huge part of my life for the last two years and blend back into the sea of faces that is UBC, a student with little individual prominence on the landscape of university politics. This is not something I do easily. But more painfully, I will be saying goodbye to an amazing complement of dedicated individuals that make the AMS tick – from upper management to counter staff, we are blessed with some of the most talented people in any student organization across the country. As trite as it may sound, there really aren't any words to describe how thankful I am to each of them.

To you, AMS Councillors, my bosses, colleagues, peers and friends, you have given me what student political hacks call an “approbation band” of tremendous size and flexibility. You've guided me, followed me, and most importantly, trusted me with the highest office of the Society, and for that I am eternally grateful.

To my Executives, my team, my friends: some of you I've known for a while, and others just this year. Thank you so much for an amazing year; I’m really glad I stuck around.

And to the AMS Executives to be – I know the Society is in good hands. Jeff has been unintentionally training all year for my job, and with a seat on the Board of Governors and an unquestionable mandate, he is poised to have the greatest impact of any of his predecessors. With Jeff as AMS President, I leave office reassured and optimistic. Brittany has also been unconsciously training for her job since I hired her two years ago, and she has yet to disappoint. Matt, Brendon and Sarah each bring to their position an unbridled enthusiasm, a valuable skill set, high hopes and ideals, and hearts of gold. With training and experience, I have no doubt they will excel.
So I leave knowing not that I changed the Society, or left any grand legacy, but knowing that even if I wasn’t a notable president, I was at least a good one, and that the stage is set for the next team to be even better.

And in this business, that’s the best I could’ve asked for.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

36. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Note: David Yuen (opposed) ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Jeff Friedrich
VP Academic and University Affairs

JF:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

February 28, 2007

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

1. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Proposed Tuition Increases for 2007/08 - Anne DeWolfe (VP Students) [SCD 004-08]

Anne DeWolfe reported on tuition increases, making the following points:

- Tuition for domestic students is going up 2% in line with the cost of living index (CPI), with two exceptions:
  - a 6% increase for MBA students because of the recruiting cycle
  - Master’s of Rehabilitation Sciences, a distance education degree, is going up more because of third party agreements putting it outside of government guidelines.
- Tuition for international undergraduate students is going up 3.05% in line with the Education Price Index (EPI), which is different from CPI.
- The EPI measures salary inflation.
- The international student increase has already been approved by Board.
- International student fees will also be increased by the second phase of the capital cost contribution, approved by the Board of Governors last year.
- The capital cost contribution is a $58.50 per credit increase phased in over three years; this year’s increase is $19.50 per credit.
- The contribution covers the cost of education space, which for domestic students is covered by the government grant.
- Two student fee proposals are going forward:
  - Sauder building renewal fee, which is a University fee, not an AMS fee, though students did vote on it in a referendum (and voted in favour)
  - a dentistry patient innovation fee.
- There are some non-instructional fee adjustments:
  - the co-op work term fee at UBCO is increasing to harmonize with UBC Vancouver
ditto for the UBCO grade appeal fee
  - the athletic fee is going up by EPI (just as the AMS health and dental fee goes up by CPI)
  - the domestic application fee is increasing, based on an analysis of costs, by $40
  - the deposit for registering students is going up by $150 to discourage students from holding places when they’re not really intending to come here; it’s meant as a
deterrent and to help manage enrollment; it won't be a cost to anyone who does come here.
- the cost of replacing a lost UBC card is going up $10 (to $20) because the increased technology in it gives it a higher cost; and the fee is also meant as a deterrent to losing the card.

Questions:
- Jason Penner asked about the fee for grade appeals, suggesting that it discourages students from questioning their grades and their profs.
- Anne DeWolfe: If the appeal is successful, the fee is refunded, and this increase is just for UBCO. Over time the idea is for fees in the Okanagan and in Vancouver to become the same. One university, two campuses.
- Dave Tompkins asked if that principle applied to recreation facilities.
- Anne DeWolfe said she was not sure; there are more facilities in Vancouver.
- Jeff Friedrich: The percentage increase is actually higher than 2% if you factor in budget cuts, the cuts in the bursary pool, and the new application fees. These are front-end costs for students. And why is athletics being adjusted according to EPI when the other fees are going up 2%. Why are ancillaries able to charge 3%? He also didn’t see a commitment to look at University Administration spending.
- Anne DeWolfe said cuts on the Administration side are under discussion. The 3% for athletics includes an inflationary amount for salaries which CPI does not include; it’s an actual expense.
- Stephanie Ryan asked if increasing application fees would actually lead to a decrease in revenue.
- Anne DeWolfe: Compared to elsewhere in Canada, we’re lower. This puts us in the range of eastern schools.
- Stephanie Ryan: A lot of international students are angry about having their fees increase 3% plus another 5% for classroom space. They don’t see having to pay for the buildings as justified. Is this just because of the budget shortfall?
- Anne DeWolfe: This recognizes that before 2006 international students were not contributing to classroom space or infrastructure. This was felt not to be correct. To be equitable the international student fee had to reflect a capital cost component.
- Tristan Markle asked what part of the provincial grant covers domestic students for capital costs.
- Anne DeWolfe said she was not sure, but it comes from the GPOF.
- Tristan Markle: Is that based on the number of domestic students?
- Anne DeWolfe said she did not know.
- Brian Sullivan said the link between the provincial grant and domestic students was pretty clear. He said domestic students pay 26 to 27% of the cost of their education.
- Tristan Markle asked for clarification.
- Brian Sullivan said the number of international students is not calculated into the amount of the provincial grant; the amount UBC gets is irrespective of the number of international students. It relates broadly to the number of domestic students.
- Tristan Markle suggested that international students be charged a fee for the air they breathe.
- Charmaine Ma asked about the deposit increase.
- Anne DeWolfe said it won’t affect those who come.
- Charmaine Ma asked if it would affect continuing students.
- Anne DeWolfe said she was not sure.
- Mariana Payet said the justification for the international student fee increase was unsatisfactory. The fees were not equitable. Students should be paying the same amount.
She as an international student had to pay taxes. She also wondered why the information had not been brought to Council before the increase was approved. Was there consultation?

- Anne DeWolfe said it had been an oversight not to bring this to the AMS before. It happened because it went to the Board of Governors as an information item only, not for approval. She apologized for that. They were doing some outreach now. New international students will be receiving letters, and she believed current international students also got one.

- Mariana Payet said she did not get one.

- David Yuen asked about the big change in the UBCO athletic fees.

- Anne DeWolfe: They have some new facilities coming on.

- Brian Sullivan: An indoor running track, a fitness facility, lighting. There will be significant improvements. There was consultation there about these facilities, though not about increasing the fees.

- Darren Peets asked if the new fees were retroactive.

- Anne DeWolfe said they are not charging students who entered before; students are being charged now.

- Darren Peets asked if the fees will take effect in May or September.

- Anne DeWolfe: They are effective May 1, but most students begin in September.

- Darren Peets suggested raising tuition for the academic year and not the fiscal year. He also suggested that the justification for the capital cost increase for international students was a back of the envelope calculation based on buildings funded by the province.

- Anne DeWolfe said an analysis had been done for the Board of Governors and was in the AMS Archives.

- Aidha Shaikh asked about the $100 deposit students pay each term. If the increase in the deposit fee applies to them as well as to new students registering at multiple universities, it will cause a hardship. They will have to pay $250 up front. If UBC wants to keep its rationale, the increase should just be for first-year students.

- Anne DeWolfe promised to get definite information on this matter.

- Clark [guest] asked if the decision to harmonize UBCO and UBC Vancouver fees had stipulated that the harmonizing had to be in the upward direction.

- Anne DeWolfe said she thought it did. Okanagan services sometimes didn’t exist, or there was a different type of service, but it’s one university, two campuses, so one service. This meant increases in Okanagan service fees.

- Clark asked about increasing the grade appeal fee at UBCO. That wouldn’t be an increase in service.

- Anne DeWolfe said she didn’t know the details of the Okanagan fee.

- Brian Sullivan said one major harmonization was to reduce the Science fee at UBCO, so their tuition came down.

- Clark: So it doesn’t have to be upwards.

- Brian Sullivan: It’s harmonizing.

- Alex Lougheed asked about the replacement card fee.

- Anne DeWolfe: It’s because of the technological platform supporting the card.

- Alex Lougheed: Then why not raise the initial cost of the card?

- Anne DeWolfe: There is no proposal at this time to increase the $10.

- Craig Wrotniak asked about UBCO athletics. He said it was his understanding they’d lost some things they’d had, such as their volleyball team, because they can no longer compete in college leagues. They’re losing athletic programs, so to see their fees go up is troubling.

- Brian Sullivan said he’d just been at UBCO and seen their volleyball team. They remain in the league. There’s talk of them joining the CIS. It’s complicated, but it may be allowed.

- Craig Wrotniak said he was sorry to have repeated a myth about the volleyball team. He
still didn’t see them being charged the same rate as in Vancouver.
- Brian Sullivan: Their fee won’t necessarily end up at the same place. It goes up as facilities improve.

**Student Financial Assistance Update** - Brian Sullivan (VP Students)  

Before presenting on financial assistance, Brian Sullivan announced awards from the Campus Advisory Board on Student Development (CABSD). One is going to the UBC Farm; another to Tim Louman-Gardiner.

He then reviewed the current financial assistance situation, making the following points:
- The number of eligible students is down; the amount of the awards is up, so overall about the same amount is being paid.
- Students in certain programs get funding from the programs or faculties.
- There are no deductibles this year for undifferentiated undergraduates or for Commerce undergraduates.
- The deductibles include:
  - Dentistry $3010 (less than the previous year)
  - Medicine $2385 (slightly down)
- The deductible is also down for Law and up for Pharmacy, and there’s a new deductible for Education.
- Bursaries to meet unmet need are down 1%.
- There are fewer students with unmet need, but for those with it, it was higher.
- Policy 72 has been generally good, but it is tied to loan criteria and underestimates costs.
- Policy 72 is under review, with discussions focusing on:
  - the overwhelming debt scenario
  - front-end grants (though the provincial government is heading in the opposite direction, which is a problem)
  - students working long hours to support themselves, which can hurt their persistence in their degrees and also can hurt their ability to participate in the student loan program
  - the fact that ineligibility for student loans means ineligibility for Policy 72 bursaries
  - parental contributions
- Policy 72 is meeting the unmet need of eligible undergraduates and research graduate students.
- They are looking at professional graduate programs with low earning potential.
- They are lobbying for front-end grants and to have debt recognized as part of assessments.
- They are considering needs-based scholarships and entrance bursaries.

Questions:
- Chris Little and Ryan Clare asked about engineering students.
- Brian Sullivan said they were being considered undifferentiated for the purposes of access to the central funding pool. This was a favourable decision for Applied Science.
- Chris Little asked about graduate students in professional programs.
- Brian Sullivan said basically they are not eligible. UBC is able to do something in some programs, but it is the programs that are supposed to ensure financial support for the students.
- Tristan Markle asked about the University’s lobbying techniques, saying the AMS might be able to learn from them.
- Brian Sullivan: We can learn as much from you. We look forward to working together. UBC’s Student Financial Assistance and Awards has a good reputation and is relied on by the province, and we talk to them about the unhealthy debt/grant ratio. UBC made a
Campus 2020 submission, and a good part of it was taken up with access and financial assistance. The President talks a lot about financial assistance.

- Michael Woodward asked about Commerce students.
- Brian Sullivan said they are in a differentiated program, with their financial need being met from the Commerce envelope.
- Michael Woodward: If there is need beyond the envelope, can Commerce students draw from the central pool.
- Brian Sullivan: No, then there would be a deductible.
- Michael Woodward asked about student consultation.
- Brian Sullivan said they are putting out a call for proposals. He said he would like to sit down with the new AMS executive.
- Sean Wilson asked about the Commerce DAP program.
- Brian Sullivan: It’s separated out because it is a diploma program.
- Sean Wilson asked about the decrease in the number of eligible students.
- Brian Sullivan said it was because of more generous assessments in student loans; the weekly allowance went up, so the amount of the loans increased, which meant that many who previously had unmet need no longer did.
- Patrick Meehan asked about a cut in student bursaries.
- Brian Sullivan said there had not been a cut in bursaries. Where UBC was falling behind was in merit-based awards and entrance awards.
- Darren Peets questioned the compatibility of the deductible system and Policy 72.
- Brian Sullivan: Nothing in a strict reading of Policy 72 says there is no room for a deductible. The deductible system means we can give a lot of money to those with the greatest need. He’d like there to be zero deductible, but in post-baccalaureate and professional programs there is no guarantee that all unmet need will be met.

AMS Tutoring - Vivian Cheung/Firas Moosvi (Tutoring Coordinators) [SCD 006-08]

Vivian Cheung reported on the Tutoring service, making the following points:

- They’ve set up relationships with faculty members to get the same training as TA’s.
- They’ve relocated science tutoring to the Ladha Centre.
- They’re offering two new services: tutoring in the residences and tutoring on-line.
- They continue to offer drop-in tutoring from 3-9 pm in the SUB South Alcove.
- They also offer tutoring by appointment for $17 an hour.
- They have a tutor registry of UBC students tutoring others.
- They are looking into saving money by introducing a new on-line appointment system.

Questions:
- Stephanie Ryan asked about tutoring for arts courses and said tutors would be welcome in the Arts student space.
- Vivien Cheung said there hadn’t been much demand from arts students.
- Michael Woodward said Commerce does tutoring and would like to borrow from AMS Tutoring.
- Firas Moosvi said AMS Tutoring would like to work with lots of societies. If Commerce has tutors ready, they should speak to AMS Tutoring. AMS Tutoring can always establish new arrangements.
Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

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Whereas the cost of this system is $5,000, of which $3,000 can be paid for out of Tutoring’s budget,

Therefore be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve an amount not to exceed $2,000 from the Student Services Fund for the new AMS Tutoring appointment system.

Note: There is currently $180,000 in the Student Services Fund.”

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- Firas Moosvi provided background on what the Tutoring staff does. There is lots of labour involved in sending out e-mails to set up appointments. An on-line system would eliminate much of that.
- Mariana Payet said the numbers in the original motion were from her, but were wrong. What is needed is $4,000, not $2,000.
- Friendly amendment to replace $2,000 with $4,000

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Sean Kearney asked who was getting to do the project.
- Firas Moosvi: Ovalsquared.com
- Sean Kearney asked why no attempt was made to have it done by UBC computer science students for free.
- Firas Moosvi: It was remarkably difficult to find UBC students who could work with the AMS server. None of them knew the language. It took five months to find this individual, and he may help us design other things.
- Dave Tompkins: WebVote?
- Erin Rennie asked about maintenance costs.
- Firas Moosvi said it would be $75 an hour for major changes, but he didn’t expect those.
- Erin Rennie: Will this system mean reduced hours for the person currently checking e-
Firas Moosvi: That's the idea. In reality, it will mean cutting an assistant's position.
- Alex Lougheed asked why it was outsourced.
- Firas Moosvi: We couldn’t find anyone within the organization. The webmaster is overworked.
- Alex Lougheed: Perhaps the AMS should look into its IT services.
- Sean Kearney recommended that a clause in the agreement guarantee that the individual maintain the website.

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C) Presentations to Council: cont

University Boulevard - Joe Redmond (UBC Properties Trust)

Joe Redmond reported on the retail mix in the proposed University Boulevard project, making the following points:

- There will be 43,000 square feet of retail on the lower plaza level of the transit station, an area just smaller than the bookstore.
- This will be on the level above the actual transit station.
- Above the retail will be student housing.
- In the south campus area there will be retail too, including a food store to serve the campus community.
- They are looking at possible uses of the transit station retail area, including:
  - a computer repair and sales facility
  - food service outlets
  - Lulu Lemon
  - Mexx
  - a juice bar
  - coffee shops
- 50,000 people will be using the transit station.
- They’re looking for other ideas to complement the uses in the SUB.

Questions:
- David Yuen asked about the student housing in the project. Would it be residence style?
- Joe Redmond: It will be rental; 2, 3, or 4-bed units, similar to Housing and Conferences, but
without the same student life programs.

- Chris Chapman: When will it be finished?
- Joe Redmond: It’s going to Board for preliminary approval in May, and we’re also looking to get sewer approval then, this summer. This phase should start in January 2008 and take 16 months to complete.
- Chris Chapman suggested a salad store.
- Joe Redmond: One suggestion has been for a convenience store with fresh food. He could see the need for that.
- Erin Rennie asked about the effect of proposed anti-smoking legislation that would forbid tobacco sales on campus.
- Joe Redmond: That would be considered. It shouldn’t be a problem.
- Erin Rennie if this would be a separate village.
- Joe Redmond: No, it would be owned by the University.
- Nadia Chana said she saw no pressing need for this retail project, except to make money.
- Joe Redmond: We don’t think there are sufficient services for the 60,000 people going through the area. There should be services on campus. You shouldn’t have to leave to get bread or milk. As the University grows, there will be enough of a market to become a complete community. There are already 8,000 students on campus.
- Nadia Chana said she’s on campus and uses the shops at the Village. The Village grocery.
- Joe Redmond: The Village is a competitor. Would you rather spend your money there or have it go to the University?
- Nadia Chana said the suggestion bothered her, since the services being proposed already exist.
- Joe Redmond: As the population grows, there won’t be enough services. This is planning for the growth of the University.
- Shagufta Pasta asked about the design of the underground bus loop.
- Joe Redmond said there would be a wide staircase; it will be quite open, even with sunlight. At night there will be security. Buses will be separated from the passengers. You won’t have to wait at bus level; instead, you could be on the surface having coffee.
- Charmaine Ma asked about policy on renting to large corporations.
- Joe Redmond said there was no policy against it, but they would be trying to use local merchants, not big chains.
- Charmaine Ma asked about fair trade goods.
- Joe Redmond said there would be an economic dimension to any decision.
- Chris Little suggested a salad co-op, a cold wine and beer story, a place serving all-day breakfast, someone serving smoothies, and an international news stand/café.
- Craig Wrotniak asked what is going into the current bus loop.
- Joe Redmond said McInnes Field would be reoriented, and the rest of the area would be student housing.
- Craig Wrotniak expressed concern that the field would be reduced in size.
- Joe Redmond said in fact it would be made bigger.
- Craig Wrotniak said he didn’t mind development, but it should have a student focus, not bringing in people from the outside.
- Joe Redmond: They’re speaking to Athletics about a new track and tennis expansion. This will definitely be a University area. The broader community area is elsewhere.
- Jason Penner asked about above ground advertising, like the Shoppers sign already in place.
- Joe Redmond: The entry gates have not been completed yet. When they are, you won’t be able to see the Shoppers sign. Certainly we have to let retailers have some signage. We have to decide whether it should be standardized or eclectic. Input on this is welcome.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked about restricting the retailers to local business, as SFU has
done. It may reduce revenue, but there should be a policy to seek out local and ethical businesses. He also suggested reserving some space for student-run businesses.

- Joe Redmond said they certainly could consider that. They want to get the proper mix and make sure people are busy and successful.
- Tristan Markle asked how much residence rent will be and who decides that.
- Joe Redmond: The projection is $550 to $600 per month per bed. If two beds, then $1100. UBC Properties Trust builds the buildings and decides.
- Tristan Markle asked if they are subsidized by the University.
- Joe Redmond: No. Retail helps to finance housing. Housing breaks even; there’s only the cost of debt and maintenance.

Stephanie Ryan suggested putting in a collegium, a place for commuter students to relax. Trinity Western has this. You buy a membership and get to use bunk beds, stoves, etc.

- Patrick Meehan asked about profit margins.
- Joe Redmond: Cash flow services the cost of the buildings. When the debt is paid off, in 25 years, revenue will flow into the Endowment.

Darren Peets said all the retail suggestions for the new project already exist in the SUB. Why do we need to do this? Is there some pressing need to do this development at all?

- Joe Redmond: The University doesn’t think that over time the University community will have the services it needs. The SUB is not necessarily open at the other hours.
- Darren Peets: There’s no demand at other hours.
- Joe Redmond: There may be other factors.
- Darren Peets asked if the new housing would be restricted to students.
- Joe Redmond: It will be the same as with other housing.
- Sean Wilson: If a company moves in, that means there’s a need there to be met.

Mariana Payet asked who would own the student housing.

- Joe Redmond: UBC. Students will pay what they do through Housing and Conferences. The University owns the buildings. We’re just the manager.
- Alex Lougheed asked about student jobs.
- Joe Redmond said that would depend on whether they have to be unionized.

- David Yuen made retail suggestions: a beer and wine store, a collegium, a 24-hour convenience store, a place that sells steak. He also asked how environmentally friendly the project will be.
- Joe Redmond: The 24-hour idea is important. As to the environment, buses generate heat that can be reused. They’re looking at geothermal systems.

First Step - Mariana Payet (ECSS)

- Mariana Payet reported on the origins and history of the First Step program, which began in 2005, making the following points:
- It’s not an AMS Service, but a partnership with UBC.
- It offers half-day tours for free to students in August.
- The overall cost last year was $12,569, but the AMS paid only $1570.
- The number of students using it dropped to 700 from 1,000, owing to some glitches, but feedback was positive.
- First Step should be guaranteed use of the AMS Art Gallery, a phone, couches and tables, and food.

D) President’s Remarks:

- We are pleased to announcement the appointment of Shagufta Pasta as ECSS. I am very pleased to have Shagufta on board, and I think she has some excellent ideas for the services. Shagufta brings a wealth of experience in working with
students and volunteers both at UBC and in the outside community. In addition to working with the Faculty of Arts Student Development Program and the VP Students’ Emerging Leaders Program, she also has experience in Media Relations and editorial positions with a variety of publications. She is a great people person with the enthusiasm to make it work.

I would also like to inform Council that the AMS Marketing and Promotions Manager, Paul Dayson has left the organization effective Tuesday, February 20th. We are currently advertising for a replacement for Paul and hope to have someone in the position in the next 4 to 5 weeks, but I would sincerely like to thank Paul for his contribution to the AMS wish him well for the future. Paul brought a lot of energy and ideas to the AMS and I know that many of us count him as a friend.

A couple of items that will get immediate attention:

- Oversight Committee. If the rest of committee reform doesn’t come forward, this will.
- VP Finance and Admin combine, we will send this to a committee process that will explore executive portfolio structures.
- Joblink and Volunteer Connections. We are exploring a merger between these services, and there will be more on this to come.
- Communications.

Last week: Hung out with Kevin a bit. Thanks Kevin.

Met with President Toope and University Counsel with the Student Group UAEM (along with Darren and Omar), to discuss funding for neglected disease research and intellectual property rights in drug development that could be licensed for use in the developing world. The outcome will be further review by UILO, and potential changes to licensing agreements. I mentioned this one because we did pass an AMS policy on this last year, and it’s important for those to come back so you see that we use them.

Met with UBC Orientations. They are interested in the constituency heads playing a more active role this year.

And this week, I came to the office to find a Barn in my office. So thanks.

Lastly, perhaps it’s appropriate for me to do Mariana’s job for her, and to acknowledge that we are having this meeting tonight on a unceded Musqueam land. It’s Mariana’s last evening with us, and so I thought I’d do the honors, but it’s also appropriate because I think it’s demonstrative of Mariana’s ability to bring forward issues that don’t get addressed here as often as they should. I really do admire Mariana’s strength and compassion, and I just wanted to thank her for all the wonderful work she has done for the services this year. Please join me in saying thanks to Mariana.

E) Executive Reports:

Sarah Naiman - VP Administration

SAC has approved the purchase of two pieces of Art for the AMS Art Collection. By approving the SAC minutes the AMS Art Gallery Reserve Fund will be $500 in deficit.

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

Finance Commission

I am pleased to announce that Emily Lapper, our former Clubs & Constituencies Commissioner, has been appointed to the position of Vice-Chair. Emily has been with
FinCom as the Clubs & Constituencies Commissioner for two years and we are really excited for her to continue in a more involved role.

**Treasurer Access**
FinCom has been working on ways to eliminate paperwork and make our financial systems more efficient over the past year. A first step was putting several of the financial forms online for both subsidiary members and Treasurers to print from the convenience of their own home, outside of the AMS Business hours. These forms include the Deposit Form, Journal Voucher, and Cheque Requisition form.

We’ve taken an even bigger step by making those forms editable online so that they can be more conveniently emailed to a club or constituency Treasurer for approval. This will allow individual club or constituency members to prepare forms for their Treasurer to be approved, rather than the Treasurer having to fill out dozens of forms on their own. This may seem really trivial and insignificant, but I can assure you that this will reduce the workloads and stress level for many students. We have already received a great deal of positive feedback from clubs and particularly the larger constituencies for this initiative.

**AMS Silent Shopper Program**
FinCom has started our own quality assurance program, where we will be sampling an item from one of our food outlets each week when we meet. We’ll choose an item that is either new (like the grab and go salads and wraps at the Pendulum, which are delicious by the way) or items that have not been selling particularly well. We will be coming up with a set of critical factors (for example: taste, appearance, dietary restrictions, convenience to eat on the go, price point, and so forth) which we’ll use to evaluate the item. This will hopefully be a pilot project which will give us more comprehensive information that we can then use at BOC meetings as a quality-based analysis to complement the financial statements we look at.

**University Athletics Council**
Mike Duncan, Jeff Friedrich, and I had a meeting with the UAC today in Bob Phillips’ office. Bob has agreed to provide me with the specific breakdown of user fee reductions, which are to take initial effect in April, with more complete reductions set for September. I hope to have this information for the next Council meeting.

**Matthew Naylor - VP External Affairs**
I’d like first to welcome my replacement to Council, a fresh face around the council table, David Yuen.

**Lobby Day**
On February 15th, a number of Council members and others went over to Victoria to lobby the provincial government on issues pertinent to Post Secondary Education. It went very well, and we were able to raise the profile of PSE across the provincial government, right before a provincial budget was brought down. The Budget itself was mediocre, but has been better than budgets in the past. Core funding has increased, although student aid has decreased. There was a 6% increase in funding for PSE, amounting to a 649 million dollar increase over three years. On that note, I’d like to congratulate the graduate students who received $10,000,000 in student assistance money in the budget.

Further to this, I will be issuing a report on Lobby Day, but to do this I need your notes from the day. I would appreciate any notes or thoughts that you could provide, and hope to issue
a final Lobby Day Report within the month.

**SFU**

In the world of student politics, the Simon Fraser Student Society has decided to hold a non-binding referendum on withdrawal from the CFS. They have expressed interest in partnering with us in the creation of a provincial lobbying organization, perhaps structured on ANSSA, OUSA or CAUS.

**External Commission**

I am very pleased to announce that the new Vice Chair of the External Commission is going to be Nathan Lapper, because you can’t have too many Lappers chairing AMS Commissions. Nathan will be helping create a game plan for the year, planning events, including a possible environmental policy forum.

**U-Pass and Transit**

Recently, we got the Screen-Line Transit Ridership Counts from this past fall, and for the first time since the inception of the U-Pass Program, transit’s ridership share has fallen from the year before. Concerning the transit service disaster this past Monday, there is a motion in the addendum that I would like to pass to bring to Translink on Monday regarding their service and communication, based on the poor service and high amount of pass ups that had occurred this past week.

**Other News**

Monday was a slightly terrifying day for us, when we received word that an MLA had put a motion on the order papers that would effectively destroy Student Unions. As it turns out, he does this every year, so we don’t think that it’s anything to be concerned about.

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**Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs**

- Thanks and welcome.
- I’m excited about the year!

**Student Evaluations on Teaching**

- UBC committee created to come up with a standardized, university-wide evaluation system.
- Policy currently being drafted.
- 2 objectives:
  - Satisfying student needs to see results to make registration decisions.
  - Improving the quality of teaching – not necessary to publish, just for the instructor.
- Problems:
  - Sometimes two objectives don’t go hand in hand.
  - Privacy issues behind publishing results.
  - How to make sure that these are going to improve teaching.
  - Anyone interested in reading the policy, helping me find problem-areas, please let me know.

**Sustainability Strategy**

- Working closely with my AVP, Eric.
- Focused on research, what are the next steps for the sustainability strategy
- Interns.
- SEEDS projects.
Hope to get Impacts up and running soon – very important for the sustainability strategy.

**Hiring:**
- Part of the hiring for the new ECSS.
- Jeff has helped to hire the Hiring Coordinator – soon be in place.
- Also I will be hiring the new Elections Administrator on Chris A’s recommendation.

**Just Desserts Award Ceremony:**
- Ceremony date to be announced.
- We will send out nomination forms later this week, or early next week.
- Constituencies get to nominate one person per seat on Council.
- Nomination forms will be due in two weeks approx.

**Mariana Payet - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

First of all I would like to acknowledge the fact that we are currently on stolen Musqueam territory.

The past two weeks have been spent tying up loose ends and hiring and transitioning our new ECSS Shagufta Pasta.

Since this is my last Council meeting and my last day as ECSS I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people:

- AMS Support staff: that’s every one from the Admin Office, the Bookings hallway, House Staff, etc. The work that you do is invaluable. The patience you have to deal with us amazes me. Thank you for all of the effort you put into making sure this Society does not fall apart, and that things continue to happen year after year.
- The AMS Executive of 06/07: I already had the opportunity to thank them before, but I just wanted to re-iterate how much I appreciated working with them this past year and to wish them the best of luck in the future.
- The AMS Executive of 07/08: best of luck this year! Stay focused and make sure you pace yourselves. Things can get pretty stressful and the best thing you can do when that happens is take a break.
- AMS Council: I know our relationship has been turbulent at times; and we have disagreed often. I can’t say I have enjoyed every minute I have spent in this room but I cannot deny the many skills I have developed thanks to you: debating and public speaking as well as general skills when dealing with difficult people and situations. And of course, I can’t forget those times when we all did agree, didn’t that feel nice?
- Finally to the AMS Services Staff 06/07: Ruth, Marlisse, Lindsay, Alan, Jen, Claudia, Sarah O, Vanessa, Grace, Matt, Ryan, Brent, (Sara Z), Amin, Ria, Vivian, Firas, Mark, Sarah C, Shabita, Gina and Nicky: thank you for one of the best years of my life; for your commitment and your passion; for your flexibility and patience. Thank you for joining me in the services this year. Nothing that happened this year could have been done without you. I know that you don’t often get recognized for all the work that you do, but believe me when I say, I notice, and I am extremely thankful to have been a part of your lives this year. I will miss you all very much and I wish you the best of luck.
F) Committee Reports

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering – Ryan Clare – Elections coming up.

Commerce – Mike Woodward – Enterprise took place. A company making a drug separator won.

Science – Michael Duncan – WebCT voting underway, thanks to the Dean. WebVote would have been impossible.

Pharmacy – Charmaine Ma – Pharmacy awareness week coming up.

Education – Craig Wrotniak – Job Fair. Redoing lounge. 50th anniversary of faculty.

Law – Chris Little – Elections. Degree name change to Juris Doctor approved.

SLAIS – Matthew Hall – Career fair.

Arts – Stephanie Ryan – Election nominations opening Friday.


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

Senate - Gina Eom

- Successful meeting with the President and the VP Research about the technology transfer office. Technology should advance human welfare and not just profits.
- Senate composition has changed because of a new college, which means two more faculty seats and one more student seat.
- President Toope clarified that UBC’s deficit is $36 million.
- Discussion of mandatory retirement.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

5. MOVED CHARMAINE MA, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated February 7, 2007 [SCD 008-08]
In-camera minutes of Student Council dated February 7, 2007 [SCD 009-08]
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated February 16, 2007 [SCD 010-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 8, 2007 [SCD 011-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 15, 2007 [SCD 012-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 22, 2007 [SCD 013-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 5, 2007 [SCD 014-08]

... Carried
J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That Council appoint Stephanie Ryan and Alex Lougheed (Council Members) to the Code and Policies Committee for a terming ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Jessica Hannon (Council Member) and Duncan Steele (Member at large) to the Business Operations Committee for a terming ending March 31, 2007.”

Peter Rizov expressed dismay that no advertising had been done for student at large positions on the committees despite a promise to that effect at the last meeting.

Jeff Friedrich said the AMS should be taking steps to advertise its positions. There may have been a slip-up. He thought it was the Constituency members that were going to go back to their Constituencies and recruit people.

Ryan Corbett said it was that Council members were to speak to their constituents rather than a website announcement.

Gina Eom said it was a valid point. The AMS was looking at a new direction in PR; it had been failing in communications.

“That Council appoint Darren Peets and Ryan Corbett (Council Members) to the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee.”

“That Council appoint Ryan Corbett as Chair of the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee.”

“That Council appoint Tristan Markle, Helaine Boyd and David Yuen (Council Members) and Patrick Meehan and Peter Rizov (Members at large) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Erin Rennie and Robert Taddei (Council Members) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee for a term ending March 31, 2007.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

7. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED MARIANA PAYET:

“The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 15, 2007 [SCD 015-08]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 22, 2007 [SCD 016-08]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 29, 2007 [SCD 017-08]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 30, 2007 [SCD 018-08]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 6, 2007 [SCD 019-08]
8. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 5, 2007 [SCD 020-08]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 12, 2007 [SCD 021-08]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 26, 2007 [SCD 022-08]

... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

9. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

Policy on service disruptions and bus retirement moratorium

“Whereas UBC students are major users of TransLink buses and, through the AMS, partners with TransLink in the U-Pass program, and

Whereas ridership levels have increased in the years since the introduction of the U-Pass; and

Whereas TransLink’s policy of replacing older working buses with new buses has caused a problem because of safety issues in the new buses, and

Whereas this problem has meant the temporary withdrawal of the new buses, reducing capacity on several bus routes used by students, resulting in pass-ups and scheduling irregularities; and

Whereas TransLink has not communicated these service issues to partners such as UBC and the AMS in a manner allowing them to effectively inform their membership.

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on TransLink to place a moratorium on the retirement of working buses until such time as the reliability of the replacement buses is confirmed, and providing such moratorium does not compromise the safety of the transit users; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon TransLink to communicate with UBC and the AMS in advance of major service adjustments; and further, to develop a contingency plan to minimize service disruptions to clients.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Matthew Naylor: Bus service on Monday was a disaster because the new trolley buses don’t work, but TransLink has already removed the old buses. There was also some strange routing on Monday which TransLink didn’t inform us about. Next Monday there is a service review, and he will tell them this is unacceptable. They need to improve their communications.

David Yuen asked about safety issues.

Matthew Naylor said the new buses were losing power.

David Yuen asked if they get money for the old buses.

Matthew Naylor: No, they’re just sitting, as far as we can tell. We’ve not been told directly.
10. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“Whereas the UBC Point Grey Campus is located on unceded Musqueam Territory; and

Whereas the AMS is housed in the Student Union Building located on the UBC Point Grey Campus; and

Whereas the Musqueam people have lived on this land since time immemorial;

Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially recognize the Musqueam people’s title over this land.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Mariana Payet: As student leaders, it is important that we make statements beyond the day-to-day. We need to recognize whose land we’re on. The talked of governance review affects the Musqueam community. We need to make a statement to ensure that their concerns are included.

Chris Little: Legally, Musqueam title is claimed but not proven.

Ryan Corbett: What is the current status of the claim? What are the logistical and legal ramifications? This might better be tabled.

Stephanie Ryan said she was not sure of the legal ramification.

Ryan Clare said he was not entirely comfortable with the motion.

Michael Woodward: Does this mean we would be willing to give this land away to the Musqueam? Or are just recognizing the heritage of the Musqueam?

Mariana: This is asking us to recognize that it is theirs.

Tristan Markle said he had no trouble recognizing their title. They’re going through the land claims process, negotiating with UBC and the provincial government.

Craig Wrotniak said he was not comfortable with the motion. It seems to be saying give away the land. The spirit is fine, but it needs to be worded differently.

Brendon Goodmurphy: It doesn’t have anything to do with giving up our land. The spirit is just recognition.

Robert Taddei: The sentiment is good. Why not consider the wording that other organizations have used?

Nadia Chana suggested finding some action to take instead of just making a statement.

Patrick Meehan: Our role is to represent the interests of students; he was not comfortable with the AMS taking a role in this which could cost the University money which would then be offloaded onto the students.

Ryan Clare said he didn’t know enough about this issue; he was not willing to support the claim without more information.

13. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the meeting be extended for another ten minutes until 10:15 p.m.”

... Carried

14. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

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Whereas the Musqueam people have lived on this land since time immemorial;

Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially recognize the Musqueam people’s title over this land.”

Chris Little: If we recognize the claim, that just means we’re saying it exists. If we support the claim, then we’re in favour.

Tristan Markle read from the Musqueam claim and said it was important to support it. There have been ten years of negotiations; they can use all the support they can get. Basically, they’re looking for compensation.

Michael Woodward: Why are we doing this?
Mariana Payet: It's important to take a stance on issues like this.
Jeff Friedrich: There's no doubt about the importance of addressing this question. The University has a Memorandum of Understanding being drafted with the Musqueam. The language is probably out there. The difficulty is that this came from the floor. We need to table to revise the motion.

15. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That the resolution in motion #14 be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially recognize the Musqueam people's aboriginal title claim over this land.”

... Carried

16. MOVED CHRIS LITTLE, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That the resolution in motion #14 be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially support the Musqueam people's aboriginal title claim over this land.”

... Defeated

17. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

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Whereas the AMS is housed in the Student Union Building located on the UBC Point Grey Campus; and

Whereas the Musqueam people have lived on this land since time immemorial;

Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially recognize the Musqueam people’s aboriginal title claim over this land.”

18. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That the meeting be extended until 10:25 p.m.”

... Defeated

19. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the meeting be extended until 10:25 p.m.”

... Carried

20. MOVED MARIANA PAYET, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

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Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially recognize the Musqueam people’s aboriginal title claim over this land.”

21. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That motion #20 be tabled until the next Council meeting to be held on March 14, 2007.”

• Omar Sirri: What will tabling achieve?
• Jeff Friedrich: We can have a committee review best practices and language. We can draft something to make everyone comfortable and come back at the next Council meeting.

22. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That motion #20 be tabled until the next Council meeting to be held on March 14, 2007.”

... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

23. MOVED SEAN WILSON, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs BG:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Colleen Tang (The Ubyssey), Eric Szeto (The Ubyssey), Omid Javadi (Engineering), Colin Simkus (Commerce), Ryan Grant (Science), Jonathan Elmer (Human Kinetics), Peter Rizov, Raj Mathur (Music), Maayan Kreitzman, Claudia Li (Joblink), Sarah Ong (Joblink), Vanessa Smith (Joblink), Ed Durgan (East Side), Matt Filipiak (incoming GSS President), Neal Marks, Patrick Meehan (Arts), Scott Bernstein (incoming Law rep), Joshua Caulkins (GSS), Mariana Payet, Ruth Situma (Volunteer Connections), Lucia Lam (incoming Regent College Rep), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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.

1. MOVED LEAH SHAINHOUSE, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Advocacy Office - Ryan Lee (Coordinator) [SCD 023-008]

- Ryan Lee reviewed the activities of the AMS Advocacy office, saying that he and his staff are like lawyers for students. One of Advocacy’s achievements this year is that it has been able to get a stay procedure introduced to protect students.

Questions:
- Gina Eom asked about the stay procedure and also about the student rights committee mentioned in the presentation.
- Ryan Lee:
  - The stay procedure is something that can delay the enforcement of a decision on student discipline until an appeal can be heard.
  - The student rights committee is at a preliminary, informal stage. Lots of services on campus don’t talk to each other; we’ve talked to the GSS to establish cooperation.
- Ryan Corbett asked if there is adequate promotion of the Advocacy service. Are students aware it is there?
- Ryan Lee said more work could be done in that area, but students do hear about the Advocacy office.

Joblink – Claudia Li, Sarah Ong, Vanessa Smith [SCD 024-008]

- Claudia Li reviewed Joblink’s usage statistics and noted its new advertising techniques.
- Sarah Ong reported on the Internship program, noting increases in the variety of position types; internships were available this past year not only within the AMS and at other non-profit organizations, but at for profit organizations. The number of internship applications and accepted interns increased. One suggestion for the future is to look for internships that offer honoraria.
**Recommendation:** Claudia Li recommended the abolition of Joblink in its current form, giving the following reasons:

- The bulk of what Joblink does is post part-time jobs on the website of UBC Career Services.
- This is costly and also confusing to employers.
- UBC Career Services has permanent employees doing this sort of work, whereas Joblink employees change each year and there is a lack of continuity.
- There’s no additional benefit to the AMS continuing to handle this.
- The Joblink résumé consultations are also redundant since Career Services offers the same service.
- We should focus on unique services like internship, which could merge with Volunteer Connections, and leave the rest to Career Services.

**Questions:**

- Tristan Markle asked if there used to be advantages to Joblink doing the job posting.
- David Yuen: The AMS used to have proprietary software for this and a separate job website, but then began using the Career Services site.
- David Yuen asked if Career Services would switch to offering its consultation services free the way Joblink did.
- Vanessa Smith: There is a gap. AMS is for students, and that’s important, but Joblink was not worth the money.
- David Yuen: Has Career Services been receptive to offering free service?
- Claudia Li: UBC is in deficit, so they’ve been reluctant. We’re still working on that.
- Nadia Chana asked about interns being sent to for profit companies.
- Sarah Ong said this was a way to expand and provide more opportunities.
- Nadia Chana expressed concern that students in this situation would simply be working for free, allowing the companies to profit off them.
- Sarah Ong said the students would be getting experience and perhaps job opportunities and networking.
- Gina Eom asked about the consultation fee.
- Vanessa Smith: We tried to shame them; they’re supposed to be helping students.
- Claudia Li: The deficit is a burden.
- Vanessa Smith: The fee is supposed to deter no-shows.
- In response to a question about whether in the absence of Joblink part-time jobs will still be posted, Claudia Li said, Yes, Career Services will be doing that now.

**Campus Plan - Nancy Knight, UBC Associate VP, Campus & Community Planning**

Nancy Knight presented an update on the campus plan, making the following points:

- The updating of the 15-year-old campus plan is now in the key policy ideas stage.
- Consultation has produced 1100 responses, with the following being common suggestions:
  - creating more of a central focus to campus
  - creating more student-faculty interaction
  - improving drainage on walkways
  - introducing more recycling
  - providing more multi-use spaces
There is debate between those who think UBC should be more like a city and those who want it still to be a campus.

Other suggestions:
- more sustainable use of the land through infilling
- reduction of greenhouse gases
- retrofitting to use solar or geothermal energy
- more student housing
- more emphasis on pedestrians
- better wayfinding signage
- better lighting for safety reasons (they'll be looking at the original campus design of low key lighting, especially now that there are lots of evening courses)
- increasing parking costs to encourage use of public transit, though this has been resisted by academics and more buses would be required
- a more vibrant campus centre, including more food services and casual space, and more vibrant areas elsewhere
- 24-hour facilities
- introducing more commercial outlets while still preserving the area as a peaceful, reflective campus for scholars.

They are still seeking more consultation.

Questions:
- Mariana Payet asked if any work had been done on the involvement of the Musqueam, in line with her request the last time Nancy Knight updated Council.
- Nancy Knight said she had asked the University’s special adviser on aboriginal affairs how to engage the Musqueam respectfully and how to appropriately reflect the First Nations in the campus plan design and acknowledge the Musqueam’s traditional use of the territory. She is awaiting advice.
- Sam Heppell asked how plans for commercial development would fit with the University’s goals.
- Nancy Knight: Some say this can be done by bringing in locally based businesses with ethical purchasing policies that fulfill a need for the University community rather than for outsiders.
- Lauren Hunter suggested introducing a range of stores fitting the priorities of minorities and women rather than creating a generic Robson Street.
- Patrick Meehan asked about developing land assets and building upwards.
- Nancy Knight said she didn’t know the priority yet. There was a tradeoff between putting up low profile buildings and putting them further away or building up. A core density study indicated that places could be added as infill like the Ladha building. The core space could be doubled with infill.
- Erin Rennie asked whether there was a heritage building policy.
- Nancy Knight: That will be part of the campus plan. There is a contract with an architectural heritage firm to produce a report, and what other universities have done will be looked at. There are financial issues.
- Ryan Corbett asked about the UBC Farm’s designation as a future housing reserve. Will the farm, unlike Buchanan Tower, have to justify its educational necessity?
- Nancy Knight: The designation is from the Official Community Plan, which is a GVRD bylaw. We can’t change that. But the OCP policies say the farm is not to be used for housing until UBC decides it is not needed for institutional purposes. In this process, the use of the farm for academic needs is being looked at. Land and Food Systems (LAFS) is involved; they’re being asked what they need. This was a large agricultural campus when
UBC started. Now we’re waiting for LAFS input. It’s a Board of Governors decision in the end.

- Gina Eom asked about access, the use of planning students, and safety in 24-hour study spaces.
- Nancy Knight said:
  - by access what is meant is access for those with physical disabilities, not access by students to other campuses;
  - as to planning students, one course in the planning school is using the campus plan for a project, and the School of Architecture is using the campus for several courses;
  - as to safety, Campus Security will be looked to.
- Sarah Naiman asked about improving current buildings, especially the SUB, so that they fit in with new ones and look as nice as them. Students look at SUB as the campus centre.
- Nancy Knight said:
  - upgrades are being done through UBC Renew, with $60 million each being contributed by the government and the University;
  - design guidelines are needed for colour patterns and materials to give more of a consistent look to the campus instead of its present disparate look;
  - as to the SUB, the University is talking of investing in the SUB, and the design process has been altered; originally it was not very respectful of SUB; now there’s a more cohesive approach; everything she hears says that SUB is the heart of campus.
- Leah Shainhouse suggested that the UBC Farm is integral to sustainability and not important just for research done for LAFS.
- Nancy Knight: The campus plan is an academic and research plan. The line she is trying to draw is: What need is there for that? What should we do with the rest? That doesn’t mean the community value of the farm is being wiped off, but a market garden selling to Point Grey is not an academic or research use.
- Stephanie Ryan said that one way to emphasize pedestrians and safety on campus would be to get Plant Ops vehicles off the road. She suggested that money from parking go to U-Pass, TransLink, and new buses and that an employee plan for transit be introduced. She also suggested the University invest in 5000 bikes for students who can’t walk from Forestry to Buchanan and get to class on time.
- Nancy Knight asked if there would be support for transit on Main Mall. Some Councillors: Yes.
- Nancy Knight: Lots of people say No to that.
- Stephanie Ryan: The current shuttles are not handy. It would be great to have them on Main Mall.
- Tristan Markle asked what sort of feedback there had been about the farm.
- Nancy Knight: There were some submissions about the farm, but it was not a key theme.
- Matthew Filipiak said the farm is not just a market garden, but does lots of research.
- Nancy Knight said she was not intending to denigrate the research done there, but there is a market garden too.
- Matthew Filipiak asked about students becoming players in the process.
- Nancy Knight: In terms of this process, the AMS and the GSS have representatives on the steering committee; that’s where the work gets done. There are also project teams with AMS and GSS reps. The Board of Governors recently put a student on the Development Permits Board and also on the PPAC committee. She was keen to see students participate because students often bring a different perspective, pointing out the need for student or alternative space.
- Matthew Filipiak asked about the greatest failure so far in the consultation process.
Nancy Knight: The students on the Board of Governors are effective, but integration in the process earlier on might be helpful. But the students have to come, and if possible come for two years and then brief their successors to provide continuity.

Neal Marks asked about green space, saying he saw little about it in the plans.

Nancy Knight said they are trying to connect landscape and learning and increase the performance of existing spaces. The reality is that the campus was clearcut back in the 1920’s and 30’s, so a lot of original vegetation disappeared. The campus is more like an urban landscape.

Neal Marks spoke of one of the few remaining forests in south campus being cleared for housing.

Nancy Knight said that is an Education faculty project because they are looking into moving their building to a site with the remnants of an arboretum.

Shagufta Pasta asked about Senate involvement.

Nancy Knight: We’ll look at the location for student housing, where it can grow. Currently, housing is kept to the perimeter; that could continue or not.

Shagufta Pasta asked about Senate involvement.

Nancy Knight: We go to Senate and keep them updated.

Craig Wrotniak asked about plans for planting new trees.

Nancy Knight said she was not aware of plans for the creation of new forest or planting of trees, but she would look into it.

D) President’s Remarks:

CASA AGM:
First off: I’m in New Brunswick for CASA’s AGM. CASA is our federal lobbying org. A number of things we’ve worked on here, but Matt will touch on that:

- hiring a new national director
- some new policies and a review of strategic plan priorities
- have discussed a travel cost sharing program to benefit prospective schools from the north or member schools with small budgets

Compensation Review:
We were going to report back comp review recommendations tonight, but we still have a few outstanding issues. Some exciting changes- including introducing alternative forms of compensation like meal vouchers.

Aquatic Centre:
Very heartening response to the issue. Basic issue, was that the AMS-UBC lease arrangement for the Aquatic Centre prescribes a committee process that was not followed. The University has now called meetings of the committee and will outline their reasons for the closure at that time. Continuing to direct students to email that we set up and will present feedback to committee.

Oversight Committee:
Thanks to Code and Policy for bringing this forward. I understand the exec present there have had a chance to review and may bring forward an amendment, and they have my support in that effort.

Finally, but perhaps the biggest and most exciting motion: Claudia Li will bring forward a recommendation to pass on Joblink posting services to the university’s Career Services dept... It’s a good deal for us because:
- students are still getting the same quality of service
- we save time and money
- students will still be employed

The AMS will consolidate Joblink and Volunteer Connections into one office that will focus on recruitment of volunteers and interns externally but also internally within the AMS. This will allow us to use volunteers throughout the organization in a better manner.

E) Executive Remarks:

Matthew Naylor - VP External Affairs

- I am today coming to you from Fredericton, in our spacious hotels suite, back from tanning in the balmy 30 degree weather. And I of course mean fahrenheit. I will keep this brief, so we elected a new National Director of CASA on Tuesday, and his name is Zach Churchill. There are planning and committee meetings in the near future, and we also will be bidding on the CASA policy and strategy conference to be held in mid June.
- In other news, I am not very good at curling, and do not like jetlag. Have a good day back in Vancouver.

J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY: [SCD 026-008]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the agreement between AMS JobLink and UBC Career Services concerning the responsibility for part-time job postings, as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

3. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED SAM HEPELL:

“That the AMS Joblink and UBC Career Services agreement be amended by inserting a new third bullet to read:

UBC Career Services agrees to:

New third bullet:

• Make an annual presentation to AMS Council’.

- Gary Andraza: If we give it to them, then it’s ridiculous to ask them to come back and report.
- Dave Tompkins: There are other clauses linking it to the AMS.
- Claudia Li said this hadn’t come up at all; she wasn’t sure how Career Services would react.
- Omar Sirri said he thought reports would still be pertinent.
- Shagufta Pasta: Annual presentations could still happen without being in the contract. The spirit of the contract is that we’re handing the service over; this amendment says we’re not.

Dave Tompkin’s suggested adding “on request”.

4. MOVED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

5. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

“That the AMS Joblink and UBC Career Services agreement be amended by inserting a new third bullet to read:

‘UBC Career Services agrees to:

New third bullet:

• Make an annual presentation to AMS Council upon request’.” ... Carried

6. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That the AMS Joblink and UBC Career Services agreement be amended by amending the old third bullet to read:

‘UBC Career Services agrees to:

Old third bullet to read:

• Provide resume consultations and job search advice through existing services (e.g. drop-ins and individual consultations) at either no charge or, if necessary, at a minimal fee to allow for the greatest number of students to benefit from this service’.”

- Gina Eom: The consultation service should be free.
- Bernie Peets said that was originally proposed and Career Services bounced it back.
- Claudia Li said Career Services is under pressure because of the deficit.
- Ryan Corbett said the current $5 charge for consultations is a cost that either individual students would have to pay or the AMS could pay. He didn’t think a $5 charge would stand in anyone’s way and prevent them from getting a consultation. A low number seek consultations in any case.
- Charmaine Ma asked if the fee is a penalty for no-shows so that counsellors don’t waste their time.
- Claudia Li: That’s what they say the fee is for and also that they’d be swamped if it was free.

7. MOVED CHARMAINE MA, SECONDED MATTHEW HALL:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:

‘UBC Career Services agrees to:

Old third bullet to read:
• Provide resume consultations and job search advice through existing services (e.g., drop-ins and individual consultations) at either no charge or, if necessary, a penalty minimal fee for ‘no shows’.” to allow for the greatest number of students to benefit from this service.”

- Omar Sirri: But the current fee is for no-shows.
- Stephanie Ryan: Why would someone who doesn’t show up pay a penalty fee?
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: This seems to be an attempt to effect a change in University policy, but the AMS has zero leverage here. This is not the way to make that change. They’ll just say No.

8. MOVED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED CHARMAINE MA, SECONDED MATTHEW HALL:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:

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... Carried

10. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That the AMS Joblink and UBC Career Services agreement be amended by amending the old third bullet to read:

‘UBC Career Services agrees to:

Old third bullet to read:

• Provide resume consultations and job search advice through existing services (e.g., drop-ins and individual consultations) at either no charge or, if necessary, a penalty minimal fee to allow for the greatest number of students to benefit from this service.’”

... Defeated

11. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the agreement between AMS JobLink and UBC Career Services concerning the responsibility for part-time job postings, as amended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
E) Executive Reports:

Sarah Naiman - VP Administration
- YouBC Video contest is going really well, I am really happy with it.
- Student Leadership Conference – I will be looking for a councilor to sit on that committee.
- Aquatic Centre – it was a little crazy but I was extremely happy to see so many students taking action. We are meeting again on the 26th.
- Art Gallery – there were some problems getting the Roy Arden but other than that, the permanent collection show was fantastic.
- Vice Chairs – my new Co-Vice-Chairs are Aliyah Shamsher and Dee Dee Lapper.
- SUB Renew – really exciting!
- Renos – look out for Pit renos in the future.
- Bookable Boards – they are going to be up this coming week.

Shagufta Pasta - Executive Coordinator, Student Services
- After tonight I will officially be ECSS for 2 weeks, and it’s been a very busy time so far, getting accustomed to the multiple components of the position.
- Went to the bi-annual meeting of Brian Sullivan’s Informal Learning Space Committee, and discussed funding projects for the upcoming year, as well as the year to follow.
- There was also an E-Learning Open House that I attended in conjunction of LEAP. It was great to see the positive response from different campus units about the strong role of the AMS in this great project.
- Orientations interviews have also been going on, and I’ve been sitting in the committee to interview UBC Orientations candidates for the upcoming summer. In addition, I’ve started to post the job descriptions for Coordinators for the different Services. A few positions are out so far, but in the next week or so many more Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator positions will be posted. Please let great students know about these positions, because fabulous people means a fabulous year for the Services

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

University Athletics Council
As promised, the UAC has provided us with the proposed reductions for user fees. Paramjit circulated this schedule to all of you for your own information. The schedule has a specific breakdown of user fee reductions for each specific component of the Rec Intramural League Sports. These reductions should take initial effect in April, with more complete reductions set for September. I will be sure to pass any more information from the UAC regarding user fee reductions along to all of Council as soon as it’s in my hands.

AMS Budget
I have been meeting with the Service Coordinators to make sure they have been following their budgets and to get a sense of what their budgets will look like for the coming year. So far, I have met with Advocacy, Safewalk, and Joblink, and they are all under budget.

Whistler Orientation Weekend
WOW has been scheduled this year for Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6, so please mark your calendars! Sarah and I will be organizing the event this year and are very interested in getting feedback from Councilors who attended last year. We also would like to have outgoing (or returning) Councilors get even more involved by giving talks on specific Council-related issues such as Committees, how to be a good Councilor, etc. Please let either myself or Sarah know after Council or by email if you have any suggestions or would like to get involved in the planning for
Finance Commission: Funds Update

At the past two FinCom meetings, we approved several funds for clubs, constituencies, and individual UBC students for some truly impressive projects. From the Student Initiatives Fund, we awarded a $250 grant to fourth-year Arts student Meagan Louie to represent UBC at a McGill University Linguistics Conference as well as another $250 grant to fourth-year Political Science student Madeleine Lyons to attend the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre Model Mission in Ottawa, ON. Both students are the only representatives from UBC attending these conferences, and should be commended for their respective achievements.

From the Clubs Benefit Fund, we awarded a $190 grant to the Association of Canadian Archivists to fund a student-run workshop on the Privacy of Information Act; this workshop had previously been offered by their faculty (SLAIS) but was cancelled due to a lack of funding. FinCom also awarded a $445 grant to the UBC Equestrian Team to fund attendance at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Championships in Pomona, CA.

From the Constituency Aid Fund, we awarded $2,516.10 to the Arts Undergraduate Society on behalf of the International Relations Student Association (IRSA) to help fund last weekend’s hugely successful “Failing, Failed, and Fragile States” Conference.

So far this year, FinCom has awarded eleven (11) Student Initiative Fund grants, eleven (11) Clubs Benefit Fund grants, and three (3) Constituency Aid grants. Please help to improve the accessibility and awareness of these funds by encouraging your constituents and clubs to apply. Applications are available outside the FinCom office (room 238F) and online at www.ams.ubc.ca/funds.

Frozen Club Accounts

FinCom has made a really concerted effort this year to ensure that AMS policies are very clear to clubs and constituencies so that they can abide by them and enjoy all of the benefits that being an AMS subsidiary entails. This was also a way for us to weed out the clubs that haven’t been abiding by these policies and are now inactive – a drain on the administrative resources of our office staff and SAC and FinCom commissioners. From the start of the school year, we set clear deadlines and were very pleased with the level of cooperation. We communicated information about clubs who had missed deadlines through emails, posted information on our bulletin board, and through ads in the Ubyssey, which was particularly effective. In November, we froze the accounts of all the clubs who hadn’t yet fixed the problems (i.e. submitted a budget, taken a Treasurer’s Orientation to access their accounts, etc.) and posted that information. In that time, we have had several clubs come in and get their accounts in order. However, there were still approximately forty-eight (48) clubs who had not responded to the posting as of two weeks ago. Emily Lapper ran an ad in the Ubyssey, which received moderate success in reaching out to the clubs that were M.I.A. The bulk of the remaining clubs have been frozen and inactive for at least two years so we have no contact information that is up to date.

So…FinCom and SAC have done some internal house-keeping of clubs. Upon FinCom’s recommendation, SAC deconstituted forty-five (45) clubs at their meeting last Monday. This resulted in approximately $6,000 being redirected to the Clubs Benefit Fund (as per Code), money which will go towards club initiatives through this fund.

Some of the clubs were constituted only last year, so we suspect poor communication as one club exec transitioned to the next. Fincom is working on communicating with current club Treasurers to ensure a smooth transition as elections take place, and especially over the summer when full
changeover occurs for many clubs.

Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs

▶ Does anyone want to go to the AV Equipment Committee meeting? I can’t go, and it would be good to have a student there. It's happening this Friday, March 16 – 3:30-4:30.

Board of Governors Meeting:

▶ I presented to the Board of Governors on Wednesday, March 14 regarding the AMS’ position on the tuition and budget proposals. We had three points: First, that the real tuition increase is greater than 2% if you include all the service and overhead fee increases; secondly, the academic quality will continue to decline due to the budget proposal if not adequately addressed; and lastly that international students are being bled of all their money. The Board passed both the budget and tuition proposals, but an AMS presentation to BoG is rare and symbolically important.

Just Desserts:

▶ The ceremony is March 29, 2007 at 7:30 pm in Cecil Green. If you haven’t handed in your nominations yet you have until tomorrow morning at the absolute latest. Sorry that you weren’t given more time to decide, but its an awkward time of year, and I promise that more work will be done earlier next year.

Campus Plan:

▶ I went to two events: the World Café event and a Focus Group. They were interesting, some student representation. I encourage you to participate in the online consultation that Nancy was talking about (www.campusplan.ubc.ca).

▶ Come to my office, visit, lets chat! My office hours are Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9-10, and Tuesdays/Thursdays from 11-12.

F) Committee Reports:

Compensation Review Committee Report

▶ Brendon Goodmurphy said there would be a report at the next meeting.

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering – Ryan Clare – Referendum coming to finance new building. Charity event coming up to raise money for cystic fibrosis.

Commerce – Conor Topley – A roundtable conference of Commerce undergraduate societies took place in Halifax. They are hiring an HR director.

Science – Michael Duncan – Elections.

Education – Craig Wrotniak – Students away on practicum.

Regent College _ Tim Cairns – Bowla-lua: bowling in beach wear.

Law – Chris Little – Trike race coming up.
SLAIS – Matthew Hall – Career fair was useful.

GSS – Darren Peets – New president elected.

Arts – Stephanie Ryan – Arts County Fair April 12.

L) Committee Motions:

12. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“Whereas the AMS Council struck an Ad-Hoc Committee to review remuneration for the position of Executive Coordinator, Student Services; and

Whereas the Committee recognized the discrepancy in compensation between the ECSS and the elected AMS Executive; and

Whereas the Committee recognized the importance of responsibility difference between the elected AMS Executive and the hired ECSS; and

Whereas the Committee recognized the amount of work expected from the ECSS and the elected AMS Executive are virtually the same,

Therefore be it resolved that the ECSS be eligible to receive a bonus of up to 5% of the position’s salary, administered at the discretion of the elected AMS Executive, decided upon at the end of the AMS Executive term and awarded at the conclusion of the ECSS term.

13. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED GINA EOM, RYAN CLARE:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED DAVID YUEN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That motion #12 be referred back to the Committee.” ... Carried

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

Lauren Hunter:
› Big fight at BoG committee on housing; will continue at full board.
› Plans for University Boulevard are looking better.

Omar Sirri:
› SUB is one building being considered for fixing up through UBC Renew 2.
› Corporate strategic alliance guidelines passed.

Gina Eom - Senate:
› Last Senate meeting on March 28th, 2007.
› The Library Committee will meet in April.
I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

15. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED CHARMAINE MA:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated February 28, 2007 as amended [SCD 027-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 25, 2006 [SCD 028-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 2, 2006 [SCD 029-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 11, 2006 [SCD 030-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 16, 2006 [SCD 031-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 12, 2007 [SCD 032-08]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

16. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED GINA EOM:

Exam Hardship Policy

“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;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council support initiatives for exam schedule and policy reform, including amending the exam hardship definition from “3 or more exams in a 24-hour period” to “3 or more exams in a 36-hour period.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brendon Goodmurphy: This a renewal of a policy from three years ago that has just expired.
- Gina Eom: Three years ago the Student Senate Caucus brought this demand to Senate, and Council passed a policy supporting it, saying the definition of exam hardship should be expanded to mean having to do three exams within 36 hours. Lately at Senate she’s focused on getting the Registrar to ensure there are four days between the end of classes and the beginning of exams, but the 36-hour demand is still a good one to make.
- Chris Little asked about altering the policy to reflect new aims.
- Gina Eom: The biggest impediment is still the 24 hours for exam hardship. A student with two exams in one day could be required to sit a third exam at 8 am the next day; that would be a hardship, but it wouldn’t be considered one with the 24-hour rule. She didn’t want the University to be able to divert attention from this issue.
- Charmaine Ma asked if all faculties had been consulted about this policy. It might actually
mess up some faculties and force the exam period to be extended.

- Gina Eom: Three years ago we approached all the undergraduate societies. They all supported this policy, though Pharmacy did let us know of their special circumstances. They could be accommodated.
- Ryan Clare asked about logistics. Would a student with three exams within 36 hours have to make a request?
- Gina Eom: They would have to ask to have one of the exams moved to a day when no exams are scheduled.
- Darren Peets: It might then be difficult to keep the exam schedule within the same length of time; it might have to be longer, extending into summer.

17. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

18. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That motion #16 be amended by adding a further resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that Council support the rights of students to waive their rights for exam hardship rescheduling’.”

- Charmaine Ma said many professors have difficulty setting alternative exams because there are limited question pools.
- Dave Tompkins said there are already policies that allow alternative exams in cases of sickness etc.
- Omar Sirri said the amendment just does what the policy already does.

19. MOVED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

20. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That motion #16 be amended by adding a further resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that Council support the rights of students to waive their rights for exam hardship rescheduling’.” ... Defeated

- Brendon Goodmurphy: This policy would give us the ability to go to Senate and say we support this idea. The logistics would have to be worked out.
- Brittany Tyson: We’re not telling the University not to schedule three exams in 36 hours; we’re just asking that a student who has three scheduled in 36 hours be given the right to appeal.
21. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED GINA EOM:

**Exam Hardship Policy**

"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;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council support initiatives for exam schedule and policy reform, including amending the exam hardship definition from “3 or more exams in a 24-hour period” to “3 or more exams in a 36-hour period.”"

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Charmaine Ma - abstained ... Carried

22. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

**Third Party Negotiations**

"Whereas the Alma Mater Society (AMS) is an autonomous entity in law created under the authority of the Society Act; and

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

- Omar Sirri said this policy is highly relevant, given the strategic guidelines just passed at the Board of Governors committee.
- Erin Rennie said the policy was too weak.
23. MOVED ERIN RENNIE:

“That motion #22 be amended by striking ‘encourage’ in the resolution and replacing with ‘urge’.”

... Carried

24. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

Third Party Negotiations

“Thereas the Alma Mater Society (AMS) is an autonomous entity in law created under the authority of the Society Act; and

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 urge 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

25. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI: [SCD 033-008]

“Be it resolved that the Code article concerning Associate Vice-Presidents, which was added to the Code of Procedure on March 22, 2006 on a provisional basis for a one-year period expiring March 22, 2007, be continued as an article of Code indefinitely.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brendon Goodmurphy: Over the years VP Academics have looked into how effectively the University Commission has functioned; there are issues about both Ucom and Xcom. There were proposals from a couple of years to introduce Associate Vice-Presidents, and this was introduced on a provisional basis last year. Last year’s VP Academic liked it, and he also likes it, so he would like to make Associate Vice-Presidents permanent.

26. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“Be it resolved that the Code article concerning Associate Vice-Presidents, which was added to the Code of Procedure on March 22, 2006 on a provisional basis for a one-year period expiring March 22, 2007, be continued as an article of Code indefinitely.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

... Carried
27. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED JASON PENNER: [SCD 034-008]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Oversight Committee’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Little: Originally the Oversight Committee was part of the grand plan of Committee Reform dating back to the days of Spencer Keys. Last year, due to paltry attendance at the Code and Policies Committee, things didn’t go as planned, and the reform plan didn’t make it to Council. This part of the plan, though, was considered paramount, so here it is.

- Darren Peets: Under the Bylaws, isn’t the President a member of all committees? How could this committee carry out its mandate of overseeing the President if the President insisted on being present?

- Chris Little: If the President insisted, the committee would just do its work with the President there.

- Brendon Goodmurphy said the Executive was supportive of this idea, but would like an addition made to provide guidelines and criteria for evaluation to make things clearer and help the committee in its work.

28. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Oversight Committee’ be amended by adding a new 4b to read:

‘(b) develop a set of evaluation criteria to guide the interview teams and the Executives being reviewed during the review process.’”

... Carried

- Sarah Naiman asked about including the Executive Coordinator of Student Services (ECSS) as one of the people being overseen by this committee. The ECSS already reports to the President.

- Chris Little: The Code and Policies Committee did discuss this issue of who should be the subject of oversight. If the ECSS is treated as being on par with the Executive, then it is appropriate to include them here and relieve the President of that responsibility.

- Mariana Payet: The ECSS receives very little supervision in general.

29. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

“That report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Oversight Committee’ be amended by adding the following:

4(b) respond to, investigate, and if it so deems necessary by resolution report to Council ‘or the Executive as appropriate’ .......”

- Omar Sirri: Adding “or the Executive” and allowing the Executive to oversee defeats the whole purpose of the Oversight Committee.

30. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

“That report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Oversight Committee’ be amended by adding the following:
4(b) respond to, investigate, and if it so deems necessary by resolution report to Council ‘or the Executive as appropriate’ .....” ... Defeated

- Brendon Goodmurphy: If a person has two bosses with two different views of their job, they can get mixed messages. The ECSS reports to the President after being hired by the Executive.
- Bernie Peets: The committee that advises on the hiring of the ECSS consists of members of the Executive. The final hiring is up to the General Manager. The others on the list of those to be overseen by the Oversight Committee, unlike the ECSS, all report to Council.
- Chris Little said there seemed to be parallels between the ECSS and the others.

31. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Oversight Committee’ be amended by striking all references to ECSS.”

- Gina Eom: Service Coordinators have little connection with AMS Council. They would see this as an opportunity for the Services to be closer to Council.
- Chris Little: It’s not a witch hunt provision. Is the ECSS reporting structure fine? Or could it be better?
- Shagufta Pasta: Part of the job of the ECSS is to liaise with Council and the Service Coordinators. It’s the ECSS that campaigns at Council for the Coordinators.
- Brendon Goodmurphy expressed concern over Council overseeing the ECSS. Imagine if your job is to oversee ten services and then imagine someone looking over your shoulder.

32. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Oversight Committee’ be amended by striking all references to ECSS.” ... Carried

- Maayan Kreitzman asked why there were no at large members on the committee.
- Chris Little: Because students at large are not going to know what the Executive does. Those not on Council would not have the same interest, and it will be a time intensive committee, with positions probably going to senior members of Council with the greatest knowledge of the AMS. At large members are also somewhat less reliable for showing up.
- Maayan Kreitzman: People not associated with Council might be more appropriate for this job of oversight than the high levels of Council. They would bring a different perspective.
- Omar Sirri: This is a Council oversight committee. We’re elected to represent members at large. The knowledge issue is key. It’s crucial that the committee be made up of those who understand the role of the Executive. With members at large, the knowledge of the job is not there.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Council’s my boss. They’re elected to perform that role. He’d feel less comfortable with non-elected people doing that.
- Alex Lougheed: This is ultimately Council’s duty which they are delegating to a smaller group that can manage it.

33. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Oversight Committee’ as amended and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
34. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED TIM CAIRNS:  

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Councillor of the Year’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Little: This new section of Code allows the Executive to name a Councillor of the Year each year, but doesn’t require them to do so if there’s no one truly outstanding one year. The Executive can also provide a gift for the Councillor of the Year, but the Code and Policies Committee didn’t want to specify this, so left it to the Executive’s discretion.
- Sarah Naiman asked where the money for the gift would come from.
- Chris Little said in the past the gift has simply been a bottle of wine that the President had in his possession. Money could come from the Executive Committee’s budget.

35. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Councillor of the Year be amended as follows:

2. The Councillor of the Year title may be bestowed on any member of Council, voting or non-voting, other than members of the Executive, the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, the Speaker, and the Ombudsperson.’"

... Carried

- Dave Tompkins, the Speaker, said he would be annoyed if he were eligible for the award but didn’t get it.

36. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED TIM CAIRNS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Councillor of the Year’ as amended and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

37. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 13, 2007 [SCD 036-008]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 27, 2007 [SCD 037-008]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:
P) Discussion Period:

UBC Ombudsperson - Lauren Hunter/Joshua Caulkins

- Josh Caulkins reviewed the history of the Ombudsperson issue, making the following points:
  - There have been efforts over the years to establish a University Ombudsperson position.
  - Recently negotiations have been going on since October and are at a critical stage.
  - UBC is suffering a budget crunch.
  - Various funding models have been examined.
  - Other universities have full-time professional ombudspersons.

- He outlined three different funding options:
  1. a three-year start-up with funding provided by the AMS and the GSS for three years, and then with the University taking over all the funding;
  2. a two-year approach with the AMS and the GSS covering 30% of the costs for those two years and then going to a referendum or motion for approval to continue funding;
  3. ongoing funding from the AMS and the GSS.

- The first option would be less costly, but if funding stops from the AMS and GSS, then the University will probably not give students three members on the board overseeing the Ombudsperson.
- Lauren Hunter: We’re seeking feedback. Is Council willing to provide money? Ongoing funding? Or just for two or three years?
- Scott Bernstein asked about cost sharing.
- Josh Caulkins said none of the options go above 30%.
- Gina Eom asked what the $30,000 a year option amounted to in percentage terms.
- Josh Caulkins: One quarter.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked for examples of using the Ombudsperson.
- Josh Caulkins: The current AMS Ombudsperson handles academic issues. Students with difficulties come to the Ombudsperson for advice in solving problems. There is liaison with deans, professors, faculties. The AMS Ombudsoffice has done fantastic work, but there is unmet need. The AMS Ombudsoffice handles 100-150 cases; at McGill and U of T there are 400-500 cases. Disgruntled students are being missed.
- Lauren Hunter: A professional ombudsperson would be able to get in there with the deans. It’s difficult as a student to compel deans to provide information.
- Chris Little said the numbers were confusing; there was talk of $30,000 and also $50,000.
- Lauren Hunter: The anticipated first-year start-up cost is $150,000; the total cost would be $120,000 a year after that. We recognize the budget crunch. The question is, How far is AMS Council willing to go?
- Omar Sirri: Option 3 makes sense. It’s important to retain oversight.
- Josh Caulkins said there would be nine altogether on the oversight board.
- Omar Sirri said the AMS Executive Committee needs to look at the proposals.
- Darren Peets: If this is a negotiation with the University, should we not be doing this in camera? And should Lauren Hunter and Omar Sirri [the two student BoG reps] be here?
- Josh Caulkins: The University has already said what the range is.
37. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED CRIAG WROTNIAK:

"That the meeting be extended until 10:20 p.m. ... Carried

- Matthew Hall asked why the options spoke of both a referendum and a motion.
- Lauren Hunter: It provides wriggle room for us.
- Craig Wrotniak: Three seats out of nine on the oversight board is not a lot.
- Josh Caulkins: It would be three students, one representative of the Faculty Association, four administrators, and the President chairing. The three students and the faculty rep would balance the four administrators. There would only be a few instances where students would have to gang up.
- Craig Wrotniak referred to the situation in the Education faculty.
- Josh Caulkins: You guys are very special.
- Craig Wrotniak suggested having smaller offices, one for each faculty.
- Lauren Hunter: That would make it too variable, and who would represent you in a problem with the Board of Governors? This plan does not replace anyone not consulted.
- Brittany Tyson said she was not sure she was comfortable with the proposals without a more detailed budget, based on costs at other universities.
- Lauren Hunter: The costs are mainly for salaries.
- Josh Caulkins: To draw high quality applicants.
- Lauren Hunter: The current McGill ombudsperson has already expressed interest in the job here.
- Gina Eom: She trusted Lauren and Josh. This is highly overdue. You guys have gone a long way. It’s pertinent to keep seats on the oversight board. She wouldn’t do Option 1. The best would be Option 3. We’ve been spending that money anyway. She suggested a straw poll.
- Omar Sirri said he didn’t think he had enough information on the options. He didn’t think Council was ready for a straw poll. Council needed guidance, feedback from the AMS Executive.
- Lauren Hunter: A straw poll would be useful so we will know what to talk about.
- Omar Sirri: How can we vote if we don’t know the implications? We have not been informed. We need an Executive response.
- Josh Caulkins: What feels good? Tell us which of the options you like. It won’t be binding.
- Tristan Markle asked if there could still be student seats on the oversight board even if we only contribute start-up money.
- Lauren Hunter: That may happen, but it’s more likely if we say we plan to revisit the situation. Providing ongoing funding would legally guarantee the seats.

A straw poll was held, showing support for Option 3.

Q) Submissions:
- Letter to the Board of Governors re 2007/08 tuition increases [SCD 039-008]
- REC Intramural League Sports - fee reduction 2007/08 [SCD 040-008]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.
S)  Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

T)  Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy  
VP Academic and University Affairs

BG:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Colleen Tang (The Ubyssey), Eric Szeto (The Ubyssey), Raj Mathur (Music), Maayan Kreitzman, Claudia Li (Joblink), Ruth Situma (Volunteer Connections), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS 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.

1. MOVED LEAH SHAINHOUSE, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Speakeasy - Grace Gulati (Coordinator)

[SCD 041-008]

Grace Gulati reported on what Safewalk is and does, making the following points:

- Safewalk aims to empower volunteers as leaders.
- There’s a new On-Call Supervisor position, with less responsibility than a Team Leader but more than a volunteer; their job is to support the night shift volunteers.
- They’ve created new pamphlets this year and introduced new training.
- This year they expanded to provide 24-hour service, with the following results:
  - the nightline was under-utilized because it was not well enough publicized; more energy went into setting it up than into promoting it;
  - there should be more promotion, perhaps a promotions intern;
  - perhaps the service should not be open 24 hours;
  - the service did receive some serious late night calls and handled them well;
  - there’s a burnout problem for the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator which could perhaps be dealt with by having volunteers help more with administrative duties.

Questions:
- Brittany Tyson asked if Speakeasy had used the Promotions Department.
- Grace Gulati said they did, but there was a need to get the word out quicker.
- Gary Andraza asked about making the 24-hour service permanent.
- Grace Gulati said the groundwork had been successfully laid.
- Charmaine Ma said students didn’t know what number to call. She suggested using magnets and key chains as promotional tools.
- Grace Gulati said key chains are already a major promotional item.
- Bowinn Ma asked about the large number of calls in September.
- Grace Gulati said that was because of the influx of new students who don’t yet know their way around campus and are looking for places.
- Bowinn Ma suggested distributing pamphlets in the Engineering frosh kits.
- Grace Gulati said that could be done.
- Stephanie Ryan suggested distributing pamphlets to residence advisers.
- Matthew Hall said that in the UK such services are advertised in washrooms.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner asked what the breakdown was between those asking for simple directions and those seeking counselling.
- Grace Gulati pointed to the numbers for counselling, but noted that some say the meat of the service is providing directions. Speakeasy does both.

AMS MiniSchool - Alan Wiebe (Coordinator) [SCD 042-008]

Alan Wiebe reported on Mini School, making the following points:

- This year there was a new logo, a new registration form, new courses, and a new feedback system.
- A survey of students showed satisfaction with both courses and instructors (4.21 and 4.47 out of 5 respectively).
- 94% of students said they would take another Mini School course.
- 84% of those attending were UBC students.
- 76% were between the ages of 18 and 24.
- 29% lived on campus.
- 32% commuted from further away than 30 minutes.
- Students heard of the courses through the website (32%), word of mouth (26%), posters (18%), and facebook (5%).
- There was only a 56% participation rate in the summer, rising to 84% in the fall and 87% in the winter.
- 60% of fee revenue went to pay instructors.
- This year produced the highest fee revenue ever, after a dip the previous year.
- Staff honorariums were increasing, so costs were up.
- In some years Mini School has even made money, e.g., in 2003, but costs were lower that year.
- They are looking to new courses in voice, public speaking, and container gardening.

Questions:
- Nadia Chana suggested voice majors from the School of Music could be hired.
- Alan Wiebe said a lot of course ideas come from potential instructors, so in this case there is already a potential instructor for voice, but he would love to give jobs to UBC students.
- Ruth Situma suggested that the wine-tasting course incorporate some French culture.
- Alan Wiebe said some of that is done.
- Sam Heppell asked about pussycat dawls.
- Alan Wiebe said that was something recommended by one instructor. It relates to the cardio striptease course. There’s no nudity or removal of clothing, but it includes props.
- Sam Heppell asked for more details on the surplus in 2003-04 and why the deficit spiked after that. It could not have been just from honorariums.
- Alan Wiebe said in 2005-06 staff honorariums rose, but also not enough promotion was done.
- Sam Heppell asked about a timeline to get back to breaking even.
- Alan Wiebe: By next year revenue should come close to full cost recovery.

AMS Volunteer Connections - Ruth Situma (Coordinator), Marlisse Silver Sweeney [SCD 043-008]

Ruth Situma and Marlisse Silver-Sweeney reviewed the past year at Volunteer Connections, making the following points:

- They’re looking ahead to the changes in the office.
Their emphasis is on free service and providing volunteers to the Constituencies.
VEX, an offshoot of the Service, runs workshops and events.
There were two fairs, one for local and one for international opportunities.
They suggested continuing outreach to non-profit organizations, increasing visibility on the website and in the University community.
With JobLink shutting down, the internship program will be returning to Volunteer Connections.
They will be emphasizing filling internal AMS positions.
The end of JobLink will save the cost of the JobLink Coordinator.
They plan to change the name of Volunteer Connections.

Jeff Friedrich added some points:

- The mandate of the new expanded office will be to use volunteers better in the AMS.
- Currently people ask how to get involved at the AMS, but often no one knows what to tell them; we don’t know what’s going on at the Resource Groups or the Commissions.
- This could be the first stop for internal volunteers and yet still a place for external volunteer positions.
- Currently, we’re not good at recruiting for at large positions on committees, but by vesting an office with responsibility for this sort of thing, the situation may improve.
- Western uses this model.
- Code amendments will be coming to create the new merged office.

- Ruth Situma mentioned possible names for the new Service: AMS Connections, AMS Connect, Opportunities Office.
- Jeff Friedrich said AMS Connect is the current favourite.
- Peter Rizov said there is already a UBC Connect for high school students.

D) President’s Remarks:

- Welcome to new councillors. Congrats to those who emerged victorious from their elections. See Sheldon for Council Handbook. Feel free to stop by and ask any of us questions regarding committees, duties, etc.
- We are also happy to welcome Kim Ali Fraser Henry (Alison) as the new AMS Communications Manager. Immediate projects include: Communications strategy, rebranding, and website.
- A lot of work on Volunteer Connections/Joblink proposal and Ombuds proposal.
- Funds- President’s Fund creation will help link strategic priorities of exec team to budgeting process. The fund will also benefit from generous estate donation.
- Jaspreet- Pass/Fail/D motion good reception at committee of deans.
- Aquatic Centre- thanks to Sarah, James, Mike and Steph.
- and finally... Just Desserts is tomorrow - please come. Bernie Peets, our distinguished General Manager, is up for his award tomorrow night and we look forward to saying lots of warm and gushy things about him. Thanks to Brendon for his work in putting this together.
E) Executive Reports:

Sarah Naiman - VP Administration

- YouBC Video Contest party this Friday at the Pit.
- SAC commissioner changes and positions are up.
- SAC Wyne and Cheese – April 4th 12-2 in the partyroom – please bring photos for the slideshow.
- SUB Renewal – consultation companies have started to present to us.
- Aquatic Centre – we win!
- Club Lunch on Friday with Brittany – we are meeting our oldest club prezzies.
- Events Calendar - [www.ams.ubc.ca/calendar](http://www.ams.ubc.ca/calendar)
- WHISTLERRR May 4! COME OR DIE.

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

AMS Budget:
Budget timeline has been set.

Finance Commission: Funds Update:
From the Student Initiatives Fund, we awarded a $250 grant to fourth-year Arts student Andrea Loewen for volunteer work at a community-run school in Zambia, Africa. Again, please help to improve the accessibility and awareness of these funds by encouraging your constituents and clubs to apply. Applications are available outside the FinCom office (room 238F) and online at [www.ams.ubc.ca/funds](http://www.ams.ubc.ca/funds).

Finance Commission: Projects:
Emily Lapper is working on the new Treasurer’s Handbook, which is looking to be more user-friendly and comprehensive in terms of getting relevant information out to clubs. Any suggestions from your Constituency’s signing officers would be welcomed.

Anna Yeh, our Business Operations Commissioner has been doing quite a bit of hard work on the AMS Food website ([www.ams.ubc.ca/food](http://www.ams.ubc.ca/food)). Menus for our food outlets will be online, along with a map of the upper and lower levels of the SUB to find where each outlet is located.

Jasper Lin, the Special Projects Commissioner, is developing an evaluation form for the AMS Secret Shopper Program which we hope to get underway very soon.

Stanley Yeh, the Financial Aid Commissioner, is working on his second Financial Awareness Campaign, which will be launched during the second-last week of classes. The first campaign focused on smart credit card management and used educational promo material that looked like credit cards. This campaign will centre on student loans and scholarships, and will use mock cheques as promo material.

Vice-Chair and Commissioner positions up later this week. Tell you constituents and friends to apply!

Business Operations Committee:
Michael Kingsmill gave us an update on proposed renovations to PieR², so also expect an update sometime soon.
SA Link:
Sarah and I have been looking into a data management system for SAC, FinCom, and our clubs and constituencies. This program is called SA Link and is very exciting. Expect an update over the next few meetings.

Whistler Orientation Weekend:
Reminder and update for new Councilors that WOW will take place Friday, May 4th until Sunday May 6th. Again, if anyone is interested in helping out with the planning, please get in touch with Sarah or myself.

Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs

Child Care:
Child daycare on campus is facing a crisis right now with a waiting list of almost 1300. I attended the Parent’s Council meeting last week, which was good to get a sense of what the issues are, and what they are working on. As some of you know, we committed $1 million over ten years to build new spaces, and we’re just waiting on more concrete figures from the province and the University. Otherwise I had a strategy meeting with the VPs Advocacy on the Parent’s Council, and they had some really good suggestions – one of which is just connecting with student parents better and possibly doing a survey. If anyone is interested in getting more involved in child care issues, please let me know as there will be some projects I could use help on.

Hiring:
My Associate VP position is up, if you know anyone who is interested, direct them to Careeronline. We are also beginning the process of hiring the Elections Administrator, the Safety Coordinator and the Ombudsperson.

Main Campus Plan:
If you remember Nancy Knight came last Council to talk about how that process is going. Please, please, please go to www.campusplan.ubc.ca and give feedback on the policy recommendations. This is how we get our concerns heard!

Submission:
Please read my submissions. One is a letter to Nancy Gallini (Dean of Arts) regarding student complaints about grades that were posted months past the acceptable date. The other is a letter to the Board of Governors regarding mandatory retirement and professional review for post-tenured profs.

Just Desserts:
Ceremony is tomorrow night, I hope you’re coming! Thanks for submitting your nominations, especially given the tight timeframe.

Next Council Meeting:
Is next Wednesday, April 4, and then we won’t have one until May. We will be doing all the appointments to committees. I sent out a description of all the committees, so have a read before next week and get an idea of what committees you want to sit on. You have to sit on 2-4 committees.

Shagufta Pasta - Executive Coordinator, Student Services
▶ It has been an exciting few weeks in the Services and hiring for all the new Service Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators is still underway. If you know anyone that would
make a great Service Coordinator, please do let them know about the exciting opportunities that are available right now. The Services are strong because of the strong people that contribute to them, and your help in getting the word out is appreciated.

- I’ve also been sitting down for one-on-one chats with all the outgoing Service Coordinators to find out their thoughts on the strengths/weaknesses of their Service, as well as opportunities for the year ahead. I’m especially interested in how the ECSS can best support them in their efforts. So far these discussions have been extremely valuable, and I look forward to incorporating their feedback in the year ahead.

- Along with meeting with Coordinators, I’ve started to plan for the Summer Orientation for the incoming Coordinators in May. This is intended to get new Coordinators orientated to the AMS and equipped with the necessary information to be effective coordinators. Any feedback on this orientation training would be appreciated.

- Also, First Step preparations are underway for this summer. For those who aren’t familiar, First Step is a program that runs for the last three weeks of August to welcome new students to UBC with a no-charge, half-day tour of campus before school starts. I’m quite excited to work with Steve Ng from Orientations to get this program up and running once again this year.

- Volunteer Connections has been going through an expansion plan, and I’ve been working on the structure of the new office with other committee members. I’m really excited about the potential of this project to become the place AMS groups go to get volunteers, and can’t wait to see where this project goes this year.

- Last week was also Realities of Race, and there were a lot of great events during the entire week. I hope Council managed to support this important work.

Matthew Naylor - VP External

CASA
As you know, last meeting I was in New Brunswick, where the CASA AGM was taking place. A number of things happened at that AGM, not the least of which was us winning the annual Policy and Strategy Conference, which will be coming here to UBC from June 6th to 10th. In other news from CASA, there is a potential vote to leave CASA that will be taking place in the near future at Lethbridge, and I will continue to inform Council on this.

SFU Elections
SFU election results came out last Friday, and I would like to congratulate my counterparts over at the Simon Fraser Student Society on their election or reelection. Additionally, I would like to inform Council that the SFSS voted overwhelmingly to leave the Canadian Federation of Students, and that the graduate students from SFU have voted to leave the SFSS (and, by extension, the CFS), and constitute themselves as a completely separate society.

Summer U-Pass
The summer U-Pass letter has been finalized, and will be sent out in the near future. We will be offering the U-Pass to anyone who is taking summer courses, and all grad students, but they will have the opportunity to opt-out of the Summer Pass if their courses total less than five weeks. Please take one of these informational posters and post it in a prominent place around your faculty. It is very important that this information is distributed.

Ad-hoc Lobbying Review
The Ad-Hoc Lobbying Review Committee met today, and we discussed a number of things that will be coming to Council next week, including a potential threat to our civil liberties. Additionally, we
will be doing a complete audit of our policies regarding Policy 72, and reporting back to Council
about that in the near future.

**Global Youth Assembly**
There is apparently a Global Youth Assembly where youth leaders from around the world will be
meeting in beautiful Edmonton in August. If you are interested, or think someone you know may
be interested, please take a poster or see me. You, by registering, have the chance to win an iPod.

**SUS Auction**
Just for the record, I would like to state that I actually went for the least amount of money at the
SUS Labour Market, but at least I participated.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**Committee Reports**

*Compensation Review - Jeff Friedrich: [SCD-044-008]*

- Last year questions were raised about the process of compensation review.
- There’s a lack of an underlying framework for evaluating compensation, no payscale
  system to evaluate jobs objectively.
- Usually the committee looks at past years and comparable positions, but without developing
  any logic or rationale.
- Also, the compensation review has been done at the same time as hiring, which causes
difficulties.
- Last year, after presenting the numbers, he told Council there would be a more in-depth
  investigation of rubrics etc. for this year; that’s why he, as last year’s Comp Review chair,
is presenting now; this is from last year.
- Some Commerce students were taken on to do a survey of positions last summer, but the
data was incomplete and so really it was back to square one.
- There are a few specific issues:
  - a need to pay the Advocate more because it’s difficult to retain Advocates;
  - alternative forms of compensation, paying through food vouchers, T-shirts, etc.
  - however, there was tension among the Commissioners over the alternative forms
    of compensation; they thought that would be in addition to their honorariums, not
    in lieu of them;
  - there’s a new Food Bank Coordinator and uncertainty over the number for them;
  - compensation for committee chairs;
  - Service Coordinators are paid all the same even though the Safewalk Coordinator
    oversees 300 students and others have different duties;
  - a few years ago the Service Coordinators came to us and said they should all be
    paid the same, but now there’s talk of whether to differentiate for next year.
- Compensation numbers for the positions are generally unchanged this year.
- A lot of work has been done, but the report is not really complete.
- He will try to come back to Council next meeting.
- His general recommendation is that reporting should be done in the fall.

- Brittany Tyson asked about surveying the Coordinators.
- Jeff Friedrich said they did try to reach out to the previous year’s Coordinators;
  there was a low response rate.
- Tristan Markle asked about employees in the businesses.
Jeff Friedrich said the mandate of the committee is for those appointed or elected, those appointed by Council or reporting to Council however indirectly, not for the businesses. But if there are concerns about compensation for employees, they can be brought to the Business Operations Committee.

**Voter Funded Media (VFM)** - Matthew Naylor:

- This is the final report on the contest.
- The aim of VFM was to inform voters, encourage the creation of new media, and increase voter turnout.
- It worked well, but the Elections Committee had to do a lot of interpreting of the broad rules.
- Some wondered why the Elections Insider did not do well in the contest despite its extensive coverage of the elections; it was suggested that it was too inside and didn’t have the reader base.
- The Duncan-Kearney entry was the opposite; it had no content but big name recognition.
- It would be great if there could be big promotion and good content.
- One complaint was that VFM took up a lot of candidates’ time.
  - A way to deal with that might be to let media outlets share their material.
- The issue of de facto slates was raised; slates could in fact come back into existence unofficially through VFM; the VFM guidelines thus need to be considered; or Council may want to revisit the slate ban.
- Overall VFM did inform voters; it increased the amount of information and encouraged new media, but it did not increase voter turnout, probably because it did not begin soon enough.
- There is still a year’s funding available from Mark Latham, and the committee thinks VFM should continue.
- Perhaps there could be ongoing sponsorship, perhaps from Coke [laughter].
- Recommendations:
  - hire the VFM administrator earlier
  - create more definite rules
  - launch the contest in September
  - hire the Elections Committee earlier (April or May)
  - allow candidates to declare their interest in mid-November and conduct a non-public campaign beginning then.

**Questions**

- Sarah Naiman: Why November?
- Matthew Naylor: That would allow people to talk to the media before exams and give the media outlets time to expand their reader base.
- Peter Rizov asked why hiring the Elections Committee earlier would help. It might discourage those who don’t know what they’ll be doing at election time.
- Matthew Naylor said hiring them earlier would avoid what happened this year, having to appoint people retroactively.
- Michael Duncan said people may not know they’re going to run till later.
- Matthew Naylor said he hoped the media outlets would report on more than the elections.
- Sam Heppell asked about timelines and about the fact that almost everyone got money. He said the contest was not promoted enough to get outside voices. It became a way for insiders to make $200.
- Stephanie Ryan said she would like to see more widespread advertising, but with an entrance fee to screen out contestants who were just out for the money and to restrict numbers to a more manageable level.
- Ryan Corbett said the contest did not affect voter turnout, and candidates felt it impinged
on traditional campaign time. Was the committee satisfied with the contest? He noted that
the winner was a satirical newspaper (the Underground).
- Matthew Naylor: Some found the Underground useful. He’d like to see earlier registration
and a more diverse array of media.
- Stephanie Ryan said pre-existing name recognition had a disproportionate effect this year.
That’s why there were eight prizes, so smaller candidates could win too. It will be different
if it is for a longer period.
- Ryan Corbett said that would just draw things out and not encourage more involvement.
- Maayan Kreitzman said it was contradictory to try to limit the number of contestants and
give so many prizes.
- Matthew Naylor said the aim is not to restrict people more than by asking, Are you willing
to spend $100 and willing to establish yourself as a media source?
- Maayan Kreitzman said giving fewer prizes would be a better way to restrict numbers.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said he was skeptical about ongoing funding and sponsorship.
- Brittany Tyson: VFM decreased voter turnout. Candidates didn’t have time to go out and
campaign.
- Matthew Naylor said he didn’t share that opinion.
- Jeff Friedrich said there were no recommendations attached to the report. It was up to
Council to take action to establish a new committee.
- Matthew Naylor said they were not asking for approval now, but in future they would
probably bring up new Code amendments. The old ones have expired.
- Omar Sirri: The onus is on candidates to judge what is an effective form of campaigning.
They could concentrate more on handbilling.
- Peter Rizov: If it starts earlier, there will be a bias towards websites. It costs a lot to put out
a paper. A paper can be effective, but in November it would be hard to accumulate data
before spending money on putting out a paper.

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Stephanie Ryan – Elections underway. Arts County Fair April 12.

GSS – Lauren Hunter – Pub now open. Money now in hand for scholarships.


Science – Michael Duncan – Dealing with donors. Planning a frosh for the beginning of
next year.

Education – Craig Wrotniak – Run for Education this weekend. Most students away on
practicum.

Commerce – Jia Lei – Retreat coming up. Recruitment breakfast.

Engineering – Ryan Clare – Charity benefit concert in Pit for cystic fibrosis research. Iron
ring ceremony for graduation.


SLAIS – Matthew Hall introduced his replacement.

Regent College – Lucia Lam – Bowla-lua was fun.
H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors:

Omar Sirri: Tuition – same old, not much changed. Discussion on mandatory retirement, but no decision.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED CHARMAINE MA:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated March 14, 2007 [SCD 046-008]
In camera Minutes of Student Council dated March 14, 2007 [SCD 047-008] ... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN: [SCD 048-008]

“Be it resolved that Council accept the judgements of Student Court dated February 1, 2006 and February 25, 2007 regarding AMS membership as presented.”

Matthew Naylor reported on the Student Court ruling:

- The whole process began with questions about whether co-op students could get the U-Pass.
- This led to a question to Student Court in 2005 asking the Court to interpret the AMS membership bylaw.
- The Court’s original ruling of February 2006 caused concern.
- If accepted, that original ruling would have made virtually everybody an AMS member, including not just co-op students and Commerce diploma students, but exchange students, distance education students, and large numbers of Continuing Studies students.
- Council asked the Court follow-up questions for clarification.
- The current ruling, in answering those questions, upholds all of the original ruling, except the good part: the one part that would have given us a way out of having to accept all these new members and provide them with services.
- If we do not accept these Court rulings, the status quo will remain: our membership bylaw will remain unclear and open to interpretation.
- The Executive recommends not accepting the Court rulings.
- We will survey the co-op and Commerce diploma students to see if they want AMS membership.
- Another approach would be to go back to the Court a third time and this time try and ask more specific questions.
- Council has previously rejected a Court ruling: in the 1970’s concerning Whistler Lodge.

4. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That motion #4 be postponed indefinitely.”

- Sam Heppell said he was concerned about postponing indefinitely. It was ignoring the
Student Court judgement because it was inconvenient. Why not table for a year and commit to reviewing our bylaws to see how to get some people in as members while others are not let in? There’s more motivation to do this if there’s a deadline. If it’s indefinite, we can just sit and the status quo continues. The Student Court ruling was not workable, but the status quo is no good either.

- Erin Rennie: If we don’t take a position and the co-op students challenge us and go to Student Court, we’d look bad.
- Matthew Naylor: We could reject that ruling too.
- Stephanie Ryan: What does Student Court do? How often do they make decisions? Do we pay them?
- Jeff Friedrich: They are paid. It’s in Comp Review. They have disciplinary powers and can hear election appeals. They can also reword referendum questions. It is made up of law students.
- Sam Heppell: Will there be anything coming to Council about changing the status quo, since it’s problematic?
- Matthew Naylor: There could be in the near future after the survey of co-op and Commerce diploma students.
- Jeff Friedrich said he was seeking practicality. The U-Pass was the main issue. As to a general bylaw review, that wasn’t a top priority, but Council members can look at revising the bylaws if they like.

5. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

6. MOVED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That motion #4 be postponed indefinitely.”

Note: Craig Wrotniak, Bowinn Ma, Sam Heppell, Peter Rizov - Abstained ... Carried

8. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR[SCD 049-008]

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Campus Planning and Development Officer’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich: Last year we issued the Our Town report on governance, calling for better student consultation and pushing for a seat on the University’s Development Permits Board (DPB), the body that decides on non-institutional campus development. We got that seat, which is good. We want someone qualified in that seat, and we decided that the best way to do that and get reports back to Council is this way, having a new officer appointed by the
VP Academic on the recommendation of the Campus Planning and Development Committee.
- Darren Peets asked about pay.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said that was not important for now. The new officer would just be sitting on the DPB, not doing as much as the Safety Coordinator. If given more duties, the pay could be looked at.
- Lauren Hunter asked if the University had approved of this.
- Jeff Friedrich: We asked for terms of reference and advice from the University.

8. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“Thereas pursuant to its already existing policies calling for meaningful consultation on campus development projects, the AMS has been requesting a presentation to AMS Council to see the latest University Boulevard design plans since November, 2006; and

Whereas no such presentation has been made to AMS Council; and

Whereas the plans have also not been presented to the University Town Committee, the official body through which stakeholders, including the AMS, can provide input on the University Boulevard project; and

Whereas the latest plans are going forward to the Board of Governors for partial Board II approval despite this lack of meaningful consultation,

Therefore be it resolved that Council call on the University to make formal presentations of all University Boulevard plans and other pertinent information to AMS Council and the University Town Committee before any University Boulevard decisions are made by the Board of Governors.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brendon Goodmurphy: Another governance issue and consultation issue. The University got partial Board 2 approval for the finances of the University Boulevard Project. This wasn’t approval of the designs, but approval of the designs was implied. And yet the current designs have not come to Council or to the University Town Committee. There was an open house, but no real meaningful consultation. So the policy we’re proposing says don’t approve without proper consultation.
- Darren Peets said this should have been passed before the March Board of Governors meeting. Doing it now is a week too late or a month too early.
- Omar Sirri: Partial Board 2 was not for the designs; it was not de facto approval of them. He agreed that the University should be making presentations to Council, and the proposed policy is appropriate now; it is showing discontent and displeasure with the process.
- Lauren Hunter: The architects didn’t have their plans ready for the Board of Governors, but they had to go to the Board for the utilities. They weren’t intending to be naughty to the
AMS about consultation.

- Stephanie Ryan: If the University Boulevard people didn’t have their presentation ready, they should have. She also wondered about the term “meaningful consultation,” suggesting it was wishy-washy.

Jeff Friedrich:
- It is the term used in the Memorandum of Understanding between the GVRD and UBC. That’s the phrase we’ve clung to; it’s in our policies already.
- As to Darren’s point, it is a fair one concerning strategy: give them a chance to mess up further and jump on them then, but he’d rather be up front.
- Dennis Pavlich always said the plan was tied to whether students approved it, bought into it, but the plan all the time has ignored what already exists and works well for students, like the knoll.
- They’ve dropped the ball and this is calling them on the process, not even on the plans themselves, which he also opposes, but on the process.

Omar Sirri:
- There are three elements to the University Boulevard project:
  - process
  - merits
  - SUB
- The University is well beyond the debate on the merits; the project is happening.
- As to the SUB, the AMS needs to get on with what it’s going to do to incorporate itself into the project.
- We’re in trouble; their businesses will compete with ours.
- The question is what to do with the SUB in relation to University Boulevard.
  - Sarah Naiman: We’re working on that through our SUB Renewal committee.
  - Tristan Markle: This is just to make sure they come back to us. And when they do come back to us, we have to know what to tell them. This is the centre of campus; it should be for student activities, not a mall. What good university has a mall at its heart?

10. MOVED RYAN CLARE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

12. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

"Whereas AMS Council struck an Ad-Hoc Committee to review remuneration for the position of Executive Coordinator of Student Services (ECSS);

Whereas the Committee recognized the discrepancy in compensation between the ECSS and the elected AMS Executive;

Whereas the Committee recognized the importance of responsibility differences between the elected AMS Executive and the hired ECSS;

Whereas the Committee recognized the amount of work expected from the ECSS and the elected AMS Executive are virtually the same;

Therefore, be it resolved that the ECSS remuneration be increased by 5% to reflect the above statements."

Omar Sirri:
• Last time there was a proposal for a 5% increase for the Executive Coordinator of Student Services (ECSS) to be paid at the discretion of the Executive at the end of the person’s term, something like a transitional honorarium.
• Then it was discovered that the ECSS already gets an honorarium, and the motion went back to committee.
• Now it’s a definite 5% increase and it is meant to take effect retroactively back to March 1, 2007 for the current ECSS.
• It was the intention all along that the increase take effect this year; the committee looking into this was struck last January 24, but the recommendation wasn’t ready in time.

Questions:
- Sam Heppell: This would reduce the gap between the ECSS and the Executive from 10% to 5%?
- Omar Sirri: Yes.

13. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

"Be it resolved that Council suspend Section VI, Article 1(1) of Code of Procedure accordingly.”

.. Carried
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*Note: Effective March 1, 2007.*

M) **Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:**

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

O) **Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:**

P) **Discussion Period:**

**Councillor of the Year:**

- Jeff Friedrich: The plaque is ready.

**Summer Council Schedule:**

- Jeff Friedrich said that Council traditionally meets every three weeks in the summer. Actually, there’s no rule requiring that it meet at all then; also agendas tend to be thin and there are quorum problems. He was thus suggesting that this year Council meet once a month or every four weeks. He was trying to strike a balance between meeting quorum and respecting people’s summers.
- Bowinn Ma asked how long Council meetings tend to go.
- Dave Tompkins: To 8 or 9 pm.
- Alex Lougheed said because of jobs to get to the next day, longer meetings were no good; he would favour more frequent ones.
- Ryan Corbett: Summer meetings are like ones in the regular session. If there’s nothing to discuss, they end early; if there’s controversy, they go long.
- Ryan Clare said he never minded staying late.
- Craig Wrotniak said summer made no difference to Education students.
- Jeff Friedrich said things slow down generally at the University in the summer, and AMS work tends to be more project-based. There don’t need to be Council meetings as often.

Q) **Submissions:**

- Letter to the Board of Governors re mandatory retirement at UBC [SCD 050-008]
- Letter to Dean Nancy Gallini re Final Marks for Linguistics [SCD 051-008]
R) **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

T) **Social Activity:**

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

BG:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Ria Nishikawari (Safewalk), Gina Eisenhaur (SASC), Nicky Brighid (SASC), Joel Koczwariski (Incoming Arts Rep), Amy Boultbee (Incoming Arts Rep), Nate Crompton (Incoming Arts Rep), Kate Power (Incoming Arts Rep), Andrew Forshner (Incoming Arts Rep), Skye Friesen (Incoming Music Rep), Natalie Hillary, Titus Gregory (Kwantlen Student Association), Steven Lee (Kwantlen Student Association), Greg Davis (Member-at-large), Erika Lewinsky (Member-at-large), James Macauley (Member-at-large), Patrick Mermon (Member-at-large), Matt Filipiak (GSS), Brandon Adams (Ubyssey), Jame Koh (Member-at-large), Trevor Loke (Kwantlen Student Association), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Alison Henry (Communication Manager), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT::

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” . . . .  Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Safewalk - Ria Nishikawari and Aminollah Sabzvari (Safewalk Coordinator) [SCD 053-008]
- Presentation included history of Safewalk, list of services provided, philosophies, mandate.
- Statistics around issues/incident reports.
- Reasons cited for not using Safewalk include “feel safe”, “travel with friends”, “don’t plan ahead”, “leave early”.
- User stats.
- Why is Thursday high?
- Most safewalkers travel around campus with radios.
- Alex Lougheed asked questions around where cost efficiencies could be had?
- Reducing shifts in the 6-7pm slot.
- How come ISIS is high usage.

Sexual Assault Support Centre - Gina Eisenhaur and Nicky Brighid [SCD 054-008]
- Background on the service including history, staff turnover, and evaluation of program.
- Lack of awareness amongst the 1-2 years where need is highest.
- Statistics were not really kept.
- 155 counselling support sessions over last 6 months.
- Implemented a new program “dance to wholeness: kundelini program.
- Outreach training and workshops.
- Anti-violence week.
- Become a member of BC Specialized Victim Awareness.
- Continuing evaluation.
- Efforts to engage men.
- Overhauling volunteer program.

Questions:
Conor Topley: Are there things for campus and greeks (frats)?
Nicky Brighid: They have started working with a select numbers of individuals from the fraternities.
Alex Lougheed: How many unique visits?
Nicky Brighid: 66 new visits over the last 6 months.
Bowinn Ma: Does the SASSF committee Finance the SASC?
Jeff Friedrich:
- Spoke about the history of the fund dating to a referendum.
- SASC uses 80% + of the budget.
- There have not been consistent uses of the residual.
- Brendon will be working on developing a strategy to take advantage of those residual funds.
- There has been a lot of politics around.
Ryan Corbett: Have they been able to bridge any gap with resource groups like ALLIES?
Nicky Brighid: Yes.
Sarah Kuhn: Do you have a web presence or ideas about developing a web presence?
Nicky Brighid: Yes they have a website.
Robert Taddei: About campaign…who is responsible for developing the campaign…what does the consultation entail?
Nikki Brighid and Gina Eisenhaur do that.

D) President’s Remarks

- Meetings with the new UBC Sustainability Office Director and President Toope.
- Thanks to Brendon for Just Desserts. Thanks to Sarah for her work on video contest.
- Ombudsperson proposal is in discussion with GSS reps. We’ve met with university and are working on drafting a proposal with dollar figures informed from the Council straw pole. Will come back to Council for approval.
- Meeting regarding childcare - communicated clear expectation that university come through on funding partnership.

E) Executive Remarks:

Matthew Naylor - VP External Affairs

Before I begin, I would like to extend some welcoming remarks. I would like to welcome Alison, our new Communications Manager, and the new councilors, as well as our friends from the Kwantlen Student Association, Steven Lee and Desmond Rodenbourg, as well as webmaster of Studentunion.ca, Titus Gregory and the Simon Fraser Student Society Independent Electoral Commission Chair, JJ McCollough. In general, there is not a significant amount to report this week.

U-Pass
We should be sending out U-Pass surveys on the potential participation of Co-op and DAP students in the U-Pass program taking place. Also, summer U-Passes should be mailed out soon.

Bill C-31
There will be a discussion on our potential response to Bill C-31 later in the council meeting. I have been meeting with lawyers from the BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre regarding a possible challenge to this piece of legislation, and we will be discussing this later today.
KSA Meeting
Today I met with members of the Kwantlen Student Association, in hopes of creating greater ties
with them and other students associations around the lower mainland. Next week I will be visiting
both their council meeting and that of the SFSS.

I would like to cede my time to our friends in the Student Movement.

A representative from the KSA made some brief and heartwarming remarks on the spirit of
cooperation.

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

AMS Budget: last time
Just to give you all a heads-up the preliminary budget will be presented to Council on Wednesday,
May 2 and the final budget will come on Wednesday, June 27. Please apply to the Budget
Committee if you’re interested, it will be lots of fun I promise!

Finance Commission: Funds Update
Student Initiative Fund gave $250 grant to Education student Emily Russell to attend a conference
in New Brunswick and a $450 grant from the Clubs Benefit Fund to UBC Literature Etc. for their
Taiwanese film festival, which you can check out this long weekend in the Norm Theatre.

UBC Card
Bernie, Nancy, and I had scheduled a meeting with Andrew Parr from UBC Card, and I have been
really looking forward to our meeting to discuss how the AMS can get on board. Unfortunately, UBC
Card doesn’t feel that they are in a place to develop a partnership with the AMS due to glitches in
their POS system. They say that they are one year away from fixing these issues, so I will be
meeting sometime in July with Andrew to discuss future plans for the AMS and UBC Card.

SA Link: last time
Sarah and I have been looking into a data management system for SAC, FinCom, and our clubs
and constituencies. This program is called SA Link and is very exciting. We hope to have a
presentation for you at the next Council meeting.

University Athletics Council
Mike Duncan and I went to a UAC meeting earlier today and just an update that there is a good
chance Athletics will ask for the AMS to run a referendum on an increase to the Athletics fee in
order to construct new facilities. The proposal includes a new SRC, hockey rink, athletic track,
tennis courts, and artificial turf.

Whistler Orientation Weekend
Reminder and update for new Councilors that WOW will take place Friday, May 4 until Sunday,
May 6. Again, if anyone is interested in helping out with the planning, please get in touch with
Sarah or myself.

Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic and University Affairs

Shagufta Pasta - Executive Coordinator of Student Services

G) Constituency Reports:
Arts - Stephanie Ryan - ACF selling out. Aim to make it as safe as possible. Intoxicated or mischievous may not be allowed in. Elections ended - new members here. New incoming arts reps introduced.

Joel Koczwarski
Amelia Boultbee
Nate Crompton
Kate Power
Andrew Forshner

GSS - Jessica Jia - Hiring


Education - Robert Taddei - Grad funding going well. Reforming constitution.


Science - Mike Duncan - Ongoing problems with building still. Lock mess-up. SUS vs Commerce tug of War

Commerce - Conor Topley - Tug of war with SUS. CUS Award Night. SC retreat at Manning Park

Engineering - Bowinn Ma - Elections are finished - 2 of 3 reps this year are female. Referendum results - to add 50.00 to student fees for new study space - failed. Help with Cheese Study campaign. Council retreat next week. New Plant Ops locks on cleaning cupboard off within 10 hours.

Lucia Lam - Regent College - Retiring party

BoG - Darren Peets. Not much to report

Senate - Tariq Ahmed - Going through transitions, waiting on a few remaining incoming people. 5 new Sauder chairs in mental Health. Presentation on campus planning. Forestry remission requirements.

J) Executive Committee Motions:

2 MOVED JEFF SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council amend Code Section X Article 1(3) by deleting ‘Joblink’ from the list of Student Services and replacing ‘Volunteer Connections’ with ‘AMS Connect’ on the list of student services.

Note: Requires 2/3rds Carried

Jeff Friedrich: Connections shifting from just external to both external and internal. AMS Connect does a lot of things we want to do including at-large appointments.

Questions:
Darren Peets: Is this the only place these things show up?
Jeff Friedrich: Yes - everything else remains the same.

3. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED NADIA CHANA:

"Be it resolved that Council approve an expenditure of up to $8,000 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.

- Jeff Friedrich spoke of strategic framework. Mentioned survey was held last year and there were problems. There wont be a need for annual surveys. Project for data. Passed it over to Policy.

Questions:
- When would the survey occur?
- Exam period
- What does the 8K give us?
- How does it get advertised?

Tahara Bhate: When did the survey get out last year?
Rob Education: A fairly sensitive time of year. It may tilt the data received
Tristan Markle: Are there questions on safety? Are there questions on Campus Planning and Development?
Brendon working with Summayya around Safety Survey.
Tristan Markle expressed concern that these things were not addressed last year.
Stephanie Ryan: There may be an opportunity to additional surveys to capture missed opportunities

4. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN:

"That the question be called." . . . . Carried

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6. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED SHAGUFTA PASTA: [SCD 055-008]

"That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2007' Section IXB Fiscal Procedures' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

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

- President’s Fund.
- Created in response to a bequest.
- Fund would address deficiencies from the current approach of drawing from the
Student Services Fund.
- Some features of the President’s Fund is the flexibility to tie strategic initiatives to the fund.
- Mention made of Executive limitations.
- Some of the things where spending could happen ... communications rebrand.

Questions:
Omid Javadi: How much is in the fund?
Jeff Friedrich: At the end of year remaining contingency fund can go into both Student Services and President’s Funds. Will be removing exec special projects line item from the budget.
Conor Topley: How much could the fund be?
Brittany Tyson: Spoke of Student Services Fund that was the catch-all and the source where funding comes from.

7. MOVED BRENDON, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

"Whereas concerns have been raised about the quality of education and student engagement at UBC, especially in comparison with other universities of similar stature; and Whereas the education offered at UBC is an important motivation for students to choose to attend UBC; and Whereas the AMS as the representative of the students wishes to play a greater role on this important issue,

Be it resolved that Council strike an ad hoc Academic Quality Committee with the following terms of reference:
(a) to investigate academic issues regarding quality of education and student engagement;
(b) to research and analyse academic offerings and programs at UBC and other universities;
(c) to advise and make recommendations to Council on academic issues that significantly affect students at the University;
(d) To liaise with the Student Senate Caucus;
(e) to assist in producing the Yardstick or other publication containing student evaluations of teaching; and
(f) to have such other duties as are assigned by Council from time to time.

Be it further resolved that the Committee consist of:
(a) the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs, who shall be chair;
(b) three (3) members of Council;
(c) one (1) Student At Large; and
(d) one (1) member of the Student Senate Caucus appointed by the Caucus.

Note: Requires 2/3rds."

Gary Andraza: The committee seems redundant, and bigger than it needs to be.
Brendon Goodmurphy: Broad Committee - for example of what the students perspective on the NSSE. We have nothing really to address academics.
Neal Marks: A lot of students are disappointed with the quality of education and would like this.
Omar Sirri: Spoke in favour of it - to address continuous calls for.
Ryan Corbett: Spoke in favour of it. Many do now know what NSSE is and the Committee should keep in mind what the committee means in the broader sense.
Scott Bernstein: How will academic quality be measured? Is it casual polling of students? Does not think the methods presented here are going to achieve what they want to achieve. Brendon Goodmurphy explained what the NSSE is. Committee has the purpose of a working group to look at the date in more details. He articulated what his initial ideas were for the committee.
Craig Wrotniak: Spoke in favour of the Ad-Hoc Committee.
Tahara Bhate: Also endorses, but had a caution that the committee actually acts on some of the findings.
Matt Filipiak: Endorsed the Adh-Hoc Committee.
Shagufta Pasta: While many students have not heard of NSSE, they are familiar with the issues highlighted by NSSE.

8. MOVED BRENDON, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

Friendly amendment to change BIFR (c) from 1 to 2 students at large.

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(f) to have such other duties as are assigned by Council from time to time.

Be it further resolved that the Committee consist of:
(a) the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs, who shall be chair;
(b) three (3) members of Council;
(c) two (2) Students At Large; and
(d) one (1) member of the Student Senate Caucus appointed by the Caucus.

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

11. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN

“That the agenda be amended to do appointments for at-large committee members next.” . . . . Carried

12. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That Council Colin Simkus (Member at-large) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.
That Council appoint Margaret Orlowski, Matt Filipiak and Peter Rizov (Members at-large) to the Campus Planning & Development Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.

That Council appoint Aaron Sihota and Marica Rizzo (Members at-large) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.

That Council appoint Terry Leong and James Macauley (Members at-large) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.

That Council appoint Natalie Hillary and Maayan K (Members at-large) to the Ad-Hoc Academic Quality Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008." . . . Carried

13. MOVED MATT NAYLOR, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

"Whereas, by the objects of our Constitution, the AMS has the responsibility to promote the principle and practice of student representation at all levels of decision making at the University and on all agencies or other bodies which deliberate on the affairs of its members; and

Whereas the purpose of a university is to provide individuals with the necessary tools to be responsible, committed, self-reflexive, and aware citizens of the world; and

Whereas Bill C-31: Integrity of the Electoral Process is currently in the Senate, and is expected to be given Royal Assent in the near future, and

Whereas Bill C-31 has as its stated purpose the reduction of electoral fraud and undue influence, but in function will effectively disenfranchise the most vulnerable and transient members of society who will frequently lack the required government issued photo ID with a current address, and

Whereas more than 50% of UBC students live on their own, including 20% who live on campus; and

Whereas the transient nature of living in residence or student rental accommodations will result in a large number of students who would be effectively disenfranchised by this legislation, and

Whereas a lawsuit is being organized by BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre with the likely participation of the Downtown Eastside Residents Association, BC Civil Liberties Association, and TRAC: Tenant and Resource Advisory Centre (among others) to challenge the Constitutional legitimacy of Bill C-31, and

Whereas the potential costs associated with this legal action, in the event it is unsuccessful, are relatively limited

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society agree to participate in this proposed legal action as a petitioner.

Note: Requires 2/3rds."
- Government photo ID with current address required.
- Section 3 Charter Challenge to the legislation.
- Effectively disenfranchises many groups who are somewhat transient.
- Interest in representing students.

14. MOVED MATT NAYLOR, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds."

- Ryan Corbett spoke against motion as being vague and should the amendment be conditional on costs.
- Tahara Bhati spoke against amendment as being insufficient to protect.
- Tristan Markle asked whether there are other petitioners.
15. MOVED OMAR SIRRI:

"That the question be called." .... Amendment carried

16. MOVED MATT NAYLOR, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds."

- Tahara Bhate agrees that it would be difficult to vote but there are possibilities.
- Ryan Corbett asked what the numbers involved in terms of risk expense.
- Bernie Peets said there are no associated costs in this particular fund.
- Omar Sirri asked about other options.
- Scott Bernstein mentioned friend of the court option Amicus Curiae.
- Omar Sirri mentioned that he is not supportive and wary of the rushed nature of this challenge
- Scott Bernstein passed on this.
- Mike Duncan mentioned that taking a lesser strategy would seem to be .....
- Craig Wrotniak wanted to know if this has had any feedback or resistance against the legislation. Rather, feels that this strategy is reactive versus proactive.
- Darren Peets. Who are we empowering with this legislation? Appears to be the President. What is the total cost involved?
- 10-20K across the board.
- What is the advantage of going into a lawsuit?
- Stephanie Ryan gave an anecdote in support of ensuring enfranchisement.
- Jeff Friedrich had concerns that the Council that he wanted more direction.
- Nate Crompton expressed concern that this issue is important to.
- Matthew Goodmurphy offered an amendment that gave the authority to the Ad-Hoc Review Committee

17. MOVED MATT NAYLOR, SECONDED SAM HEPELL:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds."

- Omar Sirri expressed concern with an Ad-Hoc Committee making decisions regarding
the lawsuit and costs involved.
- Sam Heppell agreed that it is inappropriate and made an amendment to have the Executive Committee make the decision rather than the Ad-Hoc Lobbying Review Committee.

18. MOVED MATT NAYLOR, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds."

19. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

"That the question be called." . . . . Amendment Carried

20. MOVED MATT NAYLOR, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

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coordinators, as determined by the Executive Committee.”

- Rob Taddei – asked why a legal opinion would not be sought. Feels that it would be
  useful. Suggested amendment made adding legal consultation to BIRT

21. MOVED ROB TADDEI, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds."

- Brendon Goodmurphy asked for flexibility for the executive.

22. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

"That the question be called." . . . . Amendment Carried

23. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED SCOTT BERNSTEIN:

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Be It Resolved that the AMS received a legal opinion on the above issue on the direction of the Executive Committee."

Note: Requires 2/3rds."

- Omar Sirri - Council should not be directing Executive or any other body to enter into a lawsuit. Made an amendment to go first to a legal opinion
- Brandon Goodmurphy responded that the amendment should not be done because it will guarantee the AMS will incur costs.
- Scott Bernstein spoke for the amendment in response to not needing to be rational.
- Ryan Corbett spoke about being something other than a petitioner.

24. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED SCOTT BERNSTEIN:

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25. MOVED OMAR SIRRI:

“That the questions be called. . . . . Amendment defeated

26. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

“That motion # be laid on the table." . . . . Carried

27. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

“That the meeting be extended for one hour, until 11:00 pm.” . . . . Carried

28. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That the question be called.” . . . . Defeated

29. MOVED ROB TADDEI, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds.

- Craig Wrotniak spoke against the motion
- Sam Heppell spoke in favour of the motion
- Shagufta Pasta spoke to the motion
- Ryan Corbett spoke against the motion. Called the motion irresponsible and called for an amendment to remove ‘petitioner’.
- Tristan Markle spoke against the amendment
- Jeff Friedrich spoke in favour of the amendment
- Scott Bernstein spoke in favour of the amendment

30. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That the question be called.” .... Defeated

31. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED SAM HEPELL:

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Therefore Be It Resolved that the Executive Committee, upon receiving legal consultation, be given permission to determine the level of participation in this proposed legal action, and act on behalf of the AMS accordingly.

Note: Requires 2/3rds."

- Jeff Friedrich made amendments as noted.

33. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

"That the questions be called." . . . . Carried

34. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

"That there be a role call vote."

35. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

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

Pro: Jeff Friedrich, Brendon Goodmurphy, Matthew Naylor, Brittany Tyson, Stephanie Ryan, Ryan Corbett, Erin Rennie, Jessica Hannon, Sam Heppell, Omar Sirri, Conor Topley, Jia Lei, Robert Taddei, Lindsay MacPhee, Bowinn Ma, Omid Javadi, Darren Peets, Jason Penner, Aidha Shaikh, Jessica Jia, Scott Bernstein, Nadia Chana, Alex Lougheed, Tahara Bhate, Tristan Markle, Michael Duncan, Neal Marks

Abstn: Craig Wrotniak, Sara Kuhn

36. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That Council appoint Kate Power, Lindsay MacPhee and Tristan Markle (Council members) to the Renovations Planning Group for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Tahara Bhate, Conor Topley and Aidha Shaikh (Council members) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Alex Lougheed, Sam Heppell, Jason Penner and Scott Bernstein (Council members) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Scott Bernstein as Chair of the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

37. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the motion # 31 be laid on the table.” . . . . Carried

38. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.” . . . . Carried

39. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That Council appoint Andrew Forshner, Conor Topley, Alex Lougheed (Council members) to the Communications Planning Group for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Kate Power, Lindsay MacPhee and Tristan Markle (Council members) to the Renovations Planning Group for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

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“That Council appoint Scott Bernstein as Chair of the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Lucia Lam, Jessica Jia, Bowinn Ma and Charmaine Ma (Council members) and Adrienne Clarotto (Member at large) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

40. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH KUHN:

“That Code be suspended to allow more than one member of a constituency to sit on a committee.”

.... Carried

41. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That Council appoint Stephanie Ryan, Robert Taddei, and Jia Lei (Council members) and Justin Stevens and Lois Chan (Members at large) to the Budget Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Stephanie Ryan, Lucia Lam and Sara Kuhn (Council members) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

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“That Council appoint Lucia Lam, Jessica Jia, Bowinn Ma and Charmaine Ma (Council members) and Adrienne Clarotto (Member at large) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Amy Boultee, Lucia Lam and Jessica Hannon (Council members) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Andrew Forshner, Kate Boultee and Lucia Lam (Council members) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”
“That Council appoint Omid Javadi, Tristan Markle and Joel Koczwarski (Council members) to the Assistant Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Omid Javadi and Amy Boultbee (Council members) to the Campus Safety Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Neal Marks, Omid Javadi and Joel Koczwarski (Council members) to the Impacts Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Jessica Jia (AMS Rep) to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Mike Duncan, Kate Boultbee and Craig Wrotniak (Council members) to the Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

That Council appoint Jason Penner, Sam Heppell, Alex Lougheed, Conor Topley and Scott Bernstein (non-Executive Council Members) to the Oversight Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

That Council appoint Sam Heppell as chair of the Oversight Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Shagufta Pasta, Jia Lei and Andrew Forshner (Council members) to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Scott Bernstein and Tristan Markle (Council members) to the Campus Planning & Development Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Tahara Bhat, Sam Heppell and Darren Peets to the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Tahara Bhat as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Lobbying Review Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint the VP Finance, the VP Administration and Bowinn Ma (Council Member) to the Walter H. Gage Memorial Fund Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

That Council appoint Shagufta Pasta (Council Member) to the Student Leadership Conference Steering Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Jessica Hannon, Lindsay MacPhee and Neal Marks (Council Members) and Maayan K and Natalie Hillary (Members at-large) to the Ad-Hoc Academic Quality Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”
“That Council appoint Andrew Forshner, Conor Topley, Alex Lougheed (Council members) to the Communications Planning Group for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

. . . . Carried

42. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY: [SCD 056-008]

“That council adopt the 2007 compensation report as presented.” . . . . Carried

Q) Submissions: [SCD 057-008]

> Student petition against the University Boulevard Development project.

R) Next Meeting;

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on May 2, 2007 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

43. MOVED OMAR SIRRI, SECONDED NADIA CHANA:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . . Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 am.

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
Vice-President, Academic and University Affairs

BM:val
The Alma Mater Society of UBC

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Bahram Norouzi, Mike Thicke (Science), Peter Rizov (CUS), Margaret Orlowski (at-large), Brian Markle, Blair Stephenson, Lois Chan (at-large), Aaron Severs (Collegiate Link), Raj Mathur (Music), Adrienne Watt (Alumni Affairs), Norman Sippert (External Affairs), Roland Bege, Matt Filipiak (GSS President), Marissa Chairani, Max Unger, Patrick Meehan (at-large), Jackie Nichols, Maayan Kreitzman, David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Alison Henry (Marketing and Promotions), 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.

1. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:
   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

2. MOVED BOWINN MA, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:
   “That Council, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee appoint Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for a term commencing May 1, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

SA Link - Aaron Severs (Collegiate Link)

Brittany Tyson described the proposed SA Link program, saying:
   ▶ It’s a web-based, electronic social networking tool.
   ▶ It will centralize information collection, and can be used to run elections, conduct surveys, streamline administrative processes.
   ▶ It will be more sustainable than paper and will mean less work for the AMS.

Sarah Naiman:
   ▶ It’s a communication tool that will allow students to access information.
   ▶ It can be used for clubs and constituencies and for room bookings.
   ▶ It can produce co-curricular transcripts indicating club participation, volunteer activity, etc.
   ▶ Discussions are underway with the University.

Aaron Severs did a demonstration of the system, showing what could be done with it, and adding that his company can customize it for the AMS.

Sarah Naiman: Every year we talk about streamlining the process. This will streamline the process.

Questions:
- Alfie Lee: How will you get every UBC student signed up?
- Brittany Tyson: We’re meeting with Enrolment Services, the Development Office, the
Alumni Association, etc. It’s all in the works and can be in place for September.

- Charmaine Ma: Students will have to go through the AMS and this system to book a room?
- Sarah Naiman: This is the AMS. Instead of going in person for a booking, it can be done on-line.
- Dave Tompkins asked if Council’s approval was being sought.
- Jeff Friedrich: This is just for information now.
- Lindsay MacPhee asked what was to stop someone from signing up for a club on-line, just to get something to put on their resumé, and then never showing up for club activities.
- Sarah Naiman: There will still be membership fees, but it will be possible for people to become associate members or just to express interest in a club; it will be up to the club executive or the administrators.
- Conor Topley raised security concerns, especially about voting in elections.
- Aaron Severs said a list of voters supplied by the University would be needed.
- Sarah Naiman said the system can single out an individual club to let only that club’s members vote in a club election.
- Gary Andraza asked about the technical feasibility of implementing the system within three or four months, complete with customization.
- Aaron Severs said it can be done as long as not too many projects are taken on this summer. Comparing what the AMS does and what the system offers, it can provide a lot right out of the box. He mentioned some American universities that have introduced the system.
- Gary Andraza said it was good they already have large clients.
- Sara Kuhn asked about using the system for webmail clients to make myUBC superfluous.
- Aaron Severs said the system could incorporate webmail clients; it would have to be looked at.
- Sarah Naiman: The system is very flexible, and this summer will be spent testing it.
- Shagufta Pasta asked about the stakeholders involved and whether the Office of Learning Technology had been consulted.
- Brittany Tyson: People have been asking to attend meetings on this. We can speak to them.
- Charmaine Ma asked about the problem of data being sent to the U.S., since this is an American company.
- Aaron Severs said all data would remain on a server up here, and his company won’t have access to it, except for specific instances; so if they’re subpoenaed by crazy U.S. laws, they won’t even have access.

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED SCOTT BERNSTEIN:

“That Council appoint Spencer Keys and Patrick Meehan (members at large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

... Carried

C) Presentations to Council: Continued

University Boulevard - Norman Sippert (UBC External Affairs) [SCD 058-08]

Norman Sippert presented the plans for the project, noting that it will include the following elements:
- an underground station.
- ground floor retail, including 15-20 small shops.
- residential buildings, most likely for students (184 beds, 49 units with four beds
He added:

- The buildings will be wood frame, with one floor retail with three floors residential or one floor retail with two residential.
- There will be transparent, see-through walls.
- The underground bus loop will have glass doors for separation.
- Passengers may remain in the square above the loop until their bus comes.
- There will be lots of light and air in the loop.
- In response to concerns about the relation of the square to the SUB, he said there is actually a large distance (60 feet) in between.
- There will be a living wall with stuff growing on it.
- Also a ventilation tower.

Questions:

- Tristan Markle asked if the plans had gone through the Sustainability Office.
- Norman Sippert said the Sustainability Office had been involved; the office had a representative on the planning committee.
- Tristan Markle: The two huge condo towers that were removed, are they still out of the plan?
- Norman Sippert: The Board of Governors wanted the project to be self-financing. That led to the proposal to have 18-storey high-rises. But there was a reaction against that. However, the project still has to be self-financing, hence the retail.
- Tristan Markle: If there are condos, they will need retail. Is that why the retail is there?
- Norman Sippert: There is enough capacity to provide more retail services. The University is moving towards having more people living on campus, more people here at night. That means providing more services.
- Tahara Bhate asked about traffic flow.
- Norman Sippert said cars will be allowed to a limited extent. There is a concern about traffic congestion.
- Aidha Shaikh: Since many students are only on campus for eight months a year, what sort of retail business can work here?
- Norman Sippert: That’s a challenge. They want to charge $40/foot for retail, but there haven’t been a lot of retailers banging on the door. On the other hand, 60,000 people will be coming out of the underground loop.
- Aidha Shaikh: Will you discuss overlap with AMS businesses, ensuring AMS customers are not pulled away? Also, how will you get input on student interest in retail?
- Norman Sippert: There have been studies. There are lots of issues. That discussion will keep happening. He’s looking for feedback. The plan is to look for synergies, complementing what’s in the SUB, or taking services now in the SUB and putting them in the square.
- Mike Thicke asked about funding.
- Norman Sippert said there was a Board of Governors resolution against using GPOF (General Purpose Operating Fund) money, so they are seeking external funding.

Norman Sippert presented further on consultation:

- Feedback has been received, but they are interested in any other methods of hearing from students.
- Key themes from the feedback include:
  - support for ethical and fair trade policies
- opposition to competition with SUB
- opposition to getting rid of the knoll (though some students were okay with moving it)
- support for student housing
- support for a car-free boulevard and a safe bus station
- demand for informal study spaces

There’s a concern that the project went to the Board of Governors for Board 2 approval in March without AMS consultation, but that was only partial Board 2.
- The square and the underground loop have not gone to Board. It was the utilities tunnel and the roads that went.
- The rest was going to go to the Board in May, but now that is being postponed to allow more discussion over the summer.

Questions:
- Brendon Goodmurphy: If an underground tunnel is dug, doesn’t that assume that the rest of the project is going forward?
- Norman Sippert: To dig a tunnel assumes there will be an underground station. There is no assumption about the square.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: But if stakeholders are unhappy, why build a station?
- Norman Sippert: It’s just the tunnel.

Norman Sippert made the following additional points:
- The cost is $15 million for the tunnel and $83 million for the whole project.
- Profits from the project will go to the Endowment, which is used to provide bursaries etc. to support the academic mission of the University.
- If there is a demand for retail and people are going to the Village for it, why not make it possible for them to come to the University for that?

Questions:
- Matt [a guest] asked about LEED standards, sustainability, and green roofs.
- Norman Sippert: There will be a green roof, but the main contribution the project will make to sustainability is having people come by transit; also it will mean more people living here. But it costs money to meet LEED requirements.
- Tahara Bhate asked about self-financing and worst case scenarios.
- Norman Sippert: UBC Properties Trust has the responsibility of making sure the project pays for itself; that’s their forte.
- Tahara Bhate asked if the University would be on the hook.
- Norman Sippert: No.
- Tahara Bhate asked about rental prices.
- Norman Sippert said they would be $550-$600 a month. It could be debated whether that is affordable, but there is demand.
- Tahara Bhate asked about guarantees of future consultation, adding that she had not seen announcements of past consultations; a higher profile was needed.
- Norman Sippert: There was one on the main floor of SUB. Members of the U-Town committee were asked to channel information. If there are other ideas on how to promote, he was happy to hear them. And the station and the square can still be discussed; they’re not done yet.
- Sarah Naiman asked how the SUB fits into the plan. The plan envisages a building in front of the SUB’s main entrance. Is there room for a new SUB or expansion of the existing SUB? How do you see the SUB fitting into the project? It looks blocked out on the plans.
- Norman Sippert: There will be access, an area to walk through. He didn’t see a
problem with access.
- Lauren Hunter mentioned the possibility of funding for a second UBC Renew and of lobbying for a new or renewed SUB.
- Joel Koczwarski asked about the pool.
- Norman Sippert: That’s in future plans. Not now.
- Jeff Friedrich: Could you identify the themes and/or consistent student concerns?
- Norman Sippert referred to the six key themes he previously identified as emerging from the student feedback:
  - first point (support for ethical and fair trade policies): on this one student concerns have not been satisfied; there’s an issue on retail, fair trade vs. making money;
  - second point (opposition to competition with SUB): they’ve addressed open access to SUB;
  - third point (opposition to getting rid of the knoll, though some students were okay with moving it): they’re going to put it somewhere else;
  - fourth point (support for student housing): it is student housing, though not guaranteed student housing;
  - fifth point (support for a car-free boulevard and a safe bus station): there’s a need for balance; some vehicular access is needed; they’re pushing for rapid transit; they believe the station will be safe;
  - sixth point (demand for informal study spaces): this is challenging; such spaces would not bring in money.
- Jeff Friedrich: The proposed new Board and Senate building will contain 4000 square feet. That could be used.
- Norman Sippert: It could be a multi-use room.
- Jeff Friedrich: Given that these critiques are still coming up, are you confident that consultation has addressed them fully? Are you satisfied meaningful consultation has occurred?
- Norman Sippert: You have to distinguish between consultation and satisfaction.
- Jeff Friedrich: One key theme that is missing here is the persistent student view that the project shouldn’t happen.
- Norman Sippert: We haven’t heard that except from a few. Some aspects have been opposed, but not the whole project.
- Matt Filipiak suggested that the five people at one consultation session he attended did not constitute meaningful consultation. He also asked what retailers have committed to participating.
- Norman Sippert: There are no retailers. No one’s come to the door. As to the small turnout at consultation sessions, it’s a tough sell getting people to attend.
- Matt Filipiak: The process has failed. There are hundreds if not thousands who don’t want this project to go forward. What is the potential to revisit the whole set-up, hold a new competition, etc.? And not this summer when no students are around.
- Norman Sippert: That’s a Board of Governors decision. He was once an AMS representative in this process and voted against the project, but you learn. He works for the Administration now. There are constraints, real-world constraints, a difference between the academic and the industry perspectives.
- Nate Crompton asked why this presentation was being made today, the day of the anti-project petition, though the AMS had been asking for a presentation since November.
- Norman Sippert said there had been scheduling difficulties and added that the information had been out there; the AMS Executive sits on University Town committees; they’re informed; there’s been no deliberate attempt to hold back information.
- Nate Crompton asked about using money for the deficit.
- Norman Sippert: The website says where Endowment money goes, for bursaries. The project is not about making money; that’s just a by-product. It’s really for sustainability and creating a centre for campus.
- Omid Javadi asked about the volume of buses in the loop and future capacity.
- Norman Sippert: When underground, buses can be packed closer. TransLink consultants tell us there’s enough capacity.
- Stephanie Ryan said meaningful consultation is defined legally as taking feedback into account, factoring the feedback into the plan.
- Norman Sippert: By taking into account, do you mean implementing?
- Stephanie Ryan expressed a concern about building out rather than up and also wondered about rapid transit combining with the bus loop.
- Margaret Orlowski asked about costs.
- Norman Sippert said it is $83 million for the first phase.
- Margaret Orlowski: There are other phases? What will they cost?
- Norman Sippert said he could guess, but construction costs are going up.
- Maayan Kreitzman: The underground bus loop will never pay for itself, so where will the money come from?
- Norman Sippert referred to an infrastructure fund.
- Martin [a guest] asked about the vision the project implied for the centre of the University. He said student views on this seem to have been ignored. There’s an impersonal atmosphere being projected in the plans, symbolized by the fact that the students in the diagrams don’t have faces. [Laughter.]
- Norman Sippert said the vision was of a place where a diverse mix of students, faculty, staff, and residents could feel comfortable and interact, perhaps over coffee. There would also be green spaces. It can’t be everything to everybody. His personal vision was of a thriving urban centre, and that was close to what was in the project.
- Martin suggested the thriving centre should be possible without having to pay money at retail shops. It should be a student space instead of a retail space.
- Norman Sippert: There will be some space like that. But is paying $2 for a coffee too much to ask? Some students do this now, buying food inside a building not designed for that. Is that any less commodification?
- Darren Peets asked if the underground loop was being dug deep enough for trolleys.
- Norman Sippert: No. If there’s rapid transit, we’ll just dig deeper. It was unclear what TransLink’s plans were. Probably rapid transit was 10-15-20 years in the future.
- Darren Peets: Why are we doing this? Or for whom?
- Norman Sippert: The Georgia Straight makes the point that there is no centre to the campus. The aim of the project is to find the centre, provide services, and be more sustainable through encouraging transit.
- Jeannette [guest] asked about trees.
- Norman Sippert: Trees near the SUB will come down.
- Bahram Norouzi asked about the seriousness of the consultation concerning retail and also about rental rates.
- Norman Sippert said rent could be lowered for some and raised for others. He agreed that assumptions were being made about having an underground station and retail businesses, but how it plays out on the square was still open to discussion.
- Tristan Markle asked what the primary purpose of the project was. Housing? Retail? An underground loop? You could just build an underground loop.
- Norman Sippert: We could just build a transit station on its own. That’s one of the
purposes. The primary purpose is to create a social heart of the campus.

- Matthew Naylor asked how a 4000 square foot Board and Senate building created student use at the heart of campus.
- Norman Sippert: It could also be used by students. But it’s a valid argument. The space could be used for something else.
- Matthew Naylor: Is there evidence of support for the plan? Or evidence that the opposition is from a small group only? Student leaders seem opposed.
- Norman Sippert: There has been feedback from various sources, including 800 comments from one feedback method. He didn’t have students coming up to him and saying stop the project. There are actually people who like this project. There are huge numbers of students who do not vote in AMS elections but who keep retail in the SUB alive. If you ask students if they’d like more choice in retail, they’ll say yes.
- Bowinn Ma: Will students be able to sit in cafés and do homework without buying anything?
- Norman Sippert: That will depend on the retailer.
- Neal Marks: Have students said they want shopping at the heart of campus?
- Norman Sippert: There’s a demand for these things. No, they haven’t said it should be in the heart; they have said they want it convenient.
- Neal Marks: Will people on South Campus have to walk all the way to the centre?
- Norman Sippert: South Campus will have its own centre.

In closing, Norman Sippert asked about trying to get past the sense of confrontation on this issue and asked what sort of consultation can happen this summer.

Jeff Friedrich: There are some pretty strong feelings on this, perhaps because we’re addressing an anti-project petition. We’ve done a lot to define proper consultation. Campus Planning has made use of those ideas for the Main Campus Plan; students are not complaining about that process; the University Boulevard project should look at that. Thanks for coming.

A three minute recess was agreed to at 8:07 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

University Boulevard Petition - Margaret Orlowski

Margaret Orlowski said the petition originated with the Student Resource Groups and is motivated by concern over the University Boulevard project and the lack of consultation surrounding it. She provided historical background and added:
- The University Town committee twice rejected plans for the project and asked for but did not receive a new plan.
- The bus loop was designed before the U-Pass increased ridership, and there are concerns the proposed loop will not be able to handle the traffic.
- The view expressed in the petition is that the heart of the campus should be for student needs, not a shopping mall, and not about cost recovery.
- There are also concerns about the lack of consultation, the lack of green space, the disappearance of the knoll, and competition with the SUB.

Margaret Orlowski wants Council to endorse the petition and oppose the current project while supporting the development of a new plan for the area.

The petition was done in a hurry in advance of the May Board, at which it was thought there would be Board 2 approval of the project.
Despite the postponement, the project is still going to go to the Board of Governors, so the petition’s point is still relevant.

Questions:
- Alex Lougheed: Has the AMS officially received the petition?
  - Margaret Orlowski: Members of the Executive have seen it.
- Lauren Hunter: Do we really want to reject cost-recovery? $83 million would pay for a lot of student bursaries.
  - Margaret Orlowski: If the project remains profit-driven, the first priority will be generating revenue instead of meeting student needs. But this point is not in the resolution clauses in the motion being presented tonight. Some cost-recovery could be included as a secondary aspect.
  - Tahara Bhate: What do other universities have at their heart?
  - Margaret Orlowski: Big squares, libraries, academic buildings, student union buildings. She hadn’t seen a nice campus with shopping in the middle of it.
  - Tahara Bhate asked about getting more signatures.
  - Margaret Orlowski: It’s trickier in the summer, with the undergraduates gone. This all happened at the end of term. There were a few classroom presentations and some gathering at Arts County Fair and through Facebook and the Internet.
  - Darren Peets asked about throwing out signatures without student numbers.
  - Margaret Orlowski: Some people put in their phone numbers instead because they didn’t have their student numbers on them. There might be 3000 signatures if those are included, but they haven’t counted them.

4. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:

“Whereas University Boulevard, a space located at the heart of UBC campus and used by students for social and learning needs, should not be developed on a cost-recovery model, and should prioritize student needs for learning and social spaces over retail space, particularly at a time when studies, such as NSSE, are showing a decrease in the quality of our education; and

Whereas there has been vastly inadequate consultation with students, the AMS Student Council, and the University Town Committee throughout the entire process of the University Boulevard development project; and

Whereas students are dismayed by the proposed elimination of the grassy knoll, the lack of green space in the project, and project’s plan to allow car traffic along University Boulevard from Wesbrook Mall to East Mall, which will disrupt the atmosphere and decrease the safety of the area; and

Whereas the unexpandable underground bus loop would not physically be able to accommodate future increases to transit service to campus, and would not serve the needs of students or University Town residents; and

Whereas the more than $30 million funding for the underground bus loop through infrastructure impact charges would be more appropriately spent on improving greatly needed services such as daycare, for which there is currently a waiting list of 1300; and

Whereas the University Boulevard plan does not physically integrate the SUB into the proposed community space, nor does it work in cooperation with the SUB’s current renewal process; and
Whereas competition from new businesses (not guaranteed to be local or ethical) would decrease usage of the SUB and negatively affect student-run and funded businesses; and

Whereas 2500 constituents have signed a petition calling on the AMS to adopt a policy addressing these concerns.

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS support and endorse the petition against the current University Boulevard development plan; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS oppose the current University Boulevard Neighbourhood plan; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support the development of a new plan that shall revisit land-use options, embody the will of students, reflect their educational and social needs, and provide a true heart for the University of British Columbia; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS call on the UBC Board of Governors to defeat any further motions on the advancement of the University Boulevard project until such a new plan has been developed through an inclusive and meaningful consultation process engaging students in the planning and design process; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS call on Campus and Community Planning to develop and follow policies that implement students’ ideas and feedback arrived at through consultation into the design plans of all proposed campus development projects; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS call on Campus and Community Planning to provide clear reasoning through a transparent process why any such student ideas would not be implemented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich: The University Boulevard project has a long history. It’s come to a head now because it was slated to go to the May Board for approval. Past AMS policy motions have criticized the process. This is different. This time, for the first time, we’re criticizing the merits of the plan.
- He had taken a while to come around to opposing the current plan. He’s not opposed to development in principle, but now he doesn’t see much added value in the project for students. Advice presented at committees was not listened to.
- The second resolved clause opposes the current plan. The Executive is comfortable supporting that. The key word is “current.” The design being brought forward is not addressing concerns, not catering to the student audience.
- The University’s VP External and UBC Properties Trust brought this plan forward, but lately there’s been a shift of culture. Campus Planning has handled the Main Campus Plan, and they’ve handled it well.
- The question is, Is this University Boulevard plan an improvement on what exists? Does it serve students? We have a responsibility as students to serve students. We also have a responsibility as a board of directors to ask how this plan will affect our businesses.
- He didn’t understand why the University didn’t come to the AMS to ask how to improve this space or other spaces, like the knoll, that are already used by students.
- He can’t see a reason not to support this petition.
- Matthew Naylor said he didn’t have a problem with development, and he quoted his
father, a 1976 UBC graduate, as saying the SUB was the hub of campus. He was
against having shops at the heart of campus. This plan doesn’t address us as a
University. Even capitalist pigs like himself think this is not a good plan.
- Norman Sippert asked if the motion was opposing the current design or the original
Neighbourhood Plan.
- Dave Tompkins and Brendon Goodmurphy said it was the current design.
- Norman Sippert: The 2003 plan? Just that?
- Scott Bernstein asked what effect passing this motion would have.
- Dave Tompkins said the Executive would take it to the Board of Governors.
- Scott Bernstein: And the Board will just go ahead anyway? He expressed concern
about how the current design would affect business in the SUB.
- Brittany Tyson: The Executive is united in support of this motion. She also
suggested putting the petition in AMS businesses to test the suggestion that
students shopping at the SUB want more retail.
- Matt Filipiak said the GSS didn’t pass a motion on this because the one that came
forward was not as well written as this one, but the GSS did support the spirit and
directed him to pursue alternatives. UBC could use students’ skill sets to do
something better.
- Neal Marks: Money is a big issue. You can’t just throw away plans. What’s needed
is a consultative plan to start something new, working in collaboration with the
University.
- Bernie Peets expressed a concern about not being hypocritical. We’ve talked of
expanding into that space with our businesses. We’ve been criticized for allegedly
whining over competition. We may want to participate, and the preamble to the
motion sounds whiny.
- Tahara Bhate opposed having a timeline in the motion. If no concrete plan can be
constructed, we won’t have anything, but then there’d be no point in going ahead.
- Lauren Hunter warned that the motion as written risked an abuse of student funds.
She understood not wanting a capitalist cost-driven aspect, but she was nervous
that taking out cost-recovery from the project might force the University to resort to
using GPOF money, and then they would say the students asked them to spend
their GPOF money.

5. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY (Friendly amendment):

“That motion #4 be amended by striking the last resolution and replacing 2500 with 2600.”

... Carried

6. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Friendly amendment by Norman Sippert:

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... Carried

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- Conor Topley said that if the AMS can move into the new project, it’s hypocritical to include the clause on competition.

8. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:
“That motion #7 be amended by deleting the last whereas clause.”

- There was discussion on the clause concerning transit and daycare.
- Nate Crompton: We’re not saying we’re opposed to transit, just the loop.
- Darren Peets asked if infrastructure money could be used for daycare.
- Jeff Friedrich said it depends who you ask.
- Norman Sippert said only if it’s used for daycare infrastructure.
- Darren Peets: People don’t drop out of school because they have to walk further, but they do drop out if they can’t find daycare.
- Margaret Orlowsk suggested finding language recommending spending money on less expensive transit.
- Stephanie Ryan said she’d be in favour of even more spending if it was for rapid transit.

9. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

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11. MOVED LAUREN HUNTER, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That the first whereas clause be amended to read:

“Whereas University Boulevard, a space located at the heart of UBC campus and used by students for social and learning needs, should not be developed on a cost-recovery model, if this model detracts from a positive student experience and should prioritize student needs for learning and social spaces over retail space, particularly at a time when studies, such as NSSE, are showing a decrease in the quality of our education; and

... Carried

12. MOVED TARIQ AHMED, SECONDED SCOTT BERNSTEIN:

That motion #7 be amended by deleting the following whereas clause:

Whereas the more than $30 million funding for the underground bus loop through infrastructure impact charges would be more appropriately spent on improving greatly needed services such as daycare, for which there is currently a waiting list of 1300; and ... Defeated

13. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED SHAGUFTA PASTA:

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14. MOVED ALFIE LEE:

“That motion #13 be amended by striking ‘less expensive’ and replacing with ‘more effective’.”

15. MOVED OMID JAVADI:

“That motion #14 be amended to read:

‘more cost-effective’.”

16. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

17. MOVED OMID JAVADI:

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D) President’s Remarks:

Campus 2020:
The report is available here:
Find my comments in the Georgia Straight here:
And our AMS press release here:
Stephen Toope wrote an op-ed in the Vancouver Sun here:
http://www.canada.com/vancouversun/news/editorial/story.html?id=d5e8e908-7e02-4d29-b06a-6c5ec569d99c
And for good measure, our submission is available here:  

Also note that amongst the submissions on last nights agenda our friend Matthew Naylor had External Commission Vice Chair Nathan Lapper write a summary of the document. If you read all that, you can count yourself among the more informed of AMS councilors. Overall it’s a good, and important report. If government adopted the benchmarks- notably equalizing participation rates across income quartiles and among aboriginal students, there aren’t many other ways to get there besides spending lots of money on universities and colleges. These documents are important to read because they will likely inform AMS lobbying goals for the next several years. The Campus 2020 report picked up on several AMS lobbying points- notably the creation of a teaching and learning research center and improved data collection around quality.

Communications Rebrand:

CPG had their first meeting, and Alison brought forward a creative brief and timeline for the committee to consider as it begins a rebranding process for the AMS. We’ll be talking about new logos, designs, and communication mechanisms and vehicles. Alison and I have also been talking about the creation of an AMS communications budget and have organized a number of meetings related to that. We’ve also talked about developing a new website that offloads content management responsibilities to the departments.

U-Blvd.:
In anticipation of last nights meeting, Brendon and I organized and attended meetings with VP Dennis Pavlich( who offered us a seat on the steering committee- Brendon took this); VP Brian Sullivan; AVP Planning Nancy Knight; last night’s presenter Norman Sippert; and Bryce Rostich from the Board of Governors. I have also spoken on this issue to President Toope and Brad Bennett, chair of the UBC Board of Governors. We spoke of a concern that the project would be going for May approval, and informed them of growing interest in the student petition. I was informed that the project would not be going to May Board the day before the council meeting.

SCAPP and NSSE committees:
Two committees looking at academic quality and budget planning, both in response to AMS motions requesting such action. More info to come.

V. Tech Memorial:
I attended a memorial on campus and handled media requests as they came in. We set up a message board in SUB and have discussed emergency planning strategies with VP Students office.
E) **Executive Reports:**

**Matthew Naylor - VP External**

**Partnerships in the Student Movement**
The week after the last Council meeting, I visited Kwantlen and SFU to visit their Council meetings. SFU was somewhat more successful inasmuch as they managed to hold a Council meeting; Kwantlen unfortunately could not meet quorum. It’s been a wonderful experience meeting with them, and I look forward to building partnerships with our brothers and sisters in the student movement from other universities and university colleges across the Lower Mainland and the Province.

**CASA and X-Com**
Right now the External Commission is being hired, and is mostly hired already. We are going to be busy organizing the CASA conference, which will be happening in June. Recently Jeff and I went to the Rafter 6 Ranch for the CASA regional transition where we were able to meet all the people who were going to be acting as designates for the other schools in the CASA West region. Also, Jeff rode a horse for the first time.

**U-Pass Issues**
With regards to U-Pass issues, I’d like you to read my submission to Council regarding DAP Students. Suffice it to say, there doesn’t appear to be significant interest or administrative strength to extend the program to them. Also, in the near future, we are going to conduct a survey of co-op students in order to extend the U-Pass to them.

**Campus 2020**
Last week on Monday, the “Campus 2020” report came out. We were relatively satisfied with it. It contained a lot of visionary proposals for post secondary education in the province, and we encourage the province to follow through on implementing those recommendations. I again direct you to the submissions, where my Vice-Chair has provided an Executive Summary of the report, which you can peruse at your leisure.

**Bill C-31 Update**
Regarding Bill C-31, which as you will probably recall, was discussed at the last Council meeting; we just received the legal opinion back. It basically states that there is a value in us being a petitioner, but that there also could be a value in us collecting affidavits. This will be further discussed in Executive Committee.

**Other Items**
Right now my time is primarily being taken up with summer U-Pass administration. That is about it.

**Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs**

**University Boulevard**
I have been doing a lot of work regarding University Boulevard lately – sitting on Committees, meeting with individual administrators, and working with the student petitioners. As Jeff mentioned in his remarks, we met with Dennis Pavlich, Norman Sippert, Nancy Knight and Brian Sullivan about the matter on different occasions. I also attended a student focus group put on by the Alumni Association on what kinds of spaces in the Alumni Centre (the larger building on A2 in the design plans) would be most useful/needed for students. I also went to the U-Town Committee on April 5, where we had the opportunity
to see the animation that is online (that was presented to Council tonight), and discuss the feedback given at the Open House. I talked about the Knoll, the cost of the housing, the flow to the SUB, the retail-mix, the traffic and I informed them of the policy we passed on March 28, but no one took copies. Lastly, Dennis Pavlich (VP External and Legal Affairs) offered us a seat on the U-Blvd Steering Committee. We got to see detailed plans presented by the architects. I brought up many of the same issues, but also addressed the Board and Senate Room.

Access and Diversity
I sit on the Access and Diversity Advisory Council. We met on April 26. Currently the committee is designing a strategy plan for the UBC Access and Diversity Office, trying to find priorities for the year.

UNA/ACF
I sit on the University Neighbourhood Association Board (UNA), comprised of myself, two university reps, two UNA reps and the Chair, Jim Taylor (also UNA). Many neighbourhood residents have concerns over the large-scale rock concerts that happen at Thunderbird stadium in the summer, including Arts County Fair. The residents mainly have concerns about safety, alcohol, destroyed property, etc. The UNA is fairly understanding of Arts County Fair (ACF), because it is for and by students – but they still had many concerns this year about how safety was handled. A debrief took place, I asked Matthew Naylor to go in my place because I was ill. I also talked to AUS organizers, and they felt like the debrief went well… though I have a feeling this will continue to be a problem for years to come.

Hiring
I have hired the following people. The minutes were distributed with the council agenda. None of the committees met quorum. Congratulations to all successful applicants!
- Safety Coordinator: Aoife Chamberlaine
- Speaker of Council: Dave Tompkins
- AMS Ombudsperson: Laura-Ashley Wright
- Associate VP University (my Commission): Blake Frederick

Academic Plan/NSSE
The university hired past VP Academic, Lorne Whitehead, to further investigate the NSSE (National Survey on Student Engagement) results, and look at steps for moving forward and incorporating the data. They had a focus group with myself and Jeff and some University administrators on ways that the AMS can be engaged in this conversation. One thing that came out of that: we are going to hold a focus group with students of different cultural backgrounds, to get their understanding of “engagement,” and the barriers to it.

The Academic Planning process has been started by President Toope to address some of the concerns over teaching and learning that have been raised lately. It is being headed by George Mackie, current VP Academic, and lots of people are involved. They also held a focus group with lots of students (senators, AMS, GSS, others), to let us know what this is all about and ask us some bigger picture (and rather tough) questions about how to plan for academics. It’s a good idea, we’ll see what comes out of it all.

LEAP
LEAP is an academic support program that was started through a partnership between the AMS and UBC. It is facing funding cuts currently, and is looking at how it can secure funding in the future. I am also interested in using this partnership to address some of the
concerns that students have regarding academic support. More to come from the Ad-hoc Academic Quality Committee on this one.

**Campus Planning and Development Committee**
We had our first meeting on April 20. We had some updates on U-Blvd, talked about goals and strategies for the year, what kind of things the committee would like to see happen, learn more about and work on for the year. We will also be appointing someone from the committee to sit on the President’s Property and Planning Advisory Committee, and we will be choosing a candidate to sit on the Development Permits Board – a position which requires technical expertise in planning or architecture.

**Other AMS Committees**
SASSF has a meeting scheduled for next week to decide funding for the Sexual Assault Support Centre. Impacts and Academic Quality have not met yet, but will soon. I also sat on Budget Committee, which I chair in Code, but traditionally the VP Academic has in the past given the chair over to the VP Finance (it makes sense...).

**Shagufta Pasta - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

**Hiring**
The past three weeks have been extremely hectic with the hiring of the 2007-08 AMS Services Coordinators. After reviewing applications, writing interview questions, shortlisting, conducting interviews and making the ‘oh so difficult’ hiring decisions, I now feel like I have a fairly solid grasp of how to hire wonderful staff. I’m extremely pleased about the new Services team that was assembled with the help of outgoing Coordinators and committee members, and feel confident that the Services are going to have a fabulous year. These are the names of the new Coordinators.

**Tamara Gorin (Speakeasy):** Tamara brings a wealth of peer support and anti-oppression experience to the Speakeasy office.

**Harkamal Mahil (Safewalk):** Harkamal brings much experience to the Safewalk office. He has spent two years as a Team Leader, and one year as a walker, and is enthusiastic about creating a climate of safety at UBC.

**Matt Brandon (Advocacy):** A third year Law student with a strong history in social work and an interest in poverty law, Matt is well positioned to be a passionate and effective advocate for UBC students in the upcoming year.

**Jacqueline Bell (AMS Connect):** A well rounded fourth year Political Science Honours student, Jacqueline brings much energy and creativity to the AMS’s newest Service. In the past, she has taken on the role of VP External for the UBC Debating Society, and Volunteer Coordinator for the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation.

**Sijia Lun (Food Bank):** The previous Volunteer Coordinator at the AMS Food Bank, Sijia brings a great deal of knowledge about the inner workings of the Food Bank to her current role.

**Emily Chan (Tutoring):** Pursuing a double major in English Literature and History, Emily brings significant tutoring experience, a fresh perspective and strong organizational skills to this growing service.

**Jessa McGregor (Shinerama Co-Chair):** A second year Science student with lots of experience planning charity events, Jessa is passionate and determined to make the 2007 Shinerama an incredible success.

**Sheila Best (Minischool):** Entering her fourth year in Sports and Recreation Management, Sheila brings lots of passion, a dynamic attitude, and much event planning experience with UBC Rec, to the AMS Minischool.
In addition to interviewing for the AMS Service Coordinators, I also participated in:
- the FirstWeek Interviews
- the AMS Insider Designer and Editor Interviews

Training and Orientation
Along with hiring the new team, I put together a Services Orientation Day to help Coordinators learn more about the AMS, its Constitution, the history of the Services, the Bylaws, and much much more! In addition, due to a generous invitation from a variety of UBC units, the Service Coordinators were able to participate in Coordinated Training with other student summer staff. They attended workshops on topics such as Ethical Leadership, Project Management, and True Colours, and learnt lots.

LEAP
After multiple budgetary conversations, a detailed budget was prepared for the upcoming fiscal year for the LEAP project. This is the third year of TLEF funding for the project. In addition, the process of settling on goals and projects for the year ahead has just begun, and new student staff have come onboard. It’s exciting to see how this new infusion of energy and talent will impact this exciting academic portal.

Safewalk
After reporting back to the VPS office on how Safewalk fared this past year, I had a meeting with Anne DeWolfe and Campus Security to discuss ways to make Safewalk an even better service. They had some great ideas and advice, and it will be interesting to see how we work through some of those suggestions over the next year.

Learning Commons Conference
I was able to attend a three day conference with the support of the VPS office on learning, and the idea of the Learning Commons. It was an extremely educational experience, and I took away many ideas to apply to AMS Tutoring to make our tutoring training a more comprehensive program.

Budget and Outgoing Coordinator Transition
Finally, April 30th was the last day for the outgoing Service Coordinators. To wrap up their experience, I held a meeting to get their feedback on how Service Coordinators can better promote their Services, and how to make Service promotion a more integrated process. They had lots of great ideas, and it was wonderful to walk away with some concrete suggestions to implement. They also finished up their transition reports and helped to transition the new Coordinators into their wonderful new positions.

Sarah Naiman - VP Administration
- SAC Hiring is done
- SA Link
- SUB Renewal meetings and processes
- WOW and SUBmersion
- ACF
- AA Board Meeting

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

AMS Budget
I will be making the Preliminary Budget presentation today, and the final budget presentation Wednesday, June 27. This afternoon I had a budget orientation session with the new Service
Coordinators to ensure proper use of accounts and our financial systems, as well as making sure they understand their budget and work to stay on budget.

**Business Operations Committee**
The committee has been discussing renovations to PieR², which would include: removal of the steel and glass wall; changes to the store front, pizza display, and line-up flow; installation of a condiment stand; and new seating arrangements. More details will come to Council once the project decisions have been finalized by the committee. The Prep Kitchen renovations are coming along and the Food & Beverage department should be able to resume regular operations within 3 weeks. BOC also passed a motion to renew our contract with Zoom media for a 4-year term, while the decision was made to terminate our contract with studentphones. The AMS will look into partnering with other telecommunication providers.

**Finance Commission**
I am pleased to announce that the Finance Commission has been hired. Thank you to all of the Commissioner Appointments Committee members for their attendance at meetings and interviews over the past couple of weeks. This year’s Finance Commission members are:

- Stanley Yeh (Vice-Chair)
- Azim Wazeer (Business Operations)
- Lisa Chung (Clubs & Constituencies)
- Tabitha Li (Financial Aid)
- Jessica Allen (Special Projects)

**AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee**
The current balance in our reserve fund provides us with the exciting opportunity to increase health and dental plan benefits for students this year. Some proposed ideas include increasing coverage of basic services to 60% and increasing maximum dental coverage to $750 per year. We are also looking into the possibility of having a Counseling Network for students to access counseling services at a lower cost as well as covering appointments with Registered Clinical Counselors. This would be similar to the other networks that studentcare currently provides.

**SA Link**
Sarah and I have invited Aaron Severs (President, Collegiate Link) to give a presentation to Council this evening. Yesterday, Sarah and I gave a presentation to representatives from UBC Student Development, VP Students’ office, Enrolment Services, and Alumni Affairs. We are excited about developing partnerships with the University to enhance usage and capabilities of this system, such as integration with Campus-Wide Login and the Student Services Centre. This is an amazing administrative tool for the AMS that also presents many opportunities for engaging students and is a logical extension of online community networks (e.g. Facebook, MySpace) that have become so popular with students. Both Sarah and I, along with our commissions and many AMS club members, are extremely excited about seeing this project move forward.

**Sprouts**
I have been meeting with Caterina, the new Store Manager, over the past several months to discuss ways to make Sprouts more financially sustainable. We are working on developing a business strategy and fundraising campaign, in addition to structural changes within the store, improvements to the inventory management, and financial and data management systems the store currently has.

**Whistler Orientation Weekend: Friday, May 4 – Sunday, May 6**
F) **Committee Reports:**

G) **Constituency Reports:**

- Engineering – Bowinn Ma – Council retreat lasted 14 hours. Cystic fibrosis fundraiser raised $450, the first EUS fundraiser in a long time that actually raised money.
- Commerce – Conor Topley – Exams.
- Science – Michael Duncan – Exams.
- Education – Craig Wrotniak – Students coming back from practicum.
- Pharmacy – Charmaine Ma – Students going on practicum.
- Land & Food Systems – Neal Marks – Students upset over closure of Macmillan building.
- Arts – Stephanie Ryan – Held Last Lecture for graduating Arts students in Chan Centre.

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

**Board of Governors**
Darren Peets: Discussion on mandatory retirement.

**Senate**
Tariq Ahmed: Looking at budgeting for the shortfall. Looking at faculties running their own first-year English programs. Possible 10-day break in 2010 for the Olympics, but then exams will go later.

I) **Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

21. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED ALFIE LEE:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

- Minutes of Student Council dated March 28, 2007 [SCD 060-008]
- Minutes of Student Council dated April 4, 2007 [SCD 061-008]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 26, 2007 [SCD 062-008]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 8, 2007 [SCD 063-008]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 13, 2007 [SCD 064-008]
- Minutes of the Budget Committee dated April 25, 2007 [SCD 065-008]
- Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated April 27, 2007 [SCD 066-008]
- Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated April 30, 2007 [SCD 067-008]

... Carried

J) **Executive Committee Motions:**

22. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:
“Whereas the Restore the Norm campaign raised $92,279 to refurbish the Norm Theatre, and

Whereas the actual cost of the refurbishment was $106,388

Therefore be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure of $14,109 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund to cover the shortfall.”

Note: The fund currently has a balance of $710,000 or 27.3% of the replacement value of the Society’s furnishings. After the proposed expenditure, the fund would still be well over 25%, as required by the Bylaws.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Brittany Tyson: The Restore the Norm campaign refurbished the Norm Theatre, replacing the horrible seats and refinishing the floor. Fundraising came up a bit short of covering the cost.

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24. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED ALFIE LEE:

“That the meeting be extended to 10:33 p.m.” ... Carried

25. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON: [SCD 068-08]

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: President’s Fund’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jeff Friedrich: The wrong version of the new Code section on the President’s Fund came to Council last time. This version makes it the Executive Committee rather than the President that administers the fund.

26. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON: [SCD 068-08]
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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

27. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH: [SCD 069-08]

“Be it resolved that Council ratify CASA’s 2.09 Assessment Point Value, the maximum of $46,446 and the minimum of $3,672, for the 2007 – 2008 operating year, as adopted by Extraordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Members of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) held March 13 – 17, 2007.”

[SCD 070-08]

“Be it resolved that Council ratify the appointment of Mr. Zach Churchill as National Director of CASA for the 2007-2009 term as approved by Extraordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Members of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) held March 13 – 17, 2007.”

[SCD 071-08]

“Be it resolved that Council ratify the following amendments to CASA’s third bylaw as approved by Extraordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Members of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) held March 13-17, 2007:

a) By-law 3, 2.0 of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations shall be struck in its entirety and the By-law renumbered accordingly;

b) By-law 3, 4.1(iv) shall be amended to read: ‘shall circulate adopted meeting minutes to all Member Associations normally within five (5) business days of the meeting.’”

[SCD 072-08]

“Be it resolved that Council ratify the following amendments to CASA’s fourth bylaw as approved by Extraordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Members of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) held March 13-17, 2007:

a) By-law 4, 4.3 of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations shall be amended to read:

‘Prior to the vote beginning, each of the regional directors upon consultation with their region shall rank the candidates on one secret ballot per region which shall be sealed in an envelope and held by the Chair, who shall not participate within his or her regional consultation at this stage in the selection process. If both regional directors from one or more regions are not present, then voting must be delayed until such time as all regions have one of their directors cast a ballot.’

b) By-law 4, 4.5 of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations shall be amended to read:

‘In the event of a tie, a discussion will be held concerning the merits of the candidates, followed by a tie breaking vote. If a tie reoccurs, the ballots cast by the Regional Director(s) prior to general voting are opened by the Chair and the candidate whose name of the two tied candidates is ranked highest on two or more ballots wins. If a tie reoccurs, then the Chair shall decide the winner.’

c) By-law 4, 5.1 shall be amended to read:
‘In the event that any member of the Board of Directors is an applicant for the position of National Director, he or she must remove him or herself from all matters relating to the selection process.’"

“Be it resolved that Council ratify the following amendments to CASA’s constitution as approved by Extraordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Members of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) held March 13-17, 2007:

a) Article 11.2 of the Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is struck and the Constitution shall be renumbered accordingly;

b) Article 11.6 of the Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations shall be amended to now read:

‘In the event that a Regional Director is removed from office, resigns or is unable to fulfill his or her responsibilities, the Chair of the Board of Directors shall notify the Full Members located in that region within seven (7) calendar days of the vacancy. Regional Caucus shall elect a new Regional Director. The newly elected Regional Director shall then become acting Regional Director upon ratification by the Board of Directors until such a time they may be ratified by the membership.’"

... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

28. MOVED LINDSAY MACPHEE, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“Whereas the current Constituency fee for Engineering students is $45; and

Whereas in a fee referendum held in March 2007 by the Engineering Undergraduate Society the Engineering students voted to discontinue a $5 portion of their fee but at the same time, for a trial period of three years, voted to increase their fee by $2 to support Engineers without Borders,

Therefore be it resolved that Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to decrease the fee levy for students in Engineering from $45 to $42 starting in Winter Session 2007/08, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.

And be it further resolved that Council give notice to the Board of Governors that the fee levy for students in Engineering will decrease from $42 to $40 starting in Winter Session 2010/11.”

Lindsay MacPhee: There were three motions. The building fee increase got voted down, the endowment fee was decreased, but a temporary fee to support Engineers without Borders (EWB) was approved.

Bowinn Ma said the EWB fee was actually approved at the EUS last year, but they failed to bring it to Council, so a new vote was held, and it passed a second time.

Questions were raised about whether part of a Constituency fee could be designated to support a charity like the EWB. Lindsay MacPhee asked if that violated the Society Act.

Bernie Peets said that as long as the students voted for it, he didn’t see an issue.
29. MOVED LINDSAY MACPHEE, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

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Therefore be it resolved that Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to decrease the fee levy for students in Engineering from $45 to $42 starting in Winter Session 2007/08, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.

And be it further resolved that Council give notice to the Board of Governors that the fee levy for students in Engineering will decrease from $42 to $40 starting in Winter Session 2010/11.”

Note: Bowinn Ma, Lindsay MacPhee, Omid Javadi - abstained ... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Jeff Friedrich described plans for the Whistler Orientation Weekend (WOW), saying:
- The Executive often sets the agenda and WOW becomes the Executive lecturing.
- He wanted to make it more interactive.
- He also wanted to discuss the Strategic Framework.
- Possible hot topics to discuss included:
  - Engagement
  - Communications
  - Academics
  - Campus Development
  - Provincial Lobbying
  - Fees and Budget

- Brendon Goodmurphy suggested adding First Nations and International Students.
- A straw poll showed more interest in Academics and Campus Development than in First Nations and International Students.
- Tristan Markle said the issue of First Nations and International Students could be a subset of the issue of the composition of Council.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about Services. She'd like more information about them and about the proposed Ombudsperson project.
- Matthew Naylor: The UNA and how the campus is shifting from being a commuter campus.

Other suggested topics:
- Facebook: a force for good or evil?
- Salary and Compensation in the AMS.
- Overlapping events between Constituencies.

30. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:00 p.m.”
L) Committee Motions:

31. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY: [SCD 075-08]

“That Council approve the 2007/08 Preliminary Budget as presented.”

Brittany Tyson presented the preliminary budget, noting that it was a high level projection of the financial situation and making the following points:

- Business revenue is projected to be up over last year because last year’s was affected by the asbestos removal work.
- She is working to increase sponsorship revenue, but for now is conservatively projecting zero revenue from that source.
- Student government expenditure will go up by $70,000 because of the U-Pass handling fee.
- Safewalk may not get outside funding, so the conservative projection is that it will cost more.
- She conservatively budgeted a loss from the Welcome Back BBQ.
  - Conor Topley asked about business revenue the year before the asbestos removal.
  - Conor Topley asked about sponsorship money.
  - Brittany Tyson said the AMS used to have Coke money, but that’s been lost.
  - Bernie Peets said there is some other sponsorship revenue, but it’s earmarked for specific projects, not to a general pool.

32. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY: [SCD 075-08]

“That Council approve the 2007/08 Preliminary Budget as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

33. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

Whereas students are the primary users of the AMS businesses; and

Whereas the AMS Businesses can play a role in engaging students to raise awareness; and

Whereas students who utilize the AMS Businesses should have an opportunity to voice concern regarding potential damage to those businesses, and the potential establishment of competitive alternatives;

Be it resolved that AMS Council direct the AMS Businesses to display the University Boulevard petition for the collection of signatures.”

- Brittany Tyson said she wanted to test Norman Sippert’s notion that students using AMS businesses would support the University Boulevard plan. It would be useful to find out.
- Darren Peets asked if it would be an imposition on the businesses.
- Bernie Peets said it wouldn’t be an imposition. It might be offensive to some customers, though. The businesses sometimes do this sort of thing for charities.
Scott Bernstein said the petition might be more useful on the concourse.
- Neal Marks: If the idea is to contradict Norman Sippert’s suggestion, we shouldn’t do a petition. That’s biased. We should do a survey.

34. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JIA LEI:

“That motion #33 be amended by deleting ‘petition’ and replacing with ‘questionnaire’ in the resolution.”

- Scott Bernstein: We’ve already passed a motion supporting the petition.

35. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

- Neal Marks: If we want to find out student views, then a petition is not the way to go, but if we’re promoting our policy, then sure.
- Matt Filipiak: Eventually a survey, but for now raise some hell.
- Bernie Peets suggested using the revised language from the motion rather than the original petition.
- Dave Tompkins said Council didn’t modify the petition, only the motion

36. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JIA LEI:

“That the resolution be amended to read:

Be it resolved that AMS Council direct the AMS Businesses to display the University Boulevard questionnaire for the collection of signatures.”

... Defeated

37. MOVED TARIQ AHMED: (Friendly amendment)

“That the resolution be amended to read:

Be it resolved that AMS Council direct the AMS Businesses to display (where feasible) the University Boulevard petition for the collection of signatures.”

... Carried

38. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN,

“That the resolution be amended to read:

Be it resolved that AMS Council direct the AMS Businesses to display (where feasible) the University Boulevard petition, as amended to reflect the motion passed by AMS Council, for the collection of signatures.”

... Carried

39. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

Whereas students are the primary users of the AMS businesses; and

Whereas the AMS Businesses can play a role in engaging students to raise awareness; and
Whereas students who utilize the AMS Businesses should have an opportunity to voice concern regarding potential damage to those businesses, and the potential establishment of competitive alternatives;

Be it resolved that AMS Council direct the AMS Businesses to display (where feasible) the University Boulevard petition, as amended to reflect the motion passed by AMS Council, for the collection of signatures.”

40. MOVED OMID JAVADI:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:30 p.m.”  ... Carried

41. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.”  ... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

42. MOVED TARIQ AHMED, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee appoint Laura-Ashley Wright as AMS Ombudsperson for a term commencing May 1, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008.”  ... Carried

43. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That Council appoint (Council member) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

44. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED ALFIE LEE:

“That Council suspend Code to allow more than one member of a constituency to sit on a committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried

45. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That Council appoint Omid Javadi (Council member) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Clark Funnell (Council member) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Alfie Lee (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Nathan Crompton, Brittany Tyson and Matthew Naylor (Council members) and Helaine Boyd and Janis McKenzie (Members at Large) to the Board of
Directors of CiTR (the student Radio Society) for a one year term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008."

... Carried

M) **Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:**

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

46. **MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JIA LEI:**

‘That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 6, 2007 [SCD 076-08]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 13, 2007 [SCD 077-08]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 27, 2007 [SCD 078-08]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 5, 2007 [SCD 079-08]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 12, 2007 [SCD 080-08]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 19, 2007 [SCD 081-08]

...Carried

O) **Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:**

P) **Discussion Period:**

Q) **Submissions:**

- Letter from UBC Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Program regarding a proposal for a laboratory enhancement fee. [SCD 082-08]
- Campus 2020 Summary. [SCD 083-08]
- DAP Students and the UPass. [SCD 084-08]
- AMS Strategic Framework Values and Measurables [SCD 085-08]

R) **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

T) **Social Activity:**

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

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

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

1. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED SHAGUFTA PASTA:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks:

E) Executive Reports:

Shagufta Pasta - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

First Step
Preparations for First Step are in full swing, and First Step Leader applications are flooding in. As we prepare for another successful year of tours, we’ve also been working on revising the 2005 First Step Memorandum of Understanding between the AMS and the University to more accurately reflect the commitments of both partners towards this program. The key difference between the MOU on the agenda tonight and the 2005 MOU is that it contains a commitment of the AMS to dedicate the Art Gallery to being the First Step HQ. This is a fantastic investment towards ensuring a great first taste of UBC life for incoming UBC students, and I’m excited to see this go forward.

Individual Service Year Plans
This past month has been a really important year for the Services, and one where we’ve been laying the foundation of where the Services are going to progress this year. Each Coordinator has been working on a Year Plan that outlines what their main objectives for the year are, what different goals they will need to achieve to meet those objectives, the kinds of resources they will need, how I can support their vision, and what they’ll need to accomplish each month in order to get everything they want to get done, done. It’s been an extremely exciting process, and I’ll be meeting with each Service on a bi-monthly basis as the year goes on, to help them reach success with their goals.

Tutoring
To compensate for a smaller portion of the overall TLEF grant LEAP receives, Tutoring has restructured the way it will operate this year in order to decrease overall costs of the program. Instead of cutting Online Tutoring from the programs AMS Tutoring offers, each Tutor will offer both Online and Drop In Tutoring, in order to reduce the overall number of tutors required. There will also be Online Tutoring Managers who will offer tutoring online
during the late night hours and on weekends, as well as contribute resources to AMS Tutoring wikis. The idea is for tutors to provide peer support to one another, and share best practices. Tutoring is also hoping to get feedback from student leaders on campus, and the constituencies in particular, on how the service can best meet constituent needs. You can expect to hearing from Tutoring soon to get your feedback.

New to UBC/CACUSS
Next week I head to CACUSS, the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services annual conference. This year it is being held in Saskatoon at the University of Saskatchewan, and I’m looking forward to the experience immensely. Many thanks to Brian Sullivan for generously contributing to this trip. In addition to attending workshops, I’ll also be presenting on the New to UBC project with Marianne Schroeder and Margot Bell from UBC.

Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs

Hiring, Transitioning:
I did some more hiring: had to re-hire the Ombudsperson (Bruce Ferguson), and I hired my AVP (Blake Frederick) not too long after the last Council meeting.

Also, I have been helping to transition the new employees that I hired into their jobs, orienting them to the AMS, goal-setting, strategizing, etc – particularly with Blake and Aoife Chamberlaine (the Safety Coordinator).

University Boulevard:
Lots has happened in the way of U-Blvd. At the May BoG meeting, the President made a commitment to re-look at the plan and do consultation properly. Unfortunately, they did pass the underground tunnel and construction of the road – which inevitably means that the underground bus loop is being built. Since then, Jeff and I have had a few meetings with Brian Sullivan, Nancy Knight, Stephen Toope, Al Poettcker of Properties Trust and others to discuss how we’re going to move forward on the project. A new committee will be struck with a minimum of 5 students on it, and this committee will help figure out what the consultation process will be in the coming months. Tentatively the students will be myself, one other AMS exec, Matt Fillipiak (GSS Pres), Margaret Orlowski (Student-at-large and petitioner) and a student from a professional grad program in planning or designing.

Campus Planning and Development Committee:
We have met several times. Minutes have been submitted. We’ve been working on how the AMS would like to move forward on U-Blvd, and trying to predict some of the setbacks we may see. We also chose Margaret Orlowski, student-at-large and a driving force behind the U-Blvd petition to sit on the President’s Planning and Property Advisory Committee. The committee has been on hold in finding a Campus Development Officer because I’m still working out some of the details, and we didn’t get many applicants. Lastly, I’m trying to get some people from Campus and Community Planning to come to our meetings regularly to get updates about campus development issues.

Yardstick:
Blake, my AVP, has been working hard at setting out a working schedule and timeline and general ideas for the Yardstick. We’re thinking a December launch date at this point so that we can do some fund consultation and other stuff during the semester when people are here. Also, we are trying to find out the status of the new Student Evaluations on Teaching (see below) to figure out if we will have to publish all the Evaluation results or not.
Academic Quality Committee:
We have met twice now. The first one was mostly brainstorming, goal-setting, and thinking about our priorities. We have started working on the NSSE report, figuring out how we want to divide up the information, and some of the topics we’ll want to address. Attendance has been low, so I’m going to send around a sheet for any councilors who want to help out over the summer on this committee.

Student Evaluations on Teaching:
I sit on a committee that is trying to conceptualize and implement a new evaluation system at UBC. The policy this committee has been drafting was passed at the last Senate meeting, I believe unanimously, and we are excited to see it go through. The new evaluation system is modular, so there are 5 or so university-wide questions that will show up on every evaluation across the university. Those results will be published so they are easily accessible, but still require permission from the individual faculty member to publish the results. Then each evaluation will have faculty-wide questions, departmental questions and even questions from the professor. The next step for the committee is to try to get the evaluations online, and figure out how/where the results will be published, how this will be implemented, etc.

Impacts Committee / Sustainability Strategy:
We met once. I talked more about the Sustainability Strategy, which is the big project we will be working on this year. Essentially I just did an overview of what has been done so far with the strategy, and what work the committee will be doing. I want to have something publishable – like a brochure for example – that people can pick up and see very clearly what the AMS’ sustainability strategy is. The committee is going to help produce this and help us set our targets and figure out what research still needs to be done. We decided to also help organize Farmade again this year with the great amazing help of Nancy Toogood.

Senate:
I went to the Student Senate Caucus two weeks ago. Talked about how the AMS and student Senators can work together on academic issues. I have also been in close discussion with student senators about the MacMillan and Math library closures. More updates to come...

African Awareness:
I met with some students who are part of Africa Awareness. Their primary objective is to increase funding and resources to the African Studies minor program, which their group was instrumental in helping to get established at UBC. They want to work with AMS Firstweek to do an event, and they also wanted to know what other resources the AMS could provide for their cause. I scheduled a meeting for them to meet Aoife, the AMS Safety Coordinator, and it looks like they will be able to form a strong partnership there.

RCMP Office Hours:
Sherry Shaghaghi was recently hired at the UBC RCMP office to head the Victim Services there. She was hoping to hold office hours in the SUB once a week so that she could be closer to students and more accessible, and provide her valuable services. I ran it by the Executive and some of the safety related Service Coordinators, and we decided that it was not the best venue. It could be a duplication of services, there was limited space in the SUB, and we felt that Victim Services tends to take a different approach and provide a different type of service (and greatly needed), but one that may be better suited in Brock Hall.
Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee (SASSF):
As the motion coming to Council tonight suggests, we have met twice and made a decision about the funding of the SASSF. We decided to give the Sexual Assault Support Centre 95% of the funding, and the Initiatives Fund 5%. Please see the minutes for greater discussion and reasoning as to why.

Quarterly Report:
Hahaha... oops. It will be ready by next week and it will include a list of my priorities and goals for the year as discussed at WOW and after some time to reflect on my goals better.

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

AMS Budget
I am pleased to report that the Budget Committee and I are following the timeline and will be distributing the Final Budget on June 20th to Council, one week in advance of the Final Budget presentation. The Committee has been working very hard to ensure that each department’s expenses are justified, as well as comparing consistent expenses across departments to develop guidelines for some common expenditures within the society.

Business Operations Committee
April saw a particularly strong financial performance from our businesses, due in large part to the NHL playoffs. The Outpost is currently investigating the feasibility of offering the Student Price Card program and has purchased a new Point-of-Sale system that will enable better inventory management and comprehensive sales reporting. BOC has continued to oversee the renovation project scheduled for PieR², the Prep Kitchen, and the Pit Pub. The renewal of our contract with Zoom Media has brought an additional $10,000 in sponsorship revenue through a one-time signing bonus. Amp’d Mobile will be visiting the AMS on June 13 to discuss sponsorship opportunities. Amp’d is an American telecommunications company that has contacted us with convenient timing in light of our termination with studentphones.

Constituency Automated Banking Machines
The opportunity for increased revenue for AMS constituencies through ABMs was an initiative I have carried on from Sophia. At today’s AMS/UBC liaison meeting, I presented three letters of support from the Deans of the Arts, Commerce, and Law faculties for constituency-run ABMs in the Buchanan, Angus, and Curtis buildings. Byron Braley (AVP, UBC Treasury) has assured me that he will look into this issue and provide an update within the next two weeks. I will report back to Council when I receive more information.

Commerce Undergraduate Society & AMS Businesses
I am pleased to report that the CUS will be exclusively using AMS Businesses for their food and (where possible) other expenses this year. After meeting with Kenley Tam (VP Finance, CUS) and outlining the convenience of internal authorization charges for AMS Catering and other AMS food outlets, we were able to develop a partnership. Please encourage your constituency to do so and help bring money back to students.

Finance Commission
We are currently experiencing a few glitches with our budget/exec list submission website that we are trying to fix. Commissioners currently are being trained, conducting orientations for subsidiary treasurers, and have organized the office. We approved one $250 Student Initiative Grant for two UBC students to attend an engineering conference in Africa. Executive Orientations has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 13 to Friday,
September 15, 2007 in the Norm Theatre. This is a mandatory event for subsidiary executive members, so please mark down your calendars or notify your execs.

Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee
Alison Henry (Communications & Promotions Manager) has developed a “Sponsorship Opportunities” document that outlines the various events and activities put on by the AMS each year. This document creates three different sponsorship levels, which include a preset package of events, as well as add-ons, substitutions, and customizations, with financial or in-kind values. This document is an objective of the new Sponsorship Guidelines approved by Council last November and will act as a cornerstone for the development of a comprehensive AMS sponsorship package.

SA Link
See this evening’s presentation and funding motion for more information.

Sarah Naiman - VP Administration
Matthew Naylor - VP External

External Commission Hiring
I have finally hired my commission. I actually had hired Blake, only to have Brendon steal him from me. I am very happy with the new External Commission, which will consist of Nathan Lapper as Vice Chair, Events Commissioner Shannan Laktin, and U-Pass Commissioner Stepan Vdovine.

U-Pass Survey
The U-Pass survey on AMS membership for co-op students came back last Friday. It passed with an overwhelming proportion, 87.2%, in favour of becoming AMS members. There were 607 individual ballots cast, which is about 42.5% of the people who received the survey email, assuming people voted only once. We did try to ensure this through IP Address tracking.

Student Cooperation
With regards to student cooperation, we are having a conference from August 11th to 14th up in the Whistler Lodge. So far, UCFV, the University College of the Fraser Valley, as well as us, have confirmed our attendance. We are hopeful that there will be delegates from other student unions from across the lower mainland. However, many of them have been away this week at the CFS retreat, and have thus been out of contact. We should be hearing from them soon.

Ad-hoc Lobbying Review
The ad-hoc Lobbying Review Committee met last week, and will continue to meet throughout the year to look at lobbying issues. The meeting was fairly productive, and I hope that the committee will be helpful in changing the way that we lobby.

CASA Policy and Strategy
The CASA conference is going to be here next week, which is exciting. There has been a lot of work going into this conference, so it will pay off really well. We should be, among other things, meeting with MPs Denise Savoie, Blair Wilson and James Moore.

Bill C-31
With regards to Bill C-31, we have had a meeting with the PIVOT Law Firm, and have
decided that we will not be entering into this lawsuit as a petitioner, but rather will be collecting affidavits, majorly because we have, as an organization, too many assets, a state which would open us up to a higher degree of jeopardy in terms of court assigned costs. That said, the legal opinion indicated that we could have almost the same effectiveness representing students in this way as by being a petitioner, when this case does go to court, in terms of the final challenge.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering – Bowinn Ma – Referendum in October for a new building and constitutional changes. New website.

Commerce – Conor Topley – Changing committee structure. Sponsorship campaign.

Regent College – Lucia Lam – Clock tower up. Spring session bringing in people from around the world.

Education – Rob Taddei – First years back from practicum. Craig Wrotniak is the interim president until September.

Law – Scott Bernstein – Southwestern (Los Angeles) profs here teaching classes. Legal Advice Program ramping up for summer.

GSS – Jason Penner – Recruiting initiative. UBC Farm initiative. Letter about University Boulevard. Finally have filled all their seats on AMS Council. Advocacy Coordinator being hired.

Arts – Patrick Meehan – Changing the MASS social space to make it more student-friendly; introducing coffee.

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

Board of Governors
Darren Peets: University Boulevard. Earth and Oceans. Law building. Working on advertising the Board more.

Senate
Alfie Lei: 2009-10 will see extended spring break for the Olympics, meaning the exam period will be compressed but will still go into May. Library committee problems.

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

2. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON: [SCD -08]

“Whereas the AMS has an opportunity to introduce a new electronic system (SA Link) for administering Club and Constituency accounts and eventually facilitating other student activities; and

Whereas the start-up cost for the system will be approximately $40,000; and
Whereas well in access of this amount is available in the Constituency Aid and Clubs Benefit Funds; and

Whereas those funds are set up to provide small grants to individual Clubs and Constituencies rather than to support a large project benefitting all Clubs and Constituencies,

Therefore be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Finance Commission, Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 6(5)(e) and (f) in order to allocate no more than $20,000 from the Constituency Aid Fund and no more than $20,000 from the Clubs Benefit Fund for the purpose of introducing the new SA Link system.

Note: The current balance of the Constituency Aid Fund is $34,716, and the current balance of the Clubs Benefit Fund is $72,966, with $3,000 a year added to the former and $6,750 a year added to the latter.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sarah Naiman and Brittany Tyson discussed SA Link, making the following points:

- It will streamline the administrative process and reduce paper use.
- Currently, there’s an administrative nightmare, with lots of time taken up collecting forms, finding forms, etc.
- Currently, clubs have to come to the SUB to use the accounts database.
- There are several websites and databases clubs have to go to for the various things they have to do.
- The current situation is a huge mess, and the solution is SA Link.
- SA Link is user friendly and will save time.
- It will also make it so the AMS no longer looks like a big bad organization.
- SA Link start-up costs are $43,264, with further annual payments of $3500 (US).
- As to why they were recommending an outside company instead of using UBC students, the costs would not be much different.
- As to the company being recommended (Collegiate Link), it is new, but it has agreed to a performance clause in the contract, and it is made up of former student executives who understand student societies.
- There is no other program out there like this.
- AMS clubs are excited by this new system, and other schools who have used SA Link have provided positive responses, speaking highly about both the program and the company.
- There will be consultation with students.
- The aim is to get it functioning by September for clubs.
- By December it’s hoped UBC will get on board, integrating the Campus-Wide Log-in (CWL) with SA Link, so that it could be used for AMS and Constituency elections.
- Code will have to be suspended to fund this project from the Constituency Aid Fund and the Clubs Benefit Fund, since those two funds are meant to provide grants to individual clubs or Constituencies.
- The Finance Commission has recommended that the funding come from these funds, which are under-utilized, and it is still within the spirit of the Code to use them because this will benefit all the clubs and Constituencies. They’re the most appropriate funds.

- Rob Taddei asked about using SA Link for Education elections in September.
- Sarah Naiman said CWL won’t be available by then, but in subsequent years it should be.
- Patrick Meehan: Will there still be the old system if the new one doesn’t work?
- Sarah Naiman: It’s not really a system.
- Brittany Tyson: Maybe we could have a fallback, but we’re hoping for SA Link.
- Scott Bernstein asked if the AMS would be managing it.
- Sarah Naiman said the AMS is getting the advanced Enterprise version of SA Link. It will be on an AMS server and be managed by the AMS. Collegiate Link will help with problems.
- Alex Lougheed asked about logging in without CWL. How would the AMS verify that someone was a student?
- Sarah Naiman: Through your interchange e-mail account.
- Brittany Tyson: There are lots of options. These are small details.
- Alex Lougheed asked about licence renewals and price increases.
- Brittany Tyson: We won’t be renewing the licence. We’re purchasing the licence.
- Sarah Naiman: For the first two years there will be no price increase. After that there will be CPI plus 5%. We’re trying to negotiate for three years instead of two.
- Alex Lougheed said the company’s six current clients are not student unions, but universities.
- Brittany Tyson said that in the U.S. things are different; the student unions are part of the universities.
- Alex Lougheed asked about compatibility with the AMS website.
- Sarah Naiman said there should be full compatibility.
- Brittany Tyson: We decide the look of our version of SA Link.
- Alex Lougheed said it seemed that the main benefit was for SAC and Fincom, not the clubs and Constituencies. Perhaps some other funds could be used.
- Sarah Naiman: We considered using the Student Services Fund and the President’s Fund.
- Alex Lougheed expressed concern that the Clubs Benefit Fund and the Constituency Aid Fund would be depleted.
- Brittany Tyson: These funds are highly under-utilized. Lots of money is just sitting there.
- Alex Lougheed said it didn’t seem there was that much new technology being provided, but he could see the administrative benefit, so he was torn.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked how long support would be provided.
- Sarah Naiman: There’s a support fee. We tell them each year if we want to pay for support. If we don’t, we still have the program, just we won’t get the updates.
- Darren Peets asked where the continuing costs would be paid from. Would there be cuts to SAC or Fincom?
- Sarah Naiman: We’re looking to the Alumni; we hope they’ll continue to give money. It’s not been decided yet; it could be a line item from the SAC or Fincom budgets.
- Brittany Tyson: Some revenue may come from the University in posting fees.
- Darren Peets asked how long the server would last. Three years?
- Hong Lok Li: This new server will be the newest technology, a very powerful server, one that can offer services to many students, reliable, stable, high-end. It should have a lifetime of six years.
- Darren Peets: At $1000 a year?
- Hong Lok Li: It is important to have a good design at the beginning, also redundancy for fault tolerance, and big memory, with 24-hour any time support.
- Bernie Peets: There are two things here: first, ongoing maintenance, and then amortization of the purchase price. AMS policy is to amortize over three years. We don’t put money aside, but in the future if needed we could go to the Repairs and Replacement Fund.
- Brittany Tyson: If there is lots of surplus at the end of the year, we can top up these funds.
- Darren Peets asked about CWL migration.
- Sarah Naiman said the University was being very helpful about this.
- Maayan Kreitzman asked if any commission positions would be cut.
- Sarah Naiman: This year we need them. She couldn’t speak for next year, but they can recommend cutting back one commissioner from each commission.
- Brittany Tyson: Or we could give those positions more meaningful work to do.
- Jason Penner: You said that SA Link would use students’ interchange e-mail addresses,
but graduate students don’t necessarily have interchange addresses.

- Sarah Naiman: We’d use whatever grad students use; the aim is simply to make sure only students can use the system.

- Sam Heppell said he didn’t think the only benefits would be for SAC and Fincom. His club has a hard time keeping track of everything. If everything could be in one place, that would be better. And the current funds don’t seem to be much used.

- Jeff Friedrich: These funds are the appropriate source for the expenditure. It’s easy to replenish them. Council is right to be wary of suspending Code, but we don’t live and die by Code; we can change Code. And in this situation suspending Code makes sense. The project offers a lot to our clubs, not just to SAC and Fincom. It also pushes a lot of issues we already have on the table: WebVote, co-curricular transcripts, etc. This is thinking differently about a problem we’ve had for some time. The expense is a large number, but a justified number.

- Tahara Bhate asked how much money was in the President’s Fund and was told $270,000. She also asked about access to individuals’ profiles on the system.

- Sarah Naiman said privacy issues and responsible use are important considerations. A club’s president and treasurer would have access for that club’s members.

- Brittany Tyson: You will choose whether your information is private or public. Other people besides your club president and treasurer will only see the information you make public.

- Matthew Hall asked about departmental clubs.

- Sarah Naiman said there would be no problem integrating them.

- Lois Chan asked about licensing and codes.

- Brittany Tyson: There’s only an annual support fee.

- Dave Tompkins asked if we’re getting the source code.

- Lois Chan asked if we could modify the code.

- Hong Lok Li said he didn’t think so. Even if we could do so, we would need to hire a developer, which would be expensive. And we need continuous support.

- Hong Lok Li also spoke of quality, saying: The race to quality has no finish line.

3. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON:

“Whereas the AMS has an opportunity to introduce a new electronic system (SA Link) for administering Club and Constituency accounts and eventually facilitating other student activities; and

Whereas the start-up cost for the system will be approximately $40,000; and

Whereas well in access of this amount is available in the Constituency Aid and Clubs Benefit Funds; and

Whereas those funds are set up to provide small grants to individual Clubs and Constituencies rather than to support a large project benefiting all Clubs and Constituencies,

Therefore be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Finance Commission, Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 6(5)(e) and (f) in order to allocate no more than $20,000 from the Constituency Aid Fund and no more than $20,000 from the Clubs Benefit Fund for the purpose of introducing the new SA Link system.

Note: The current balance of the Constituency Aid Fund is $34,716, and the current balance of the Clubs Benefit Fund is $72,966, with $3,000 a year added to the former and $6,750 a year added to the latter.”
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

4. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI: [SCD -008]

"Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $163,300 from CPAC for renovation of the Pit pub."

Note: CPAC currently has an unencumbered balance of $500,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sarah Naiman discussed past renovations of the Pit Pub and made the following points:

- Past changes have been in bits and pieces.
- We don't put aside money for deferred maintenance; all money goes to the services.
- The Pit is a signature business of the AMS.
- The aim now is to improve its image, which is that of a dark basement pit.
- The University Boulevard project may increase competition.
- Currently 80% of Pit business is on one night (Wednesday Pit Night).
- The area is huge (6400 square feet).
- Space is at a premium in the SUB.
- The Pit makes money; if we want it to continue making money, we have to put money into it.

She said the following are common complaints about the Pit:

- It’s dark.
- It's not welcoming.
- There are no drink specials.
- The sound equipment is poor.
- There's no dance pole.

She noted that CPAC, the fund from which money for a renovation would be taken, has a current balance of $500,000, and is replenished annually by a $15 fee per student.

She showed the renovations budget and pictures of the proposed renovation, saying that the following work is being proposed:

- Removing the ceiling rings that block views and make the ceiling seem lower.
- Getting rid of the wall around the dance floor.
- Repainting.
- Putting in booths.
- Putting up wall decorations reflecting student life.
- Putting in new lighting and a new sound system.
- Putting in new seats.
- Refinishing the tables.

Besides renovations, there will be operational changes, including:

- Table service.
- An emphasis on cleanliness.
Menu changes.
Table talkers (menus in frames).
Golden Tee (a game).
Daily specials.
Better promotion.
A bottle bar.
A mural.
Theme nights.

The aim is for a casual sports bar attitude by day and a dance bar by night. The plan is to do the renovation by September, which is possible because there are no structural changes. There is no plan to close the Pit, but if that becomes necessary, the Gallery can be opened.

- Darren Peets: Wednesday nights have to be dark and grungy.
- Sarah Naiman: The new lights will have dimmers.
- Darren Peets asked about expanding the dance floor.
- Michael Kingsmill said that would be expensive; also the liquor control regulations restrict the size of the floor.
- Darren Peets asked about the walled off corner.
- Michael Kingsmill said it was the mechanical room.
- Sarah Naiman said there was a pillar there, and the aim was not to allow people to be hidden from the view of the bartender: nothing good could come of that.
- Tristan Marker asked about a patio.
- Sarah Naiman said that would be super-expensive. It’s been brought up before, but it’s not feasible.
- Jason Penner: Don’t be surprised if the project goes into the contingency.

5. MOVED BOWINN MA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

6. MOVED SARAH NAIFAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

7. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated May 2, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 20, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 27, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 3, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 10, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of the Commissioner Appointments Committee dated April 20, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated May 14, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated January 25, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated February 14, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated March 28, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of Campus Planning and Development Committee dated April 20, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of Campus Planning and Development Committee dated May 9, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of Campus Planning and Development Committee dated May 22, 2007 [SCD -08]
Minutes of Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Cttee dated May 10, 2007 [SCD -08]

J) Executive Committee:

8. MOVED SHAGUFTA PASTA, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY: [SCD -08]
   “Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve
   the Memorandum of Understanding between UBC Student Development and the AMS
   concerning the First Step program, as presented.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds

Shagufta Pasta provided background about the First Step program and its previous agreement with
the University. This new agreement will replace that one, but is essentially the same. It formalizes
the relationship between the AMS and the University. One big change will be to guarantee
headquarters space in the SUB Art Gallery.

- Sam Heppell asked about lost opportunity costs from not booking the Art Gallery. He
  understood from reading the Executive Committee minutes that the Art Gallery is often
  booked by the BC Teachers Federation.
- Sarah Naiman: The BCTF does often book the area, but they’re not coming this year.
  Normally in the summer rooms in the SUB are booked, but the question is, What is in the
  best interests of students?
- Shagufta Pasta said the estimated revenue loss is $5,000.
- Sam Heppell: What is the likelihood that that space would be booked solid?
- Shagufta Pasta: It’s hard to tell.
- Bernie Peets: The purpose of attaching a dollar figure to the space is to illustrate to UBC
  what the AMS contribution is.
- Shagufta Pasta: UBC is paying honorariums to First Step leaders.
- Jeff Friedrich said he was glad Sam Heppell was reading the Executive minutes. There had
  been a discussion of this issue. The Executive had made a determination after asking
  some of the same questions raised here.

9. MOVED SHAGUFTA PASTA, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:
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   the Memorandum of Understanding between UBC Student Development and the AMS
   concerning the First Step program, as presented.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried
10. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an amount not to exceed $15,000 from the President’s Fund for the purpose of redesigning the AMS website.

Note: The President’s Fund currently has a balance of $270,000.”

Jeff Friedrich explained the website plans:

- The Communications Planning Group, led by Communications Manager Alison Henry, had called for proposals and had chosen Whitematter.
- Our website is one of our main communication vehicles, but feedback indicates that it is not doing all that we want it to do.
- Whitematter worked on the University of Alberta student union website and did lots of good things.
- This is in the context of the rebranding process that is going on here and the introduction of SA Link.
- Alison Henry praised Whitematter, saying no one else knows as well what it is to provide a robust website for a student society.
- Shagufta Pasta: The Alberta site is remarkable, especially for student services, and it makes volunteer opportunities more available to students.

Questions:
- Omid Javadi: When will it be done?
  - Jeff Friedrich: By fall. That’s why it needs to be approved now.
- Darren Peets: If the money didn’t come from the President’s Fund, where else might it come from?
  - Jeff Friedrich: That’s an interesting question. Last year we would have had to take from the Student Services Fund.
- Darren Peets: There’s no fund set aside for branding or advertising?
  - Jeff Friedrich: No, there’s no centralized communication fund.
- Alison Henry said Whitematter was coming to consult with the AMS over the next two days.
- Jeff Friedrich said the hope is that with improved website architecture, the next webmaster can focus more on content. The aim is also to have individual departments update their own pages.
- Matt Filipiak said that given the large expenditure, he wondered about the possibility of student involvement. There could be fine people in Computer Science who could do this.
- Jeff Friedrich: Good point. In this case, because of the urgency of our need, we took a professional route.
- Matt Filipiak: There are students who build websites.
- Jeff Friedrich: Fair point. We found a company and a proposal we like.

11. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

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Note: The President’s Fund currently has a balance of $270,000.”
12. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SHAGUFTA PASTA: [SCD -08]

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Campus Planning and Development Officer’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Brendon Goodmurphy explained that Council had previously approved Code amendments to create a Campus Planning and Development Officer to sit on the University’s Development Permits Board. The University’s Nancy Knight had a few concerns about the way the position was described and suggested some changes. He felt the changes would not affect what the officer would do, so he was bringing them forward. The officer will no longer be a member of the AMS Campus Planning and Development Committee, but will report to that committee and can attend as a guest. He planned to invite them to committee meetings.

13. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SHAGUFTA PASTA:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Campus Planning and Development Officer’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

14. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SHAGUFTA PASTA:

“Whereas Council, on the annual recommendation of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee, is required to direct a percentage of the money in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund to the Sexual Assault Support Centre; and

Whereas Code requires that at least eighty percent (80%) of the money deposited in the Fund each year be allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre; and

Whereas on the recommendation of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee, Council may decide to direct a higher percentage of the money in the Fund to the Sexual Assault Support Centre,

Therefore be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee, ninety-five percent (95%) of the money in the Fund, or $112,000, be allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre for the 2007-08 year.”

Note: The money in the Fund not allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre shall be transferred to the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Friendly amendment to add ‘Sexual Assault Support Services Fund’ in whereas clause 3 and in the final resolution. Also add ‘approximately’ in the final resolution.

Brendon Goodmurphy explained that the $3 per student for sexual assault support services is
divided into two separate pots: one to the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) for its day-to-day costs and the other to the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund for relevant projects not necessarily to do with SASC. He added:

- Code says at least 80% must go to SASC, but the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee (SASSF) can recommend more.
- SASSF was recommending 95%.
- SASC is in its third year in its new structure.

Questions:
- Rob Taddei asked if SASC can still access the remaining 5%.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: They can still apply, and it will be up to the committee to say if SASC can get any more. Other student groups can apply too. Traditionally, $5,300 goes into the Initiatives Fund; there’s $30,000 sitting in it now. The committee is committed to advertising it better.
- Rob Taddei: Does SASC feel comfortable with 95%?
- Shagufta Pasta: SASC asked for 100%. They had a number of ongoing projects and felt they needed the whole fund.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: They have one-time campaigns, like their Men’s Campaign. They can come back to us for that. It’s a good regulatory move by us. Once they get into the year, they may find they don’t need the money.

15. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SHAGUFTA PASTA:

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Whereas Code requires that at least eighty percent (80%) of the money deposited in the Fund each year be allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre; and

Whereas on the recommendation of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee, Council may decide to direct a higher percentage of the money in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund to the Sexual Assault Support Centre,

Therefore be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee, ninety-five percent (95%) of the money in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund, approximately $112,000, be allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre for the 2007-08 year.”

Note: The money in the Fund not allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre shall be transferred to the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee appoint Bruce Ferguson as AMS Ombudsperson for a term commencing May 28, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008.”

- Brendon Goodmurphy explained that originally the Primary Appointments Committee was going to recommend that last year’s Deputy Ombudsperson become Ombudsperson, but
she took another position. The current nominee was originally one of a number of applicants for this year’s Deputy Ombudsperson position.

Questions:
- In response to a question from Rob Taddei, Brendon Goodmurphy described some of the nominee’s previous experience, adding that both he and the outgoing Ombudsperson had confidence in the nominee’s abilities.
- Sam Heppell asked if a new Deputy Ombudsperson had been hired.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said that with the talk of the University introducing its own Ombudsperson, and with things being slower in the summer, it had been decided to wait until September. The position had been posted and applications received, but then the decision was not to hire.

17. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee appoint Bruce Ferguson as AMS Ombudsperson for a term commencing May 28, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008.”

... Carried

18. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That Council appoint the following members to the Student Administrative Commission on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term effective May 1, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008:

Michelle Yuen              SAC Member
Aliyah Shamsher            Art Gallery
Freddy Tsai                Building and Facilities
Jessica Lam               Special Projects
Alison Leong               Administrative and Communications
Dee Dee Lapper             Bookings
Shawn Stewart             Clubs.”

Sarah Naiman explained that it was necessary to suspend Code to appoint Michelle Yuen, who would likely become SAC Vice-Chair, because Code does not allow the Vice-Chair to be an executive of a Constituency, and Michelle is the AUS Vice-President Finance. She is stepping down, but not until the AUS can find a replacement. Council can thus suspend Code until September or force her to step down from her AUS position immediately.

Questions:
- Alfie Lei: Can she do both jobs?
- Sarah Naiman: Over the summer there’s not much to do. This is just an interim measure. She’s stepping down. But in the summer it will be hard for the AUS to find a replacement.
- Sean Kearney: Can they appoint an interim VP Finance?
- Sarah Naiman: That would be ideal, but it’s tricky for a VP Finance. They have to be able to sign cheques.
- Bowinn Ma: Is it really that difficult to assign someone else? The EUS just switched signing authority. She didn’t see the issue.
- Sarah Naiman: We don’t want to steal their Treasurer.
- Lucia Lam asked if there were other people who had run for VP Finance. The answer was no.
- Lucia Lam: Were there other applicants for the SAC Vice-Chair position?
- Sarah Naiman: Yes, but not one we chose to hire.
- Rob Taddei wondered about someone who’d run for a position and then apply for a job.
  Commitments are important.
- Sarah Naiman: Michelle took the position in Arts because no one else applied for it and
  she’d held it the previous year. She’s a fantastic person; she’s been doing an unbelievable
  job as SAC Vice-Chair.
- Omid Javadi said it was a blatant conflict of interest.
- Sarah Naiman: She would not be signing Arts-related cheques.
- Sam Heppell: The AUS needs someone in the position, but she would not be doing a lot of
  work over the summer. If finding a replacement drags on, Council can revisit this. The
  AUS President will be looking into this.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Our VP Finance monitors all transactions; there could be a provision
  that Michelle not sign any Arts cheques.
- Patrick Meehan: Why doesn’t she resign her Arts position?
- Sarah Naiman: She did, but agreed to stay on through the summer.

19. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

“That motion #18 be amended by adding the following:

‘Be it further resolved that Council suspend Code Section VIII (B) Article 1.2(a); until when
the AUS can elect or (appoint) a new VP Finance.’

20. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That motion #18 be amended by adding the following:

‘Be it further resolved that Council suspend Code Section VIII (B) Article 1.2(a); until
September 30, 2007.’

... Carried

- Tahara Bhate: We don’t need to worry that the AUS won’t act.
- Patrick Meehan: The AUS will fill the position by September. There’s no need of a date.
- Omid Javadi: Even if there’s an election, the person leaving office will have turnover duties,
  transition.

21. MOVED CLARK FUNNELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

22. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That Council appoint the following members to the Student Administrative Commission on
the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term effective
May 1, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008:

Michelle Yuen         SAC Member
Aliyah Shamsher       Art Gallery
Freddy Tsai           Building and Facilities
Jessica Lam           Special Projects
Alison Leong          Administrative and Communications
Dee Dee Lapper        Bookings
Shawn Stewart  Clubs.

Be it further resolved that Council suspend Code Section VIII (B) Article 1.2(a); until September 30, 2007.

23. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ROBERT TADDEI:

“That Council appoint Andrew Forshner and Jessica Jia (Council members) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Scott Bernstein (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Robert Taddei, Sarah Naiman and Lucia Lam (Council members) to the UPass Subsidy Review Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Elaine Moody (Council Member) to the Sexual Assault Support Centre Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Bruce Krayenhoff, Matthew Naylor and Stephanie Ryan (Council Members) to the Ad-Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor, Chair of the Ad-Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

24. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council adopt the report of the Communications Planning Group entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Communications Manager’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

25. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated April 2, 2007.”

P) Discussion Period:
O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

26. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“Whereas some co-op students have been requesting that they be considered AMS members in order to receive AMS benefits such as the U-Pass in return for paying AMS fees; and

Whereas the Bylaws are ambiguous on whether co-op students should be considered members; and

Whereas a recent survey of the co-op students indicates strong support for their being considered members,

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the Vice-President External Affairs to write the University to ask that the Board of Governors apply the AMS fee to the co-op students.”

- Matthew Naylor said a survey of co-op students on whether they wanted to pay AMS fees and thus become eligible for the U-Pass produced a 43% turnout, with 87% of those responding being in favour. He would like this motion to pass now in order to notify the Board of Governors in time for their July meeting.

[Darren’s friendly amendment of the motion to remove “the” from AMS fee and pluralize “fees”]

- Sam Heppell asked about sending the issue to the Code and Policies Committee to look into any necessary change to Code and Bylaws.

- Matthew Naylor said changing the Bylaws would require a referendum, and bylaw referendums were difficult to pass.

27. MOVED SAM HEPPELL:

“That motion #26 be amended by inserting the following:

‘Be it further resolved that Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to develop changes to the By-laws accordingly.’ ... Carried

28. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“Whereas some co-op students have been requesting that they be considered AMS members in order to receive AMS benefits such as the U-Pass in return for paying AMS fees; and

Whereas the Bylaws are ambiguous on whether co-op students should be considered members; and

Whereas a recent survey of co-op students indicates strong support for their being considered members,

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the Vice-President External Affairs to write the University to ask that the Board of Governors apply AMS fees to co-op students.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to develop
changes to the By-laws accordingly.”

- Patrick Meehan asked whether the survey respondents were made aware of all the AMS membership fees involved.
- Matthew Naylor said the letter sent to co-op students did not include this information.
- Matthew Hall asked if the survey included graduate students who are currently on a co-op.
- Darren Peets said some graduate co-op students may need the U-Pass.
- Clark Funnell said the motion should be kept open to include both grads and undergrads.
- Tahara Bhate said she was not aware there were graduate co-op students, but felt that the motion should be restricted to undergraduates and investigation of graduate students should be done later.
- Matthew Naylor said he was uncomfortable with the amendment. He had to rely on the list of co-op students given to him. It would be irresponsible to do otherwise.

29. MOVED MATTHEW HALL:

“That motion #26 be amended to read:

‘Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the Vice-President External Affairs to write the University to ask that the Board of Governors apply AMS fees to co-op undergraduate students’.”

... Defeated

- Tariq Ahmed asked why co-op students do not already pay the U-Pass fee.
- Matthew Naylor said they do not pay fees.
- Clark Funnell asked whether the letter was misleading; if it was not misleading then just pay it.
- Omid Javadi asked how the fees would apply to a long co-op.
- Alfie Lei said he thought opting out of the U-Pass was an easy process.
- Scott Bernstein asked what other fees students pay besides the U-Pass fee.
- Brittany Tyson said the total fees are about $60, not including Health and Dental and the U-Pass.
- Clark Funnell asked whether it was possible to opt of other AMS fees.
- Brittany Tyson said students can opt out of up to $21 in fees.
- Lindsay MacPhee said co-op students can afford the AMS fees.

30. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

31. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“Whereas some co-op students have been requesting that they be considered AMS members in order to receive AMS benefits such as the U-Pass in return for paying AMS fees; and

Whereas the Bylaws are ambiguous on whether co-op students should be considered members; and

Whereas a recent survey of co-op students indicates strong support for their being
considered members,

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the Vice-President External Affairs to write the University to ask that the Board of Governors apply AMS fees to co-op students.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to develop changes to the By-laws accordingly.”

... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

BG:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Maayan Kreitzman, Colin Simkus (at-large), Blake Frederick (University Commission AVP), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Alison Henry (Marketing and Promotions), 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.

1. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED ALPHIE LEI:

   “Whereas Council Chambers are not available for this meeting;
   
   Be it resolved that Council meet in SUB Room 42U.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

2. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED SHAGUFTA PASTA:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

   AMS Budget - Brittany Tyson (VP Academic) [SCD 107-008]

Brittany Tyson presented the budget, describing the process of creating it and making the following points:

- there’s been great performance from the AMS businesses, so there’s an increase in the budget for business revenue;
- the same for investment income;
- also the Health and Dental Plan’s revenue is up because of an annual CPI fee increase;
- priorities will include advertising and promotion for the Society, rebranding.

Brendon Goodmurphy described Student Government expenditures, making the following points:

- the VP Academic increased honoraria;
- there’s a new budget line for the sustainability strategy;
- under the VP Administration, money is going to cover the costs of student use of AV equipment and for the costs of study space during exams;
- under the VP External there is an increase in lobbying funds because the lobbying trip will be two days instead of one and there will probably be a federal election;
- it is hoped that the U-Pass handling fee can be incorporated in the fee the students pay for the U-Pass (this would be done through a referendum) but this remains a significant expense to the AMS;
- there’s a plan to hire a Referendum Coordinator for $2000.

Shagufta Pasta made the following points about the Services:

- the aim is to coordinate volunteer appreciation;
- there’s a transfer for the AMS/GSS Advocacy Office;
- money is being saved by closing Joblink;
- Safewalk will require more money because there is no University money so far, though it's hoped there may be some eventually;
- Tutoring is also short of money because of a smaller University grant (TLEF) and they're trying to save money by amalgamating on-line and drop-in tutoring.

3. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council extend presentation time by another five minutes.” ... Carried

Brittany Tyson added:
- this year we’re budgeting realistically for the Welcome Back BBQ, not expecting it to make money, treating it as a service we provide;
- she’s aiming to produce transition documents and a budget review in November;
- she’s looking into holding a referendum to index the AMS fee to inflation.

Questions:
- Conor Topley asked about the budget review.
- Brittany Tyson said it would be similar to the procedure used in preparing the budget. She would look at line items and actuals, and be speaking to department heads.
- Alex Lougheed noted the increase in the Safewalk budget.
- Jeff Friedrich: This is an issue that comes up every year at Council. This year Safewalk lost its grant money; we’re still talking to the University. Also there will be an attempt to schedule and manage better to lower costs, which mostly consist of salaries; it’s not true that Safewalk spends money on ads. It’s just expensive to run; across the country it’s similar. Possible strategies include limiting safewalking teams at certain times, not guaranteeing so many shifts, and putting people on bikes.
- Shagufta Pasta: The University is interested in seeing Safewalk survive. We may see exciting things coming out of Safewalk.

L) Committee Motions:

4. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:

“That Council approve the 2007/2008 final AMS Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich: We’re looking to longer term funding. Hoping for money from the old Barn; the University owes us. We may create a Safewalk presence in the U-Town area.
- Darren Peets: Do our businesses retain earnings for improvements?
- Bernie Peets: No.
- Scott Bernstein wondered about budgeting for so much business revenue, given anticipated competition and the fact that last year’s numbers were lower than what’s being budgeted for next year.
- Brittany Tyson: Last year asbestos removal was anticipated to affect business income, so the AMS budgeted $100,000 less in revenue. We are simply returning to post-asbestos removal budgeting for business performance.
5. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

D) President’s Remarks: [SCD 108-008]

E) Executive Reports:

Matthew Naylor - VP External [SCD 109-008]
Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs [SCD 110-008]
Shagufta Pasta - Executive Coordinator, Student Services [SCD 111-008]
Sarah Naiman - VP Administration [SCD 112-008]
Brittany Tyson - VP Finance [SCD 113-008]

In addition to their formal reports, the Executive had the following comments:

- Brendon Goodmurphy spoke of University Boulevard consultation.
- Brittany Tyson: Pie R Squared will reopen on July 5.
- Jeff Friedrich asked for feedback on the Executive Remarks format, adding:

  - Matthew Naylor hosted the CASA conference;
  - Jeff ended up being Board Chair of CASA; this will be a chance to shape CASA and deal with East Coast/West Coast dynamics.
  - Being CASA Board Chair will take up an extra 10 hours per month of his time but will give the AMS an opportunity to get involved in interesting things.
  - Yesterday he flew to Ottawa for a financial assistance meeting; the federal government is going to look at modernizing financial assistance, but unfortunately this may not mean that much.
  - He met the CFS National Director and discussed differences in the student movement, including their different opinions on the Millennium Scholarship Foundation.
  - He also went to Kelowna for the UBCO convocation and met with the student executives there; it was a positive meeting, and he hoped this will lead to an overcoming of petty differences.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Science – Michael Duncan – The new science students building is not used in the summer, and there’s talk of making it available to the AMS for summers for bookings.

- Brittany Tyson: Who would the revenue go to?
- Michael Duncan: Both SUS and Conferences.
Education – Craig Wrotniak – Welcome Back BBQ for returning practicum students.

GSS – Jason Penner – Budget passed. Summer Sizzle this Friday.

Commerce – Conor Topley – Sponsorship thank-you meeting. First Council meeting. Sloshball tournament: kickball with a keg.


Regent College – Lucia Lam – Spring term finished. Construction ongoing, to be finished by end of summer.

VST – Gary Andraza – Summer school underway. Interesting courses from theologians.

Shagufta Pasta announced that Tutoring wants Constituency feedback on which subjects there is tutoring for to see if Tutoring is meeting Constituency needs.

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

Board of Governors
Darren Peets: Retreat coming up. Closed to public.

Senate
Alfie Lei asked for ideas for honorary degrees.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

6. MOVED LINDSAY MACPHEE, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated May 30, 2007 [SCD 114-008]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated May 1, 2007 [SCD 115-008]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated May 17, 2007 [SCD 116-008]
Minutes of the Ad Hoc Academic Quality Committee dated May 15, 2007 [SCD 117-008]
Minutes of the Sexual Assault Support Service Fund Committee dated May 22, 2007 [SCD 118-008]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

7. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That whereas the University requires that tuition be paid during the first week of classes in September; and

Whereas students receiving government financial aid do not usually receive their assistance monies until two to three weeks after the commencement of classes in September; and

Whereas until the 1988-89 school year, the University did not require the payment of tuition
until the end of the third week of classes in September; and

Whereas the availability of a credit card payment option for paying tuition, commencing in the 2003-04 school year as the preferred method of paying, enabled students to effectively defer the actual payment of tuition until the end of September; and

Whereas the University Administration has recently decided to discontinue the option of paying tuition via credit card; and

Whereas the AMS recognizes that it is impractical to rescind the decision to discontinue credit card payment for this year.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the University to extend the deadline for tuition payment until one month after the commencement of classes in September; and

Be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on the University to look into reinstating credit card payment in future years or look into developing some other policy on tuition payment that would alleviate the financial burden undergone by students at the beginning of September.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brittany Tyson: UBC is taking away the opportunity to pay for tuition by credit card in order to save $2.5 million, which they say is for teaching and learning, but which is really for the deficit. It’s too late to ask them to reverse themselves for this year, but the proposed motion asks them to reinstitute credit card payments at a future date and for now to delay the tuition due date.

- Alfie Lei: If you apply for a student loan by June 30, you can get an automatic deferral for a month. Not many students are aware of this.

- Darren Peets: This was known about in January; why is it only coming here now? And why do we not have Brian Sullivan or Brian Silzer here to answer questions?

- Sarah Naiman: The press release only came out June 20.

- Jeff Friedrich: Actually, Council was aware of this. Anne DeWolfe told Council, and we have written the University about new costs to students. This is not a dollar cost, but it is a sort of cost, and we have been saying we have an issue with this; we told the University to find ways to mitigate its effects. From the press release, it’s not evident that they have. They used to grant deferrals to a wider pool of students, not just student loan applicants. At the same time we shouldn’t be encouraging credit card debt. We sent a letter last year saying tuition shouldn’t be due so soon.

- Tahara Bhate: It’s great that some on Council were aware, but ordinary students were not aware. This is truly hitting students, though not so much the student loan students because they can defer payment.

8. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That motion # 7 be amended by striking the second whereas clause on student loans.”

... Carried

- Sara Kuhn asked about international students.

- Dave Tompkins noted that international students will still be able to pay by credit card.
9. MOVED LINDSAY MACPHEE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an amount not to exceed $10,000 from CPAC funds (a) for an engineering study of seismic and other building code issues related to the SUB Renew process and (b) to hire a space programming consultant as part of the SUB Renew process.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sarah Naiman:

- The seismic study and the space programming consultant are both needed whether we build a new building or just make extensive renovations.
- We may need more than $10,000 for these things, but this will cover at least the initial payment. CPAC currently has $185,000 in it.
- There have been talks with the University, which wants to see something from the AMS; there’s an aggressive timeline.
- RFP’s are due Friday.
- Jason Penner asked about the electrical code.
- Bernie Peets said this is not code compliance, just a seismic and structural study required by the University.

12. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an amount not to exceed $10,000 from CPAC funds (a) for an engineering study of seismic and other building code issues related to the SUB Renew process and (b) to hire a space programming consultant as part of the SUB Renew process.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

13. MOVED SHAGUFTA PASTA, SECONDED ALFIE LEI: [SCD 119-008]

“ Whereas Tutoring would like its drop-in tutors to begin offering tutoring services on-line when they are on duty at the Drop-in service area but not busy doing in-person tutoring; and whereas in order to provide this on-line tutoring the tutors will need computer and internet access at the Drop-In service area, therefore be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of no more than $4,000 from the Student Services Fund to purchase four laptops for Tutoring.”

Note 1: There is currently $187,786 in the Student Services Fund.

Note 2: Tutoring will seek to purchase computers as inexpensively as possible.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Shagufta Pasta: Because of a drop in revenue this year, Tutoring is seeking ways to reduce expenditures. One way is to reduce staff by combining on-line and drop-in tutoring. This motion is for the purchase of four laptops so that the drop-in tutors can do on-line tutoring while at the drop-in service area.
- Stephanie Ryan asked if $4,000 would cover the costs.
- Shagufta Pasta: $4,000 is the upper limit. It could be lower, we think.
- Stephanie Ryan asked if the on-line tutoring will be done at the Tutoring Office.
- Shagufta Pasta: It will be at the drop-in tutoring space, which will be the SUB study alcove in first term and in Barber in second term.
- Alfie Lei: Can't they just use a tabletop computer?
- Shagufta Pasta: We’re hiring one person instead of two. They'll be at the drop-in area. They'll need laptops there to do on-line tutoring when not busy with drop-in clients. There will still be late night and weekend tutoring done by people from home on their own computers.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

15. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ALFIE LEI:

“Whereas the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation was established by the Government of Canada in order to broaden access to post-secondary education, through the endowment (in 1998) of $2.5 billion that was to be spent on bursaries and scholarships over a 10-year lifespan; and

Whereas 95% of the bursaries and scholarships allotted are based on need, while the remaining 5% are granted based on merit; and

Whereas the Foundation has requested a $4 Billion re-endowment in order to reflect the lower amount of capital investment income that can be generated currently; and

Whereas the Foundation, or some successor organization, in its capacity as an independent governmental organization with parliamentary oversight through the Ministry of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, fills, and would continue to fill, a very important role within the Canadian student financial system; and

Whereas in 2009 the Foundation is legislated to exhaust its $2.5 billion endowment fund and cease to exist, unless the federal government decides to reendow the Foundation,

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS support the renewal of the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

Be it further resolved that the AMS support the endowment of a $4 billion base to be made to the Foundation.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Matthew Naylor:
- The Millennium Scholarship Foundation (MSF) was endowed in 1998, with investment income from the endowment being directed to various programs for ten years.
- The Excellence merit-based scholarships are the most visible program, but they constitute only 5% of the money. The rest is distributed through provincial needs programs.
- In British Columbia the debt forgiveness program in large part comes through MSF. There are also targeted bursaries to low income, rural, and aboriginal students.
- The program is flexible; different agreements can be negotiated with different provinces; it’s part of radically asymmetrical federalism, like a starfish with different length arms.
- The funding is set to expire in 2009, with the Conservatives to decide what to do next.
- We’d like them to renew MSF with a larger endowment.
Jeff Friedrich:
- The CFS has brought forward concerns about the MSF programs.
- Originally, they talked of displacement, the idea that the provinces would cut back their own contributions because of the increased federal one through MSF. That’s not so much an issue now.
- The CFS is still concerned about accountability, and want the funding to be in the Canada Student Loan Program, making it more accountable to Parliament.
- There are arguments against that, for instance that it can be more flexible because it is apart.
- The CFS also doesn’t like some of the MSF research because it’s not in accord with CFS views.
- CASA is for MSF; CFS is against.
- CFS is for renewal in upfront grants.
- There is an attempt to find a consensus; both CASA and the CFS are for the renewal of $350 million of needs-based upfront grants.
- That’s the key point, not whether MSF is good or bad.
- Because of the displacement issue, it’s important for us to talk to the provincial government about why this program is important federally. This motion allows us to do that.

16. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ALFIE LEI:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Noted: In favour - Matthew Naylor, Brendon Goodmurphy ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:
L) Committee Reports:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

17. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JIA LEI:

‘That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the External Commission dated May 31, 2007 [SCD 120-008]
Minutes of the External Commission dated June 5, 2007 [SCD 121-008]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 16, 2007 [SCD 122-008]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated April 3, 2007 [SCD 124-008]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated April 10, 2007 [SCD 125-008]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated May 18, 2007 [SCD 126-008]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated May 29, 2007 [SCD 127-008]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated June 5, 2007 [SCD 128-008]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

18. MOVED BRUCE KRAYENHOFF, SECONDED JASON PENNER: [SCD 129-008]

"Whereas fewer than 10% of UBC Students vote in most races of AMS elections, and those who do often do so on a very limited amount of information,

Whereas the views of the AMS council and executive have sometimes been seen as those of a narrow group of students, rather than as views representing the entire student body,

Whereas reforms involving citizens’ assemblies have great potential to improve many democracies, and the AMS is well-positioned to pioneer some of them,

Whereas citizens' assemblies show promise as a way to ameliorate many problems of the AMS democracy,

Whereas research has demonstrated that groups such as citizens' assemblies make good decisions and are excellent opinion leaders,

Be it therefore resolved that the AMS Council set up the students' assembly ad-hoc committee, consisting of __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, __________, to examine the feasibility, applicability, and cost/benefits of a students’ assembly used to improve and complement the AMS democracy.

Furthermore, whereas VFM and reforms involving a student's assembly would be more effective if there were more qualified candidates running for each position,

Be it further resolved that the students' assembly committee brainstorm complementary democratic reforms which future committees can examine in detail.
Be it finally resolved that this committee be given a budget of $100, meet bi-weekly, and present its findings to council by the end of September 2007.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Bruce Krayenhoff explained his notion of a citizens’ or students’ assembly, making the following points:

- Lack of information and engagement is a problem in democracies.
- It’s hard to get all AMS members informed.
- Electing representatives is not always best.
- Other methods include random selection, as in an opinion poll, combined with a learning process.
- A system of deliberative polls could work, i.e., a procedure in which there is an opinion poll, followed by learning, then a new poll.
- Views change after deliberation.
- These groups could research the candidates and provide recommendations of whom to vote for in AMS elections.
- People trust groups of citizens; they don’t trust the media or politicians.
- AMS Council is seen as representing a narrow group of self-selecting students, elected by only 10% of the students.
- Costs should be under $2000.
- This will tackle student apathy and lack of knowledge.
- Like VFM, this is a chance to do something unique that could have a huge impact.

[applause]

19. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That motion #18 be divided.” ... Carried

20. MOVED BRUCE KRAYENHOFF, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds
21. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

- Colin Simkus objected to the idea of people telling others who to vote for. It could lead to demagoguery under the veil of expertise. It would be the reverse of democratic.
- Andrew Forshner: Why would students pay attention to a citizens’ assembly? The only ones who would do that would be those who would pay attention to the AMS anyway.
- Bruce Krayenhoff: That’s something the committee could look into: how to inform students of the message of the citizens’ assembly.
- Matthew Naylor: Why spend more on a separate body when we don’t use the diverse group of students on Council to its full potential?
- Bruce Krayenhoff said he was all for trying to improve AMS democracy in other ways. Council is made up of volunteers. The citizens’ assembly would be paid and would be more representative.
- Brittany Tyson: How would they be selected? Do you have a breakdown of the costs?
- Bruce Krayenhoff said he did not know what the selection method would be. Something from the University’s databases, a stratified random sample representing the entire student body. The costs would mainly be from paying the students’ assembly, and they would depend on how long you want the process to run for.
- Scott Bernstein: Is there any evidence that students are clamouring for more voice in government? This seems top down despite trying to be bottom up. We would be bestowing power on the students.
- Bruce Krayenhoff said he didn’t believe there was a clamour; there’s apathy. But it’s the role of the AMS to represent all students, not just those who clamour.
- Scott Bernstein: If you choose apathetic students to serve, they won’t show up.
- Bruce Krayenhoff: According to the studies, 70% show up.
- Maayan Kreitzman: Besides advising how to vote, what else would the assembly do?
- Bruce Krayenhoff: Give advice and analyses to inform voting. Also public consultation, getting a larger sampling of the student body’s views. And on voting, not just telling people how to vote, but giving reasons so others can look at the reasons and decide for themselves.
- Craig Wrotniak: How will this actually get apathetic students connected?
- Bruce Krayenhoff: There will be apathetic students in the citizens’ assembly. They will be connected.
- Craig Wrotniak: But that’s just those in the assembly. How will that reach the larger group?
- Bruce Krayenhoff: Most students will be interested in what the assembly says. This can work together with VFM.
- Rob Taddei: This would really be more a way for Council to find out what students want. Rather than telling students about Council, it will be telling Council about students.
- Bruce Krayenhoff: Yes, one idea is to use this as a form of public consultation. It can serve both roles, many roles.
- Rob Taddei: Who will speak at assembly meetings?
- Bruce Krayenhoff: If there were slates or parties, there could be debates.
- Rob Taddei: How will they know what students want?
- Bruce Krayenhoff: They would themselves be roughly representative of the students.
- Stephanie Ryan asked where the $2000 would come from. She also expressed concern about overlap with VFM if the assembly focuses on elections. It would be better to have it target things like the University Boulevard issue or housing, or the arcade. She wasn’t sure she liked the application to elections.
- Tahara Bhate wondered about the narrowness of the idea. She had thought this was going to be about reforming the AMS. Is there room for looking more widely?
- Alex Lougheed wondered about accountability if the assembly is independent. But if it’s not independent, would the AMS be controlling it like a puppet?
- Bruce Krayenhoff: This would be good ground for the committee to cover. The assembly does need to be at arm’s length.
- Jia Lei: How would the assembly determine which candidates to recommend? By interviews?
- Bruce Krayenhoff: The committee could look at that.
- Sarah Naiman said distance from Council would be a problem. Perhaps it would be better as a club than an assembly.
- Matthew Naylor said he was concerned about creating this sort of entity: another group of students in addition to us. It could compromise our role as the singular voice of students.

22. MOVED GARY ANDRAZA:

“That motion #20 be tabled until the next Council meeting.”

... Failed due to lack of a seconder

- Bowinn Ma: We’re just referring it to a committee to debate it.
- Andrew Forshner: $2000 will be too small. Apathetic students will need more motivation. Another body won’t increase transparency. He didn’t support this.
- Craig Wrotniak: It would be almost deceitful. Unpopular issues could be put off to the assembly by saying, Let them do it.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: There’s no point debating the details here. Let the committee do that. When we get the actual proposal, then the debate will be valid.
- Maayan Kreitzman said she sensed fear in the air: Oh, no, a competing body that will undermine Council.
- Alfie Lei: AMS Council will hold final power. The assembly would only have an advisory role, consultative, providing the student perspective which some say we lack. It seems feasible, like the BC Electoral Reform Assembly; that assembly couldn’t force the BC legislature to do things.
- Bruce Krayenhoff said he didn’t think this threatened AMS power in any way.
- Conor Topley: Voting yes means getting a committee to go away and consider things we may not agree with.
- Brittany Tyson: Have you approached the U-Vote Club? This is one of their purposes, creating awareness. Maybe they should take this on.
- Bruce Krayenhoff said he hadn’t been in touch with them. It was something the committee could look at as another source of funds.
- Brittany Tyson: Not so much for funding, but to be the grassroots.

23. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:

“That the resolution in motion #20 be amended to read:

Be it therefore resolved that the AMS Council set up the students’ assembly ad-hoc committee to examine ways of involving non-involved students to complement AMS democracy.”

- Jeff Friedrich: The objective is to better involve the students. This proposal has identified an issue that many are aware of and has suggested a certain way to deal with it. There are other ways. He would like to broaden the envelope of what the committee looks at. He wouldn’t support a recommendation back from this committee recommending this proposal, and didn’t want to waste Council’s time and resources.
- Clark Funnell: The amendment actually narrows it.
- Gary Andraza: This is like arranging the furniture in a house we haven't bought yet.
- Alfie Lei: The amendment makes it way too broad.
- Tahara Bhate supported the amendment, saying the motion now points to solving a problem that they all want to solve.

24. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

25. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:

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... Carried

26. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

27. MOVED BRUCE KRAYENHOFF, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That whereas fewer than 10% of UBC Students vote in most races of AMS elections, and those who do often do so on a very limited amount of information,

Whereas the views of the AMS council and executive have sometimes been seen as those of a narrow group of students, rather than as views representing the entire student body,

Whereas reforms involving citizens' assemblies have great potential to improve many democracies, and the AMS is well-positioned to pioneer some of them,

Whereas citizens' assemblies show promise as a way to ameliorate many problems of the AMS democracy,

Whereas research has demonstrated that groups such as citizens' assemblies make good decisions and are excellent opinion leaders,

Be it therefore resolved that the AMS Council set up the students’ assembly ad-hoc committee to examine ways of involving non-involved students to complement AMS the democracy.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
28. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“Be it resolved that the following be appointed to the ‘Involving non-involved students’ ad
hoc committee Bruce Krayenhoff, Tahara Bhat, Alex Lougheed, Elaine Moody and Craig
Wrotniak (Council members) and Maayan Kreitzman and Scott Krayenhoff (at-large
members).

Be it further resolved that Craig Wrotniak be appointed Chair of the committee.”

29. SARAH NAIMAN, BRUCE KRAYENHOFF:

“That Council suspend Code to allow Maayan Kreitzman (member at large) to sit on this
committee.”

... Carried

30. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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hoc committee Bruce Krayenhoff, Tahara Bhat, Alex Lougheed and Elaine Moody and
Craig Wrotniak (Council members) and Maayan Kreitzman and Scott Krayenhoff (at-large
members).

Be it further resolved that Craig Wrotniak be appointed Chair of the committee.”

31. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED CRAIG WROTNIAK:

“That Council postpone appointing members to this committee until the next Council
meeting.”

... Defeated

32. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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hoc committee Bruce Krayenhoff, Tahara Bhat, Alex Lougheed, Elaine Moody and Craig
Wrotniak (Council members) and Maayan Kreitzman and Scott Krayenhoff (at-large
members). Craig Wrotniak be appointed Chair of the committee.”

... Carried

33. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON:

“Be it further resolved that this committee be given a budget of $50 from a fund to be
determined by the VP Finance to meet bi-weekly, and present its findings to Council by the
end of September 2007.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

CPG Report - Jeff Friedrich (President)
- Jeff Friedrich described the rebranding process, which will deal with colours, design
standards, the logo, and signage. He said a need has been identified to be more
consistent and fresh, involving a rethinking of communication strategies for better
outreach to the membership.
- He summarized the history of the AMS logo and then showed four new options.
CPG wants to recommend an option to Council and is also seeking feedback. The
aim is to achieve a balance between leadership and consultation. An e-mail is
being sent to Council, staff, and random students to see what most people want in
the logo.

F) Committee Reports:

Code and Policies Committee - Scott Bernstein (Chair)

- In accordance with Council’s directive at the last Council meeting, the Code and
  Policies Committee has looked at the bylaws, especially the bylaw on membership
  as it deals with co-op students.
- The Committee has met twice and is recommending a rewriting of all the bylaws
  and a bylaw referendum, along with the hiring of a bylaw referendum coordinator.
- It’s hard to pass bylaw amendments.
- Discussion has included the suggestion that certain things be withdrawn from the
  bylaws and put in Code, where Council could amend them.
- But would that be taking power away from our members?
- On the other hand, the bylaws are often a hurdle.
- The discussion is ongoing on-line in a wiki.

SUB Renewal Committee - Sarah Naiman (VP Administration)

- Sarah Naiman said a proxy is needed for one member. Everyone is invited to
  attend anyway.

L) Committee Motions:

34. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

  “That Council appoint (Council member) to the Impacts Committee
  for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

35. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

  “That Council suspend Code to allow more than two representatives from the same
  constituency to sit on the Impacts Committee.”

  Note: Requires 2/3rds

  Note: Opposed: Alex Lougheed  ... Carried

36. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

  “That Council appoint Lindsay MacPhee (Council member) to the Impacts Committee for
  a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

  ... Carried

37. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

  “That Council appoint Robert Taddei (Council member) to the Campus Planning &
  Development Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”
“That Council appoint Andrew Forshner, Clark Funnell and Alfie Lei (Council members) to the Ad Hoc Academic Quality Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

... Carried

38. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE; SECONDED ALFIE LEI:

“Whereas Pacific Spirit Place Cafeteria is closed to students weekends and weekday evenings during the SUB’s open hours; and

Whereas there is demand for increased study and social space in the SUB;

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the AMS Executive to work with the University, Food Services, and relevant bodies to keep Pacific Spirit Place open to students during the SUB’s open hours through joint operation including the participation of SUB Security.”

- Tristan Markle: Study space is in short supply, especially now because of cutbacks and the so-called deficit and condo developments. But there’s a large wasted space right here in the middle of campus, on the main floor of the SUB in Pacific Spirit Place. That area does not belong to the AMS; we can’t do anything about it. The University controls that space, but they may be open to doing something.

- Alfie Lei said that what he has learned on the library committee is that the University is probably not willing to hire staff to keep the libraries open; there’s even a question about maintaining extended hours during exams. Students want more hours, not only during exams. It’s ironic that we don’t have enough space.

- Shagufta Pasta: Tutoring is in the SUB South Alcove, and we’re already working with Pacific Spirit Place; Tutoring may move in there, though it may be too noisy.

- Stephanie Ryan: We were told the Starbucks area would be open as student social space. It’s disappointing that it’s not.

- Jeff Friedrich: Motions from the floor can be tricky. It would be better to come to the Executive and then be routed through the Policy Analyst or the Archivist-Researcher. But this is a really good motion. There is an issue of feasibility. UBC Food Services would have to pay for it; it would affect their bottom line. They would incur staff expense to keep the area open, but not get any revenue. But there is a strong case for this.

- Sarah Naiman: The Pit is not quiet at night, but during the day it’s nearly empty. Working within the AMS might be easier than going to an outside body.

- Darren Peets asked if the intent was just to keep the seating area open or the food area as well.

39. MOVED DARREN PEETS:(Friendly amendment to specify seating)

“Add seating area.” ... Carried

- Sara Kuhn said she never saw a student union that closed its main cafeteria like this. Also, wireless doesn’t work in the Pit.

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P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

- Letter to Hon. Linda Reid re: Childcare Expansion Initiative  [SCD 130-008]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

41. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED ELAINE MOODY:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

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

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

1. **MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:**

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) **Presentations to Council:**

**UNA Access Agreement – Brendon Goodmurphy**

Brendon Goodmurphy reported on the Executive’s planned action concerning the proposed UNA Access Agreement:

- The agreement is with U-Town residents.
- UBC was supposed to provide these residents with parks and recreation facilities, but instead has proposed giving them access to already existing facilities.
- Currently, students are the main users of these facilities.
- Some of these facilities were originally built largely by the students.
- The concern now is that student access to these facilities may be affected.
- The facilities include the Aquatic Centre, the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre, Thunderbird fields, etc.
- Under UBC’s proposed agreement with the UNA (University Neighbourhood Association), the UNA will pay an annual contribution and individual residents will pay discounted user fees.
- UBC is also promising community-oriented programming at the facilities.
- The Executive is planning to send a letter expressing AMS concerns, such as:
  - we were not part of drafting the agreement, but were simply shown it afterwards;
  - UBC has made assumptions on our behalf that we would prefer more money added to the University Endowment rather than maintaining student access to the athletic facilities, and we may not actually prefer that;
  - we are concerned about the effect on student access, given the increasing number of UNA residents, which may have an unpredictable effect on the demand for the facilities;
  - we co-manage the Aquatic Centre and have certain contractual rights.

Jeff Friedrich: We don’t actually co-manage it anymore; the relationship has been changed, but we still sit on the committee.

Brendon Goodmurphy:

- The facilities were built for student use.
- It’s not that no one else should use them, but we have special privileges.
- There should be lower user fees for students and continuation of special student swim times at the Aquatic Centre.
- We’ve been told that we should just work those things out with the individual facilities, but we think there should be guarantees in the general agreement.
- There are also questions about the numbers the University is using in arriving at the UNA’s annual contribution.
- The University is proposing to scale the contribution down on the grounds that the residents shouldn’t have to pay the actual cost of the high-end facilities here, because they don’t really need such high-end facilities.
- But students may not need such high-end facilities either.

Jeff Friedrich: If people move to campus, they should expect to have world class facilities which they will have to pay more for. It’s part of the cost of moving here.
- Brittany Tyson: The University wants to scale back for the UNA residents, but not for students.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said the Executive had a motion ready if Council wanted to adopt it.
- Jeff Friedrich said this presentation was just for information. The Ubyssey could walk into the Aquatic Centre and see students paying the same rates as UNA residents. The student contribution to these facilities should be remembered. He added:
  - There are issues around process; the University should have involved us.
  - Also, is the agreement itself fair?
  - It’s an important issue to be aware of. There will be more on this in the fall.

*Pit Renovations - Sarah Naiman (VP Administration)*

Sarah Naiman said a professional designer specializing in bar and restaurant design had been hired, and following his advice some extras had been added to the Pit renovation. That’s why there’s a need for extra money.

Sean Sherwood, the designer, made the following points:

- There’s a chance to do something special here.
- The Pit is the students’ place, their living room, the place where relationships are made and broken.
- It’s a symbol; it shouldn’t feel like a curling bar in northern BC.
- The big problem now is the lack of time.
- The three things you look for in a project are: good, fast, and cheap.
- You can usually get two of these, but you can’t usually get all three.
- The aim here has been to be good and fast.
- The aim is not for something hoity toity, but to introduce proper ambient lights, upgrade textures, in general create a funky setting with sex appeal.
- There will be new, sustainable tables, which is expensive.
- The bartops will be solid bamboo, not plastic but real wood, and able to stand up to scratching.
- There will be LED lights, giving off less heat, using less energy.
- The sound system will be more controlled, not so loud, so there can be a loud hockey game in one part and conversation elsewhere.
- The idea is to class up the joint.
- It’s still very inexpensive, really a net value of $300,000.

Sarah Naiman:
- When getting started, we asked for $163,000.
- Now the scope has changed, we’ve added things, we’re taking a new direction.
- With the $163,000 we can still do a lot, but the extra $48,000 will get us extra fine details like wainscoting, new couches, refinished tables.
- We’ve used professionals, but also students. We’ve used the resources we have.
- Darren Peets asked how much is currently in CPAC.
- Brittany Tyson said $377,000. [She corrected this figure later in the meeting to $317,000.]
- Sara Kuhn asked about posterizing on tiles.
- Sarah Naiman said posters can be put on tiles.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about beer resilient furniture.
- Sarah Naiman said the chairs cost $50 and have proved extremely durable in testing.
- Brittany Tyson said high density bamboo is being used. Also vinyl. You can wipe the beer off both.
- Alex Lougheed asked if the current Pit staff had been consulted and was told they had been.
- Matthew Naylor said that from his experiences at other schools’ bars, he would say the Pit was the ugliest. The renovations will make it look a lot better. We want a bar that doesn’t live up to its name.
- Omid Javadi said it was good to put the money forward now and not have to do it later.
- Peter Rizov asked what else the money might have gone to.
- Jeff Friedrich: We have a year’s budget at CPAC; we can do what we want.
- Andrew Forshner: Last time we saw different designs.
- Sarah Naiman: We realized we could do a lot more. That’s why we brought on Sean. He has the expertise to tell us we can do things we didn’t realize we could.
- Jesse Ferreras of the Ubyssey asked about the expensive chairs.
- Sarah Naiman said the expense was needed to obtain hospitality grade, durable chairs with stronger structures.
- Lucia Lam asked if price comparisons had been done.
- Sarah Naiman: We negotiated as low as possible, but you can’t just go with the cheapest.
- Sara Kuhn said it sounded like the designer knew what he was doing and the amount of money seemed reasonable.

D) President’s Remarks:

- Meeting with the Premier was successful. We were asked to follow-up on a number of recommendations and will be meeting again in the fall.
- The Board of Governors passed approval of the child care expansion project, meaning the project will go forward for Fall of 2008.
- Other major ongoing projects/issues: re-branding, SUB, and SCAPP/academic quality.

E) Executive Reports:

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

Business Operations Committee
Following up from the cold beverage RFP sent out earlier this summer, BOC received presentations from both Coca-Cola and Pepsi regarding cold beverage agreements, as the campus-wide exclusive deal with Coke ends August 31st. The F&B department is putting together a plan, which will include Pepsi/Coke and other suppliers so that we will have a variety of products in our food outlets and vending machines to ensure choice for students.

PieR² and Prep Kitchen renovations are nearly complete and Pit renovations are going to plan.
Today we received our annual Auditor’s Review of the AMS’ financial statements. Once I receive an electronic copy from D&H Group, I will put these up on the AMS website and circulate to Council for information.

AMS Catering and all of our Food & Beverage departments are hiring. Spread the word!

Bernie, Henry, and I had a meeting two weeks ago with John Calvely, who runs the AMS Rentsline service and website (www.amsrentsline.com). John has launched a comprehensive new website for our service that includes user-friendly features like Google Maps and an improved layout. Craig’s List (www.craigslist.com) seems to have the market cornered for online housing directories, so please communicate this service to your constituents.

Constituency Automated Banking Machines
This project is moving along, as we have received approval from the UBC Treasury. Henry Chen is currently drafting a letter of agreement so that we can be ready for September. Arts (Buchanan), Commerce (Angus), and Law (Curtis) are all on board, with Education (Scarfe) and Medicine (Life Sciences/Woodward) expressing interest.

Credit Card Letter
To follow up from last meeting, I am working on a letter to the University regarding the motion passed by Council and will be sending it shortly.

Executive Committee
The Executive agreed to donate $100 from Council Donations to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada on behalf of Omid Javadi, who will be taking part in a bike ride to raise funds for MS.

Finance Commission
Azim (Business Operations) and Jessica (Special Projects) are developing the Customer Quality Assurance Program through consultation with Henry Chen and Nancy Toogood. A presentation will be coming to BOC shortly. Commissioners are approving the hundreds of club and constituency budgets and orienting treasurers. We are trying to deal with some glitches in the current administrative website, working with the AMS Webmaster, and are all really looking forward to SA Link.

Since June, we have allocated grants from the Student Initiatives Fund to: Pamela Verma for the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism ($250); Sarah Ong for China Synergy Program for Outstanding Youth ($250); and Kevin Keystone for the Social Entrepreneurship 101 trip to Kenya ($250).

Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee
We are working on developing the Sponsorship Package and Alison Henry has engaged Telus in developing a sponsorship agreement with the AMS.

Health Plan
On July 12, I attended a studentcare conference in Montreal to discuss their new sustainability strategy and web platform. studentcare’s new website (to be launched in September; www.ihaveaplan.ca) is more comprehensive and navigable, with maps to more easily locate practitioners in the networks, a tool to easily identify benefits, and other user-friendly features. With the increase and accessibility of online information, they will be moving to a simpler mail-out with fewer pages, resulting in less paper usage and waste. From an administrative perspective, they will also be introducing a web tool called SHERPA for committee members to do things like
communicate, set meeting times, and browse important documents, all of which will help the problem of turnover and lack of institutional memory. The conference was also a wonderful networking opportunity, as I was able to learn about sustainability initiatives that other student unions have implemented or are developing – this information will be very helpful in informing how the AMS Sustainability Strategy unfolds.

As per a request, I am also looking into Midwifery students, which are part of the Faculty of Medicine, being able to opt into the health plan, as they currently cannot.

**SA Link**

We are working with the University to develop a solution to many of the privacy and technical concerns with the hopes of CWL integration for September. Sarah and I have a meeting tomorrow with the University to discuss information sharing between the Student Information System (Enrolment Services) and the AMS. Customization of SA Link is underway and we are all very excited to begin beta testing.

**Sprouts**

I received a formal proposal and business plan from Sprouts and will be meeting with Caterina to discuss these documents in the near future.

**Sarah Naiman - VP Administration**

**SUB Renewal**

We are moving ahead nicely. We decided on the Space Planner – Cannon Design and have also set a rough timeline to bring us to November Board. We will be looking to all you councilors to help facilitate consultation. Also, we had an Alumni evening with former AMS Executives to get some feedback on the SUB project and they were quite engaged and excited to help out more. They also want to create an Alumni group to help us with this and act as a reference.

**SA Link**

Moving ahead. It seems like we will have CWL login for the September rollout. We are currently working on populating it.

**Pit Pub**

Looking really good. We have physically been in there painting and getting it ready.

**SAC**

Working on Clubs Days and Executive Orientations.

**All President Dinner**

We are finalizing the speaker and thinking it will be someone who is involved with the Olympics.

**Firstweek**

I am working with the coordinator and SAC to get everything worked out so we have a great Firstweek!

**Matthew Naylor - VP External**

**EDGE Conference**

Last week I was in Halifax for the EDGE Conference, which stands for Education, Development, Growth and Exchange. I found this really useful, both as a networking tool and in terms of making me a better rounded executive, because we exist fairly concretely within silos here, and, as such,
learning about what other executives at other universities were doing was a really valuable experience. It also allowed us to examine the best practices of other organizations, for things like sustainability, executive transition and liaising with the administration. Also, the carbon emissions generated by the plane ride there and back were completely offset by StudentCare.

**Lobbying Conference Planning**
Regarding the lobbying conference that is being planned, it’s happening in about two weeks, so that is taking up most of my time right now. Currently, all schools have responded and everyone is coming except for Capilano and SFU, for different reasons. SFU has, however, expressed interest in the concept, but it is not politically possible for them right now as they are currently in the throes of their defederation referendum.

**External Commission**
The External Commission is doing a lot of planning for Great Trekker and dealing with the U-Pass, for which inquiries have begun to pick up again.

**Stephen Owen and the Federal By-election**
Our MP has resigned. Stephen Owen has resigned his seat effective the end of July to become the new VP External and Community Relations here at UBC starting August 15th. So, we expect a by-election at some point during my term, possibly near the end of October. I have been meeting with candidates – the NDP’s Rebecca Coad, the Liberal’s Joyce Murray, and the Green’s Dan Grice. Deborah Meredith and Mary MacNeil, the two Conservatives running for the nomination I have not had responses from yet, but having just now sent the invitations, I am not particularly concerned.

**Meeting with Premier**
Yesterday, Jeff and I met with Premier Gordon Campbell. I thought that it was a fairly productive meeting in which we got across a number of key points regarding post secondary education, and the AMS’s position on things like Campus 2020. He seemed fairly receptive to our statements.

**Assorted Notes**
The Voter Funded Media Committee will be starting up again, with its first meeting on Thursday. I was on vacation for a week and got a haircut during that time. CASA Campaigns and Events Committee is in full swing, and has decided to run a campaign on Millennium and it’s renewal.

**Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs**

**AMS Committees**

**Impacts Committee**
- I have tried to call 2 meetings in the past month and no one except Lindsay McPhee and other executives have shown up.
- It is slowing down the sustainability strategy process, and it has slowed down Farmade planning.

**CP&D**
- Has met a few times since last Council, mostly doing updates right now.
- I have been trying to give a lot of background to development issues to the committee.
- There are going to be a lot of things coming up in September that the committee will be working on, and for now, we’re waiting a little, but I’m also trying to prepare for those things (including campus plan, governance consultation, the AMS Student Housing report, U-Blvd consultation).
Academic Quality
- Tasks have been delegated to the committee to help Blake with the Yardstick.
- We also have really worked out NSSE report recommendations, and assigning tasks to members to do further research on each recommendation.

Campus Safety Committee
- I called a meeting, no one showed up besides the Safety Coordinator and Tamara, the Speakeasy Coordinator.
- We may try again closer to September.

Compensation Review Committee
- We are meeting this week, update to come to next Council meeting.

Projects

Climate Action Partnership
- A new initiative from the Sustainability Office, building a large consultation and community engagement process for creating a strategy document outlining how UBC can become carbon neutral... we’re meeting weekly right now as we plan for the year.

Yardstick
- Blake is working hard on this right now, it is his primary task.
- We’ve been getting people to write articles, and putting together a questionnaire for each department to look at.

Academic Quality Report
- Taking a lot more work than expected, but thanks to the hard work of the Academic Quality Committee, we’re moving along.

Sustainability Strategy
- Nothing much has happened here, as Impacts is impossible to get to meet, and I don’t have enough time to really work through this piece right now.

Student Housing Report
- Blake and David Wells are working on this right now, but it hasn’t made much progress, since Blake has been putting a lot of energy in the Yardstick.

UBC Issues

Steering Committee on Academic Planning Process
- An initial report came out from UBC with a set of guidelines and recommendations for how the academic planning process will work and move forward with the goal of tying UBC’s budgeting to academic priorities.

University Boulevard Steering Committee
- We’ve been meeting weekly, we just got the report from July’s consultation feedback.
- I plan on sharing this document when its ready with Council.
- We are now preparing for September’s consultation, and the types of options that are going to go forward to the campus community.
Student Evaluations on Teaching Committee

- The committee is now down, as it has fulfilled most of its mandate.
- Anna Kindler is going to form a new committee that is more technical to help with implementation, I expressed interest to Anna to sit on that new committee.

Campus Plan

- They are putting together a charrette for September that will inform the options brought to the campus community later in term 1.

UNA Access Agreement

- You will get information at Council about this, I am drafting a letter to send to UBC.

F) Committee Reports:

J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $48,000 from CPAC funds to cover additional expenses associated with the Pit renovations.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

Five minute recess at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

3. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated June 27, 2007 [SCD 132-008]
Minutes of Coordinator Appointments Committee dated April 26, 2007 [SCD 133-008]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 10, 2007 [SCD 134-008]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 11, 2007 [SCD 135-008]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 14, 2007 [SCD 136-008]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 15, 2007 [SCD 137-008]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 16, 2007 [SCD 138-008]
Minutes of Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee dated May 31, 2007 [SCD 139-008]
Minutes of Ad-Hoc Academic Quality Committee dated May 31, 2007 [SCD 140-008]
Minutes of Ad-Hoc Academic Quality Committee dated June 13, 2007 [SCD 141-008]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated May 30, 2007 [SCD 142-008]
Minutes of the SUB Renewal Committee dated March 6, 2007 [SCD 143-008]
Minutes of the SUB Renewal Committee dated June 13, 2007 [SCD 144-008]
Minutes of the SUB Renewal Committee dated June 20, 2007 [SCD 145-008]
Minutes of the SUB Renewal Committee dated June 27, 2007 [SCD 146-008]
Minutes of Involving Non-involved Students Committee dated July 9, 2007[SCD 147-008]

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

4. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated May 16, 2007 [SCD 148-008]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 18, 2007 [SCD 149-008]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 25, 2007 [SCD 150-008]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 3, 2007 [SCD 151-008]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

5. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED AIDHA SHAIKH:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 26, 2007 [SCD 152-008]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated April 30, 2007 [SCD 153-008]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated May 17, 2007 [SCD 154-008]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated June 12, 2007 [SCD 155-008]

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Stephanie Ryan – The Source, the AUS information guide, is coming soon. Frosh Week is being planned.

GSS – Jessica Jia – The GSS passed a UBC Farm policy similar to the one the AMS passed, calling for the farm to be an academic reserve rather than a housing reserve

Jason Penner: The GSS has been approached about a building in the proposed University Square.


Commerce – Peter Rizov – Construction started on new Commerce building.


SLAIS – Sara Kuhn – Getting ready for orientation.

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

Board of Governors
Darren Peets: Retreat included half hour Board meeting at which Stephen Owen was hired and childcare was approved.
Senate
Tariq Ahmed: Committee doldrums.

Ombudsperson
Bruce Ferguson said he’d found the office and put his name on his e-mails. Twenty-four people have come in. He wants to simplify the ombuds website, begin information sharing sessions, and educate people on issues. He said he was hoping students would learn to do their own ombuds work and that each faculty would do its own.

Announcement
Bernie Peets announced that he is retiring as General Manager sometime in January or February. He thanked Council for its support over the years.

Jeff Friedrich: The next steps will include an exploration of options. Should we hire an external recruitment firm as was done in the past or do the new hiring on our own? A hiring committee will be set up to look into this.

There will be plenty of time for sappy notes later, but he did want to say that Bernie had been phenomenal for the more than 12 years he’s been here. He’s gone through a lot with us, and we owe him a lot of gratitude and respect.

Bernie will be working on the renegotiating of the SUB lease, a big topic.

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

CPG - Jeff Friedrich - President:
- Jeff Friedrich: CPG undertook a rebranding process as part of a new communication process. The focus has been on redeveloping the logo.
- Alison Henry said she and Bill Matthews had been working on what the AMS means, looking at the history of the logo and its taglines, meeting with the Services, the Executive, the businesses, and sending out logo options to students. Also, Jeff got input from passersby.
  She showed some of the early ideas for the logo, which had been reduced to four options that were sent around for opinions. CPG then decided it would probably want to refine Option 3.
- Jeff Friedrich: We need a decision now for a fall rollout.
- Alex Lougheed said CPG had not exactly all been on the same page.
- Matt Filipiak said people will wonder about the new logo. They’ll say, What is it?
- Someone said it was the sun and the mountains.
- Jesse Ferreras (the Ubyssey): Don’t you want to say what it stands for? Do you want to distinguish yourself from UBC?
- Jeff Friedrich: This is part of a larger rebrand, reflecting the fact that the AMS needs to present a new and fresh face. There’s a tension between how much we connect to the University and how much we distinguish ourselves from it.
- Omid Javadi asked what happens if the new logo design fails to win Council approval.
- Jeff Friedrich said that would affect the fall rollout. Other elements of the rebranding could happen anyway, but it would set us back.
- Max Unger: What values or qualities did you want to put in the logo?
- Alison Henry: We focused on the AMS mission statement, to improve the social and educational lives of UBC students. We turned to heraldic imagery, a shield, because that’s common in academic and governmental institutions. The mountains and the sun connect to the previous AMS logo and the current UBC logo. They’re important in this province.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about the wide text.
- Alison Henry talked of the two different logos, one internal, one for external use. The phrase “our UBC community” would be used internally. There was also the phrase “Enhancing student life.”
- Stephanie Ryan asked if that phrase would go on letterhead.
- Craig Wrotniak noted that there had been four options presented before. How did it end up being this one now?
- Matthew Naylor explained some of the CPG deliberation, saying the original options didn’t include everything CPG wanted, e.g., suns, so old Option 1 was softened and a sun added.
- Peter Rizov objected to the way the text would lead people to say AMS Student Society, which would really mean Alma Mater Society Student Society.
- Matthew Naylor: It’s just stating what AMS means.
- Dave Tompkins: Like saying ATM machine.
- Alex Lougheed: It’s like KFC instead of Kentucky Fried Chicken.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked about what was still being discussed at CPG.
- Jeff Friedrich said the question at CPG was whether we were ready to go ahead. The majority said yes. There was some dissent over the difference between this design and its last iteration, differences over empty and full suns.
- Tariq Ahmed said since the mountains are in the north and the sun sets in the west, how can we depict the sun setting in the mountains?
- Dave Tompkins asked if CPG had considered holding a contest.
- Jeff Friedrich: We could, but we haven’t to date.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked about broader consultation.
- Jeff Friedrich said that some was done, but a logo is going to inspire inevitable differences. It was tricky.

6. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR

“Be it resolved that Council approve, in principle, the presented logo design, and

Be it further resolved that Council allow the Communications Planning Group to approve minor changes to the final logo.”

- Omid Javadi said he thought the proposed design was ugly and didn’t see anything in it that reflected the AMS. Also it contained a physical impossibility.
- Stephanie Ryan found it totally modern with a pretty picture and said she liked it.
- Tahara Bhate said she didn’t really like it, adding that if the idea behind the rebranding is to reach out to students, a student survey should be held. She didn’t feel comfortable approving the logo when so few people had had input.
- Craig Wrotniak approved the idea of bringing the AMS into a new era, but such an important thing shouldn’t be rushed just to have it ready for this fall. Perhaps there should be a more open process.
- Sarah Naiman said at first she hadn’t been in love with it, but she’d grown to like it. It was scary, a big step. The more people you ask, the more opinions you’ll get. The logo represents BC; it represents Vancouver; it represents her as a student. She didn’t think a lot more would come from consultation. We have a fantastic Communications Manager and designer and we should trust our committee. Even if at first you don’t like it, the more you look at it, the more you like it, and it’s important to get it out for September.
- Darren Peets said that if we were creating a brand new society today, he’d probably like this logo more. But there’s a logo now and he liked the general structure of that. He didn’t think it should be thrown out lightly. Also, the logo is on lots of signs, and frosted on glass. There would be lots to replace. What are the costs?
- Brittany Tyson said it would be $10,000 to $15,000 for wayfinding.
- Sarah Naiman: Some signs have to be replaced anyway.
- Max Unger: The AMS has attacked the University for lack of consultation on major issues like University Boulevard. Rebranding is a major issue that affects students. It’s hypocritical to demand the University do consultation when the AMS doesn’t.
- Brittany Tyson said it was important to have things ready for September. It would be a waste of a great opportunity not to do this in September. There was a committee working on this; the committee should be trusted.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Max’s point picks up on one of the reasons we want to rebrand; we want to involve students more. He also asked about timing.
- Alison Henry said the first phase of the rebranding would include the Insider, SA Link, the website, decals, e-mail, business cards, signs on businesses. Phase 2 would include wayfinding. That would be done by the beginning of 2008.
- Andrew Forshner: We are kind of creating a new student society. That’s what we undertook in rebranding. This logo doesn’t have an identity because it’s new. As to consultation, we didn’t consult about the Pit renovation. We’re going from something related to UBC to something that marks us out as our own professional student society. It’s one of the most important steps for rebranding.
- Matthew Naylor said he saw some really strong qualities in the new logo. It was contemporary yet professional, and identifiable. It changes the AMS, making it more presentable to people we’re interfacing with. We have made an effort to reach out to stakeholders.
- Peter Rizov said the Commerce Undergraduate Society tried a contest and consultation, and when the results came back to the Commerce council, it still couldn’t decide. No group will ever agree. Council has to say yes or no or send for general consultation. He was not sure he liked the logo, but he said there has to be faith in the committee.
- Jessica Jia: We shouldn’t make this decision tonight. We should let the students decide which logo they want. It’s a big thing, not only internal but external.
- Bruce Krayenhoff: What will have more importance, rolling out a new logo or a competition?
- Jeff Friedrich: The choice is do you want to go to consultation or are you happy enough to delegate to the CPG? If we go to a campus-wide vote, a lot of people will wonder why we’re doing it at all. It could be a lengthy process. But he wanted Council to be comfortable.
- Tahara Bhate said consultation did not mean starting from scratch. There are the three options. If the majority of students didn’t like the recommended option …
- Jeff Friedrich said that a quick consultation could be done using the contacts we had just accumulated from a previous survey.
- Omid Javadi said he didn’t feel that deciding something now would be proper since Council was ambivalent. We need a logo a majority of students will like.

7. MOVED SARA KUHN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

8. MOVED Omid Javadi, seconded Darren Peets:

“That motion #6 be referred back to the Communications Planning Group.”

- Brendon Goodmurphy noted that referring would mean waiting a month.
- Tahara Bhate: If students like the logo, we’ve just shot ourselves in the foot. She
recommended sending out CPG’s preferred option and one or two alternatives.

- Matthew Naylor warned against losing out on an opportunity to reach out to students through the Insider and the Welcome Back Barbecue.
- Peter Rizov: We should instruct CPG to poll students on three or four options and empower them to go with the results.
- Stephanie Ryan: We always talk of consultation and then we don’t do it. We need to be walking the walk. Show the University how consultation is done, and show the students we really care about their opinions.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said he didn’t think the September launch was a high priority.
- Matt Filipiak: Did Council direct this rebranding?
- Dave Tompkins said there had been no formal directive.
- Matt Filipiak said this was still a lot of time and energy to spend on consultation on the logo; is this what Council members wanted to spend their time on?
- Craig Wrotniak: What if we go forward and students aren’t happy with it? It’s a symbol of who we are. It’s important we have a large consultation and not rush.

9. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That motion #6 be referred back to the Communications Planning Group.” ... Defeated

11. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Motions #6 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that Council approve, in principle, the presented logo design, and

Be it further resolved that Council allow the Communications Planning Group to approve minor changes to the final logo and to provide two final (new) options to students via an email poll.”

- Omid Javadi: If we’re against one of the options, why go to the students about that?
- Jeff Friedrich: A full-scale consultation will just lead to ambivalence and lack of direction. This plan gives direction plus some consultation.
- Tahara Bhide: It sounds like the three options the University offered on University Boulevard. They weren’t three real options.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: The options should include CPG’s preferred logo, a different one, and the status quo.
- Matthew Naylor opposed including the status quo.
- Sarah Naiman: Brittany and Jeff ran on a platform of rebranding, so that was a certain amount of consultation.
- Jeff Friedrich: Including the status quo is a bad idea. We in principle are in favour of rebranding. It’s redundant to offer the status quo.
- Andrew Forshner: This wasn’t fast and cheap; this was good. CPG consulted many stakeholders, not just Council members.
12. MOVED OMID JAVADI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

13. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Motions #6 be amended to read:

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... Defeated

- Stephanie Ryan said she had changed her mind. There had been consultation. Let’s just change the logo and consult the students on stuff that really matters.

- Matt Filipiak: It’s a logo, a picture. It’s all right, just go with it.

- Sara Kuhn said she was surprised Council was spending so much time on this. She would prefer Council to get back to issues that affect students’ lives. The University Boulevard project and the Pit significantly affect them. It’s great to have a great logo, but people are not going to care that much.

14. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR

“Be it resolved that Council approve, in principle, the presented logo design, and

Be it further resolved that Council allow the Communications Planning Group to approve minor changes to the final logo.”

15. MOVED JASON PENNER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

16. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“That motions #6 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that Council approve, in principle, the presented logo design, and

Be it further resolved that Council allow the Communications Planning Group to make the final decision to change the logo after some further consultation with students, including an email poll.”

- Omid Javadi said more than one option should be presented.
17. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED CRAIG WROTNIAK:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that Council approve, in principle, the presented logo design, and

Be it further resolved that the Communications Planning Group provide at least three significantly different new logos in the consultation.”

... Carried

18. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED CRAIG WROTNIAK:

“That motion #18 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that Council approve, in principle, the presented logo design, and

Be it further resolved that the Communications Planning Group provide at least three significantly different new logos in the consultation.”

19. MOVED CRAIG WROTNIAK, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That motion #18 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that Council approve, in principle, the presented logo design, and

Be it further resolved that the Communications Planning Group add new logos alongside the current logo in the consultation.”

20. MOVED OMID JAVADI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED CRAIG WROTNIAK, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That motion #18 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that Council approve, in principle, the presented logo design, and

Be it further resolved that the Communications Planning Group add new logos alongside the current logo in the consultation.”

... Defeated

22. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That motion #18 be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Communications Planning Group decide upon the new logo after some further consultation with students, including an email poll.”

... Carried

- Jeff Friedrich: Council should decide in principle in favour of a new logo.
- Jeff Friedrich and Dave Tompkins discussed whether the latest language required a change of logo. New language was introduced to make it clearer that a change was required.
23. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

Be it resolved that Council approve, in principle, a change to the AMS logo, and

Be it further resolved that Council allow the Communications Planning Group to approve minor changes to the final logo design, and

Be it further resolved that the Communications Planning Group shall decide upon the new logo after some further consultation with students, including an email poll,

Be it further resolved that the Communications Planning Group provide at least three significantly different new logos in the consultation."

Note: Brittany Tyson (in favour) ... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

24. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $140,000 from CPAC funds for the hiring of a space planner as part of the SUB Renew Process.”

Note: CPAC currently has a balance of $317,000

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sarah Naiman: There had been two proposals from consultants. Cannon Design had demonstrated great knowledge of this campus and of campuses in general. They came highly recommended, and the SUB Renew Committee was happy with them.

25. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $140,000 from CPAC funds for the hiring of a space planner as part of the SUB Renew Process.”

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

26. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“Whereas the University is planning to hold centenary celebrations in 2008 to mark the 100th anniversary of the legislation creating UBC;

Therefore be it resolved that Council strike an ad hoc committee to be known as the AMS Centenary Working Group to investigate ways that the AMS can participate in the celebrations, this committee to consist of the Vice-President Administration, who shall be chair, four Council members, and two Students at Large.”

... Carried
27. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That Council appoint Jason Penner, ____________, ____________, ____________, ____________, (Council members) and ____________, ____________, to the AMS Centenary Working Group for a term ending March 31, 2008.”

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Reports:

28. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED BRUCE KRAYENHOFF:

“That Council appoint Alex Lougheed as Chair of the Oversight Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

29. MOVED BRUCE KRAYENHOFF, SECONDED CRAIG WROTNIAK:

“That the Ad Hoc Involving Non-involved Students Committee be renamed the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee.”

30. MOVED BRUCE KRAYENHOFF, SECONDED CRAIG WROTNIAK:

“That Council appoint Karen Lui (member at large) to the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending September 30, 2007.”

31. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED CRAIG WROTNIAK:

“That Council appoint John Kneeshaw (member at-large) to the Ad Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

Letter to Hon. Linda Reid re: Childcare Expansion Initiative [SCD 158-008]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.
S) **Adjournment:**

32. **MOVED PETER RIZOV, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:**

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

T) **Social Activity:**

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

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

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

1. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Credit Cards – Brittany Tyson (VP Finance) and Brian Silzer (UBC Registrar and Associate Vice-President Enrolment Services)

Brittany Tyson noted that the University had ended the use of credit cards for tuition payments, something Council had condemned. Council also asked the University to postpone the tuition payment date till the end of September to accommodate students. The University had also been asked to provide transparent information on how the money it saves this way will go to support teaching and learning, as they said it would.

She said the University has said it cannot extend the tuition payment deadline generally, but will meet with students one-on-one to discuss their situations.

She introduced the University’s Brian Silzer to comment further.

Brian Silzer:

- The decision to end credit card payment did not bring happiness to Enrolment Services.
- His aim is to make things accessible, on-line, to avoid the nightmare of line-ups.
- Enrolment Services resisted the University decision for this reason; the idea of credit cards was to provide a convenient way to pay fees; we were proud of introducing it.
- However, there was the issue of the overhead associated with it: $2.5 million.
- We asked for a better rate from the credit card vendors, but they told us we were already getting a preferred rate as an educational institution, and they even talked of raising the rate.
- This was awkward timing, because President Toope had arrived and discovered adverse numbers in the budget.
- When the deficit was revealed, the heat was on for credit cards.
- We’ve tried to make other options available; inevitably, some students will have challenges.
- Enrolment Services is trying to ameliorate things a bit; the staff has been instructed to be as flexible and accommodating as they can.
- There will be deferrals; there are already deferrals for those on student assistance.
- He hopes to keep the impact to a minimum.
More staff will be on hand the first couple of weeks to address students’ circumstances and make appropriate accommodations.

For some students this will be good; it will be a chance for our staff to talk to them about how they manage their finances; some students rely on credit cards when they shouldn’t. They don’t pay off their balance and they pay a premium. We hope to help such students.

Brittany Tyson asked about the possibility of extending the deadline for payment.

Brian Silzer said he was willing to look at that, but there will be resistance in the University Administration because it would mean a loss of the interest on the tuition revenue for that period. It would be a large amount of money, the interest on the tuition payments of 43,000 students. Less than the $2.5 million it would cost to reinstate the credit card option, but he wasn’t sure by how much.

As to reinstating the credit card option, he’d like that, but he had no confidence the Administration would go there, and it was better that the money go to the University than to a financial institution.

Questions:

- Stephanie Ryan asked about line-ups and hours.
- Brian Silzer explained what hours the office would be open:

  Saturday, September 1: 8 am – 4pm
  Sunday: 10 am- 4 pm
  Labour Day closed
  Tuesday-Friday: 8 am – 6 pm

  Hours would be reassessed after the first week. Extended hours might continue into a second week.

- Brendon Goodmurphy asked if the credit card option might be reinstated since the deficit was only something temporary.
- Brian Silzer: The deficit triggered this, but it’s not the real reason. It’s about taking $2.5 million and applying it where it will do the most good. The President has said, This is the right thing to do.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked about passing along the credit card fee to the student users.
- Brian Silzer said his early advice on this indicated two problems: first, the law precludes it; second, the provincial government has rules on tuition increases and is various sensitive to new fees.
- Brendon Goodmurphy asked about credit card cheques.
- Brian Silzer: The checking option is still there. It’s a more lengthy process for us and the students. He preferred electronic funds transfer or Interac on-line. UBC was the first university to institute that. It is ironic that SFU is introducing credit card payments at the same time UBC is stopping them. He thought they would reflect on that.
- Conor Topley asked what happens if students miss the deadline.
- Brian Silzer: A financial hold can be placed after September 5, but we’ve never acted immediately. We always wait a respectable period. The actual date is decided on every year.
- Conor Topley asked if that date is made public.
- Brian Silzer: It’s challenging to answer that. If he gave a hard date, that would in effect extend things. Students are to understand that September 5 is the date. Those with challenges should come talk to us.
- Conor Topley asked how the AMS had become informed.
- Brittany Tyson: We got a press release. It was also part of a presentation Anne De Wolfe made.
- Conor Topley said in its initial year students may not have heard of the new policy.
Brian Silzer: We realize this is a transition year; some students will have problems; we want to hear from those students. Other universities without credit card payments collect their fees on time.

Jeff Friedrich asked if there would be flexibility about imposing late fees this year.

Brian Silzer said that was done every year.

Jeff Friedrich said he would like a report on the dollar value of the late fees. He added that the situation was not just a small inconvenience; it doesn't just affect those on loans; there are students not on loans who fall through the cracks; they're using credit cards because they have to. Students are making decisions about attendance at university because of debt load.

Brian Silzer: We want to hear from those students. We don't want the whole student body.

Jeff Friedrich suggested doing focus groups for those who end up paying late fees and to find out why students are using credit cards and taking on that sort of debt.

Brian Silzer agreed with the basic thrust of the idea, saying it is better to know more about these students. Policy 72 is still in effect.

Sarah Naiman asked about the process of paying in person.

Brian Silzer: Once you get to the teller, it should be just a few minutes. The delay might be in getting through the line.

Sarah Naiman asked about money going to teaching and learning. Will that be transparent? Had he agreed to that?

Brian Silzer said he had not agreed to that. He wasn't the person to do that. The money just went into the mix. It wasn't productive to single out a certain sum and specify where it should go, but the priorities of the institution were to support the academic endeavour. It would be as if he were a student asking the AMS where his AMS fee went.

Sarah Naiman: But we tell students that.

Dave Tompkins: There was a tuition allocation booklet a few years back.

Brian Silzer said he was familiar with that. He couldn't give further satisfaction on this issue, but one of his colleagues might. Perhaps Brian Sullivan.

Omid Javadi: What percentage does UBC pay on credit cards?

Brian Silzer said he was not sure he was at liberty to say, but it was less than 2%. It's a negotiated number, and he thought it a fairly good rate.

**Voter Funded Media - Matthew Naylor (VP External Affairs) [SCD 160-008]**

Matthew Naylor said his committee is looking into procedures for Voter Funded Media, including different voting formulas for allocating prizes to media outlets. He displayed various graphs, bars, and formulas and said the hope was to have a forum and then have Council approve VFM at its September 12 meeting. Then hiring could begin by the end of September.

Questions:

- Sarah Naiman: Are we definitely going ahead with VFM?
- Matthew Naylor: The recommendation of the committee is Yes. It's not definite until Council approves.
- Sarah Naiman: September is a busy month. Postponing might be an idea.
- Matthew Naylor: The committee is comfortable with the timeline.
- Peter Rizov noted that candidates don't declare until January.
- Matthew Naylor: The committee thinks candidates should be allowed to declare, but not campaign, in November.
- Alfie Lee asked about candidates who don't decide until January and those who declare early and then quit halfway.
- Matthew Naylor said this was something for the committee to consider.
Jessie Ferreras of the Ubyssey asked how students would be informed about VFM.
Matthew Naylor said there would be better advertising. The contestants would have to link to the VFM Administration.
Tahara Bhate: If there is no campaigning in October, what would the media contestants report on? General AMS issues?
Matthew Naylor: It was always intended that VFM provide broader coverage than just the elections.
Gary Andraza: Less people voted with VFM than the year before. Some found VFM confusing. Will it make more sense this year?
Matthew Naylor: We’re going to try and clearly establish the rules. It’s a matter of opinion whether they’ll be easier to understand.
Brittany Tyson asked about complaints from last year that candidates spent so much time on VFM interviews. Could there be group interviews this time?
Matthew Naylor: A recommendation from last year was that there be press events so that many media outlets can hear from a candidate at the same time and the candidate won’t have to say the same thing over and over. Also media collectives.
Clark Funnell raised the issue of quality of coverage as opposed to the popularity or readership base of a media outlet.
Matthew Naylor said these were complex issues and he invited Clark to attend the committee’s next meeting.
Maayan Kreitzman: Why has STV (single transferable vote) not been mentioned?
Matthew Naylor: STV was considered, but lost overwhelmingly. The committee is leaning towards the consensus model instead.
Maayan Kreitzman asked about exit polls for both VFM and the regular elections.
Matthew Naylor said that was something to consider.
Jessie Ferreras said press conferences are limiting. They encouraged packaged quotes.
Matthew Naylor said he was not at all suggesting that press conferences were the only way candidates would contact the media. The committee was laissez faire about this; it just wanted to make contestants and media aware of multiple means of conveying information.
Stephanie Ryan: It just keeps candidates from having to answer questions over and over.
Jessie Ferreras: Isn’t that putting limits on the media’s ability to ask questions?
Matthew Naylor said the idea was not to limit access to the media, just to facilitate multiple people getting answers from candidates.

**D) President’s Remarks:**

Previously I mentioned receiving a letter indicating that we would not receive money from the Province for the childcare expansion. The university and the AMS have worked to meet with the province since then and we now have indications that they will reconsider our funding.

Have been away for vacation and then for meetings in Toronto and Ottawa regarding Millennium and CFS/CASA relations.

**E) Executive Reports:**

**Sarah Naiman - VP Administration**

Two articles were printed regarding the new SUB: Hampton Journal and the Ubyssey.
The survey has been sent out. Please make sure to fill it out and also ask your friends to fill it out. We will also have it available during Firstweek for all the students who come to pick up their Insiders etc. Also, I sent a survey to other schools to get some information about their SUB’s and got some interesting responses.

We created a marketing position which is up on the Career Services website, also the CUS has posted it on theirs and sent it out to all their members. I have already begun to receive applications which is quite exciting.

The David’s from Cannon will be at the next Council meeting to talk about the consultation process. They have also been meeting with various representatives of user groups to understand the organization better. Cannon has also created a full credit course in the School of Architecture at no extra cost to the AMS that focuses exclusively on the new SUB.

If anyone is interested in the Alumni event on the 24th/25th of August, please let me know and I can give you more information.

I have confirmed the speakers for the All President’s Dinner: Moe Sihota and Herb Dhaliwal and the President.

For the Deans Debate which will take place on October 2nd, the topic will be for the Deans to defend their faculty as providing the most useful degree - should it be liberal and broad or career focused and narrow?

Pit Renovations are going really well. For the 27th, it won’t be totally done but very close however we will be done by September. Please check out the tiling on the pillars, the new bar tops and the lighting. We will also be buying a few new appliances so we can update the menu.

SA Link is still moving forward for the September launch. It hasn’t always been easy because the University moves slow sometimes but we are happy that they are working to get everything in to us as necessary.

SAC is getting ready for September - constituting new clubs in time for Clubs Days, Locker and Office move in, getting ready for Firstweek stuff, and preparing for Executive orientations, etc.

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

- The annual Auditor’s Review of the AMS’ financial statements are now online at www.ams.ubc.ca/vpfinance.

Business Operations Committee:

- As many of the AMS cash registers are outdated, we have been looking at Point of Sale (POS) systems for the Pit Pub and possibly other AMS businesses. We met with Nick Ricci from Micros Systems (used by restaurant chains such as Joey’s, Earl’s, and Cactus Club) and may also investigate Profitek, a POS system that the Outpost is currently using.

- We have decided to close the Ticketmaster service area of the Outpost effective December 2007, as this service loses the AMS between $5,000 and $10,000 per year. Ticketmaster is neither interested in increasing the commission to the AMS nor partially subsidizing our labour costs. Tickets for AMS events, club and constituency programs, and locker sales will still be offered through the Box Office of the Outpost.

- Bernie Peets and I met with Danny Ho regarding a possible partnership between the AMS and the UBC Card. We are still waiting to hear back from Danny, but he mentioned that UBC is always looking to add value to this card and there may be a opportunity for the AMS to get on board. We are looking into POS systems that would be able to integrate with UBC’s system.
Constituency Automated Banking Machines:
- Henry Chen finalized a letter of agreement that has been signed by the University and the AMS; UBC has signed a service agreement with Cashline. Arts (Buchanan), Commerce (Angus), Law (Curtis), Education (Scarfe) and Medicine (Life Sciences/Woodward) are all now on board and the ABMs should be ready for installation and service in the fall. September unfortunately may not be achievable as a launch date at this time, as Cashline may need to install a phone line rather than use wireless.

Credit Card Letter:
- Refer to presentation for more information. News coverage in the Province, CBC Local News, and CBC Radio. Matt Naylor and I met with Brian Silzer (AVP Enrolment Services & Registrar) and Marianne Schroeder (Enrolment Services) earlier today to hear UBC’s response to the letter sent by the AMS. I have attached the letter sent to Mr. Silzer as a submission with tonight’s agenda.

Executive Committee:
- The AMS Executive will be sponsoring, in conjunction with CiTR, a student DJ competition at the Pit Pub on Tuesday, October 2.

Finance Commission:
- Azim (Business Operations) and Jessica (Special Projects) are developing the Customer Quality Assurance Program through consultation with Henry Chen and Nancy Toogood. A presentation will be coming to BOC shortly. Commissioners are still approving the hundreds of club and constituency budgets and orienting treasurers.

AMS Link:
- We will be branding SA Link as “AMS Link” and Bill Matthews has developed a stylish logo for the program. We are still working with the University to develop a solution to many of the privacy and technical concerns associated with this program. Sarah and I have met with various University representatives over the past month, and we are proud to announce that the University has agreed to allow CWL integration for AMS Link in September. We are currently working with Christina Ulveteg (UBC’s Privacy Officer) to develop an agreement for the University to share information from the Student Information System with the AMS for December 2007. After our months of hard work, we really feel this is quite an accomplishment.

Union Negotiations:
- Sarah, Bernie, and I have been meeting with our COPE-U representatives to negotiate the Collective Agreement.

Matthew Naylor - VP External

Voter Funded Media:
- I chair this committee and it has been meeting regularly. Earlier this meeting you saw the presentation that we brought forward.

Committee Attendance:
- I just want to say a little something about committee attendance, and the importance of it. Yesterday U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee almost met. We had scheduled this meeting, and I had asked you, the people who ran for this committee when they ran, to please show up. It is important, and we only meet three times per year. Because we did not meet quorum, we could not allocate any U-Pass subsidies as of yet. People who depend on
these subsidies for things like food will therefore not get that money. I realize that you may think that these committees may not seem as important as you think they are, but they actually do matter, and it is really, really, really important that you come to them. It is very disappointing to see people not following through with these commitments that they have made.

**U-Pass Subsidy Review:**
- This will be meeting in the near future. Thank you to the people who showed up last time.

**Vancouver Quadra By-Election:**
- As you know, there is going to be a by-election in this riding in the near future. The buzz is that it will be near the end of November, although we had heard some rumours that it will be moved up. To that end I wrote a letter to Prime Minister Harper urging him to delay the call of the by-election because of residency requirements for by elections that state that you must be a resident of the riding for thirty-three days prior to the election, and if he had called it at the same time as the Quebec elections, which are on September 17th, none of the people who are moving into Rez would have been able to vote. I am meeting with candidates. I have met with one of the Conservative nomination candidates, and have also made a commitment to create a candidate information packet by the middle of September.

**Working Together:**
- Jeff and I attended the Working Together Conference just over a week ago. It was very productive. In the submissions you will see the Declaration of Examination and Intent that states that we will be working together in good faith to create a new student lobbying organization.

**Great Trekker:**
- I am working on the Great Trekker award, and it will be presented to Abdul and Hanifa Ladha on the 3rd of October.

**ABLE BC:**
- I have been examining liquor lobbying and have a meeting upcoming with the people from ABLE BC, the Alliance of Beverage Licences. They exist to help us lobby for liquor related things, which includes our three permanent businesses and the hundreds of special occasion licences that our clubs hold throughout the year.

**Shagufta Pasta - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

**First Step:**
- First Step tours started August 16th and are going extremely well. The 13-15th were training days, where the leaders went through intensive workshops with a variety of campus services (UBC Rec, the In-vessel Composting Facility and others), and learnt a lot about how to deliver great tours. They also went through an orientation to the AMS, (facilitated by me) where the FS Leaders went on a scavenger hunt adventure, and did different activities in the SUB to get familiar with the building. They also did an Information Share where they pooled their knowledge to answer questions. The best part was the great feedback students had for us afterwards, as they discovered that the AMS does so much for students! If you’re in the SUB anytime till the end of the month, I highly encourage you to go and check out the Art Gallery, it looks amazing, and the leaders are so enthusiastic. We also just got our Services clipboard, which are the services joint promotional item for the year. The clipboards will be used for First Step and Orientations in general. We have 2000 clipboards that look fantastic and are totally recyclable!
LEAP:
- LEAP is ready to serve students for yet another year. In addition to the site going through many edits recently, the LEAP summer staff has been doing lots of presentations and orientations to the site for student leaders. The site also has a really informative new section about learning sustainably, as well as a new area that has resources for faculty and staff. Right now positions are up for new program assistants for the school year.

Student Leadership Summit:
- I’ve been involved in the planning for the SLS since May, and it is set to happen August 28th. The theme is Learning Communities. Workshops cover a range of topics, Leadership Logistics, Effective marketing strategies at UBC, Project and Event Management, Time Management, Volunteer Management, and much more. I’ll be doing closing remarks, and presenting a workshop titled “Leading Leaders” twice. I’m quite excited, as I’ve never spoken before 300 odd people before.

Orientation:
- The Services are ready to participate in GALA, Imagine, Parent and Mature Transfer Orientation, among other events. We’re excited to finally execute our promotional plans and start serving students!

Services Updates

- Speakeasy:
  Speakeasy just received their key chains recently, and Tamara and Erin are excited about handing them out. They’ve also just finished hiring and training their new Team Leaders for the year, and are currently recruiting for Speakeasy volunteers for the fall. The deadline for volunteers is September 7th.

  They also just created a pamphlet with Tutoring, and have decided that instead of a 24 hour crisis line, Speakeasy will have an operational crisis line from 6:00 pm -12:00 am. Each month this year Speakeasy is planning on having a theme, and will have resources and activities related to that theme for students. The theme for September will be Balance.

- Safewalk:
  Safewalk has hired an Assistant Coordinator, Desiree Morin, who has worked with Safewalk as a walker and team leader for many years.

- Connect:
  Connect has been creating a fair bit of buzz on campus, and meeting with folks that work in student development around leadership and learning to see where possibilities lie for future collaborations. Lately though, the office has been pretty busy getting ready for Shinerama, which is almost ready to go! Jessa and Jacqueline have also hired the Shinerama Media Director, Logistics Director, and Volunteer Coordinator. In addition, Bling Bling will be happening in res, which is a great event that raises lots of money for Shinerama. Arts is keen and onboard, but we’re looking for other faculties to participate as well. The week should be fantastic, a Bucket Brigade with a new Translink Nova Bus is planned, lots of 50/50 events, a Presidential shoe shine, and much more! Check out the Shinerama postcards for the full list of events.
Minischool:
Minischool just hired Minischool Assistant Coordinator, Elizabeth Halim Liem, who is fantastic, and is sure to contribute a lot to the service this year. The fall Minischool schedule looks wonderful, and for the first time ever, the Service will be offering a cooking course!

Tutoring:
Tutoring just finished hiring 30 tutors, after receiving over 100 applications and interviewing 50 candidates. They tried a new interview model that combined one-on-one interviews and subject specific exams. Training will start soon, and drop in tutoring will happen in a new location during first term, the Pacific Spirit Cafeteria.

Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs

AMS Committees and Duties:
- CP & D reviewed applications for the Campus Development Officer who will sit on the Development Permits Board. Someone will be appointed by the Board of Governors in September. Also, we have been having extensive discussions about U-Blvd, Campus Plan and Governance Review.
- Compensation Review met for the first time, we have a detailed work plan figured out, and we will be working on creating a compensation rubric, finally.
- Academic Quality continues to work hard at the Yardstick and our NSSE report. Thanks for all the hard work of this group so far.
- Impacts is on hiatus until September.
- SASSF I plan to call a meeting soon to work on the SASSIF applications and advertising the fund.
- I hired a new Safety Coordinator, welcome Saadia Rai! I know she will do a great job in the role and brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm. We will miss Aoife dearly because she was awesome, and thank her for all her hard work, and wish her the best of luck in her future pursuits! I have also posted the Elections Administrator position, and will be posting Student Court and Deputy Ombudsperson soon.

Projects:
- I am trying to put together a mini workshop/strategizing session for Councilors sometime in September, with a social event planned afterwards, details to come.
- I am working with Max Unger, a student-at-large, and Jeff on a section of the new website called “Campus Issues” that will feature articles and information about various campus and University-related issues… we are going to hire someone or create an intern position, more to come.
- More information about the Sustainability Strategy Coordinator during the motion. But this person will help me create a sustainability strategy.
- Blake, my AVP, is working hard on the Housing Document and the Yardstick, they are coming along, but also lots of more work to come.
- A charrette workshop has been planned for Tuesday, August 28, 5:30-6:30 pm regarding U-Blvd. If you have ideas of what should go in the space and how to creatively make the space valuable to the student experience, please come and share your thoughts! Email me for more information.

UBC Issues:
- The U-Blvd Committee is currently figuring out the options that will go to the campus community in September.
  - CP & D had a chance to give comment and feedback at last night’s meeting
- If you want more info, come talk to me, or read the CP&D minutes when they’re out.

- Lots of administrators are on vacation, which has given me some down time to work on my projects – it was nice.

- Are you interested in sitting on the UBC Committee ECMA? They are looking into how to fund and implement an updated version of WebCT - it badly needs to be updated. It is a good committee, and I just don’t have time right now. If you’re interested, let me know (vpacademic@ams.ubc.ca).

F) Committee Reports:

**Code and Policies Committee**

- Jason Penner: In accordance with the Code requirement that internal policies be reviewed every three years, the committee reviewed the AMS privacy policy, which is now three years old. The privacy policy seemed fine as it is.

**Oversight Committee**

[SCD 160-008]

- Alex Lougheed reviewed the history of the committee, noting that it had absorbed the responsibilities of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee. He said it had developed six issues to address in assessment interviews with members of the Executive:

  a) are Executives following Code and Council?
  b) are they keeping their campaign promises?
  c) are they following the goals set in their term?
  d) are they adhering to the AMS Strategic Framework?
  e) is there co-operation between them, and cohesion?
  f) do they co-operate with Oversight?

He saw the committee as playing a reactive role.

- Jeff Friedrich said he hoped the committee would not be too reactive or micro. It should be broader, tied to strategic objectives. There would be tensions if the committee saw itself as providing coaching in management and operational strategies.

- Alex Lougheed: The committee had discussed its role. It was looking to suggest changes. If it felt a Code article was irrelevant, it would suggest changing it.

- Alfie Lee asked about putting at large members on the committee, saying that the committee is made up of Council members and is evaluating Council.

- Alex Lougheed: It’s already a duty of Council to do this; Council is just delegating its oversight to a committee of Council.

- Jeff Friedrich: The committee is to make sure the objectives of Council, the AMS Board of Directors, are being fulfilled. It makes sense that it be internal. Outsiders are not going to bring what is needed. Also, this is HR. It involves sensitive issues. If the committee says the Executive is great, but is not listening to students’ views of the Executive, then there are elections for that.

G) Constituency Reports:

**Arts** – Stephanie Ryan – The Source is in the mail. They’re working on a new website. Tying up loose ends for Frosh Week.

**GSS** – Jason Penner: Hired a bookings manager. Mandatory TA training is being tackled.
There’s a satellite dish at Koerner’s pub. Orientation is next weekend. There are 1000 new graduate students.

Commerce – Conor Topley – CUS Council is going to make a statement about funding in response to a request by the Dean. A directed studies program is to work on improving financial processes in CUS; this may be shared with other Constituencies.

Engineering – Omid Javadi – Raised $4500, 9th in BC, on a bike ride. Looking to a referendum in March for a new building.

Education – Craig Wrotniak – Talking to the Dean about changes in the program.

Science – Mike Duncan – Getting ready for start of the year. First Frosh, 200 coming. Working on Inter-Faculty Cup.

VST – Gary Andraza – VST still takes credit cards; we’ll take your money however you want to pay us.

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

**Board of Governors**
- Darren Peets: He asked if a joint meeting of the Board of Governors and AMS Council might be possible and had been told it was.
- Jeff Friedrich (really a postscript to his President’s Remarks): If you need an AMS Executive to come to a Frosh, we can send someone to be the face of the AMS.
- Brittany Tyson: We need people to hand out AMS Insiders.

**Senate**
- Alfie Lee: First meeting September 19th.

**Ombudsperson**
- Bruce Ferguson: Working on 19 cases. People think the Ombudsoffice has more power than it does. Needs a Deputy Ombudsperson.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

   “That the following minutes be approved as presented.

   Minutes of Student Council dated July 25, 2007 [SCD 161-008]
   Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated June 19, 2007 [SCD 162-008]
   Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 5, 2007 [SCD 163-008]
   Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 20, 2007 [SCD 164-008]
   Minutes of the SUB Renewal Committee dated July 4, 2007 [SCD 165-008]

   ... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

   “That Council appoint Jason Penner to the AMS Centenary Working Group for a term
Sarah Naiman said she can’t do the work alone. She needs people on this committee to help, though if no one comes forward, she wasn’t sure it was really that big a deal. The Centenary celebrations have turned into fundraising for the University.

4. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That Council appoint Jason Penner to the AMS Centenary Working Group for a term ending March 31, 2008.”

... Carried

5. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:  [SCD 166-08]

“That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee establish an Executive Project to investigate a sustainability strategy for the AMS.”

Note: The Sustainability Strategy Project will be headed by a Sustainability Coordinator appointed by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Coordinator Appointments Committee.

- Brendon Goodmurphy: When Jeff campaigned for president, he promised sustainability. Brendon had thought the Impacts Committee could handle the issue, but Impacts has had trouble meeting and also the issue is beyond the scope of the committee. So he wants to bring in someone else. The Executive decided on appointing a strategic coordinator for one term, then after that to decide further.
- Darren Peets asked where the money to pay this person would come from.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said half would come from his budget; the other half might come from Executive Special Projects or the President’s Fund.
- Alfie Lee noted that there is a Resource Group on sustainability.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: The idea behind a sustainability strategy is to create a large picture document to set out targets to make us sustainable. That’s separate from the Resource Group, though they could play a large part in the process. But we need someone overseeing the process.
- Alex Lougheed: There’s a UBC group, Sustainability Ambassadors, doing audits.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said he didn’t think they did audits, and even after an audit, there’s a need to consult with the Executive to determine priorities and goals.
- Alex Lougheed: This is about environmental sustainability, not financial?
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Yes, this comes from the Environmental Sustainability Policy we passed in January.

6. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

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... Carried

7. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:
“That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee establish an Executive Project related to upcoming referendum campaigns, such a project to be headed by a Referendum Campaign Officer.”

Note: The Referendum Campaign Officer will be appointed by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Coordinators Appointments Committee.

- Matthew Naylor: A number of referendums are coming up, on bylaws, U-Pass, SUB Renewal, etc., and Code and Policies recommended to Council the creation of a Referendum Campaign Officer position so there will be someone to campaign for us and get the referendums passed.
- Gary Andraza asked if “officer” was just a clever term for lobbyist.
- Matthew Naylor: We don’t lobby our own members; we campaign to them.
- Gary Andraza: It sounds a whole lot like a lobbyist.
- Matthew Naylor: If you want to look at it that way.
- Alfie Lee: Are we spending students’ money to get them to vote for what Council wants them to do? It sounds biased.
- Matthew Naylor: Absolutely. Council is allowed to take a position on a referendum and to campaign for that position.
- Dave Tompkins: Council will decide what this officer will work on. It will only be if Council takes a position in a referendum. A No campaign will get money as well.
- Peter Rizov: In a recent Commerce referendum, CUS was pro, the Administration was pro; it was skewed. I know the AMS has “No” campaign provisions, but not many know about them.
- Matthew Naylor: It’s the responsibility of the Elections Administrator to get the word out.
- Craig Wrotniak wondered about the use of funds. It’s great to get what we want passed, but isn’t it better to put this into outreach?
- Matthew Naylor: We are putting money into a communications strategy. Code mandates us to spend on referendums.
- There was a discussion of which appointments committee is the correct one to advise on the appointment of an Executive Project Officer like this. Sheldon Goldfarb said according to Code it is the Coordinators Appointments Committee. Jeff Friedrich said that should probably be changed.
- On the issue of Yes and No committees in referendums, Sheldon Goldfarb said Code made provision for them, but the AMS, if Council takes a side, can spend money on that side without establishing a committee. If others seek funding, they can get up to $1,000 by establishing a committee. The $1,000 is a minimum; there is no limit on referendum spending. Code guarantees each side a minimum, but each side can spend more if it likes.
- Tahara Bhate wondered if establishing this officer would mean all the weight of the AMS would be on one side in a referendum, using the students’ money to win a referendum.
- Sarah Naiman: In the U-Pass referendum, the AMS ran a Yes campaign.
- Stephanie Ryan: As Council, we’re elected to represent. We should trust ourselves to make decisions and to spend money on the positions we take.
- Craig Wrotniak asked if there’d been a Referendum Campaign Officer before.
- Matthew Naylor said not to his knowledge, adding that many referendums fail.
- Sarah Naiman asked about salary. Sheldon Goldfarb said according to Code, the Compensation Review Committee would make a recommendation.

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9. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council create an ad hoc Referendum Committee to explore referendum options and recommend questions to Council as well as positions for Council to take on those questions, such committee to consist of:

the Vice-President External, who shall be chair;
the Vice-President Administration; and
tree (3) members of Council.

Note: The SUB Marketing Coordinator shall attend meetings of the committee at the direction of the Vice-President Administration. The Referendum Campaign Officer shall attend meetings at the invitation of the chair.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

10. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council appoint Nathan Crompton and Andrew Forshner (Council members) to the ad hoc Referendum Committee.”

... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Reports:

11. MOVED CONOR TOPLEY, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“That Council appoint ________________ as (chair) of the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending September 30, 2007.”

12. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CRAIG WROTNIAK:

“That Council suspend Code to allow an at-large member to chair the above committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Peter Rizov: We’re suspending Code too often.

13. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CLARK FUNNELL:

“That the question be called.”
14.Moved Jeff Friedrich, Seconded Craig WrotniaK:

“That Council suspend Code to allow an at-large member to chair the above committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

15. Moved Conor Topley, Seconded Peter Rizov:

“That Council appoint Maayan Kreitzman as (chair) of the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending September 30, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Lauren Mills (member at large) to the Ad Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.” ... Carried

16. Moved Jason Penner, Seconded Alphie Lee:

“That Council appoint __________________________ (member at large) to the Code and Policy Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

17. Moved Matthew Naylor, Seconded Sarah Naiman:

“That motion #16 be postponed until the next Council meeting.” ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

18. Moved Sarah Naiman, Seconded Peter Rizov:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 9, 2007 [SCD 167-008] ... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

19. Moved Jeff Friedrich, Seconded Nathan Crompton:

Musqueam Traditional Territory Policy

“Whereas the UBC Point Grey Campus is located in the Musqueam people’s traditional territory that was never ceded to the Crown; and

Whereas historical information provided by University information sources indicates that this land was traditionally used by the Musqueam for educational and defensive purposes; and

Whereas the Musqueam are currently engaged with the province in a treaty negotiation
Whereas recent court rulings suggest that the Musqueam have a strong prima facie case for Aboriginal Title; and

Whereas it is acknowledged that any settlement resulting from the current treaty negotiation process will likely not result in the loss of use of this territory to the University of British Columbia for the purposes of providing post-secondary education,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially recognize the Musqueam people’s legitimate claim to this territory; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support a negotiated resolution that will enable the territory in question to continue being a source of learning and knowledge, both formal and informal, modern and traditional, UBC and Musqueam,” and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support a negotiated settlement regarding the disposition of the University Golf Course, which has been acknowledged as being located on traditional Musqueam territory.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jeff Friedrich: Mariana Payet brought forward a motion earlier in the year concerning the Musqueam land claim which raised a number of concerns. It was tabled to look for better language to satisfy Mariana and also those with concerns that the motion would open the door to litigation against students’ rights to be here. He made the following additional points:

- He’d sought consultation with various First Nations groups, who said the motion would be meaningful to them.
- The University uses similar language.
- There’s legal precedent.
- The province has recognized the Musqueam claim to the area, which is why the Golf Course has been in the news, and which is why this is relevant now.
- The province sold the land to the University for $11 million, which some say was not fair market value; it was a good deal for UBC, and the cynical might say the sale made it harder for the Musqueam.
- News coverage has featured a local group which opposes the expropriation of the Golf Course and giving it back to the Musqueam.
- A lot of students probably support a negotiated settlement.
- The motion tonight leaves open the possibility of compensating the University.
- The second resolved clause is a bit provocative, but not really controversial.

20. MOVED CONOR TOPLEY (Friendly Amendment)

“That the final resolution in motion #19 be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the AMS support a negotiated settlement process regarding the disposition of the University Golf Course, which has been acknowledged as being located on traditional Musqueam territory.”

... Carried
21. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED NATHAN CROMPTON:

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Whereas the Musqueam are currently engaged with the province in a treaty negotiation process regarding the territory in question; and

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Whereas it is acknowledged that any settlement resulting from the current treaty negotiation process will likely not result in the loss of use of this territory to the University of British Columbia for the purposes of providing post-secondary education,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially recognize the Musqueam people’s legitimate claim to this territory; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support a negotiated resolution that will enable the territory in question to continue being a source of learning and knowledge, both formal and informal, modern and traditional, UBC and Musqueam,” and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support a negotiated settlement process regarding the disposition of the University Golf Course, which has been acknowledged as being located on traditional Musqueam territory.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Craig Wrotniak: If the motion is not saying much, why bring it forward? The original motion was controversial not just because of its language, but because if the land goes to the Musqueam it will become a development area. We object to U-Town. Why should we support this?

Brendon Goodmurphy: The AMS needs to be more relevant. What the Musqueam want to do with their land is none of our business. This is not on par with UBC developing campus. We give money to UBC; we have a lot greater say; that’s relevant to us as students. It’s not the same thing with the Musqueam, and it’s not fair to predict what will happen 30 years from now.

Nate Crompton: This isn’t a radical motion. It’s just supporting section 35 of the Constitution supporting aboriginal rights. He would like a more radical motion supporting title as such, but he was willing to accept this one.

Omid Javadi: There’s no point to debating a motion that has no action attached to it.

22. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“That motion #21 be postponed indefinitely.”
Jeff Friedrich: Omid wants a more meaningful motion. Consultation suggest this motion is meaningful. He didn't think more aggressive words would be supported.

Nate Crompton: Nothing in this keeps us from doing a stronger motion later.

Tahara Bhate: Why not wait till negotiations are over and pass a motion on the outcome?

Bruce Ferguson said the motion was meaningful to him as an aboriginal person. It shouldn't be more specific; the aboriginal people should be allowed to decide for themselves. This motion would be appreciated.

23. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

24. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“That motion #21 be postponed indefinitely.” ... Defeated

25. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

Jeff Friedrich challenged the real intent of those seeking to postpone and said the groups that matter have said the motion would be meaningful.

Craig Wrotniak: Consultation with only one side is not right. Only one specific point of view is reflected in this motion. It is not well rounded. This is not representing all the students at the University. He was concerned about what might come from this, about the possibility of massive development on the edge of campus.

Alfie Lee: We need to support the Musqueam; they legitimately own the territory.

Sarah Naiman: To the majority of students, this is not a big issue. They don't really care. To a small group, it's a major issue, and it's our duty to stand behind them.

Alex Lougheed: Some say most students support this. He thought most are on neither side. We consulted the major stakeholders, but we represent more than just them. There should have been better consultation.

Shagufta Pasta: The consultation was on whether the motion is meaningful, and the motion is just the AMS supporting the negotiating process.

Tahara Bhate said she supports what the Musqueam is doing, but didn't support this motion because it pays only lip service. What does supporting negotiations do? If we're going to stand up for aboriginal rights, let's do it. This may sound meaningful to some native leaders, but it's just like what governments do, providing sound bites.

Darren Peets: Has this been run by someone at UBC?


Darren Peets: How about Stephen, Stephen, Hubert, or Dennis? [High UBC administrators, including President Stephen Toope.]

Jeff Friedrich: No.

Dave Tompkins: Have the lawyers looked at it?

Jeff Friedrich: No.

Darren Peets said if it's just symbolic, he'd support it.

David Wells described some of the legal background, including aboriginal title as ruled on by the courts. The courts found that the Musqueam are entitled to a
meaningful consultation process. We avoided “title” in the motion; “claim” seemed a more reasonable term to use. The motion supports negotiations rather than allowing the government to decide on its own.

- Stephanie Ryan: We represent all students, including aboriginal students. Let’s just pass this.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Negotiations are what the Musqueam have gone with. We’re supporting that.

26. MOVED BRENDA GOODMURPHY, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That motion #21 be amended by adding the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that the Executive release a press statement and voice this policy publicly.’”

27. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That motion #26 be amended by striking ‘Executive’ and replacing with ‘President’.”

... Carried

28. MOVED BRENDA GOODMURPHY, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That motion #21 be amended by adding the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that the President release a press statement and voice this policy publicly.’”

... Carried

29. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED NATHAN CROMPTON:

**Musqueam Traditional Territory Policy**

“Whereas the UBC Point Grey Campus is located in the Musqueam people’s traditional territory that was never ceded to the Crown; and

Whereas historical information provided by University information sources indicates that this land was traditionally used by the Musqueam for educational and defensive purposes; and

Whereas the Musqueam are currently engaged with the province in a treaty negotiation process regarding the territory in question; and

Whereas recent court rulings suggest that the Musqueam have a strong prima facie case for Aboriginal Title; and

Whereas it is acknowledged that any settlement resulting from the current treaty negotiation process will likely not result in the loss of use of this territory to the University of British Columbia for the purposes of providing post-secondary education,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially recognize the Musqueam people’s legitimate claim to this territory; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support a negotiated resolution that will enable the
territory in question to continue being a source of learning and knowledge, both formal and informal, modern and traditional, UBC and Musqueam,” and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support a negotiated settlement process regarding the disposition of the University Golf Course, which has been acknowledged as being located on traditional Musqueam territory.

Be it further resolved that the President release a press statement and voice this policy publicly.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

In favour: Brendon Goodmurphy, Nathan Crompton, Brittany Tyson, Jeff Friedrich

Defeated

P) Discussion Period:

Snack Attack - Brittany Tyson (VP Finance) [SCD 168-008]

Brittany Tyson provided background on the history and current situation of Snack Attack:

- It has low revenues and makes a declining net contribution to the AMS.
- It has been losing money for two years.
- Its manager has gone to Pie R Squared.
- It can’t be ready for September; January would be the earliest.
- The Food and Beverage Department is focused elsewhere at the moment.
- Some consultation has been done through an e-mail survey, and there were more responses than to the logo survey.
- The responses showed that people want a food outlet run by the AMS and offering Indian or Eastern Mediterranean food.

Brittany said she was looking for some additional feedback from Council.
- Clark Funnell said he didn’t see how Council could answer better than the survey. Our constituents want a food outlet.
- Brittany Tyson noted that following that option would mean there would be no rent till January; it would be an empty space till then.
- Clark Funnell asked whether there was potential to lease out the space.
- Brittany Tyson: Yes.
- Sarah Naiman said she was thinking student space: clubs, lockers.
- Peter Rizov: The survey respondents seem to want what’s there now, but it operates at a loss.
- Brittany Tyson: Also, there’s no manager now.
- Colin Simkus said that if the Food and Beverage Department is really preoccupied elsewhere, it might be best to go to a third party. Do the survey respondents really care if it’s the AMS running the outlet? The survey did show a demand for food.
- Brittany Tyson noted that the hot dogs from Snack Attack would be moving to the Burger Bar and the ice cream products would go to Pie R Squared.
- Tahara Bhate: The students want a food space. Find someone to fill the space. The students didn’t have all the facts, so find someone like the Delly.
- Brittany Tyson: The Delly is in fact interested.
- Matthew Naylor: There’s a dearth of food choice. An outside business will make money.
- Shagufta Pasta asked about using the area as a storefront for Council activities.
There’d be lots of students going by.

- Brendon Goodmurphy asked how the area compares to Sprouts in terms of space. Sprouts is not doing that well off in a corner. Storefront space could be used by the Executive for office hours. Or it could be for experimental businesses. Or ticket selling.
- Darren Peets: There’s cafeteria seating in front of it and it’s set up as a food outlet. Make it remain a food outlet. With a third party, sure.
- Alex Lougheed asked about broader consultation about these new ideas.
- Brittany Tyson: Another survey?
- Dave Tompkins: What happens September 1?
- Brittany Tyson: Nothing.
- Bernie Peets: The door will be closed.
- Sarah Naiman said there were problems with doing a new survey. Some needs could be met through the Pit renovations.
- Jeff Friedrich: It’s not a productive business space. He’s tempted to see it put to other use. He’s struggled with the question of what the space might be good for. He would be interested to hear ideas.
- Andrew: Will BOC develop alternatives if the storefront idea doesn’t fly?
- Dave Tompkins noted that he’d been lobbying for a Taco Bell for years, but maybe now he’d advocate a Swiss Chalet or a Curry Point. Or why not an Arcade?

**GM Hiring** - Jeff Friedrich (President)

- Last time a general manager was hired there was a committee including three executives and a regular Council member.
- Currently the Personnel Handbook says the Executive does it, but he thinks there should be some Council involvement; it’s a senior hire and it would be bad to have just the Executive team do it and it would disrespect this Board.
- There are challenges to involving Councillors; they don’t have day-to-day involvement with the General Manager or know all their duties, and it would take a lot of time.
- Last time a recruitment firm was used. This time there’s a firm we like; they were involved last time and come highly recommended. One of their partners is a former AMS President.
- They would be paid about $28,000. The process altogether would cost $30,000-$40,000.
- There will be wide consultation, including the staff, the union.
- There will be a nationwide search.
- A recruitment firm takes you through all that.
- There should probably be about five people on the committee. The thinking of the Executive is that there should be a majority of Executives plus two Council members, with the President chairing.
- He would bring a full proposal next time.
  - Conor Topley: Three execs and two Council members makes sense. You guys do interact with the General Manager and know him best.
  - Andrew Forshner asked if Bernie would be on the committee.
  - Jeff Friedrich: It’s not normal for the outgoing person to be in the room. The idea is not to create some legacy of the current GM.
  - Bernie Peets: We did ask the consultant. He was strongly for the current GM not to be part of interviews or decision-making, but still to be there to advise.
  - Alex Lougheed wondered about having 3 plus 3 on the committee.
  - Brittany Tyson: Should the chair of Oversight be on it?
- Jeff Friedrich: It's a different role.
- Peter Rizov asked about a role for former executives.
- Jeff Friedrich: We could have the recruitment committee talk to them.
- Peter Rizov: An old exec could be the fifth person.
- Jeff Friedrich: The recruitment process will cost a lot of money, but it’s an investment in the General Manager.
- Conor Topley: You need to go with a recruitment firm.

Executive Remarks

- Jeff Friedrich wondered if Council members were bored with Executive Remarks. Various alterations to the system had been tried.
- Conor Topley: Just ask what would be relevant to a Councillor. Keep to a shorter list of what you've been doing.
- Jeff Friedrich: We want to show we've been working.

Q) Submissions:

- Letter to Brian Silzer re tuition fees and credit cards [SCD 169-008]
- Declaration of examination and intent for provincial lobbying [SCD 170-008]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED BOWINN MA:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” . . . . Carried

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

Scott Bernstein: Point of Personal Privilege
- Recording the meeting may hinder the free expression of ideas by Council members
and there is a danger of remarks being taken out of context.
- We already have an official record of the meeting (the minutes) which goes through a
process of review before being released to the public
- This other recording would create an unofficial 'official record'.

Motion to be laid on the table after the presentations.

C) Presentations to Council:

Cannon Design - David Wilkinson / David Hewko [SCD 171-008]

Sarah Naiman presented an update on the SUB renewal process, saying this part of
the process is focussed on determining what should go inside the new SUB, where the new
SUB will go, and what students will be comfortable with paying, i.e., how much fees can be
raised and over how many years. Upcoming steps in the process include:

- training people to conduct focus groups
- presenting a lecture series on such topics as sustainability
- creating a buzz
- reporting feedback on the AMS website

David Wilkinson:
- Our aim is finding out what the student community is thinking and running a process
that reflects what the students want.
- Cannon has done this several times before in similar educational and institutional
contexts.
- We will use our expertise in functional programming to look at the spaces here.
- Over 40 years the SUB has been trying to adapt to the changing needs of the student
body.
- There’s been a constant changing of allocation of space.
- The SUB used to have a bowling alley and a pool hall, and many more open spaces
which have since been crowded out.
- Our aim is to help you articulate your goals, the current facts, your needs.
- We are not designing the building, just developing diagrams of what it might look like.
- There will be a Cannon Design Forum for three to four days in November which people from the whole company will attend; it will generate the maximum amount of raw information.
- There is an issue of the best value package versus the price point.

David Hewko:

- Reiteration of points is what we look for; the more reiteration, the greater the urgency for that particular thing in the SUB.
- You can’t put everything in; it’s like trying to fit 10 pounds of sugar in a five-pound bag.
- We approach the process without preconceptions; we’re not trying to fit things to a template; the SUB can be unique, transformational; it depends on the input.
- We’re looking for the broadest input possible, using facilitated sessions with trained leaders who can be objective listeners.

2. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

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

David Wilkinson:

- Our question to Council members is, how will you know that this has been successful?

Questions

- Matthew Naylor asked about the timeline.
- Sarah Naiman said the most stationary deadline is an end-of-February referendum.
- David Hewko: We’ll have to provide information by November.
- Sarah Naiman: We’ll need a certain amount of information by then.
- David Wilkinson said they’ll be focusing their efforts through September.
- Tristan Markle asked what had been done to consult with groups beyond the AMS.
- David Wilkinson: Part of the job is determining the range of consultation.
- Sarah Naiman spoke: To succeed in the referendum it’s important that all students be consulted. Also other groups, such as the UNA, but less for them because they won’t be paying.
- David Wilkinson: The aim is not to exclude anybody who wants to be included. The real issue is how much you beat the bushes to get people to participate who don’t know they might be interested. First of all, you’re looking to the students, but there’s nothing wrong with reaching out to the rest of the community to get more support, more ideas.
- Bowinn Ma asked about the possibility of proceeding without consultation, since they’re professionals.
- David Wilkinson: It’s virtually impossible to go forward in a vacuum. The first thing was consulting occupants.
- Bruce Krayenhoff asked about research and consultation.
- Sarah Naiman: Research meant going to the professionals.
- Jeff Friedrich: This has not been entirely decided on. We’ve looked at what the University has done. We’re trying to establish something that could be an example to the University.
- Bruce Krayenhoff asked about different options.
- David Hewko: There can be a broader broadcast, a blanket survey, but that’s not a conversation. We prefer having a real and practical context, bringing reality and quality to the input.
- David Wilkinson: It’s about group thinking, not individual auditing.
Max Unger: Will Cannon do the architecture?
Sarah Naiman: We haven’t decided. We may go to an architectural competition.
Max Unger: How easy would it be to transfer the information Cannon gathers to a different architectural firm?
David Wilkinson: It’s professional information. Anyone competent in the field could pick up and carry on.
Sam Heppell said that to answer the question posed to Council, he’d see the process as successful if it went beyond those already active and organized, e.g., clubs, and reached students who live off campus, part-time students, etc.
Jeff Friedrich: A good consultative process would create space for commuter students.

O) Other Business:

3. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

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WHEREAS Council has an approved method of recording the content and decisions of the meetings in the minutes, which is complete, includes review and approval of the Council, and forms the official record of our proceedings; and

WHEREAS video or tape recording of the meeting may reduce the freedom of councillors to speak freely, and forms a quasi-official record of the meeting; and

WHEREAS no current policy regarding video or tape recording of council meeting exists;

THEREFORE be it resolved that AMS Council impose a moratorium on video or tape recording of Council meetings until a policy on video and tape recording of meetings be adopted by Council after consultation with a member of the press and others;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Code and Policy committee to consult with a member of the Ubyssey, write a policy to this effect and present this policy to Council as a motion.

Requires 2/3rds.”

Matthew Naylor asked if the motion was a policy.
The Speaker ruled that it was.
Scott Bernstein said he recognized that meetings are open and also recognized the importance of the press. There are different standards at other student societies. The Board of Governors doesn’t allow recording. We haven’t thought this out. Before we let it happen, let’s put some thought into it. If someone else is recording, then there’s a better record out there.
Jesse Ferreras of the Ubyssey thanked Scott Bernstein for raising these concerns. He did support a dialogue on the issue. One concern people have is being taken out of context; it can ruin careers. He tries to avoid that, and recording helps that. You might have to wait two weeks for the minutes. It’s better to have a recording; it makes the
reporter accountable. You'd be doing a disservice to yourselves to ban recording. There's a bigger risk of being taken out of context if reporters have to rely on handwritten notes.

- Matthew Naylor: Perhaps we should not take the Board of Governors as a model. We have to be open. To allow recording is a good thing. We should be able to stand by what we say or write. If it comes out badly, there's a place for clarifying statements that are ambiguous. The Ubyssey is good at that.
- Darren Peets: We should probably have a policy. We should probably tape the meetings. It would help the minute takers. Concordia does that. He said he'd been misquoted via written, tape, and video reporting and hadn't noticed a great deal of difference.

4. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED TAHARA BATES:

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Requires 2/3rds."

5. MOVED BOWINN MA:

"That Council go in camera." . . . . Defeated

- Tahara Bhat: It's good to have a policy, but to wait till we have one could mean one, two, or three meetings.

6. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

- Patrick Meehan: The motion should refer to more than the Ubyssey. Also, it’s silly to ask the press not to record, because you don’t want to anger them.
- Jesse Ferreras said he wasn’t mad.
- Sarah Naiman: This is a public Council; she had no problem with recording, but it would be good to have a policy.

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D) President’s Remarks:

E) Executive Reports:
Sarah Naiman - VP Administration

- Sorry about the quarterly report, I have been swamped with the APD and first week etc so I will get that out as soon as possible.
- Apologies that I have to leave early, it is Rosh Hashanah
- Firstweek – aside from some minor annoyances from the Frats, it went off extremely well. First Pit night was packed and we’ve received great feedback on the renovations. Welcome Back BBQ was awesome and I had a great time plus all the other events went really well.
- All Presidents’ Dinner – we had 150 come to the dinner last night and received great feedback from those who attended. The keynotes both said that they had a great time and President Toope was there to socialize with students. Come November, I am going to begin fundraising for next year so that the event is sustainable.
- SUB Renewal – The David’s from Cannon will be presenting on the consultation process and aside from that, on Tuesday I will be interviewing for the Promotions Coordinator position. There were about 12 applications and we will be interviewing a number of them.

Matthew Naylor - VP External

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

AMS Link
With Executive Orientations taking place September 12-14, SAC and FinCom will be presenting AMS Link to all the clubs, constituencies, and resource groups. The site (accessible from the main AMS website, www.ams.ubc.ca) will be up and running next Wednesday, September 19 in time for Clubs Days, although there will still be a need for some beta testing. Students will be able to log into AMS Link using their Campus-Wide Login (CWL) and the University has committed to full integration with the Student Information Systems by December 2007. This will enable the AMS and its constituencies to run secure elections without having to rely on the expensive and cumbersome WebVote system.

Constituency Automated Banking Machines
Due to some technical difficulties with wireless connections, this project has unfortunately been delayed. However, we hope to have the ABMs installed in their respective locations by the end of September.

Business Operations Committee
Further to last Council meeting’s discussion period and the survey sent out to students, BOC has decided that the AMS is unable to retain Snack Attack as an AMS business. The survey data showed that the majority of students want a food outlet serving Indian, Eastern Mediterranean (Shawarma/Falafel), Mexican, and/or Greek cuisine. As a result, we will be inviting representatives from The Delly, Falafel Plus, and the Student Environment Centre (for a People’s Potato proposal) to our next BOC meeting.

Now that the campus-wide Coca-Cola Exclusive Cold Beverage Agreement has come to an end, AMS businesses are serving wider variety of products (including Pepsi, Coca-Cola, and Red Bull), and SUB vending machines now offer a more extensive array of choices for students.

To date, the renovations to the Pit Pub have come under budget and are having a visible effect on revenue, as sales are up 5% from the same time last year.
That DJ Competition!
Just a quick plug for the student DJ competition being held on Tuesday, October 2 at the Pit Pub brought to you by the AMS, CiTR, and Beatstreet Records. $2 pints and $8 pitchers – this is going to be a great event.

Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Stephanie Ryan – Frosh Party Friday - Dave DJ - No cover. Tag line - ‘Arts girls are hotter’. New regulations mean we can't call out beer gardens ‘beer gardens’. Bi-election nominations close Friday, Election 24 - 28th. Elections results at Beer garden.

Law - Scott Bernstein - 220 new law students. Another $1 million received for new building. Boat cruise and social activities planned.

GSS - Jason Penner - Orientation successful - DJ Dave. 1000 new grad students. New booking and office manager.

Human Kinetics - Lindsey Smith - Welcome back bbq successful. Alumni talks. Seeking to tie in more with Alumni. October Pit night

Medicine - Jack Chiu - 284 new students. First expansion students will graduate this year. Evaluating new program. Other universities emulating.

Pharmacy - Charmaine Ma - Welcome back bbq. White coat welcoming ceremony. 150 new students presented with white lab coat. New curriculum students graduated. Half of fourth year class on rotation in rural BC

Education - Rob Taddei - 2nd year students on practicum. Elections at end of month.

Science - Mike Duncan - Great Imagine Day and first week. 200 new students in Science sports teams. Frosh combined with Commerce. Had a tug of war with Commerce - Conor broke the rope. Official building opening on October 4.

Commerce - Conor Topely - Frosh linked up with Science - was great. Not being booed at Imagine was good. Promoted positive cheers. Looking into co-curricular transcripts. 1st and 2nd VP elections coming up. September 18 is general Commerce meeting. Provincial Government has expressed concern about the building fee approved last year; it’s coming back to the Board of Governors.

Engineering - Bowinn Ma - Frosh retreat for 100 next Friday. Plans for new engineering centre dead because of Dean who withdrew his financial support. Meanwhile the current engineering student centre was shut down; it’s now partially condemned and partially open. It’s up to the Engineer’s Student Council to determine the fate of the 90 year old building. Dean is getting an award.

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

Board of Governors
- Jeff Friedrich - The Commerce building fee was not an AMS fee, and the province is having a hard time with it because of its policy against tuition increases above CPI. It could come back to the AMS for us to collect the fee. The province is doing this because student groups don’t want fees increased.
- BoG day - September 20th - budget for infrastructure fund, budget for properties trust
- September 27th full Board meeting in Kelowna

- Darren Peets - Board committee meeting September 20. Full Board on September 27.
- Bus terminal funding is up $9 million (to $31 million).
- If the Commerce Undergraduate Society runs a fee referendum, then it would be a CUS fee, and you’d have your fee.

Senate:
- Alfie Lee - There’s a new Vice-President, Academic, for UBC. UBC’s budget is to be tied more to academic aspects. Students who don’t pass LPI may be able to enter if their other credentials are good, but will have to pass the LPI in their first year.

L) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That Council adopt the report of the ad hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Executive Hours’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

- Jeff Friedrich: The committee to look into ways of involving average, under-represented students is preparing a report with a number of recommendations, but one they’d like considered right away is this one requiring one of our five office hours a week to be in a public location. The Executive thinks this is fine.
- Bruce Krayenhoff: Most students don’t know who the Executives are and where their offices are. The committee thought this was an important thing to try.
- Brittany Tyson: Did you discuss places you want us to be?
- Bruce Krayenhoff: Yes, Buchanan, Ladha.

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J) Executive Committee Motions:

10. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That Council adopt the report of the ad hoc Turbo Democracy Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.
Matthew Naylor explained the Voter Funded Media project and presented recommendations for continuing a modified version of it:
- An innovation last year suggested by Mark Latham.
- Intended to improve media and dialogue.
- VFM provides a prize pool allotted to media contestants chosen by voters.
- There are thus two elections, one for the candidates and one for the media.
- The aim is to encourage a diversity of reporting voices, so it’s not just the Ubyssey.
- The amendments this year will give the Elections Committee some leeway to extend the VFM deadline.
- The Elections Committee will also be able to use entry fees for the salary of the VFM Administrator under the proposed amendments.
- A new voting method for media contestants will be introduced, more fair, but perhaps unclear, called Interpolated Consensus (he showed spreadsheets demonstrating how it would work).
- Mark Latham provided a further explanation of the new voting method.
- Matthew Naylor: For voters it’s intuitive, even though it’s confusing on the back end.

Sarah Naiman:
- The idea of VFM was to do something about the low voter turnout, but VFM didn’t increase turnout; in fact, voter turnout was lower with VFM.
- The media vote became a popularity contest; one outlet won without even having a site.
- As a candidate, she found the contest took away from her campaign time.
- It was time consuming talking to the media, and she had less access to the students through them than from handing out leaflets.
- It’s also using AMS resources to pay for the VFM Administrator.
- Dave Tompkins explained that the effect of this motion was not only to adjust the mechanics of VFM, but to decide whether VFM would continue. The provisions in Code creating VFM for last year’s election have expired.
- Tahara Bhate asked about Constituency newspapers endorsing candidates.
- Matthew Naylor: They could do that last year. We want to encourage diversity, which would be stifled if these papers couldn’t endorse.
- Stephanie Ryan: It’s an integral part of the process. Candidates will not be punished for endorsements.
- Tahara Bhate: $150 might seem prohibitive to bloggers.
- Matthew Naylor: The idea is to limit the number in the contest; otherwise it would collapse under its own weight.

11. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That the motion # 9 be tabled.” . . . . Carried

12. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“BE IT RESOLVED in principle that AMS Council support in principle the concept of Voter Funded Media for the AMS elections.” . . . . Carried
Alex Lougheed said he didn’t see the aim of VFM as being voter turnout. It’s more the quality of the votes. It was unfortunate there were no exit polls last time to find out if people knew what they did. As to VFM being time consuming for candidates, candidates have to time manage. They can say No to a media outlet if they feel it’s not going to reach enough voters.

Stephanie Ryan: The contest is not about voter turnout. It’s about improving the quality and the quantity of the information provided to students. We want to be open and transparent; the contest does this. And with a longer period to campaign, it won’t be onerous. Also, media outlets will reach more than leafleting five or six people outside the SUB. But if campaigning time needs to be less, slates took less time.

13. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That Council adopt the report of the ad hoc Turbo Democracy Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Note: The effect of approving this report will be to continue Voter Funding Media while modifying the rules governing it.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Alex Lougheed said he couldn’t understand the P% system for counting the votes.
(A straw poll showed most Council members only half understood it.)
Alex Lougheed said he was confused and concerned. He asked if it was time-sensitive to pass this now.
Matthew Naylor: Yes, given the time-line.

14. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That the motion # 13 be tabled until the next meeting.”

Matthew Naylor: There was a public consultation session that only Darren Peets attended.
Alex Lougheed said he hadn’t been aware of the Code amendments at that time.
Matthew Naylor said the proposed new method does work in terms of distributing money. He didn’t see how to clarify it more. Postponing would be detrimental to the aim of getting the contest up and running.
Darren Peets suggested bringing a changed version.
Stephanie Ryan: This will be painful two weeks from now too.
Darren Peets said he hadn’t read the proposed amendments; he was uncomfortable voting on them. He’d prefer to have two weeks to pick through them and didn’t see how a two-week delay for something not happening until January would be a significant difference.
Clark Funnell: It could be better written, but he was sure the final numbers would be correct. In the interest of time, they should pass it.

15. MOVED BOWINN MA, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That there be a roll call vote”. . . . Carried
16. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That the motion # 13 be tabled until the next meeting.” . . . . Carried

Pro: Alex Lougheed, Alfie Lee, Bowinn Ma, Clark Funnell, Conor Topley, Darren Peets, Elaine Moody, Jeff Friedrich, Jessica Hannon, Jessica Jia, Jia Lei, Lindsay MacPhee, Michael Duncan, Omid Javadi, Robert Taddei, Scott Bernstein.

Con: Amelia Boulbee, Andrew Forshner, Brendon Goodmurphy, Brittany Tyson, Chairmaine Ma, Jason Penner, Kate Power, Lindsay Smith, Matthew Naylor, Nathan Crompton, Sam Heppell, Stephanie Ryan, Tahara Bate, Tariq Ahmed, Tristan Markle

Abstn: Bruce Krayenhoff, Jack Chiu

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

17. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council, as amended, dated August 22, 2007 [SCD 172-008]
Minutes of ad hoc Representation & Engagement Reform Committee dated July 27, 2007 [SCD 173-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 30, 2007 [SCD 174-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 7, 2007 [SCD 175-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 14, 2007 [SCD 176-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 22, 2007 [SCD 177-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 28, 2007 [SCD 178-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 11, 2007 [SCD 179-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 18, 2007 [SCD 180-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 16, 2007 [SCD 181-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 23, 2007 [SCD 182-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 30, 2007 [SCD 183-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 9, 2007 [SCD 184-008]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 20, 2007 [SCD 185-008]

. . . . Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

18. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE:

“That Council appoint Lindsey Smith (Council member) to the ad hoc Referendum Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.” . . . . Carried

19. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the 2007 and 2008 CASA Campaign Proposal as presented.”
Matthew Naylor explained that because of the short notice from CASA, the AMS vote on this motion might not get counted; instead, the AMS would probably be recorded as abstaining.

Sam Heppell asked if Council had been consulted as to the content of the CASA campaign proposal.

Matthew Naylor: We endorsed the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, but there was no consultation on the campaign; that happened at the CASA committee level in June.

Jeff Friedrich: The AMS participated through Matt.

Matthew Naylor said he’d been on the CASA committee and voiced concerns.

20. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the 2007 and 2008 CASA Campaign Proposal as presented.”

... Carried

21. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Appointments Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Jeff Friedrich: This is just clean up. We made changes last year. The VP Academic used to chair all the appointment committees. We changed that. When we made the changes, we left some appointments on committees chaired by the ECSS, but some of those should actually be handled by the VP Academic, so they’re going to a committee chaired by the VP Academic. Executive Project Officers will go to the Commissioners Appointments Committee, chaired by the relevant Executive member.

22. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: Appointments Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” ... Carried

23. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: U-Pass Subsidy’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Matthew Naylor said he had told Council of the importance of attending this committee, but people still didn’t attend, so he’d decided to abolish it. People still haven’t got their money; we’ve failed them. He wanted to move this to the External Commission, which meets regularly, and which is familiar with the U-Pass subsidy process anyway. It’s not unheard of for a commission to allot funds. Fincom allocates the Clubs Benefit Fund, the Constituency Aid Fund, and the Student Initiative Fund. SAC has similar administrative powers.

Bowinn Ma said one member at-large from Engineering on the U-Pass committee said he’d never been contacted about meetings.

Matthew Naylor: We used the e-mail address provided.
Jeff Friedrich: For some at-large members, it’s hard to get contact information. If anyone knows at-large members, let them know they should contact us with accurate contact information. As to the U-Pass issue Council members, by not attending the committee, are suggesting that this committee is not a good use of Council’s time and that it’s better to give it to student staff.

Tariq Ahmed noted that members of the External Commission are appointed by the VP External.

Jeff Friedrich: The minutes do come to Council. We could require a report for this. If Council has an interest in preserving this in its jurisdiction, fine, but then show up to committee meetings.

Bernie Peets said there is an employment relationship between members of the External Commission and the VP External. They report to him. He is the manager of that commission.

Darren Peets: Is this the way to be doing it? It hasn’t been working for the past month, so we get rid of it?

Brittany Tyson: The U-Pass commissioner from the External Commission typically did all the work. Excom does work on financial aid issues; this is invaluable information for Excom. And it’s not our money; it’s the University’s.

Rob Taddei asked if meetings had been held since the recent request for attendance.

Matthew Naylor: Yes, since August. Then he sent an e-mail asking for consent to proceed without a meeting, and there was not even enough response to that.

Rob Taddei asked about the effect on confidentiality.

Matthew Naylor: Excom already sees the applications. Excom looks through all the files to make sure they are complete.

Sam Heppell: The point is, there’s not a lot of interest in this committee. It’s very technical and probably best left to commissioners. It doesn’t need to go through a political process.

Jeff Friedrich: Two vice-presidents sit on this committee giving out awards that average $176. It’s not a good use of Council members’ time. We can have reports on the awards come back to Council.

24. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: U-Pass Subsidy’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” . . . Carried

25. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council strike an ad hoc General Manager Search Committee to be composed of the President, who shall be chair; two (2) other members of the Executive to be designated by the Executive Committee; and two (2) members of Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council approve an allocation not to exceed $30,000 from the President’s Fund to engage a recruiting firm and to cover other costs associated with finding a new General Manager.

Note: The General Manager Search Committee shall, at the end of the recruitment process, make a recommendation of a candidate to Council, and Council shall make the actual appointment of a General Manager.”
Jeff Friedrich explained the General Manager’s role, noting that he manages the businesses and is involved in AMS legal work. Bernie Peets has given his notice, a long notice until early next year, and this motion is about how to hire a new GM:

- The Personnel Handbook says the Executive handles this, but he wanted some involvement of Council.
- There could be even more involvement than the present motion provides, but the Executive has a better sense of the General Manager’s job.
- One question was whether to do this alone or hire a recruitment firm.
- The AMS used a recruitment firm last time, and pending this motion, we’ve selected a firm, Ray and Berndtson.
- We didn’t bring the proposed contract, because from it you could infer salary levels in the Society.
- It’s a pretty involved process.
- It hasn’t been decided which Execs will sit on the committee.
- There are no at-large or staff members; Council is the decision-making body.
- There will be lots of interviewing; that’s why the decision was to use a recruiting firm.
- We will need good attendance, frequent attendance, on the committee.
- That said, this is a chance to be involved in a senior hiring process.
- Eventually a nominated candidate will come to Council for approval.
- Those not on the committee can be involved.

Brittany Tyson: There’s $246,000 in the fund.

Jeff Friedrich: There’s also a line item on the business side.

Dave Tompkins: Is there an intention to replenish the fund?

Jeff Friedrich: That’s up to next year’s Council and Budget Committee.

Dave Tompkins: Where’d the money come from last time?

Jeff Friedrich: We didn’t check that.

Darren Peets: $30,000 may look like a lot of money, but this position oversees a multi-million dollar budget.

Jeff Friedrich: This will not be an easy position to fill. We want someone with business experience and long hair [laughter], someone comfortable in a student environment.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

. . . . Carried
27. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council appoint Bowinn Ma and Conor Topley (Council members) to the ad hoc
General Manager Search Committee.”

. . . . Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

28. MOVED ALFIE LEE, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“WHEREAS the University has recently shut down the MacMillan Library; and

WHEREAS the MacMillan Library was a major resource used by students and faculty in the
Faculty of Forestry and the Faculty of Land and Food Services; and

WHEREAS the closure of the MacMillan Library was never reviewed or approved by the
Senate Library Committee; and

WHEREAS there was a lack of consultation with students concerning the closure of the
library,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council state its opposition to the closure of
the MacMillan Library and to the lack of consultation concerning the closure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council call on Senate to convene the Senate
Library Committee to discuss the closure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council call on the University to provide more
library resources to support the students in the Faculty of Land and Food System and the
Faculty of Forestry during this transition period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council urge the University to conduct proper
consultation with students to decide how the vacant library space will be used;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Executive to write a letter to the
Chair of Senate and the Chair of the Senate Library Committee conveying the sentiments
contained in this motion.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Alfie Lee:

- The process was not well advertised.
- There were numerous complaints that there was no information about what was going
  on.
- The Senate Library Committee didn’t know about it.
- About 1600 students used the library; it was a great learning community for students
  in Land & Food Systems, with quiet study space, research materials, etc.
- The decision to close the library was an undemocratic decision and a bad precedent.
- The Senate Library Committee hasn’t even met for four years.
- We should show our grief and disappointment over how this was handled.
- Darren Peets said he would like the motion to be consistent that our first choice is to
  reopen the library.
29. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council urge the University to conduct proper consultation with students to decide how, if vacated, the library space will be used;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council direct the Executive to write a letter to the Chair of Senate and the Chair of the Senate Library Committee conveying the sentiments contained in this motion."

Note: Requires 2/3rds."

- Rob Taddei asked what is now in the space.
- Alfie Lee: Technically, it’s closed. The books have been moved to the Woodward Library, but are not on the shelves there yet.
- Rob Taddei: What are the University’s plans for the space?
- Alfie Lee: They won’t tell us.
- Jeff Friedrich: There was a bad process around this. We asked and didn’t get a good answer. There wasn’t enough involvement from the Agriculture Undergraduate Society. Undergraduate societies should use the AMS on issues like this.

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

L) Committee Motions:

31. MOVED ALFIE LEE, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“That Council appoint Lindsey Smith (Council member) to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Madison Myrfield (member at-large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Patrick Meehan to represent the AMS on the UBC Bookstore Advisory Committee for a two year term commencing immediately.” . . . . Carried

- Jeff Friedrich said the aim is to advertise more for at-large students through the new service, AMS Connect.

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be be approved as presented.

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated July 17, 2007 [SCD 186-008]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated July 10, 2007 [SCD 187-008]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated July 24, 2007 [SCD 188-008]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated August 7, 2007 [SCD 189-008]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated August 21, 2007 [SCD 190-008]
O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

32. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

"WHEREAS UBC is the second most popular transit destination in the lower mainland after downtown Vancouver; and

WHEREAS UBC is second in the lower mainland in boardings and unboardings after Broadway at Commercial; and

WHEREAS legislation originally proposed in the spring of 2007 and expected to pass in the fall of 2007 would vest authority for the region's transportation planning in a Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, consisting exclusively of the region's mayors; and

WHEREAS UBC, falling within GVRD Electoral Area A, does not have a mayor and would thus be unrepresented; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS lobby the Province to make a provision in the legislation for accountable UBC representation on TransLink's governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMS request that UBC do likewise.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Darren Peets: The TransLink board is going to change. Mayors will give advice. UBC doesn't have a mayor, and won't be on the advisory council. This is a bad situation.
- Jeff Friedrich said he had talked to UBC President Toope, who wasn't aware of this. It's been possible to work with the GVRD and TransLink in the past; there's some concern about this new body.
- Sam Heppell asked what representation UBC has on the current structure.
- Darren Peets said UBC and the UEL together get one director on the GVRD board who can get on the TransLink board; it happened once.
- Sam Heppell:
  - So the change is not great in terms of UBC on the council. UBC rarely has had representation.
  - At the same time, we're not opposing the change itself, which is a bad change, transferring power over transit from an elected, accountable body to an appointed, unaccountable group.
  - We're missing an opportunity to oppose the change itself.
- Council members discussed details of the proposed change and of the possibility of a governance change for UBC.
- Nate Crompton: Right now we should take a stand on the change, because they're moving away from direct representation to technocrats, bureaucrats, the Board of Trade.
- Jeff Friedrich: If Council is interested in the issue of this change, we can discuss it, but there's this immediate issue now.
- Patrick Meehan: The current motion just says give UBC representation. We could have another motion opposing the change.
- Alfie Lee suggested postponing to take account of the opposition to the change in the TransLink structure. It is not time-sensitive.
33. MOVED ALFIE LEE, SECONDED NATE CROMPTON:

“That Motion 30 be postponed to next meeting.” . . . . Defeated

> Matthew Naylor: There’s no explicit endorsement of the new structure. This is an important motion to pass today because three people involved in it will be away at the next Council meeting.

34. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

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WHEREAS legislation originally proposed in the spring of 2007 and expected to pass in the fall of 2007 would vest authority for the region's transportation planning in a Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, consisting exclusively of the region’s mayors; and

WHEREAS UBC, falling within GVRD Electoral Area A, does not have a mayor and would thus be unrepresented; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS lobby the Province to make a provision in the legislation for accountable UBC representation on TransLink's governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMS request that UBC do likewise.

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

> Jeff Friedrich: This is another example of a motion from the floor.

L) Committee Motions:

35. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, appoint Brendan Piovesan as Elections Administrator for a term commencing September 17, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008.” . . . . Carried

36. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Compensation Review Committee that the pay for the Sustainability Strategy Coordinator position be set at $6,500.” . . . . Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:
37. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE:

WHEREAS the AMS endorsed the University Boulevard petition on May 2, 2007 calling for a revisitation of land-use options on University Boulevard;

AND WHEREAS TREK Park has been established to raise awareness about the options for development on University Boulevard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS support the existence of TREK Park for the purposes of raising awareness about University Boulevard Development and of embodying the proactive spirit necessary for the creation of a student-centred campus core.'

- Tristan Markle:
  - Trek Park has been a liberated space in the parking lot for two weeks.
  - There’s been lots of positive feedback.
  - There are meetings every week, and there will be a free movie.
  - Some news reports made it seem like negative things were happening, but it’s all good.
  - Campus Planning, the VP Students, and Campus Security have all respected our rights.
  - The RCMP tried to say it was a security lane, but there’s another security lane.

- Jeff Friedrich said he had been quoted as supporting the protesters’ right to be there. He thought a motion from Council would support his having said that. He thought Trek Park was good work, especially because of its pro-active spirit.

- Tariq Ahmed: He was nervous, worried about things going wrong at the park. We’re trusting you.

38. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE:

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. . . . Carried unanimously

P) Discussion Period:

- Councillor Orientation and Strat Planning Session:

- Jeff Friedrich:
  - Struggling with strategic plans.
  - Long-term plans are hard with an organization with rapid turnover.
  - We do have the Strategic Framework, and there were workshops in Whistler.
  - We also want some Councillor orientation.

- Brendon Godmurphy: A social initiative, fun stuff, socializing.

- Jeff Friedrich: The question is when. He suggested using Council time or a weekend or another evening. But if it was not during Council time, would people attend?
At this point Dave Tompkins noted that the time for this Council meeting had expired.

- Matthew Naylor did not think this was an appropriate use of Council time.
- Lindsay MacPhee: Whenever it is, it's a good idea. It took her four months to speak in Council. It's daunting.
- Rob Taddei said it was an appropriate use of Council time.
- A straw poll showed support for using Council time and for meeting at other times.

Q) Submissions:

- Notice of the AGM of the AMS Foundation on September 26, 2007 [SCD 191-008]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

BG:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Rakesh Parhar, Houn-tai Choa, Chris Diplock, Elliot LB Billingsley (Arts), Aneil Jasuel, Blake Frederick ((UCom VP Associate), Maayan Kreitzman, Raj Mathur (Music), Max Unger, Mark Latham (VoterMedia.org), Connie Do (The Ubyssey), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist/Researcher), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED BOWINN MA:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” . . . . Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee Report [SCD 202-008]

Maayan Kreitzman:
- The Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee is recommending the creation of a randomly selected student assembly, a non-elected body.
- They’re still looking for feedback on this.
- The body would be demographically representative by such things as year, gender, and ethnicity.
- Its members would be paid to ensure high turnout and to preserve statistically significant randomness.
- There will be a learning process for the members over a one or two year term.
- The aim is for a credible body that will be hard to corrupt.
- It will have a unique voice, representing the 90% of the students who don’t vote in AMS elections.
- It will have no real power and not be another layer of bureaucracy.
- It will not be accountable.
- It will require administrative and chairing support.
- It will complement the elected Council.
- Its roles could include:
  - analyzing candidates in elections, something that met with hostility at Council when suggested before
  - analyzing referendum questions
  - acting as a consultative body
  - acting in situations when Council has a conflict of interest (e.g., considering issues such as, should Council members be paid?)
- Straw polls on the possible roles indicated support for using the assembly to analyze candidates and referendum questions, and also functioning as a focus group. There was less support for its acting when Council has a conflict of interest.

Questions:
- Alex Lougheed, a member of the committee, said he’d been a skeptic to begin with, but his concerns had been resolved through debate.
- Brittany Tyson wondered if the assembly would end up slanting towards AMS positions if its members were paid. She also asked how a random sample would be created.
Maayan Kreitzman:
- It was not the role of the committee to work out how to create a random sample. Presumably a polling company would do that.
- She didn’t think it would create a conflict of interest or slanting towards AMS positions to pay members of the new assembly. Payment simply ensures turnout. The assembly would be like the judicial branch of the federal government, or the CBC; they’re paid, but being paid won’t by itself slant them. It is important to ensure that they’re at arm’s length.

2. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That the presentation be extended for five minutes.” . . . . Carried

Dave Tompkins noted that the AMS pays Student Court judges.
Gary Andraza questioned the statement that the assembly would have no real power. He suggested that they would have influence, like lobbyists.
Maayan Kreitzman agreed they would have the power of influence.
Gary Andraza wondered why we didn’t just go to a system of direct democracy then. Why even have an AMS?
Maayan Kreitzman: The assembly won’t be powerful in the sense of making decisions, just in influencing decisions.
Patrick Meehan asked about the assembly getting chairing support from Council.
Maayan Kreitzman: Not necessarily from Council. From experts.
Patrick Meehan: Who would appoint these experts?
Maayan Kreitzman: They could be Council-appointed experts, or the assembly could choose its own experts.
Patrick Meehan: How will they know who to choose if they have no experience?
Maayan Kreitzman: There are tons of sources of expertise.
Patrick Meehan asked about pay.
Maayan Kreitzman: Maybe $10 an hour.
Stephanie Ryan said she didn’t think this was the best use of AMS money. She was unconvinced that the assembly would come up with ideas different from Council’s. Instead of paying them, it might be better to pay Council members so that they read the minutes and 40-page committee reports. The assembly members won’t have time to go through training and evaluate candidates and do their other work.
Maayan Kreitzman: The amount of time depends on their role. As to having the same opinions as Council, we don’t know what the 90% who don’t vote might come up with.
Stephanie Ryan suggested that non-involved students are being rationally ignorant. They become engaged with issues like the U-Pass or the gym closure; then they come out in droves. Other times they don’t care; they’re too busy with jobs, school, commuting, etc., and they agree with what the AMS is doing.
Peter Rizov asked how randomness would be maintained if large numbers of those selected for the assembly refuse to serve.
Maayan Kreitzman said that is why they have to be paid. There is over 70% turnout with pay.
Bruce Krayenhoff said that turnout was when pay was $150 per person per day.
Chris Diplock expressed concern that the assembly would not be accountable.
Bruce Krayenhoff said that was the whole point.
Maayan Kreitzman said they would be subject to scrutiny by the media, Council, etc.
Bernie Peets noted that if Council members pay themselves, it could jeopardize the not-for-profit status of the AMS.

E) Executive Reports:
Brendon Goodmurphy - VP Academic & University Affairs

- **AMS Committees and Duties**
  - Hiring – I have hired a new Ombudsperson, Krista Riley (Bruce resigned due to no longer being an student) and a Deputy Ombudsperson (Fatou Wurie). Also I hired a Sustainability Strategy Coordinator and student court and referendum coordinator are to come, as well as Elections Committee.
  - We launched the new AMS website – it’s pretty, go play around on it. We’re still working on touch-ups and content changing (which will be a longer process). I also have an intern, Max Unger, who is helping me develop and put together the campus issues section, which will be a way for students to get more background info on issues related to their campus and education, and give comments and ideas.
  - Impacts Committee will be revived shortly, now that school is back in full swing; we will mostly be working on the Sustainability strategy to come back to Council in March.

- **Projects**
  - I scheduled a meeting with Andrew Parr, Director of Food Services – he didn’t show, but to be fair to him he apologized and we have rescheduled.
  - I am working with Miriam, the Sustainability Strategy Coordinator to get her job underway and the process for developing the strategy started.
  - The Yardstick will be launched in late November.

- **UBC Issues**
  - I have been working with the Senate Academic Policy Committee on the academic concession policy. I made a desperate plea at Senate last week to not pass the policy, which they agreed to, but we are looking into next steps. More info when we pass the related policy tonight.
  - U-Blvd – consultation on U-Blvd is happening every day this week in the SUB concourse from 10:30-5:30. Please, please, please come and give your input. The AMS has been criticizing the lack of consultation around this project for a long time, so we have an obligation to go. There is also a workshop each day from 1:30-2:30.
  - I will be sitting on two new UBC committees – LEED (Academic Planning) and Senate Committee on Cultural Diversity… please contact me if you have any questions.

Sarah Naiman - VP Administration

Brittany Tyson - VP Finance

- **AMS Link**
  - Almost 500 users
  - Overwhelming positive feedback from clubs and users – especially financial tools
  - Still in beta-testing stage, due to CWL integration occurring six months ahead of schedule
  - Also loading internal departments for easier access to accounts, transactions, and financial information

- **Constituency Automated Banking Machines**
  - The bulk of the electrical and cabling work has been completed, and at this point the AMS is currently waiting on UBC IT Services to connect the telecommunication systems before the banking machines can be put into operation.

- **Business Operations Committee**
  - Received presentations from several potential third-party vendors
- Student Environment Centre (for a People’s Potato proposal) invited, but withdrew application
- Silent shopping this Friday at 4:00 p.m. for those who are interested – meet in 238

- The Outpost will be offering eco-friendly products, including hemp tote bags and sustainable fabrics (such as coconut fibres). Biodegradable store bags will also be used in place of traditional plastic bags.

- We are still waiting for an update from Danny Ho regarding the AMS’ potential relationship with UBC Card and should hear back soon.

- **That DJ Competition!**  
  Just a quick plug for the student DJ competition being held on Tuesday, October 2 at the Pit Pub brought to you by the AMS, CiTR, and Beatstreet Records. $2 pints and $8 pitchers – this is going to be a great event!

- **Finance Commission**  
  Executive Orientations from September 12-14; Clubs Days last week

- **Sprouts**  
  On Monday, I met with the new Sprouts team to discuss their business plan and strategies for September. They have made the decision to close the store until January 2008, with a staff, volunteer, and AMS pre-opening party scheduled for Monday, January 14. Being closed during the first semester will allow the Sprouts team to better organize themselves, their volunteers, and all operational aspects to ensure that the second semester will be successful and that Sprouts will have a viable future in the SUB. The Sprouts team has received an overwhelming amount of interest over the past several weeks and is very excited for this period of growth and renewal.

- **Walter Gage Memorial Fund Committee**  
  Sarah and I attended the WGMF committee meeting this Tuesday to distribute funding to students in various activities from athletics abroad to local academic conferences.

**G) Constituency Reports:**

**Arts** - Stephanie Ryan  
- Pirates vs Ninjas Party and BBQ. Got a button maker. Making buttons for the party.  
- Had a consultation with the Dean involving 100 students.

**Law** - Scott Bernstein  
- Supreme Court Justice Ian Binny spoke to them yesterday  
- Boat Cruise last weekend  
- Beer garden this Friday

**GSS** - Jessica Jai  
- Hiring office assistant
Regent College - Lucia Lam

- Party and Open House coming up/ Come and check out the new library and wind tower

Pharmacy - Chairmaine Ma
- Big Brother - Big Sister tomorrow 5 - 8. Old and new students

Forestry - Natalie Swift
- Elections happening
- Logger Sports

Science - Mike Duncan
- Elections happening

Science - Tristan Markle - Presented a report on Resource Groups which he said never get reported on at Council.
- RG doing well this year
- Womyn's Centre vandalised - misogynist comments written on things - pretty serious issue
- The Knoll is now bi-weekly.
- Trek Park may have a huge event.
- The Cinema Politica movie series opened with 150 people in attendance.
- Pride and the Student Environment Centre are the two most popular resource groups.

Commerce - Peter Rizov
- Had 2nd retreat at AMS Lodge
- Have new composting initiatives
- Redoing constitution because of constitutional crisis
- Budget will be passed next week
- Golf tournament on now
- New Building ran into problems because the Provincial Government vetoed the new $500 fee. Now the Board of Governors has arranged for $12 million to come out of the GPOF, so all of you are paying for the Commerce Building now.

Engineering - Bowinn Ma
- Frosh Retreat big success
- 19 candidates for first year elections
- Met with Plant Ops last week - no money to do anything about building. Told that informal learning space (i.e. spaces like the Cheeze) are a low priority and there is no money to fix the building.
- Classroom made available by department
- Dean is retiring

Human Kinetics - Lindsey Smith
- Senior student mentoring program.

VST - Gary Andraza
- Seminars on theology and Urban Centres. 1st speakers - Theology in the Global City, Graham Ward, Mary-Anne Sawicki
H) **Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:**

**Senate:**
- Senate - Tariq Ahmed
  - First year students English requirement no longer required for undergraduates. TAs have to pass it. The Policy on Academic Concession will now explicitly say it is a privilege, not a right. A motion was passed to call a Library Meeting.

I) **Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

The following minutes were approved as submitted.

Minutes of Student Council dated September 12, 2007 [SCD 203-08]

L) **Committee Motions:**

3. **MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:**

“That Council adopt the report of the Ad Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ and thus amend the Code as recommended, and approve the Voted Funded Media Voting Structure as presented.

Note: The effect of approving this report will be to continue Voter Funding Media while modifying the rules governing it.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

- Stephanie Ryan described what Voter Funded Media (VFM) will be like under the new Code amendments:
  - The VFM Administrator (VFMA) will be a member of the Elections Committee.
  - The Elections Committee will regulate VFM.
  - Candidates will be allowed to write to media on campus politics and tell the media they’re running if asked, i.e., they can run a quiet campaign before the Official Campaign Period begins.
  - Constituency publications can enter the VFM contest, and candidates will not be penalized for endorsements from such publications.
  - The entry fee is going up to $150 in order to filter out noise.
  - The Elections Committee will set the deadline for registration for the contest.
  - All contributors to media contestants must be disclosed.
  - Entry fees will pay to run the contest; the aim is to be revenue neutral. Mark Latham is contributing the prize money.
  - The math has been removed from the section on VFM voting to make it easier to understand.

- Peter Rizov asked about anonymous contributors to media contestants.
- Stephanie Ryan said that as long as they don’t get part of the prize money, it’s fine.
- Tristan Markle noted that the *Ubyssey* gets $5 from each student while the Resource Groups get only $1, and asked why the *Ubyssey* was treated differently.
- Ian Pattillo: The *Ubyssey* is out of AMS control.
- Sarah Naiman asked what the minimum prize is.
- Stephanie Ryan said prize money allocation depends on the voters, but the minimum would be $300.
Sarah Naiman asked about the number of prizes.
Stephanie Ryan said the voters determine that. It’s likely that all eight prizes would be given out unless there are less than eight contestants.
Chris Diplock noted the unevenness of numbers in the various faculties; this could lead to advantages for certain media outlets.
Stephanie Ryan: It’s up to the voters. Yes, Arts is the biggest, but some Arts students might think other sources are better than the *Underground*.
Brendon Goodmurphy asked about letting the Elections Committee determine the entry fee.
Stephanie Ryan: This seems to be the fee that will guarantee us 13 contestants again.
Brendon Goodmurphy: Every year you’ll have to change it, through a Code amendment.
Stephanie Ryan: Amending a number is not a big deal, and it’s likely the election rules will change next year anyway.
Sarah Naiman: If they’re going to change, why put them in Code?
Sam Heppell asked about allowing someone to become a contestant contributor in mid campaign.

4. MOVED PATRICK MEEHAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“That Section 4(a) and the whole of Section 5 of Article 14 in the document ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ be deleted.”

Tristan Markle: Why disclose the content contributors? It seems like a practical nightmare.
Patrick Meehan: If you don’t disclose, how can you enforce the rule against candidates being contributors?
Ian Pattililo spoke of the importance of transparency of the media.
Nate Crompton: The VFMA will make this public?
Stephanie Ryan: It’s up to the discretion of the VFMA. There cannot be anonymous writers.
Tahara Bhate expressed concern about anonymous personal attacks on candidates.
Peter Rizov: Will the onus fall on editors to determine if contributors are real?
Tahara Bhate: Media outlets can say they won’t publish anonymous postings.
Andrew Forshner said this was already covered by the cheque name requirement, which keeps candidates from getting money.
Tahara Bhate asked about letters to the editor. Could she as a candidate not write one?
Ian Pattililo: No, you can.
Stephanie Ryan said listing contributors makes things more transparent.

5. MOVED PATRICK MEEHAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“That Section 4(a) and the whole of Section 5 of Article 14 in the document ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ be deleted.”

. . . . Carried
6. MOVED IAN PATTILLO:

“That the questions be called.”

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

7. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Sections 8(a) and (b) of Article 14 in the document ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ be deleted.”

Concerns were raised about the requirement that entry fee money go to pay the VFMA and cover administrative and publicity costs.
Sarah Naiman said she didn’t want to force the Elections Committee to spend money.

8. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Sections 8(a) and (b) of Article 14 in the document ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ be deleted.” . . . . Defeated

9. MOVED PATRICK MEEHAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“That Section 10(c) of Article 14 in the document ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ be amended to read ‘no money’ in place of ‘$0’.”

Sam Heppell asked if the voters can award more than the $8,000 available as prize money.
Stephanie Ryan: They can allocate as much as they want; it will then be scaled down.
Patrick Meehan asked what the theoretical maximum was for a contestant.
Matthew Naylor: $2200.

10. MOVED PATRICK MEEHAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“That Section 10(c) of Article 14 in the document ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ be amended to read ‘no money’ in place of ‘$0’.”

. . . . Carried

11. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council adopt the report of the Ad Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2007: VFM’ as amended, and thus amend the Code as recommended, and approve the Voted Funded Media Voting Structure as presented.

Note: The effect of approving this report will be to continue Voter Funding Media while modifying the rules governing it.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” . . . . Carried Unanimously
12. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED NATALIE SWIFT:

“WHEREAS the Senate Academic Policy Committee is currently making amendments to the University’s policy on academic concession; and

WHEREAS the current University policy on academic concession already includes extensive provisions to ensure that abuse of academic concession does not occur; and

WHEREAS students may develop medical, emotional or other problems that may adversely affect their attendance or academic performance; and

WHEREAS there is still considerable debate around the degree to which the University is responsible to accommodate students experiencing certain mental, emotional or other psychological difficulties; and

WHEREAS language which makes academic concession a privilege, places the onus on students to prove their need for concession as opposed to requiring the University to disprove the student’s need;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alma Mater Society support the right of students to not be penalized academically for circumstances beyond their control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Alma Mater Society call upon the University to amend its policy on academic concession so as to guarantee students the right not to be penalized academically for circumstances beyond their control.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Brendon Goodmurphy: This is the renewal of an old academic policy. The committee is working on all the old policies, but this one is timely, so it is here now. The issue is making academic concession a right, not a privilege.

Alfie Lee said another issue was to ensure that students are not forced into counselling.

Brendon Goodmurphy: That’s not actually in the policy.

Alfie Lee: The current UBC policy is vaguer on whether academic concession is a right or a privilege, but it was treated as a privilege. The University is proposing to explicitly make it a privilege.

Brendon Goodmurphy: This is largely philosophical. It does have implications. If it’s a privilege, the student has to prove that they deserve it. If it’s a right, the onus is on the institution to prove the student doesn’t deserve it.

Tristan Markle said it was not philosophical, but he was in favour of the renewed AMS policy.

Tariq Ahmed: There should be clarity. The University’s main concern is abuse of this. There is potential for abuse.

Brendon Goodmurphy: There are still going to be lots of hoops to jump through. No one’s arguing that anyone who applies should be granted concession.

13. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” . . . Carried

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

15. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED ALFIE LEE:

"WHEREAS the publication of students’ evaluations of instructors would provide a valuable resource to students, enabling them to make more informed choices of which courses to take; and

WHEREAS it would be useful for such information to include information on instructors’ academic credentials, research interests, publications, and teaching philosophy as well as information drawn from teaching evaluations; and

WHEREAS students have been leading the lobbying efforts to change the University’s current system of Student Evaluations of Teaching for many years; and

WHEREAS Senate approved the policy on Student Evaluations of Teaching on the recommendation of the ad-hoc Senate Committee; and

WHEREAS the Alma Mater Society believes that the proposed University-wide questions correlate to current research on best teaching practices and consulted with students on these questions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AMS strongly supports the Senate policy on Student Evaluations of Teaching and the proposed University-wide questions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMS call upon the University to move forward on implementing the current Senate Policy on Student Evaluations of Teaching.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”
Brendon Goodmurphy: Senate in May adopted a new policy on evaluations. The Faculty Association has filed a grievance, which is problematic from a student perspective. This motion is another policy being renewed.

16. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN:

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

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

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

18. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“WHEREAS the University of British Columbia Plan Operations (Plant Ops) has been unsatisfactory in their conduct; and

WHEREAS Plant Ops has conducted their business in a slow and altogether unsatisfactory manner; and

WHEREAS both the quality and the quantity of information and communication between concerned parties has been gravely substandard; and
WHEREAS the Arts Undergraduate Society, Engineering Undergraduate Society and Science Undergraduate Society have been significantly inconvenienced by Plant Ops, either through incompetence or an unwillingness to complete their work in a timely manner congruent with the goals of student engagements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council condemn UBC Plant Operations for actions that have diminished the quality of the student experience at UBC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council direct the VP Academic and University Affairs to write a letter to the University expressing our displeasure and our concerns.”

- Stephanie Ryan: Plant Ops charges a lot and is very slow. Locks in Arts were not changed, though this was asked for in May. The Engineers’ recent problems over the Cheeze are well known, and SUS had problems over the Ladha building. Plant Ops has a monopoly; they should do their job properly.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said no motion was needed on this.
- Natalie Swift: How does this actually solve the problem?
- Dave Tompkins: You’re new here. We don’t actually solve problems.
- Natalie Swift said she didn’t see how a whiny letter would do much. Isn’t there a student rep on a campus committee?
- Patrick Meehan said it is good to have a resolution so that we can say, Council has said this.
- Michael Duncan: A whiny letter can do a lot. It worked for the Ladha building.
- Sarah Naiman: The AMS has regular liaison meetings with the University and often talks about Plant Ops. It might be more effective if the Constituencies wrote a letter and we presented it.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: To mention incompetence is a little strong and redundant. You could simply list what we’re unhappy with, and then it would be obvious.
- Tristan Markle commented on the proposed aggressive language for the letter and said Plant Ops may have a small budget. Maybe that’s what we should be talking about, and directing ourselves to the Board of Governors.
- Bowinn Ma said the EUS was told by Plant Ops there was no money. Are we aiming at Plant Ops or higher?
- Ian Pattillo: Brendon will cc everyone on the UBC payroll.

19. MOVED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES, SECONDED NATHAN CROMPTON:

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. . . . Carried

Pro: Omid Javadi, Stephanie Ryan, Bowinn Ma, Chris McCann, Michael Duncan

J) Executive Committee Motions:

22. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED IAN PATTILLO:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend Code, Section V: Article 9.1 until April, 2008;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council appoint the Vice-President, Academic & University Affairs, to the Impacts Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

- Brendon Goodmurphy said he has an interest in sustainability and wanted to be the person working with the Impacts Committee rather than Sarah Naiman, who is willing to defer the chair to him.
- Stephanie Ryan asked if he would have enough time.
• Brendon Goodmurphy said he had hired a Sustainability Coordinator. He had thought of having his Associate VP chair Impacts, but thought it more appropriate that someone elected do it.

23. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED IAN PATTILLO:

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    . . . . Carried

L) Committee Motions:

24. MOVED BRUCE KRAYENHOFF, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the mandate of the ad-hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee be extended until October 31st 2007.”

25. MOVED BRUCE KRAYENHOFF, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the mandate of the ad-hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee be extended until November 30th, 2007.”

26. MOVED BRUCE KRAYENHOFF, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the mandate of the ad-hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee be extended until November 30th, 2007.”

    . . . . Carried

27. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“That Council appoint Stephanie Ryan, Andrew Forshner and Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes (Council Members) to the ad-hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee for a term ending October 31, 2007.”

“That Council appoint Sarah Naiman (Council member) to the Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Duncan Steele (member-at-large) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2008.”

    . . . . Carried
28. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, appoint Krista Riley at AMS Ombudsperson for a term commencing September 22, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008.”

- Peter Rizov asked why the Ombudspersons were quitting so often.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said the latest one was no longer a student.
- Bernie Peets: Most of them have been offered better jobs because they were so well qualified.
- Dave Tompkins: So perhaps we should hire less qualified candidates.

29. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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..... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated July 30, 2007 [SCD 204-008]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 10, 2007 [SCD 205-008]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 17, 2007 [SCD 206-008]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated August 27, 2007 [SCD 207-008]

..... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

30. MOVED NATHAN CROMPTON, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:

“WHEREAS the UBC Board of Governors is comprised in majority by unelected members of the British Columbia business community; and

WHEREAS the UBC Board of Governors has recently worked against the clearly announced interests of students by moving ahead with the $15 million University Boulevard tunnel project opposed by the Graduate Students Society, the Alma Mater Society and 3,000 signatories to the University Boulevard petition; and

WHEREAS the UBC Board of Governors does not represent students in theory - at the level of the University Act - or practice,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS Vice-President, Academic and University Affairs be directed to write a letter clearly condemning the UBC Board of Governors.”

- Nate Crompton referred to Trek Park and spoke of the momentum by people to take power. He wanted a direct letter stating a clear position.
- Tariq Ahmed said he didn’t think it was proper to discuss this motion. It needs specifics.

31. MOVED TARIQ AHMED, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:
“That motion # 30 be referred to the Executive Committee.”

- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes said he saw Board members sneering at AMS reps.
- Bruce Krayenhoff asked if the Executive would be required to bring the motion back to Council.
- Dave Tompkins: If they don’t, Council could take them to task.
- Patrick Meehan: The Executive may have a strategy, and they should be asked whether this fits in with it.
- Stephanie Ryan: The motion is timely. The Board is not considering students.
- Andrew Forshner said it would be wiser to wait till the two student Board reps were here.
- Tahara Bhaté asked what the Executive thinks.
- Brendon Goodmurphy noted that the AMS President is a Board member and he sits on the University Boulevard Committee.
- Brittany Tyson said it should be discussed with the two student BoG reps.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: We’ve made most of these points to the Board, so it’s not too damaging, except for using the term “condemn.”
- Sam Heppell: It’s not clear whether we’re condemning the Board structure or its policies.
- Nate Crompton said it was both and said that if the two student BoG reps were here, it would be suspicious if they didn’t support this motion.

32. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the questions be called.
Note: Requires 2/3rds.” . . . . Defeated

33. MOVED NATHAN CROMPTON:

“That the question be called.
Note: Requires 2/3rds” . . . . Carried

34. MOVED TARIQ AHMED, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“That motion # 30 be referred to Executive Committee.” . . . . Carried

35. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED CHARMAINE MA:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . . Defeated

P) Notices of Motions:

MOVED ____________________, SECONDED ________________:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve in principle the creation of an AMS Students’ Assembly, consisting of a statistically representative random sample.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council create an ad hoc Students’ Assembly Committee to explore the following questions:
(a) a method and rate of compensation, along with other measures, to ensure high participation and a demographically reflective random sample of students in the Assembly; and

(b) the functions such an Assembly might perform (for example, but not restricted to, consultation, making recommendations where Council has a conflict of interest, and on referendum issues, analysis of candidates in AMS elections, analysis of external policy issues); and

(c) a means to ensure the Assembly has proper guidance, structures, and procedures so that it fairly examines all sides of the issues brought before it; and

(d) a plan for taking good data for evaluation purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee bring their recommended uses of the Students’ Assembly to Council by the end of November for approval by council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee consist of five (5) Council members, two (2) Students-At-Large, and the Policy Advisor on an as-need basis.”

Bruce Krayenhoff: Discussion would be more productive if those interested came to committee meetings or spoke to members individually.

Q) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

› Notice of the AGM of the AMS Foundation on September 26, 2007  [SCD 208-008]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

MOVED PETER RIZOV, SECONDED PATRICK MEEHAN

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . . Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs  BG:val
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Rakesh Parhar, Jessa McGregor (Connect), Jacqueline Bell (Connect), Bahram Norouzi, Ian Patillo (FFF), Chris Diplock, Erin Rennie (Senate), Maayan Kreitzman, Max Unger, Michelle Yuen (SAC), Raj Mathur (Music), David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist/Researcher), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” . . . . Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Brian Sullivan, VP Students: “Who are our Students”
“What is their experience at UBC”

Jeff Friedrich said he is trying to get the new people on UBC’s Administration team in to speak to Council. Brian Sullivan is the long-time VP Students and not new, but he hasn’t been to Council for a while and he wanted to come talk to us.

Brian Sullivan said he wanted to remind Council of the impact it has had on a number of recent issues, such as teaching evaluations, child care, and the University Boulevard project. Council helped get the surface level plan for the latter project stopped in order to be thoroughly reconsidered. He said Council has an impressive record of bringing things forward and getting things changed at the University.

He then made a presentation concerning student demographies and other statistical measures, including the following points:

Demographics
- Half the UBC-Vancouver undergraduates are in Arts or Science.
- Though UBC is a global institution, the undergraduate population is overwhelmingly local: almost 70% are from the Lower Mainland. Thus in many respects UBC is a regional university.
- A high percentage of the Vancouver population is “immigrant” (i.e., foreign-born): 38%.
- Among “immigrant youth,” 79% aspire to at least one university degree; the percentage is only 57 for Canadian-born white youths.
Among first-year students, only 52.5% say English is their mother tongue; 0.4% report French; and 44.1% say “other.”

There are more females than males [applause and cheers]: among the undergraduates, 55.3% are female; 44.7% male.

The ethnic make-up includes 37% Chinese, 33% white, 5.6% South Asian; 4% Korean; 4% multiracial.

UBC-Vancouver is mostly a commuter campus: 35% live in residence; 53% at home (with parents); the rest on own.

More of the students belonging to a visible minority live at home.

Academic and job success

UBC-Vancouver is succeeding academically: among first years, 22% were getting A’s and 55% B’s; among fourth years: 33% A’s and 57% B’s.

The retention rate for undergraduates was 87.4% in 2005-06 and 86.5% in 2006-07.

Over 70% of PhD students complete their degree.

Among those who graduated in 2004, 81.6% were employed in 2006, with a median salary of $40,000; 14.6% were out of the labour force (e.g., at home or pursuing further degrees); 3.7% were unemployed (i.e., looking for work).

71% of those who graduated between 2000 and 2005 report that they are in jobs that are somewhat or very related to the academic programs they were in.

Debt

Among graduating students from UBC-Vancouver, 44% say they have no debt at all; 27% have debt of $20,000 or more; 10% have debt of between $10,000 and $19,999.

The average debt (among those who have any) is $12,266.

Satisfaction and engagement

Looking back at their UBC experience, former UBC students are not as highly satisfied as students elsewhere; fewer who attended UBC say they were very satisfied with their academic experience.

Former UBC students are not as engaged with their alma mater as are the alumni of other universities, though recent graduates say they feel more identification.

Student engagement is an important issue.

University Square is important; all possible vigilance makes sense there; a square that works can make students feel part of the institution.

SUB expansion can make for synergies.

Questions:

Michael Duncan: Do recent graduates have a better response to engagement with UBC just because they’re recent?

Brian Sullivan said it wasn’t that. The survey showed that something is happening to create a greater sense of affiliation among recent graduates.

Stephanie Ryan asked about the relationship between engagement and the size of faculties, referring to levels of funding.
Brian Sullivan: Funding and resources matter, but how things are organized matters too. In the Arts One program, 40-year veterans are still engaged; some in a coordinated Arts program too. In Science and Arts it’s a big challenge.

Brittany Tyson asked about addressing the high debts faced by 27% of the graduates. Brian Sullivan spoke about working with the AMS on financial planning, adding:

- It’s not true that the policy on financial aid makes every problem go away, but UBC does provide assistance; unmet need is met through bursaries.
- Could we do more? Yes, especially with first generation students and for students who are supposed to get a large parental contribution and are not eligible for loans.
- The Work-Study program was opened up this year; it is not just for those on loans now.
- More ideas are welcome. Entrance-level bursaries. Fund-raising.
- UBC’s policy is the best in the country.
- We have a larger percentage than average with no debt.
- Debt levels did go up after the lifting of the tuition freeze.
- A significant number of students go through fully funded with no debt.

Tristan Markle asked about class size and engagement. Brian Sullivan said he had data on faculty-student ratios, and we compare favourably with others on that. Class size data is harder to come by, and it’s not clear how it connects to engagement.

Tristan Markle asked about the size of student debt before the tuition increases. Brian Sullivan said in absolute terms the debt is greater now, but only 4% say they’ve seriously considered not continuing for purely financial reasons.

Alex Lougheed asked how the percentage living at home compares to other universities. Brian Sullivan: There’s a larger percentage in residence here than at U of T, but it’s smaller than at Guelph. A lot has to do with the character of the institution and how many residence spots are offered.

Alex Lougheed asked if there was a correlation with student engagement. Brian Sullivan said those in residence have much higher levels of student engagement and do better academically.

Jeff Friedrich said that the students having a hard time getting good grades need a good experience, but they’re the least likely to get it; they can’t get into the more engaged programs.

Brian Sullivan: Students have lives and make choices. The University can’t prescribe. It can provide options. Some students are happy living at home. It’s transformative to live in residence, but he was not necessarily going to sell that. It’s true that it’s harder for those with lower GPA. We’re trying to work on increasing student community, but there is a difficult reality. What are some things we can do? Should we promise at least one course per student with 25 students or less in it? We need to do something to break the mould. It’s not working for everyone.
Nate Crompton: Are you representing the students to the University or the University to the students? A large majority of students are not engaged or when they graduate they say they had a bad experience. You should give us a sense of asking us what we want. You seem to be coming here to pitch the Administration’s product to us.

Brian Sullivan said he hoped what he’d said hadn’t sounded like the Administration’s pitch. He was looking forward to listening and did not mean to be proselytizing. Is the question, Was he a shill for the Administration or a voice for the students? It was not quite that simple. Students are their own best voice; he tries to allow the students to speak for themselves. At times he can represent insistent messages from the students. At times he can push hard for the student-centred voice, but he doesn’t mean to substitute for the student voice. Also, he didn’t say tons of people leave UBC with a horrible experience; that view should not be ascribed to him.

Bowinn Ma asked about the use of medians rather than averages in the data. Brian Sullivan: Outliers make the average less useful.

Tahara Bhate asked about improving student engagement. Brian Sullivan: You’re the experts on your own student experience. Some of his colleagues say, If only we weren’t a commuter campus. But we are what we are. Some students say, Where can we find out what things are going on? The University needs an electronic bulletin board of events. He looks forward to AMS thoughts.

Sarah Naiman asked for advice on how to ensure that student voices get heard. The AMS executives have access to the Administration, but other students don’t. Even Council doesn’t.

Brian Sullivan said he thought the Council horseshoe had very good access collectively, better than the Executive on their own. As to ensuring that student voices get heard, he would recommend:
- choose your priorities; focus on three or four or five things that are doable in one or two years so you can maintain momentum;
- do your homework; be prepared;
- be open to criticism; people at the University are trained to criticize; it’s the form dialogue takes here;
- be persistent, develop expertise, become seen as knowing your stuff.

Referring to University Square, he talked of connecting to the community, asking for help, trying stuff out. He said the Administration could learn to do that; they were learning more about consultation.

2. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY

   “That the presentation be extended for 5 minutes.” . . . . Carried

D) Presidents Remarks: (deferred)

E) Executive Reports:
Matthew Naylor  
Vice-President, External Affairs  
I will be very brief with this week’s remarks so we can get on to the planning session. Jeff and I met with the Premier last Friday, and I felt that this was a fairly productive meeting. I also just recently attended the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation Modernization of Student Financial Aid Conference. If you have any questions about what I have been doing, please talk to me. Also, next week the Transit Consultation will start, culminating with a public forum on transit including Suzanne Anton, Maureen Karagianis, Gregor Robertson, Carole Jolly and Jeff. Please come out next Friday at noon.

Britany Tyson  
VP Finance

AMS Link  
- Almost 500 users  
- Overwhelming positive feedback from clubs and users – especially financial tools  
- Still in beta-testing stage, due to CWL integration occurring six months ahead of schedule  
- Also loading internal departments for easier access to accounts, transactions, and financial information

Constituency Automated Banking Machines  
The bulk of the electrical and cabling work has been completed, and at this point the AMS is currently waiting on UBC IT Services to connect the telecommunication systems before the banking machines can be put into operation.

Business Operations Committee  
- Received presentations from several potential third-party vendors  
- Student Environment Centre (for a People’s Potato proposal) invited, but withdrew application  
- Silent shopping this Friday at 4:00 p.m. for those who are interested – meet in 238

The Outpost will be offering eco-friendly products, including hemp tote bags and sustainable fabrics (such as coconut fibres). Biodegradable store bags will also be used in place of traditional plastic bags.

We are still waiting from an update from Danny Ho regarding the AMS’ potential relationship with UBC Card and should hear back soon.

That DJ Competition!  
Just a quick plug for the student DJ competition being held on Tuesday, October 2 at the Pit Pub brought to you by the AMS, CiTR, and Beatstreet Records. $2 pints and $8 pitchers – this is going to be a great event!

Finance Commission  
Executive Orientations from September 12-14; Clubs Days last week

Sprouts
On Monday, I met with the new Sprouts team to discuss their business plan and strategies for September. They have made the decision to close the store until January 2008, with a staff, volunteer, and AMS pre-opening party scheduled for Monday, January 14. Being closed during the first semester will allow the Sprouts team to better organize themselves, their volunteers, and all operational aspects to ensure that the second semester will be successful and that Sprouts will have a viable future in the SUB. The Sprouts team has received an overwhelming amount of interest over the past several weeks and is very excited for this period of growth and renewal.

Walter Gage Memorial Fund Committee
Sarah and I attended the WGMF committee meeting this Tuesday to distribute funding to students in various activities from athletics abroad to local academic conferences.

Sarah Naiman
VP Administration

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic & University Affairs

F) Committee Reports:

Executive Committee
Brendon Goodmurphy: Re Nate Crompton’s motion from the floor at the previous Council meeting concerning governance and the Board of Governors, which Council had sent to the Executive Committee:

- The Executive had decided not to bring the motion back because lots of actions it’s taken or is taking, along with policies we already have, incorporate what’s in the motion.
- If there are any holes in what we’re doing, things the motion called on us to do that aren’t being done, the Executive would be willing to bring a motion.
- We feel we are addressing those issues.

Sam Heppell: There were two themes in the motion: besides policies, the issue of BoG structure. Has that been addressed?
Brendon Goodmurphy: We’ve addressed that through policies like the one calling for a grad student seat on the Board.

Jeff Friedrich: In our budget and tuition presentation, we made comments on proportional representation; our financial contribution is larger than it used to be, so we should have more reps.

Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Would it be relevant to study that structure?
Brendon Goodmurphy: We did do that in our document, Our Town. We can send it out.
Jeff Friedrich: We’re not trying to avoid action. We feel adequate stuff is going on
G) **Constituency Reports:**

Commerce - Conor Topley  
Joint event with Science October 25.

Arts - Stephanie Ryan  
Poetry slam Tuesday. Contest to redesign logo.

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

**Board of Governors**  
Jeff Friedrich: The Sauder building issue passed. He raised questions. Ethical investing of the Endowment is to be looked into by a committee.

**Ombudsperson**  
Brendon Goodmurphy: There’s a new Ombudsperson and Deputy Ombudsperson. Finishing two old cases. Four new ones. Admissions mostly. Closed five cases.

I) **Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

4. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE

The following minutes were approved as submitted.

Minutes of Student Council dated September 26, 2007  
[SCD 214-08]

J) **Executive Committee Motions:**

K) **Constituency and Caucus Motions:**

L) **Committee Motions:**

5. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE

“That Council appoint Natalie Swift (Council Member) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term ending March 31, 2008.

That Council appoint Natalie Smith (Council Member) and Jason Penner (Council Member) to the Ad Hoc SUB Renewal Committee for a term ending March 31, 2008.”

....Carried

M) **Planning Group Minutes, reports and Motions:**

N) **Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:**
Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

Discussion Period:

Council Priorities

Jeff Friedrich:
- We’re trying something different in Council tonight, a strategic planning discussion.
- This is inherited from Spencer Keys and is part of Code now.
- There was one previous successful strategic plan, the 1994 CORP Report, on organization; some recommendations from that have been carried forward until today.
- It’s hard to have continuity and planning because of one-year terms, turnover.
- CORP had a centralizing tendency, and we get comments that we’re not consultative enough, that we’re too far away from our constituents.
- We’re seeking to become more member-driven.
- The idea is to do goal setting, check in on the goals, evaluate data, come back to Council.
- We did some of this at the Whistler Orientation Weekend (WOW), but it had low attendance.
- We did get some useful ideas there, and the idea now is to redo it with a larger pool of Councillors, especially new Councillors.
- We’re supposed to do this under Code.
- If Council decides this is not useful, we can look at that.
- Lately there have been lots of motions from the floor and it’s sometimes hard to determine what the priorities are.
- Hopefully tonight we can talk about things like SUB, clubs, lobbying, etc. and figure out priorities.

Brendon Goodmurphy reviewed some of what happened at WOW, focusing on the issue of campus development. Since WOW there had been a petition on University Boulevard and another about tow-tank buildings.

Jeff Friedrich outlined some of the possible priorities, including Involvement, the new SUB, Teaching and Learning, Sustainability, Campus Development, Provincial Lobbying, the Federal Election, Committee Reform and the Bylaws, Clubs, External Priorities, and Outreach.

Other suggestions were put forward, including Social Events or Campus Life, including dealing with the RCMP for liquor permits; getting UBC Food Services out of the SUB; working with the residences to create jam space for student musicians; lobbying; housing; tuition and financial assistance; and communications.

Council members voted to reduce the priorities to the following eight: Involvement, the new SUB, Teaching and Learning, Sustainability, Campus Development, Provincial Lobbying, External Priorities, and Student Life.

Council members then broke up into groups to discuss the first four of the eight priorities at 8:00pm.
At 8:45 pm Council members reconvened to report back on the first four priorities.

At 9:05 pm Council members broke up into groups to discuss the remaining four priorities.

At 9:45 pm Council members reconvened to report back on the remaining four priorities.

6. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH      SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY
   “That the Council meeting be extended for 5 minutes.”   . . . . 
   Carried

Q) Submissions:

Δ Notice of the AGM of the AMS Foundation on October 24, 2007   [SCD 215-08]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH      SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY

7. “That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . . Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

BG:jp
The Alma Mater Society of UBC          October 24, 2007

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Nadia Chana (Music), Blake Frederick (AVP University Affairs), Peter Rizov, Max Unger, Rakesh Parker, Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Jessa McGregor (AMS Connect), Jacqueline Bell (AMS Connect), Madison Myrfield, Bernie Peets (General Manager), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Joanne Pickford (Admin. Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED NATALIE SWIFT

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

. . . Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Shinerama (ECSS and AMS Connect)

Shinerama –Jacqueline Bell, AMS Connect Service Coordinator; Jessa McGregor, Assistant Coordinator

Jacqueline Bell and Jessa McGregor reported on this year’s Shinerama, giving background information on cystic fibrosis, the disease for which Shinerama raises money:

- Life expectancy for those with cystic fibrosis has increased, thanks perhaps to money raised by us.
- Amount raised last year: $16,000.
- This year: $19,700 (exceeding this year’s goal by $2,700).
- Events this year included Bling Bling, the Bookstore roundup program, and shining shoes on the day itself.
- Raised $10,000 from shining shoes.
- More than 250 volunteers involved.
- Media coverage from Sun and CKNW.
- Next year would like to extend Bling Bling to Totem Residence (this year it was at Vanier) and extend the Bookstore roundup program.
- Would also like to involve the Constituencies more.
- SUS raised the most money this year and for a prize receives a piggy bank.

Questions
Jeff Friedrich: Until a few years ago we were a non-factor here for Shinerama. It’s big elsewhere. We’ve come a long way.

Sam Heppell asked what Bling Bling is.
The answer: It's a competition between Constituencies in which they try to fill buckets with pennies and nickels at Frosh events.

Brendon Goodmurphy asked about other schools. The answer: Wilfrid Laurier was aiming to collect $130,000, though they have less than 20,000 students. The national goal was $1 million. At other schools, though, it's mandatory for all student residences to take part.

D) President's Remarks:
   - BC innovation council dinner- invited by TUPC. Spoke with Moura Quayle- we’re going to have workshop btw ministry and AMS on 2020.
   - We've also been scheduling a lot of meetings with mps in advance of lobby con and with mlas for 2020
   - Tonight’s agenda has a motion regarding wave pool- happy that Omid did the work to get this through a committee. I’ve spoken with others about how they can move their motions- please speak with me if you have questions.
   - Submission- find attached docs from last council meeting. David and I will be identifying which metrics to use and some action plans for committees and exec.
   - Finally- connect will be organizing exec workshops- if you have interest in these positions please speak with me.

E) Executive Reports:

Matthew Naylor
Vice-President, External Affairs

Questions
Sam Heppell asked about the likelihood of a federal election. Matthew Naylor said the Throne Speech had passed and there would be no election.

Brittany Tyson
VP Finance
AMS Link
   - Privacy settings
   - Elections
   - Online payment module for Minischool

Constituency Automated Banking Machines
   - Will finally be installed next Tuesday, October 30
   - Takes 1 hour and will be sensitive to class times

CSHG
   - Bernie and I attended a meeting last week at the U of A in Edmonton
   - Queens, U of A, Western, and UBC all belong to the Canadian Student Horizons Group
   - CSHG owns a 24% share of Travel CUTS
   - 12 other schools are eligible to join CSHG
- Student representation on the Board of Directors
- Decisions on voting structure and membership fee (formula, $5K)
- Reduced our A/R from CSHG by the $5,000 membership fee
- Discussed alternative ways to encourage travel as a developmental exercise for students in Canada
- Will be following up with a more formal report to submit to next Council meeting

**Business Operations Committee**
- Snack Attack: decided to enter negotiations with a third-party
- Danny Ho had returned our inquiries regarding the AMS’ potential relationship with UBC Card and will be scheduling a meeting with UBC Parking and Access Control, UBC Food Services, and the AMS
- QCSA program survey questions approved by BOC, hope to get sample group and have results by January-February

**Sprouts**
- Met with Sprouts team last week and they have done significant work in the store
- Will be holding weekly markets on the Main Concourse on Mondays
- Open Fridays from 11-3 for “Fair Trade Fridays” and serving free lunch through People’s Potato

**Brendon Goodmurphy**

**VP Academic and University Affairs**

AMS Committees and Duties
- The Report on Academic Quality is getting pushed back slightly, because I don’t have the time to complete it right now. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know!
- I have been helping Sarah organize and facilitate SUB renew focus groups. They are going very well, we are collecting as many ideas from students of what they like/dislike in the current SUB, and what they’d want to see in a new SUB, then ask them to prioritize.

Projects
- October’s Senate meeting was cancelled, but Tariq (Student Senate Caucus chair) and myself decided to hold a Student Senate Caucus meeting. I was going to do some strategizing with them, not dissimilar to what we did at the last Council meeting, but I only had time to give my presentation (which was 40-minutes)...
- I have been working with a group of students who are interested in starting a People’s Potato at UBC – a group that distributes free, vegan lunch to anyone who wants it. They are hoping to run their first this Friday (Oct. 26), come to Sprouts between 12-2 if you want a free lunch!
- I have also been working with environmental groups on campus and the UBC Farm with a potential referendum question. I will provide more information when it is appropriate.
- The Student Housing Report is almost complete! Blake has been working really hard, and we have just recently sent it out to UBC administrators for feedback. Final draft should be done next week. We will plan a demonstration event for its launch.
UBC Issues
- I have been invited and accepted to sit on the Board of the Africa Awareness Initiative. One of their major initiatives is running an annual conference.
- I also attended the Feminist Collective’s forum on safety and gendered violence on campus last Friday. It gave me a sense of how the AMS can better respond to the kinds of events that happened at the Feminist Collective Centre recently.
- The Student Evaluations of Teaching Implementation committee is still meeting and moving ahead with implementing the new system. Every faculty will be participating this semester, and several faculties are going online with their evaluations. This all despite a recent email from the Faculty Association
- The U-Square Working Group is still working away at the results from the Sept consultations and helping Campus and Community Planning with a recommendation to go to BoG in November. The process has been good so far, and I think that we will, at the least, have a much more student-oriented square.
- We finally have a student appointed to the Development Permits Board!! After 6 long months of getting this done, Josh Van Loon, a PhD candidate in Planning.

Questions
Stephanie Ryan said presentations are better than e-mails for communicating with Council members.
Nate Crompton asked who does the appointing of students to the Development Permits Board.
Jeff Friedrich and Brendon Goodmurphy explained that though UBC makes the appointment, the AMS influences the selection; the Board of Governors specified that Brendon be consulted.

Sarah Naiman
VP Administration

Shagufta Pasta
Exec. Coord. Student Services

LEAP
LEAP has been extremely busy recently. We’re preparing our midpoint TLEF report which is due at the end of November, preparing our application for year four of TLEF Funding which is due November 15th, and we will be presenting at the annual TAG Learning Conference on November 8th. The presentation is a panel discussion of students’ perspectives on the NSSE data, which should be quite interesting. Stay tuned for more updates on how this goes.

Services Updates.
Speakeasy
After completing their volunteer training and retreat, Speakeasy volunteers have been working full steam ahead promoting the service, and helping direct people to resources on campus. They also met with the Counselling Services team recently so that both the Counselling and Speakeasy could get to know one another and better understand what resources exist in each department. To
improve student awareness of the Service, Speakeasy is also participating in the Wellness Fair happening on the SUB Concourse the week of Nov 1st.

Connect
Connect has been fairly busy recently. The office held two Volunteer Abroad information Workshops on October 23rd which were well attended. Students are very interested in learning more about volunteering abroad, and Connect is doing a great job of meeting this need.
In addition, after much counting and communication with the constituencies about Bling Bling totals, the Shinerama team has finally finished their work to raise money for cystic fibrosis research. I’m extremely proud of the accomplishments that the Jessa McGregor, Shinerama Co-Chair, and Jacqueline Bell Connect Co-Chair/Shinerama Director have achieved. The final total of money raised was the highest ever raised at UBC-V, despite some significant challenges the team had to overcome.
The Internship Program has begun, and we managed to place students in 15 Internships for the fall term. Keep checking the site over the next few months as AMS related internships get added to the site.
Upcoming projects: Week of November 20th will be Exec Info Sessions. Dates to be decided soon, but we are thinking 3 sessions over the course of the week. These sessions are hoped to help students get a better sense of the types of skills and experiences that you get as a member of the exec, and help people to understand the experience a bit more, particularly if they aren’t well versed with the AMS.

Minischool.
The Fall Semester has been going really well so far. Sheila and Elizabeth have been putting a lot of attention to promotions over the summer and this has really paid off; this year Minischool has experienced the highest participation rate in Minischool history. Minischool is also investigating the options of moving classes around to different spaces around campus, so that as the service expands over the years, this does not adversely impact club bookings. In a few years, I think Minischool will be in a place to be a completely cost-recovery service.

Food Bank
The Food Bank will be doing Trick or Eat next week, and partnering with Terry to collect food on Halloween night for the Food Bank.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Executive Committee

H) Constituency Reports:

Commerce:
Conor Topley: Joint party with Science. Conference in Winnipeg in November.

Planning:
Jeff Chase: Working with SFU Planning.

Science:
Mike Duncan: Didn’t like coverage in Sun and on Global TV referring to science “nerds,” but they’re going to ignore it. Party with Commerce at Ladha. Involving more non-Council people at SUS.

Forestry:
Natalie Swift: Forestry Week a couple of weeks ago.

Pharmacy:
Charmaine Ma: Sweet Revenge fundraiser. Pharmacy awareness.

Law:
Scott Bernstein: Rugby team, Illegal Beavers. Halloween party. A law student has written a book nominated for a Governor General’s award.

GSS:
Jessica Jia: Halloween party. Yoga, ballroom dance classes. CAGS conference.

Arts:

Music:
Nadia Chana: Elections. She’s resigning.

Agriculture:
Anita Rashidi: Aggie beer garden.

VST:
Gary Andraza: Reading week.

Engineering:
Bowinn Ma: Trying to get money for basic repairs to the Cheeze to get it open. Dean wants to take away student study space; they’re fighting him. Toonie Lager. Pumpkin carving contests.

Resource Groups
Nate Crompton said they’re active. The Social Justice Centre elected a Finance person. Knoll Day is tomorrow. Ward Churchill, a native American activist, is speaking Monday. Also a female MP from Afghanistan will be speaking about the war.

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

Board of Governors
Board of Governors: Jeff Friedrich mentioned the letter from the provincial government rejecting the Sauder fee.

Ombudsperson
The Ombudsperson submitted a written report.
J) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 17, 2007 [SCD 217-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 24, 2007 [SCD 218-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 1, 2007 [SCD 219-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 10, 2007 [SCD 220-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 15, 2007” [SCD 221-08]

… Carried

K) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED PATRICK MEEHAN

“That the AMS work with the Alumni Association to prepare a joint University Square proposal for presentation to the UBC Board of Governors’ November meeting.”

Sarah Naiman:
- We’ve been talking with the Alumni Association about a joint presentation on University Square.
- There’s also talk of a joint building, i.e., two separate but connected Alumni-AMS buildings.
- Our SUB Renew process has led to serious consideration of such things.
- As this develops, we will present more information.

Jeff Friedrich: This is going to start really fast. Options will be discussed at the November Board of Governors meeting. We’re going to present something to the Board on the SUB, probably something to do with the Square and the Alumni Association.

Stephanie Ryan asked if the motion was in order or if discussions would go ahead even if the motion failed.

The Speaker ruled it was in order.

Tristan Markle asked about the relationship of these discussions to proposals from Campus Planning.

Jeff Friedrich said he was not sure what those proposals would be. Campus Planning may propose something not consistent with how the AMS and the Alumni Association interpret the data. We’re trying to work with the Alumni Association to control the conversation. The Alumni Association has a similar conception to us.

Tristan Markle referred to statistics showing 75% of respondents want the grassy knoll to stay and 80% are completely against large-scale commercial enterprises. The numbers were also against the Alumni Association Centre, against the Development Office, and for using the space for current students.

Jeff Friedrich: Any final proposal would come back to Council. The knoll, green space, student space: these are all Council priorities. The Alumni Association is interested in these things too.

Tristan Markle: The Alumni Association will support us?
“That the AMS work with the Alumni Association to prepare a joint University Square proposal for presentation to the UBC Board of Governors’ November meeting.”

... Carried

5. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI

[SCD 216-08]

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $6,014 from CPAC funds for the SUB Renew consultation process.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sarah Naiman:
- It’s appropriate to ask for consultation funding from CPAC, because this consultation has to do with SUB renovation and expansion, which is part of the mandate of the CPAC fund.
- The money is for hiring a promotions manager, producing a video, and paying for a hut built by the Engineers which will serve as a model for the new SUB.
- People will be able to decorate the hut to indicate what they’d like to see in SUB.

... Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

L) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

7. MOVED MATHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

[SCD 222-08]

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Music Undergraduate Society executive, amend the Constitution of the Music Undergraduate Society in accordance with the documents submitted.”

* Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sarah Naiman asked if the Music constitution should be going through SAC. Sheldon Goldfarb said Constituencies do not need to submit their constitutions to SAC. Council has the power to amend any Constituency’s constitution, but in recent years has only done so at the request of a Constituency when the Constituency was unable to meet the quorum requirements of its own amending process. That is the situation with Music now.

Nadia Chana: The Music constitution is from the 1970’s and had to be cleaned up. Under the current rules for amending the constitution, 100 people needed to
show up at a general meeting. They were only able to get 80, all of whom were in favour of the changes.
Alex Lougheed asked if this should be referred to a committee.
Matthew Naylor said this was an internal Constituency matter in which Council should not meddle.
Darren Peets noted that the revised constitution still has a very high quorum number: 2/5.
Nadia Chana said she didn’t know how that slipped by.
Sam Heppell: Usually a body would have a small Executive for day-to-day matters and a larger Council. It’s interesting that the Music Executive will be larger than its Council. Also, Council will have quorum if the Executive shows up and no Council members do.
Patrick Meehan: A majority supported this revision; it only didn’t pass because quorum was too high.
Stephanie Ryan noted a typo in the constitution.

8. “That Council, on the recommendation of the Music Undergraduate Society executive, amend the Constitution of the Music Undergraduate Society in accordance with the documents submitted.”

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M) Committee Motions:

9. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED


Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Scott Bernstein:
- We had no audio recording policy, so the Code and Policies Committee has drafted one.
- Audio recording is explicitly forbidden in in camera portions of Council meetings, but when not in camera audio recording is okay.
- Anyone can make an audio recording of proceedings as long as they don’t interfere with the normal functioning of Council and as long as the recording device is visible.
- There was a concern about recording devices being left in backpacks when Council went in camera.
- Video recording will also be allowed if Council votes for it and as long as provision is made to allow people not to appear on camera if they do not wish to by providing space behind the camera or something similar.
- Recording will not be allowed at committee meetings, a decision come to after speaking to committee chairs.

Questions:
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked about webstreaming.
Scott Bernstein said that would be okay for audio. The distinction is between audio and video.

Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: This would be broadcasting.

Scott Bernstein said that would be fine.

Nate Crompton asked about the prohibition at committees.

Scott Bernstein said that would be the default. Committee meetings are not public like Council. Recording would impede the work of the committee, which works through ideas, proposing ideas that may not be the final product.

Nate Crompton said committee meetings are public.

Sheldon Goldfarb said committee meetings are public but in a different sense than meant by Scott. They are open to the public, except for certain appointments committees.

Conor Topley asked about the video restrictions.

Patrick Meehan said there were privacy law concerns because a person’s image belongs to them.

Sam Heppell said video recording would be more intrusive than passive audio recording.

Tristan Markle asked about precedents.

Sheldon Goldfarb said the issue had come up twice in the past ten years. When an anti-abortion group wanted to videotape a Council meeting discussing the destruction of the anti-abortion GAP display, Council refused to allow it. When filmmakers wanted to film Council for a television documentary, it was allowed, but those who did not want to appear on camera were accommodated.

Tristan Markle asked what the main motivation for the restriction was: to avoid intimidation by video camera of Council members? of guests? To accommodate guests or Councilors not wanting to be recorded?

Scott Bernstein said the fact that this was a liberal and open audio policy argued against the notion that the motivation was that Councilors didn’t want to be recorded. But a video camera pointed at someone changes things; it’s intrusive; it affects the way business is conducted. This policy does recognize that there are times it may be legitimate, but does not allow it as a general practice.

Tristan Markle: Before there was less restriction on recording; now there will be more. He’d been trying to videotape University committees, and they invoked the Privacy Act. If students want to record, there should be no barriers. It’s important how this looks to the outside. We’re putting barriers in place. We’re saying we’re intimidated by the notion of people knowing what we say, as if we’re worried that what we say is not in line with what the majority want. If it’s not in line, we should try better to represent our constituents. There’s no reason to put up barriers to access, unless it’s to protect guests.

Michael Duncan said he’d been videotaped and it makes you speak differently; you don’t think clearly; it messes with your mind. We have minutes.

Brittany Tyson said she agreed with the restrictions on recording in camera because of liability issues.

Bowinn Ma said she was self-conscious in front of a camera. Also, she had served in the military and was not allowed to appear on camera without permission from the Forces.
- Nate Crompton: The origin of this motion is that the original motion on recordings was kind of defeated. That motion had been really hostile to the press. Now this is a watered down version of the anti-press motion. It makes it easy for Council to prevent recording; and in committees if even one person is uncomfortable, it’s prohibited; you need unanimous consent.

- Scott Bernstein: The original motion was not anti-press; it reflected astonishment that we had no policy and called for a moratorium on recording until we did. The motivation was not to say the press shouldn’t be recording; it was just a liability concern. There was debate, the moratorium clause was removed, and recording was allowed until the Code and Policies Committee could look into the issue. Now that committee has come back with a balanced policy.

- Max Unger asked about policies at other bodies such as city council.

- Scott Bernstein said he didn’t know about city council. The University’s Board of Governors doesn’t allow recording, but we didn’t necessarily think they were a good model.

- Max Unger asked about the AMS recording the meetings itself.

- Scott Bernstein said he originally suggested that to the committee. He thought we might record our own meetings and post the recordings on the website. The committee decided against that. It might actually create more work for the minute takers and was seen as not necessary.

- Patrick Meehan: There were legal concerns about recordings being subpoenaed.

- Madison Myrfield defended the restrictions on recording committee meetings, saying committees are fundamentally different from Council; they include members at large who may be opposed to having their ideas scrutinized. Committees are for working out details. Lots of silly or uninformed ideas may come out. That’s the motivation for a greater barrier.

- Clark Funnell: Others can’t disseminate your image. We have to start by forbidding videotaping. Only if certain conditions hold can we allow it.

10. MOVED NATHAN CROMPTON, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE, THIRDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES

“That there be a Roll Call vote”

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Note: Requires 2/3rds.” … Carried

12. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED MATHEW NAYLOR

Whereas the UBC Ocean Engineering Centre (OEC) is the hub of all Marine Engineering Research in Western Canada, and is a very valuable resource for the marine industry and is used for commercial testing, advanced research, and education; and

Whereas the OEC contains one of two tow tank facilities in Canada, with the other being located at Memorial University in Newfoundland; and

Whereas the marine and engineering industries in BC are opposed to its demolition and are petitioning the University and the BC government to delay the demolition in order to properly assess how the facility can be renewed or replaced and have written to the office of the Premier and the Ministry of Advanced Education to have UBC review this course of action; and

Whereas UBC has planned the demolition of the OEC with extremely limited industry and faculty consultation and no student consultation; and

Whereas UBC hopes to build market housing where the OEC currently stands, which is designated future housing reserve; and

Whereas demolishing the OEC will severely hinder the education of Mechanical Engineering students studying Naval Architecture; and

Whereas if a replacement facility is planned, there will be a several-year gap in access to tow-tank facilities; and

“Be it resolved that the AMS Executive lobby the University and Provincial Government to stop the planned demolition of the Ocean Engineering Centre and to undertake a full consultation with industry, faculty, and students to determine the future of the Ocean Engineering Centre.” … Carried
Omid Javadi:
- The Ocean Engineering Centre (OEC) is part of the BC Research Facility.
- It's a 30-year-old building, a tow tank, which means a wind tunnel for boats.
- It's one of only two in Canada.
- UBC plans to demolish it in two weeks, a horrendous idea because it's a hub of research.
- There was limited consultation.
- The Engineering dean said we don't use this building, but that's not true.
- The building operates at a profit.
- UBC has let the building deteriorate.
- Do we want higher learning or market housing?

Questions
- Jeff Friedrich noted that the dean's own research involved tow tanks, but also wanted to know if people in the program had been active on this.
- Bowinn Ma: Last year students in Mechanical Engineering ran an awareness event to save the tow tank.
- Jeff Friedrich asked what the tow tanks are used for. It would be helpful to be able to say.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes suggested getting data contradicting the dean.
- Omid Javadi: There is still a program using this. There were still research projects using the building until it was shut down. The building does require some maintenance.
- Michael Duncan asked what the University's reasons are.
- Omid Javadi said they want to get rid of the BC Research Facility, which is a separate building, but which depends on the OEC. They don't want to put the money in to get the building up.
- Darren Peets said he had heard reasons:
  - The building is in lousy shape.
  - It's not an ideal facility.
  - It's a bit of a parasite on BC Research.
  - It's used for industrial research, and the University didn't see it as UBC's job to prop up industry.
  - It would be cheaper to fly students to the other facility in Newfoundland.

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N) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

14. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Student Council Minutes dated October 10, 2007 [SCD 224-08]
Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

Discussion Period:

Food at Council
Brendon Goodmurphy said he didn’t want to be in charge of ordering food. It’s done through the Food and Beverage Catering Manager. He advised against sending him e-mails saying what food people wanted.
Stephanie Ryan: Can we have pizza?
Someone suggested sushi.
Dave Tompkins said he has pushed for sushi, but it’s too expensive. However, his tenth anniversary on Council is coming up, and he’s been promised sushi for that meeting.
Jeff Friedrich: We can get pizza.

TransLink
Darren Peets noted that the legislation revising the TransLink board structure has been reintroduced with no change to the structure the AMS previously objected to.

Knoll Article
Sam Heppell asked about an article appearing in the Knoll which used the word pedophilic in reference to Council. He thought that could cause harm to the reputation of Councilors and Council as a whole.
Nate Crompton said the article was trying to be funny.
Jeff Friedrich: We do have ownership collectively of the work we’re doing. There’s a respect of all our peers around the table that comes with that. We should all remember that.

Submissions:

- Executive Committee response to U-Blvd Motion from [SCD 228-08] September 26, 2007
- Ombudsperson Report from October 10, 2007 [SCD 229-08]

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

Adjournment:
15. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

U) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

BG:jp
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: James Hoi (Pharmacy), Bahram Narouzi, Jonathan Eline, Blake Frederick (AMS AVP University Affairs), Maayan Kreitzman, Brian Cehrer, Ian Pattillo, Margaret Orlowski, (U Square Committee), Nancy Knight (UBC Associate VP Campus & Community Planning), Joe Stott (UBC Director of Planning, Campus & Community Planning), Boris, Raj Mathur (Music), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Bernie Peets (General Manager), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Joanne Pickford (Admin. Assistant), Chris Diplock, Brandon Adams, Max Unger

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

. . . Carried

2. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED SHAGUFTA PASTA

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allow The Ubyssey to video record tonight’s council meeting.”

Note: requires 2/3rds

Questions:
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: What is the purpose of the videotaping, and will it appear in the media?
- Brandon Adams (the Ubyssey): It’s reportage. The raw tapes will not be published. The final product will be posted on the Ubyssey website.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Why not the raw material?
- Brandon Adams: That can’t be done without a vote by the Ubyssey staff; it’s our policy.
- Sam Hepell: Was 48 hours’ notice given?
- Dave Tompkins: No.
- Tahara Bhati asked about guests.
- Dave Tompkins asked if there was anyone who didn’t wish to appear on camera; if so, an area could be set aside for them. No one requested to be off camera.
- Unidentified voice: I should have done my hair.
- Matthew Naylor: That’s why we ask for 48 hours’ notice.

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Nancy Knight – AVP Planning
University Square Open Space and Building Program

Nancy Knight presented background on the University Square project, saying:
- The AMS asked the Board of Governors to rethink the above ground part of the project, partly because the AMS is thinking about the SUB, and partly because of issues about uses.
- The Board of Governors agreed to look again at the above ground program.
- A working group has been doing that, including students (Brendon Goodmurphy and Margaret Orlowski).
- It's looked at other universities, done technical studies on retail and commercial space.
- The Board wants University Square to be a great place, to have a sense of space, complementing the SUB, making the area a lively place, a central meeting and mixing space.
- Consultation revealed that what's wanted is more student-oriented social space and a better connection to SUB.
- The previous version of the project would have closed SUB off.
- Also people wanted more green space (notably, the knoll) and outside seating.
- Retail was acceptable if limited to food and small-scale services.
- People were concerned about large stores; those should be out on University Boulevard, not on the Square.
- There were concerns over housing, a 50-50 split on affordable student housing on the square.
- There was concern about market housing, condos; that would not be a fit for campus; it would conflict with student activities.
- Meanwhile the AMS has been looking at doing something with the SUB to meet new needs.
- We're trying to keep in sync with the AMS and the plans for the SUB.
- The presentation to the Board now will recommend the following:
  - bring back the knoll;
  - create plazas for large gatherings, open space around the knoll; also patios and seating areas, a walkway;
  - start a building program, but make it flexible, with a range of 130,000 to 160,000 square feet to accommodate the SUB;
  - reduce the amount of housing and replace it with a student lounge or social space or a community hall, day care; also food outlets, student businesses like the post office, the art gallery, the Gallery Lounge, if the AMS wants to move out onto the Square;
  - also an alumni centre and continuing studies (they bring people to campus in off hours).

She showed the old plans and the new, noting:
- On the new plan the knoll is back.
- People felt the old plan made the campus no longer feel like a university.
- In the new plan, buildings are moved back so that the SUB is part of the frame.
- The orientation of the Square has been shifted to the west, which is good for sun.
- A transparent, glass building is envisaged beyond the knoll through which the tree bosque can be seen.
- The residential area has been moved to the south side of the Square, and the aim is to move bedrooms to the back, further from the noisiness of the Square.
- The mixed use of the area will make it more vibrant.
- The plans will go to Board in November as Revised Board One, but there will be nothing further until the AMS finishes its work, which probably means until the referendum.
- After that, there will be a design development process, a collaborative process between the University and the AMS.
- The aim is to make sure everyone works together.
- There’s been a consistent worry that commercial chain stores will move in, but the Official Community Plan (OCP) limits shop sizes to make sure there will be no big national chains.

Questions
- Nate Crompton: In May, students were victorious. They were able to get on planning groups. You asked what we wanted, and we answered. What would happen if you asked for the whole area, not just University Square?
- Joe Stott (UBC Director of Campus & Community Planning) replied that there had been a planning process for the whole area, starting with a neighbourhood plan in 2002-03, followed by a design competition, whose winning team is still working on the project, trying to retain as many elements from the winning design as possible. He said his guess was that this chunk is solved; let’s get that designed. He was very hopeful that the AMS complete its review, so that then things could go ahead.

- Nate Crompton said this did not answer his question about asking what students want. He referred specifically to the $40 million underground bus loop.
- Nancy Knight: There’s been a lot of opportunity for student consultation. Sometimes you have to keep moving.

- Michael Duncan asked if the plans included building over the new Science student centre.
- Nancy Knight: No.

- Tahara Bhate asked if the student housing would have prices like residence housing, or would it be market housing?
- Nancy Knight said she could not really answer that. The recommendation is that it be non-profit, run by UBC’s Housing and Conferences. They would work to keep costs down by using wood frames, which are a little noisier, but more affordable.

- Tahara Bhate Asked about the origins of the underground loop, saying it was not a student idea.
- Nancy Knight:
  - It comes from the OCP, from trying to make the campus more sustainable, more residential, with less commuter traffic (except for public transit).
  - The OCP’s requirements meant a bigger transit station was needed.
  - A 2002 study of a number of options selected the option of a below grade station.
  - The current bus loop is at capacity.
  - We need more space, a more efficient terminal.
  - It will be closer to campus.
  - It also allows us to create land; instead of land being taken up by a noisy terminal, the land above the station can be pedestrian-oriented, eliminating pedestrian-vehicle conflicts.
  - The Board of Governors is very firm in its commitment to upgrading the terminal.

- Bahram Naroozi said students have expressed concern about commercialization in general, not just about big chains. He also asked what a sense of place is.
- Nancy Knight: A sense of place means a place where people have a sense of belonging, a place for activity and networking, a gathering place.

- Bahram Naroozi asked if that included retail.
- Nancy Knight: That’s how to make it vibrant and vital.

- Matthew Naylor asked about surface redevelopment and whether there would be just the Square and a road.
- Nancy Knight replied we haven’t got that far yet. We will still need road infrastructure for the shuttle, but there will be pedestrian priority.

- Jeff Friedrich referred back to the last University presentation to Council, by Norm Sippert in May, at which there was antagonism because of the feeling student concerns were not being dealt with. He thought we were in a better place now. Student use has been reasonably addressed, in fact prioritized. But he added that there was still more to be done:
  - There’s reference to a community hall, but it is ambiguously defined.
  - Will things be adjustable? Is there flexibility?
  - What about the alumni centre?
- Nancy Knight: Things are definitely adjustable. So much depends on where the AMS lands.

- Aidha Shaikh asked about the community housing that had been mentioned.
- Nancy Knight said it was a community hall, not housing. There will be no market housing.

- Chris Diplock warned against underestimating the adaptability of chains. Restricting square footage may not keep them out. Are there other restrictions?
- Nancy Knight: Our preference is for local business. There are regulatory restrictions in the OCP requiring businesses to be oriented to the day and evening needs of the campus community. And realistically, how much of a market is there, really, for commercialization? It’s not that large. The Board
of Governors and the Administration are very sensitive to the idea that this
needs to be academic space; it has to feel like university space; it can’t feel
like a street in downtown Vancouver.

- Alex Lougheed asked who would administer student lounge space.
- Nancy Knight: That hasn’t been decided yet.

- Maayan Kreitzman: The stats show one significant trend: students are not
very happy with the idea of housing here, which conflicts with your idea of
mixed use/residential mix/lively place. What do you do when your plan differs
from the feedback?
- Nancy Knight: You try to look at the commentary, the reasons behind the
numbers. We’ve tried to mitigate the effect on people living next to the
Square by moving bedrooms to the back. We’ve also reduced the amount of
residential; it’s half of what was originally proposed. And it has to be student
housing; affordable, rental housing.

- Sarah Naiman said she was still not convinced people were going to live in
the middle of campus. There’s Pit night etc. She also asked about whether
buildings will have to be raised because of the bus loop.
- Nancy Knight: The new orientation of the Square allows shaping. She
couldn’t give a specific answer. There’s a grade to be overcome.

- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked about shuttles and noisiness of buses going
through campus.
- Nancy Knight:
  - The shuttles are not big, noisy buses.
  - The buses will be below grade, further up University Boulevard, going
    underground at the back side of the Aquatic Centre.
  - Noise will be substantially reduced.
  - Above ground there will be trolleys, which are quiet.
  - More shuttles are being added to go to internal parts of campus, to move
    people to outer areas.
  - This is more sustainable, growing transit usage.
  - At one point we looked at diesel buses going through campus, but there
    were objections because of noise and pedestrian conflict.
  - This blends the two: big industrial buses to the underground loop, and
    from there you can walk or take a shuttle.

- Conor Topley: Will restrictions concerning food services be relaxed for
student businesses in the Square? Or will they have to hire unionized staff?
- Nancy Knight: There’s an understanding with the unions that the University
Neighbourhood area is going to be more flexible, like SUB.

- Darren Peets: This was the first time we were asked what we wanted. That
was appreciated. But he was bothered by the housing. What does it do for
the Square that makes you want to keep it?
- Nancy Knight: It brings a life blood to the Square outside normal working
hours. It’s critical for safety. It increases the level of comfort and adds
vitality. It also reinforces ground level uses. Being open later and longer is
important; this has been learned around the world. If you don’t have mixed
use, then it's dead after hours.

- Darren Peets asked if 24-hour study space would have the same effect. Or 24-hour Pie R Squared or Pendulum?
- Nancy Knight said she was not sure. It would be interesting to have both.

- Matthew Naylor said he didn’t mind housing in the Square as long as it was not unaffordable for students. As to shuttles, he’d been told they could not work with the current infrastructure.
- Jeff Friedrich said the community shuttles aren’t working. They were not benefiting the residential neighbourhoods. It was hard to believe residents would take shuttles to campus and bus out.
- Nancy Knight said talks will be taking place about what’s working and what’s not. The more we hear that the shuttles are not working, the more we can talk about changes with the transit company. People on campus are walking. Parking is under utilized. You have to give it a chance.
- Matthew Naylor began to ask about synergy between the shuttle service and market housing, but Dave Tompkins announced that synergy was the secret word of the day, and discussion ended.

D) President’s Remarks:
Third Quarter reports

E) Executive Reports:

Matthew Naylor
Vice-President, External Affairs
Quarterly Report updated
Successful trip to Victoria
Vagina Monologues

Brittany Tyson
VP Finance

At this time, I apologize for not having my Performance Report prepared for this evening’s meeting. Due to a personal situation that has arisen, I have been unable to complete the report and will be late for Council this evening. I have, however, prepared my Exec Remarks, and will have my Performance Report completed shortly.

AMS Link
Student Systems and Enrolment Services has designated Shannon Watson as the developer and Quality Assurance person to liaise between the AMS, CollegiateLink, and UBC’s Student Information Services on the integration of the SIS with AMSLink. The reason for this integration is to facilitate elections on AMSLink in replacement of WebVote, which will be more cost-effective for both the AMS and Constituencies, and should prove to be more intuitive and user-friendly for student voters.

It is absolutely imperative that all constituencies read over the email that was sent out last week regarding information required for elections. I have not received any feedback from the constituencies at this point. If you have not received this email, please contact either myself or Joanne Pickford.
(adminassist@ams.ubc.ca) and we will re-send it to you. In order be able to use AMSLink for elections, we require the cooperation of the constituencies in telling us exactly what information is needed for their elections. Please take the time to read over this email and provide detailed feedback no later than next Wednesday, November 14th.

CITR
CITR, the student radio society, has appointed Alison Benjamin as Interim Station Manager. I have been assisting Alison with her orientation to the AMS’ financial systems and will be meeting with her to review the CITR financial statements and prepare an updated version for the CITR Board of Directors, as previous financial statements appear to be somewhat inaccurate. Matt Naylor and I also attended a meeting of the CITR Board last week.

Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee
I am currently working on compiling the Sponsorship Package for the various events put on by the AMS each year. This package will be presented to the F&S Committee at our next meeting and will be used by many different AMS departments in seeking sponsorship revenue for our events in the future.

Resource Groups
The Resource Groups have appointed Caterina Lewis-Perry as Financial Manager. This is a position that has been filled in the past and will aid in the financial management and communication between the Resource Groups and the AMS.

Sprouts
Sprouts and I have been working together over the past few months to determine the financial viability of continuing this club-run business. We agreed that a final decision would be made by October 31st, based on the development of a concrete plan for the rest of the year, as to whether or not to keep the store open past this point. We are pleased to have decided to keep Sprouts alive. The Monday Markets on the Main Concourse, offering fresh UBC Farm produce, have helped to bring in revenue and generate awareness for the club. The weekly Fair Trade Fridays and People’s Potato events have also drawn many students to the space and are enabling Sprouts to maintain a strong profile through their transition process. Sprouts’ officers have gone through AMS financial training and have developed an effective system for invoice processing and inventory management. The officers are also currently managing a large group of volunteers to assist in the redevelopment of the space. Please help to support Sprouts through this redevelopment process at any of their weekly events and by joining the Facebook group.

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

1. AMS Committees and Duties
   - CP & D has been reviewing the Housing Report and has endorsed it going to Council tonight, more on this later.
   - Impacts met this week, though attendance was not great. We got more updates on the Sustainability Strategy.
- I met with Josh Van Loon who is the recently appointed student rep on the Development Permits Board. We talked about campus development, community issues, governance, and the role of students in making decisions about campus development at UBC.

2. Projects
- The Housing report has been sent around to University Admin and other community members for feedback. Blake and I have also been thinking about what we are going to do with the report before my term is over.
- I am preparing a submission to the Senate Nominating Committee to give a seat on Senate to the AMS VP Academic. I will be presenting this initial proposal to the student senate caucus next week for feedback.

3. UBC Issues
- I have been meeting with a student named Anya who is doing a SEEDS project. She is looking at events that could be put on in the Thunderbird Commons that would bring the whole campus community together. I have been doing thinking of other ways that the AMS can extend a friendly hand out to the Residents – its an important thing that we don’t do often enough.
- I was part of a student panel at the TAG Learning Conference on Thursday. It was a great opportunity and I think they appreciated having a presentation from students. The main message that I wanted to communicate was that academic engagement is a real and serious problem, and that there is a lot of opportunity for faculty and staff to support student-driven initiatives that attempt to improve the situation.

Questions
- Stephanie Ryan asked about the letter to Plant Ops.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said he hadn’t sent it yet. He wanted to hear more from the Constituencies, more stories to make the case.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about convening the Safety Committee to look into recent violence against the Feminist Collective.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said that was a good idea.

Sarah Naiman
VP Administration
Sub Consultation in Council chambers next Wed
SAC/Fincom restructuring
  how committees work
  how to constitute clubs
Renew Committee
Elections

Questions
- Stephanie Ryan asked about AMS Link.
- Sarah Naiman:
  - We want to find out how the voting systems work in the Constituencies to work out how to run their elections.
  - An upgraded version is coming soon. Until then things are at a standstill. It’s not perfect, but it’s getting better. Our next AMS survey is going out on AMS Link.
  - The priority now is elections.
Shagufta Pasta
Exec. Coord. Student Services

Food Bank
Trick or Eat was highly successful this year, and the Food Bank partnered with the terry project for Trick or Eat this year. Altogether, Trick or Eat volunteers collected over 5015 cans of food which is wonderful.

Residential Tutoring
After lengthy conversations, Tutoring and Housing and Conferences have partnered once again to offer tutoring in residence during the evening hours. This year the residential tutoring program has been expanded, and will be offered in both Totem and Vanier on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Executive Info Sessions: In an attempt to get as a broad a range of students running for executive positions, AMS Connect will be holding info sessions about what being a member of the executive is like, the highlights of being an exec member, as well as some of the challenges as well during the week of November 20th. Please do let your constituencies know that these are happening, and forward the dates on to as many students as possible.
Here are the dates that these will be held:
4:00-Monday, November 19
12:30-Tuesday, November 20
12:00-Wednesday, November 21
2:00-Thursday, November 22

Quarterly Report late: Apologies for not getting the quarterly report in for this meeting. I've been preparing for the TAG Learning conference and the Services have been quite busy-hence the delay.

F) Committee Reports:
Impacts Committee [SCD 232-08]

Brendon Goodmurphy made the Code-required sustainability report, saying:
- Code requires this now, but the targets are not done yet. He described the process that will be followed.
- Targets will be worked out, some quantitative (like reduce paper by 80%), some more qualitative (like reduce the use of paper in the outlets).
- Some things have to do with the University (e.g., cleaning the SUB).
- After the targets are established, projects and initiatives will be launched to meet the targets, e.g., introducing a scanner as an alternative to photocopying at Copyright.
- What’s been done already includes the policy on sustainability passed by Council last February, several SEEDS projects, an external energy audit, and the hiring of a Sustainability Strategy Coordinator.
- The former Associate VP Academic, Eric Doherty, is coming back to do a sustainability project.
- A draft of the strategy is aimed for in December, to be followed by consultation.
G) Executive Committee

H) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Stephanie Ryan
Several people ill or injured at Arts Council. Beer garden yesterday despite power outage. Consultation with the dean. Arts caucus on AMS Council decided to read the Council documents, but several came in less than two hours before the meeting. Arts week is being planned for January. She held public office hours in the SUB. Tutoring.

Law – Scott Bernstein
Problems with liquor licences. Do other faculties have these too?

GSS – Jessica Jia
Bowling night. Satellite TV at their pub.

SLAIS (Library-Archival)
Matthew Hall – He’s back to fill in.

Education – Dana Schindel
Professional conference in February.

Pharmacy – Charmaine Ma
HIV fundraiser.

Regent College – Lucia Lam
Thanksgiving Dinner.

Science – Mike Duncan
New cow named Mu. They won at Gladiator. Revamping their Imagine Day role.

Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith
Halloween boat cruise a success.

Social Work – Jennifer Smith
Accreditation coming up.

Resource Groups:

Engineering:
Bowinn Ma
Filling out the Plant Ops survey. Their safe was stolen. Maybe the new SUB will have a safe storage area.
Sarah Naiman: You can do it at the Pit.
Christmas carolling on November 30. Working with Shagufta on tutoring. Confusion over liability waivers for departmental clubs.

**Omid Javadi:**
Last year Engineers got in trouble for allegedly kidnapping people, but it turns out it was fraternity members disguised as Engineers.

**Commerce – Conor Topley**
Charity event raised over $1000 for children.

I) **Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:**

**Board of Governors**
The Board committee day is (Nov 15), it's the last one before the end of the AMS elections, so everyone who might ever think of going for Board should attend, and it's got issues like U Blvd, SUB Renew, U-Pass phase II and an annual sustainability report.

**Senate**
Tariq Ahmed: The chair of the Library Committee has resigned, so the committee has been unable to meet on the MacMillan Library closure. Consultation is still underway on academic concession, so nothing will come to Senate this month. Proposed changes in admission requirements may mean provincial exams, other than those required for high school graduation, will no longer be required.

**Ombudsperson**
The Ombuds office caseload continues to be low (only one open case at the moment), likely because students are busy with academic work at the moment. Since the last council report, one of the ongoing cases we had been working with has finally wrapped up in a manner very favourable to the student, and another has been closed because there was no more that our office could do for the student. One new case has recently been referred to Advocacy.

As some of you know, the Ombuds office was also involved in a case last week that involved several AMS members in responding to and resolving a complaint. I would like to thank the staff who were involved for their prompt attention to the matter, and for being so responsive and cooperative. The Ombuds office is an important service for students, and since it exists under the AMS, it is very important that the AMS staff and council members demonstrate that they respect the office and will cooperate with any investigations, as a model for other university structures to do the same. I am grateful that last week’s complaint was handled with so much respect and quick action.

I have been working lately on networking with other offices on campus that are doing similar work, such as the Ombudsperson for the Education faculty, and an advisor for international students. I am also looking into amendments to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. The Deputy Ombudsperson is currently investigating options for increasing awareness about the Ombuds office on campus, as well as the possibility of running a workshop series with the hopes of preventing some of the problems that eventually get referred to our office.
Presentations
Follow-up on University Square
Bernie Peets noted that the original idea for the new transit station was Wesbrook and 16th, emphasizing service to South Campus. A second option was bus routes going through campus. The third was the underground bus loop. The AMS Council and Executive at the time, along with the GSS, pushed against the Wesbrook and 16th option.

Introduction
Jeff Friedrich introduced Boris from the International Students Association. There has been talk of creating a seat on Council for international students. For now he’s suggested that they just come and show interest.

J) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

4. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL

“That the following minutes be approved by Council"

Student Council Meeting Minutes dated October 24, 2007 [SCD-233-08]
SUB Renewal Committee Minutes dated September 12, 2007 [SCD-234-08]
SUB Renewal Committee Minutes dated September 26, 2007 [SCD-235-08]
SUB Renewal Committee Minutes dated October 11, 2007 [SCD-236-08]
SUB Renewal Committee Minutes dated October 17, 2007 [SCD-237-08]
Executive Committee Minutes dated October 29, 2007 [SCD-238-08]
Compensation Review Committee Minutes dated August 7, 2007 [SCD-239-08]
Ad Hoc Academic Quality Committee Minutes dated June 20, 2007
Ad Hoc Academic Quality Committee Minutes dated July 4, 2007 [SCD-241-08]
Ad Hoc Academic Quality Committee Minutes dated July 18, 2007 [SCD-242-08]
Ad Hoc Academic Quality Committee Minutes dated Aug 1, 2007 [SCD-243-08]
Campus Planning and Development Minutes dated June 5, 2007 [SCD-244-08]
Campus Planning and Development Minutes dated June 19, 2007 [SCD-245-08]
Campus Planning and Development Minutes dated July 3, 2007 [SCD-246-08]
Campus Planning and Development Minutes dated July 17, 2007 [SCD-247-08]
Campus Planning and Development Minutes dated July 31, 2007 [SCD-248-08]
Campus Planning and Development Minutes dated Aug 21, 2007 [SCD-249-08] ... Carried

K) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED SHAGUFTA PASTA, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Executive Coordinator of Student Services to ensure that the Sexual Assault Support Centre produces an operations manual reflecting recent changes to the Service.”

Shagufta Pasta:
The language currently used to describe the service may not be the best. We’ve been in touch with the University to improve the relationship with them. The idea now is to use the word “support” to describe what SASC does instead of “feminist
counselling.” The relationship with the University was not working that well; it makes sense to all use the same language. This will help create a positive relationship. The idea came from SASC itself.

Questions
- Tristan Markle: Did you consult Lisa Lafreniere, the former SASC coordinator? There was a similar conflict when SASC was first set up. It’s important to keep the language.
- Shagufta Pasta said the current coordinators are behind this change, and the word “support” is widely acceptable.
- Nate Crompton: Is the word “feminist” being eliminated?
- Shagufta Pasta: They will still be working from a feminist perspective.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: The problem was not with the word “feminist” but with “counselling.”
- Shagufta Pasta: A lot of males might not feel they could access the service; we’re trying to make both genders feel comfortable using the service.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about the possibility of the University supporting the service.
- Shagufta Pasta: The change helps the relationship. Not that they said if you change the word, we’ll support you, and that SASC went along despite being against it. SASC is in favour of the new language.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: An operations manual will come to Council. That’s how Council will have a say in the process.
- Jeff Friedrich: We wanted to make sure Council members saw the language. It’s not going to change the program. It will help it reach a wider audience.

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7. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED OMID JAVADI

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Impacts Committee to review investment practices at UBC and within the AMS with a view to recommending policies and actions to Council that would encourage socially responsible investing and inform the views of AMS representatives appointed to the University body looking into the uses of the UBC Endowment.

Be it further resolved that the Impacts Committee hire a student intern to assist with this project and that it report back to Council by the first meeting in January 2008.”

Jeff Friedrich:
University Investment Management Trust (UBC IMANT) is responsible for investing the University's Endowment money.
- Some external groups have been disappointed in the practices and lack of transparency surrounding these investments.
- Investments have been made through the Carlyle group, which has been a concern.
- He’d brought this up at the Board of Governors, and the Board had agreed to create a committee to look into it.
- It will be useful to have a student researcher to look into information for policy for us; Council will need a view.
- Could probably find someone to do it for free, but a line item is available to pay an honorarium.

He later added that the aim would be to look at AMS policy too.

Questions
- Scott Bernstein asked about qualifications for the intern.
- Jeff Friedrich said if he had any suggestions he should pass them along to the Impacts Committee.

- Nate Crompton asked if research could be done into alternatives to the Endowment.
- Jeff Friedrich: The fact is, there’s a $1 billion Endowment. But it’s up to the committee. This issue gets traction in the U.S.

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L) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

M) Committee Motions:

9. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Compensation Review Committee that the pay for the Referendum Coordinator position be set at $2,000.”

... Carried

10. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Avneet Johal (Council Member) to the Oversight Committee for a term ending March 31, 2008.

Questions
- Sarah Naiman: We’re always suspending Code to allow this. Can we direct Code and Policies to look at this section?
- Scott Bernstein: We’re already on it.

11. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED SAM HEPPEL

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Code be suspended until March 31, 2008 to allow 2 people from the same constituency to sit on the same committee”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

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… Carried

13. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the AMS Student Housing Policies as presented

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Brendon Goodmurphy:
Blake Frederick, the AVP Academic, has been working on a housing report. It’s been to the Campus Planning and Development Committee and also to administrators at UBC for their feedback. The report itself was sent to Council on Monday; the policy motions come from the report.

First Policy:
The 25% target currently being used is not well informed by research; it seems arbitrary. A review is needed of institutional and non-institutional housing, so plans can be made and targets set; and there should be follow-up reviews.

Second Policy:
There should be consultation on rental rates just as the University consults about tuition and other fees that students have to pay to complete their education. Rent is part of the cost of living for students.

Third policy:
Full-time students should still be prioritized, but there should be provision for part-time students; there should be a lower limit for the amount of the credits they take before they’re eligible for residence.

Fourth Policy:
HAC was set up for the neighbourhoods, but the University Neighbourhood Association (UNA) took energy from HAC. We’re calling on the University to revive HAC and also give it a new duty of conflict resolution.

Fifth Policy:
The 20% figure for rental housing on campus is too low. Students need rental housing. The 50% figure for housing set aside for those affiliated with the University is not specific enough for students; there’s no number for students specifically.

It’s a big set of policies, and he apologized if Council members had not had time to read them before the meeting, but they were fairly straightforward.

Questions
- Jeff Friedrich: How will these be used? Why are they needed today?
- Brendon Goodmurphy: They’re ready now, and passing them now will provide an opportunity to send them to UBC Administrators and engage in dialogue. It also opens up an opportunity for those who may be running in Executive election campaigns. There will be no time in January. As to how they will be used, he envisaged dialogue and also a campaign with pamphlets and a demonstration about the housing crisis. He did not want the policy just to sit in the AMS Archives.
- Jeff Friedrich: A new campus plan is underway; this will be forwarded.
- Sam Heppell: The policies were only sent out half an hour before Council. It’s a poor precedent when complicated in-depth policies are not provided in advance.

14. MOVED SAM HEPELL, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE

“That the AMS Student Housing Policy motion be tabled to the next meeting.”

Brendon Goodmurphy said he was totally fine with tabling if Councillors were uncomfortable, but he would be upset if Council tabled and he received no feedback. Campus Planning and Development did lots of work on this, and the report itself was sent out on Monday. He hoped it would not be tabled just because it’s late, but if people had specific concerns, that was fine. The report can’t be used until the policies are passed, and after November 21 he’s gone for Christmas.
Sam Heppell said he agreed with the principles in the policies, but when passing policy with specific language, it does matter.
Jeff Friedrich said he knew the process that had produced the policies and he stood by the content.
Brendon Goodmurphy said he’d thought of not bringing it today, but he didn’t want to sit on it.
Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes said he’d read it over and thought it should go forward.
Conor Topley said he’d read through it, but if most haven’t, he didn’t feel comfortable bringing it to a vote.
Andrew Forshner: Other Councillors wanted to talk.
Matthew Naylor: VFM had to be postponed to get something done that was appropriate. He agreed with tabling.
15. MOVED SAM HEPPELL, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE

“That the AMS Student Housing Policy motion be tabled to the next meeting.”

…. Carried

N) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

16. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE

“That the following minutes be approved by Council”

Student Administrative Council dated September 27, 2007 [SCD-250-08]
Student Administrative Council dated October 4, 2007 [SCD-251-08]

Questions

A question was raised about the case of indecent exposure referred to in the SAC minutes. What was the resolution? Had criminal charges been laid?

- Sarah Naiman said this was being looked into, as was a liquor permit issue.
- Jeff Friedrich: SAC is going to do a presentation at Council. SAC is reviewing its policies. Council has delegated to SAC the power to run the clubs. SAC will talk about this next time.

- Tristan Markle asked about an AIDS Awareness group that had been denied club status.
- Jeff Friedrich: Repeated that SAC would be coming to Council to talk about its policies.

- Tristan Markle: One group was denied four times; this is another group.
- Jeff Friedrich: We’ve given SAC this power. It’s good to read SAC minutes, but it’s not fair to just go in and look at one rule. We have to deal with this at the policy level.

- Sarah Naiman: SAC is coming to Council. SAC is involved in what is arguably the most visible side of the AMS, the clubs; there are 10,000 students in the clubs. She beseeched Council to read what SAC sends out.

- Stephanie Ryan asked what the effect of not approving SAC’s minutes would be, for instance on the deconstituting of clubs.
- Sheldon Goldfarb later read out the section of Code stating that no commission’s actions take effect until their minutes are approved by Council.

17. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED LINDSAY MACPHEE

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Student Administrative Council dated October 4, 2007 [SCD-251-08]

18. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY
Whereas the University of British Columbia Administration believes that UBC-V and UBC-O constitute one university, two campuses, and Whereas most student (including student leaders) of the University of British Columbia feel that UBC-V and UBC-O are really two universities, one name, and

Whereas the AMS favours building a stronger relationship with its fellow student leaders at the UBCSUO,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS extend and invitation to the Executive and Board of Directors of the UBCSO to attend an AMS Council meeting and to receive a campus tour,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMS request that the University Administration cover the travel and accommodation costs of the student leaders’ trip to UBC-V.”

Questions
- Stephanie Ryan said UBCO does not provide representation for Arts students as a group; representation is only allowed at the departmental level. Mending the relationship between the UBCO student union and the AMS could help them on issues like this. It’s important to build the relationship, bring the student governments together. They’re part of our university.
- Jeff Friedrich: Spoke of his personal frustration with motions coming from the floor like this. There’s a responsibility for Councillors to put motions through committees. This relationship with UBCO is already happening; there is already funding from the VP Students.
- Stephanie Ryan: It will be stronger if we can say Council supports this. Council was not aware of what’s been happening; that’s a concern.
- Alfie Lee said Senate was looking at ways to encourage connections between UBCO and UBC-V.

19. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY

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…. Carried

20. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED SAM HEPELL
"That the agenda be amended to include the documentation motion."  
... Carried

21. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL

Whereas receiving large amounts of documentation in a short period of time hinders Council’s ability to hold the Executive accountable,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the executive to forward all lengthy and significant documents (e.g. AMS Housing Policy and relevant motions) to all Councillors no less than two (2) full days, 48 hours, in advance of an AMS Council meeting,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council kindly remind the Executive to fulfil their obligations in Code by submitting all Executive Quarterly Reports at least 24 hours in advance of the designated Council meeting.

- Stephanie Ryan raised the issue of material not getting to Council in a timely fashion.
- Alfie Lee asked which materials would have to come to Council early if this motion passed.
- Dave Tompkins said it would be up to the Executive.
- Alfie Lee said that would defeat the purpose.
- Tristan Markle asked if this would apply to motions from the floor.
- Darren Peets said that would not be logical.
- Tristan Markle said he was being ironic.
- Sheldon Goldfarb questioned whether a motion to require materials to be circulated 48 hours in advance was in order, since Code stipulates 24 hours.
- Dave Tompkins ruled the motion in order.

22. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED CONNOR TOPLEY

To change “The Executive” to Council”  
... Carried

23. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED BOWINN MA

"That the question regarding timeliness of documents be referred to the Code and Policies Committee."  
... Failed

24. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED SCOTT BERSTEIN

"That “2 full days, 48 hours” be amended to “24 hours.”"  
... Carried

25. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN

“That the question be called.”
26. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL

Whereas receiving large amounts of documentation in a short period of time hinders Council’s ability to hold the Executive accountable,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the executive to forward all lengthy and significant documents (e.g. AMS Housing Policy and relevant motions) to all Councillors no less than 24 hours, in advance of an AMS Council meeting,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council kindly remind the Executive to fulfil their obligations in Code by submitting all Executive Quarterly Reports at least 24 hours in advance of the designated Council meeting.

.... Carried

27. MOVED __________, SECONDED ________________

Whereas the AMS aims to be a transparent and accountable organization,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all votes of AMS Council, excluding those approving appointments and minutes, procedural motions, and secret ballot votes, be recorded as roll call votes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Section III, Article I be amended to read:

23. Provided that Council has not resolved to hold a secret ballot vote, (any three (3) members may call for a roll call vote immediately before a motion is to be voted upon, a roll call vote shall automatically be conducted, unless the motion is to approve appointments, minutes, or is a procedural motion. The names of the members present shall then be called off, in alphabetical order, and each of the members shall respond either in favour or against, or shall abstain, when their name is called. The minutes shall then note the vote of each member. (Notwithstanding this provision, Council may by a two-thirds (2/3) Resolution overturn the decision to hold a roll call vote.

Any member may request that he or she be recorded in the minutes as supporting, opposing or abstaining from voting on (a motion, appointments, minutes or procedural motions).

Note: This is a code change and requires 2/3rds.

Dave Tompkins ordered this motion referred to Code & Policy Committee.

P) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

Artona is coming before the November 21, 2007 meeting to take photos for Council composite.
Q) Discussion Period:
SUB Consultation to be conducted after adjournment of the meeting.

R) Submissions:
Quarterly Report – Brendon Goodmurphy, VP Academic & University Affairs [SCD-252-08]
Quarterly Report – Sarah Naiman, VP Administration [SCD-253-08]
Quarterly Report – Mathew Naylor, VP External Affairs [SCD-254-08]
Quarterly Report – Jeff Friedrich, President [SCD-255-08]

S) Next Meeting:

T) Adjournment:

28. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED MATHEW HALL

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . . Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

U) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

BG:jp
A. Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED OMID JAVADI, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

….Carried

2. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allow The Ubyssey to video record tonight’s Council meeting.”

Note: requires 2/3rds

….Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:
RCMP Staff Sergeant Kevin Kenna

Jeff Friedrich said the RCMP were in attendance to address community concerns and improve student-police relations.

Staff Sergeant Kevin Kenna:
- They’ve done a client satisfaction survey and found that there’s a perception of a crackdown on Special Occasion liquor licenses (SOL’s).
The RCMP is looking at setting up a police advisory committee with representation from Vancouver, the UNA, the UEL, UBC, and a student.

Corporal Rob Worsley:
- The RCMP, with the liquor board, approves SOL’s at UBC for beer gardens.
- Once approved the same rules apply as for nightclubs: there must be licensed bartenders, the event must adhere to Serving It Right procedures, etc.
- In the last two years the RCMP has been monitoring compliance.
- Compliance has been rather low: e.g., spirits served when not allowed; more alcohol served than allowed.
- So the RCMP started closing down some events and seizing liquor.
- This affected fraternities, undergraduate societies, the Graduate Student Society, and faculty events.
- This year compliance has been a lot better; people understand what is expected and for the most part are following the rules.

Questions
- Colin Simkus asked about license-granting guidelines.
  - Corporal Worsley:
    - It’s first come, first served, assuming license applications are done correctly.
    - Friday is popular; everyone wants a beer garden then; Friday fills up.
    - The RCMP has only a certain amount of resources, and they have to check on all these functions; if there’s going to be a whole bunch with a large number of people, then they have to say that’s enough and that’s when they cut it off.
  - Sergeant Dan Wendland: You can bring your application in before the deadline. The sooner, the better.
  - Jeff Friedrich raised the issue of regular, semi-weekly events.
  - Corporal Worsley: You could make an area into a bar and get a full license; then there’d be no need for an SOL. There are 21 licensed premises on campus; it is possible.
  - Jeff Friedrich asked about the possibility of an in-between license for an area that wouldn’t always be in use for a bar but which would regularly host liquor functions.
  - Inspector Tom Davidson:
    - SOL’s are not for revenue generation, but for special occasions.
    - Some seek them routinely.
    - You’re entitled to two a month.
    - Problems can include over-service and overzealousness.
    - Perhaps there are not enough licenses out here.
    - A license means someone is responsible.
    - It requires local government approval.

- Corporal Worsley: The problem here is that there’s no local government.
- Amelia Boultbee asked about complaints and police conduct and whether the advisory board would deal with that issue.
- Corporal Worsley: Yes, and it will also be dealt with through other routes.
- Kevin Kenna: That’s not so much the advisory committee; it’s for the bigger picture.
- Darren Peets asked about in-between licenses for regular Friday night events.
- Inspector Tom Davidson:
  - An SOL is a one-time license for weddings etc.
  - The law makes the liquor server culpable for something that happens as a result of liquor service.
  - There are food primary and liquor primary licenses.
  - Maybe you could incorporate a liquor license in that: if primarily a restaurant but also serve liquor.
- Darren Peets said some people complain that they’re being held accountable according to rules they can’t find, e.g., the amount of liquor served per time per person.
- Corporal Worsley: There’s no rule for X amount of people or X per time.
- Inspector Tom Davidson said the rules are the terms and conditions on the license; they’re straightforward: no minors, no over-consumption. Any time you have questions, just call.
- Corporal Worsley: Four and a half beers per person. That’s not written down, but we make that the rule. We’ll reduce the number of drinks to match that.
- Stephanie Ryan wondered whether people would break the rules if they were too strict or arbitrary.
- Corporal Worsley said he thought the 4.5 beers per person was a realistic figure. It was an average. Some don’t drink, and some have 12. Many groups don’t sell through. The Ski and Board Club does.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about suggestions the campus should be dry. She expressed concern that that would force people to drink under the table, in residences, by themselves. That would be more dangerous than at a public, supervised location.
- Corporal Worsley:
  - It’s never been indicated that this should be a dry campus.
  - 5% ruin things for 95%.
  - Two tragic events last year.
  - There’s no crackdown; the RCMP just wants the rules followed, contracts fulfilled.

3. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:
4. “That the RCMP discussion period be extended.” .... Carried

- Stephanie Ryan said the AUS had been unable to obtain an SOL for its November 30 event. She worried that people would go elsewhere.
- Corporal Worsley: There are 21 licensed premises. An alternative would have been for the AUS to put in its application earlier.
- Stephanie Ryan said she had heard that lots of SOL’s were going to faculty when they should be going to students. The campus is primarily for students. There should be students on the advisory committee.
- Sergeant Dan Wendland: There were zero SOL’s for faculty on November 30; all went to students. Based on the manpower available, they’d had to cut things off.
- Stephanie Ryan: SOL’s elsewhere are not one-time things. It’s part of the culture. It’s different elsewhere.
- Sergeant Dan Wendland: Each province has its own liquor laws. UBC is legally responsible. Classroom Services and the AMS. There are liability issues.
- Kevin Kenna: You might put something forward to the liquor control board.
- Omid Javadi asked about minimum required prices at SOL events. The events are not for profit, but the rules force up the price.
- Sergeant Dan Wendland said that at the required price events can actually lose money.

Presentation from SAC – “What is SAC”

Sarah Naiman:
- SAC is going over its policies, updating them, and wanted to make sure Council was aware of what SAC does.
- Council delegates an important task to SAC, the overseeing of Clubs, Constituencies, and Resource Groups.
- SAC’s Policy Handbook is ambiguous in places, but it’s important to keep it that way to maintain flexibility
- The process for becoming a club involves consultation with the SAC clubs commissioner, filling out documents, and presenting a constitution, a one-year plan, a budget, and a letter of intent.
- Then SAC meets, hears a presentation from the club, and asks questions.
- Council approves SAC minutes.
- Council appoints the SAC commissioners.
- Council members wishing involvement can show up at the hiring committee for SAC commissioners to make sure the commissioners reflect the Council members’ values.
- Clubs are the most visible wing of the AMS; there are 10,000 club members; it’s a really big deal.
- She would like to ensure better communication between SAC and Council.
- Challenges include balancing the need for flexibility with a desire not to create liability problems for the AMS.
- There’s also the need to balance commercial and student needs; providing space in the SUB for commercial clients brings in money that the students can use, but there’s limited space, and clubs want to use it themselves; that’s why there’s SUB Renew.
- Unfortunately, SAC is often seen by the clubs as the AMS Police when SAC would rather be seen as a resource.
- SAC can’t constitute every club that 10 people might want; club membership is something that may be showing up on transcripts, so it shouldn’t be granted lightly.
- She is working with the VP Finance to investigate the possibility of combining SAC and Fincom.
- SAC is introducing a second Clubs Days and plans to showcase clubs in the Pit at lunchtime.
Questions
- Bowinn Ma asked if the 10,000 figure for club members includes people in more than one club.
- Sarah Naiman: That’s hard to say. It’s an estimate anyway. AMS Link will be able to tell better.
- Bowinn Ma: It would be interesting to see if people join more than one club.
- Avneet Johal expressed concern about people joining a club but not participating. Would they get to claim membership in the club?
- Brittany Tyson: The executive of a club can reject someone; it’s up to their discretion.
- Amelia Boultbee said she had had difficulty getting a club constituted; no one had been able to tell her who to speak to.
- Sarah Naiman said there was a problem of restructuring on SAC. She was looking to reduce the numbers. Also, SAC members are volunteers and are only in the office five hours a week.
- Shawn Stewart said the person to speak to is the Clubs Commissioner.
- Mike Duncan wondered if students would want their club membership submitted to grad schools.
- Sarah Naiman said people now ask her to write letters saying they’re in a club.
- Nathan Crompton asked about SAC’s refusal to constitute an AIDS group. Other AIDS groups were rejected too. He asked Sarah Naiman if she could defend this.
- Sarah Naiman said she was not going to defend it. Her presentation was about the overarching policy. If someone wanted to discuss a particular case, they could talk to her or to SAC commissioners.
- Jason Penner said other universities indicate on transcripts that certain people are active students. Can UBC do this?
- Sarah Naiman said she would like that, but the University has problems with the idea.
- Brittany Tyson said certain parts of the University are for it. Student Development is interested, but there is pushback from elsewhere.
- Andrew Forshner asked about AMS Link.

4. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the SAC Discussion be extended.”

....Carried

- Brittany Tyson said the transition had not been as smooth as desired. The University had pushed back on the timeline, so the big launch will be next year, not this year as planned.
- Sarah Naiman: We’re going over loose threads with the developer. It’s not as perfect as we wanted.
- Avneet Johal asked if SAC oversees bookings only in the SUB.
- Sarah Naiman: Yes, Classroom Services handles bookings elsewhere on campus.
Avneet Johal: How long does it take for a prospective club to become constituted or rejected?
Sarah Naiman: Within two days of making a presentation at a SAC meeting.
Shawn Stewart: If their documentation is solid and needs few revisions, it can be on the agenda by the next week, and then it’s a matter of days. But sometimes the documentation is not complete, and some clubs never get back to SAC with all that’s required.
Michelle Yuen: One club took a year and a half. It depends on the club.
Shawn Stewart: If a group is not constituted at first by SAC, they receive an e-mail explaining SAC’s issues with them. They’re encouraged to work with us and come back and present again.
Bowinn Ma said Engineering is working for transcript recognition of club membership.
Brittany Tyson: The pushback is from Enrolment Services, not from individual faculties.
Jeff Friedrich said SACees don’t get big dollars; they’re not glory positions.

Graham Senft reviewed the history of the Student Health and Dental Plan, described the sort of coverage it provides, and discussed the past policy year, saying:
- The health plan is one of the largest AMS services.
- It serves all AMS members, including graduate students and part-time students.
- Studentcare serves 350,000 students in five provinces.
- It negotiates with insurers.
- Sun Life has been the AMS insurer since the plan’s inception, but studentcare markets the plan every couple of years to make sure Sun Life is still offering the best value.
- Benefits include extensive travel coverage, travel cancellation.
- This year’s new benefits include an increase in dental scaling.
- Also, registered clinical counselors are now covered.
- There was an increase in claims last year on the vision side because of new coverage for eyeglasses.
- Also an increase in prescription drug claims.
- Dental claims were virtually identical to the year before, indicating the plan is fully stabilized.
- Of the $207.10 fee, 80% goes to claims.
- 21% of students (or 6,901) opted out, a number that has remained consistent for several years.
- More opt outs are being done electronically.

Questions

Brittany Tyson asked about the promised new website.
- Graham Senft: It's in the works. It's taken a little longer than hoped. We’re looking at mid-January now. The idea is to rely less on print promotion and focus more on the website.
- Tristan Markle asked about premiums and fees.
- Graham Senft: The fee went up by CPI as usual, and as was allowed in the original referendum.
- Jeff Friedrich said the plan is now in a position to add benefits.
- Graham Senft: We want to do more benefit enhancements. We have more money.

D) President's Remarks:
- Had a BOG meeting re. U Square with Nancy Knight
- U Square is waiting on AMS Referendum that’s taking place in the Spring
- Council must take ownership of this
- Good CASA Meeting
- Councillors need to get more involved outside Council meetings

E) Executive Remarks:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic & University Affairs

1. AMS Committees and Duties
- Comp Review: We met, we are working hard at finally getting the AMS a compensation rubric. This rubric won’t be ready for us to use for the Comp Review, but it will be ready for next year’s Comp Review.
- I’m still working on the Plant Ops letter, but thanks to the constituencies who sent me their concerns, greatly appreciated
- CP & D met, and did some last minute discussion on the Housing Report and housing policies. We didn’t receive any feedback from anyone, so the version you will see tonight is very similar to the version presented at last Council.

2. Projects
- I presented my proposal to student senate caucus to add the AMS VP Academic to Senate. I got some great feedback and will be following up at the next meeting.
- I have been preparing a TLEF application to hire a few student researchers to complete a few projects that I believe will help increase accountability and academic engagement. The AMS has an important role to play in addressing the academic engagement problem, but we don’t have the capacity right now to implement a lot of the ideas we’ve had. This TLEF funding would go towards some capacity building at the AMS to do important research and implementing projects that AMS Council thinks is important. Talk to me for more info.

3. UBC Issues
- I submitted to the Senate Academic Policy Committee a response to the academic concession policy. It is included as a submission to Council.
- I went to student senate caucus and Senate last Wednesday. Please talk to the Senate reps for updates on what is happening there. You should note that there
is some work being done at Senate right now on how UBC will respond to the Province’s decision to make provincial exams optional.
- I’m still gathering information about where the tow tank issue stands.
- The Student Evaluations of Teaching implementation committee met last week to continue to discuss the implementation of the new evaluation system. We talked a lot about the importance of communication around this initiative and ensuring that students actually fill out the evaluations this semester (we need good turn out!). So encourage everyone you talk to to fill out their evaluations this semester. I am working on some communications from my end.
- I went to the Alumni Achievement Awards last week. It was fun and fancy and they had delicious food.

Sarah Naiman

VP Administration
- Open house booth for SUB renew
- Pick a colour for the stairs
- BOG presentation went well
- Sustainability Design Forum
- Renovations: proposal for the rec. Space is to replace the furniture
- AMS Connect election workshops

Matthew Naylor

VP External Affairs

Apologies
First off, let me apologize for not including my executive remarks in the past two sessions. I got caught up in things, but that is no excuse, and they will be ready for the next council meeting.

Ottawa – CASA
Jeff, Nathan and I went to Ottawa to meet with people on the issues outlined by CASA, including the CMSF and our position on it. During the meeting we met with a number of people, including Minister of Defence Peter MacKay and Opposition Leader Stéphane Dion.

Tow Tank
During this time we also met with local MPs Sukh Dhaliwal and Bill Siksay and I spoke to them about the Tow Tank situation. I have sent them a letter and have encouraged them to respond, and urge the government and the university to not close the research facility.

Lobby Days
We are planning a multiple day trip this year, and also a banquet that will be able to facilitate meeting MLAs in a more informal setting. It will be taking place from the 24th to the 27th of February.

NDP MLAs
I also went to a symposium on the next steps for Campus 2020, where I met a number of NDP MLAs who should be helpful for us in terms of developing questions for the QP during Lobby Days.

Transit Report
The consultation is done and the draft is being compiled, with the final product to be ready for council at the meeting in January.

**Bill 42**
We have been collecting petitions and encourage all of you to oppose the bill, which denies UBC any type of representation.

**Referendum Committee**
The deadline for submissions was last Friday, and the Referendum Committee will start its selection process in the New Year.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**SUB Renewal Committee**

- Sam Heppell: Point of Order – Has the President decided that more than three presentations to Council are necessary?
- Jeff Friedrich: Yes.

- Sarah Naiman showed a power point presentation that had already been shown to the Board of Governors, where she said it had received an extremely positive reception. It was based on the AMS consultation process, demonstrating that consultation can and should take place. It included design suggestions from a recent design forum, most of which looked to open up the area.
- Alex Lougheed asked about the question to be asked in the forthcoming referendum on SUB renewal.
- Sarah Naiman said the SUB Renewal Committee would send something to the Referendum Committee.
- Matthew Naylor: The Referendum Committee will recommend which referendums the AMS should endorse.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked about the sketches in the presentation.
- Sarah Naiman: They're from a design forum two weeks ago, not from an architect we've hired. They're not the ones we're going forward with.
- Bowinn Ma asked if something would be built around the present SUB or would the present SUB be knocked down?
- Sarah Naiman listed four options:
  - nothing happens
  - renovations
  - expansion
  - a separate building
- Tristan Markle asked if there had been any promises about SUB Renewal and University Square.
- Jeff Friedrich said there had been broad language, but there will be nothing more until after the referendum. The AMS had asked the University to be flexible and they agreed to wait till the referendum.
- Tristan Markle: Will our architects be working under firm guidelines?
- Jeff Friedrich: All the people I've spoken to see the need for student involvement in University Square.
- Tristan Markle: It's important to be vigilant.
- Max Unger asked about the results of the focus groups.
- Sarah Naiman said they were taking a while to prepare, but she hoped they would be up on the website by mid-December.

Ad Hoc Representation & Engagement Reform Committee

- Maayan Kreitzman reviewed the history of past voting systems at the AMS, including a preferential system that was enshrined in the 1969 bylaws, but which disappeared when campus-wide elections of the AMS executive were temporarily dispensed with in 1975.
- Antony Hodgson then explained the proposed new Condorcet voting system, which the AHRAERC was recommending as a better way to conduct elections than the current first-past-the-post system or other preferential voting systems. He said it encourages voters to vote sincerely.
- Avneet Johal asked why the Condorcet system was better than other systems.
- Antony Hodgson: Condorcet makes sure your vote fully counts.
- Jeff Friedrich: Many voters just come to vote for who they know. What’s to prevent them from ranking others?
- Antony Hodgson recommended having an instruction on the ballot telling voters to rank only those candidates they know about and want to have in office, because lower rankings are treated seriously in this system.
- Chris Diplock suggested that the Condorcet system was complicated, and wondered about the effect on voter turnout.
- Antony Hodgson: It’s not complicated for the voter. It’s just ranking. It won’t hurt turnout. It encourages people to vote how they want; most people would like that. After it was tried in San Francisco, 87% said to keep it.
- Sam Heppell said the ease of explanation was not there.
- Antony Hodgson: The winner is the one who wins in every head-to-head match-up.
- Matthew Naylor said the system would discourage new and radical ideas, promoting the triumph of mediocrity by centralizing the vote.
- Antony Hodgson: It encourages the expression of a broad range of views and produces a consensus candidate. If you want to drive to one end of the spectrum or another, go for another system. If you want someone in the middle, this is what you want.
- Mike Duncan asked what would happen if a voter voted for only one candidate instead of ranking several.
- Antony Hodgson said then that candidate would win all the head-to-head matches.
  - Sarah Naiman said she didn’t understand the system and wondered how it addressed the issue of engagement.
- Antony Hodgson: This is a fairer way to get what the voters intended. If in place, what impact would it have on engagement? That’s harder to answer.
- Sarah Naiman asked what problem this was addressing. She thought the issue was not that the wrong candidate was getting elected but that not enough people were voting.
- Antony Hodgson: This system encourages wider endorsements, rewards outreach.
- Jeff Friedrich asked if this system was the same as was used to rank MVP candidates in baseball.
- Antony Hodgson: The ballots look the same, but the counting is different.
Avneet Johal said this would encourage candidates to seek more second place votes.

Antony Hodgson said it encourages candidates to seek commonalities, but you always want first place votes.

Brittany Tyson asked for examples of Condorcet voting. How successful has it been?

Antony Hodgson said it hadn’t been used in governments at the federal or state level. It’s been used in associations, professional associations and some British student associations. This is the kind of organization it’s used in.

Brittany Tyson asked for more information on its successes.

Antony Hodgson said he didn’t have that data. In simulations it does translate voter intentions to results.

Brittany Tyson asked if the committee had investigated the use of the system.

Maayan Kreitzman: No, we relied on mathematical schemes, comparing the effect with first past the post.

Brittany Tyson said that Ontario voters didn’t understand the preferential system they were using.

Antony Hodgson: They didn’t use it; they just voted on whether to adopt it. There’s little doubt the Condorcet system will translate the ballots the way it’s supposed to. It gets the candidates with the broadest consensus.

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Stephanie Ryan
Criticized general funding for the new Commerce building; suggested the University allow all faculties to use it. No Arts County Fair this year because of finances, opposition from stakeholders, and continuity issues. Hoping to invite Stephen Colbert to give the Arts Last Lecture. Arts Week January 14-18.

SLAIS (Library-Archival) – Matthew Hall
Complicated AMS Departmental Club issue.

GSS – Jessica Jia
Hiking trip. Yoga classes.

Education – Lucy Ferreira
Conference in February. Storm the Gallery event last week. Cutting locks off lockers.

Commerce – Peter Rizov
They double-counted their budget and don’t have $60,000 they thought they had. [Laughter.] Trying to rewrite their constitution. POITS beer garden in MASS. Inter-faculty boat cruise.

Pharmacy – Charmaine Ma
Students have begun finals. International food event.

Forestry – Natalie Swift
International food extravaganza. Logger sports clinic.

Science – Mike Duncan
We have two liquor licenses for the last day; Arts couldn’t get any. Science Week is two weeks after Arts Week. Longer hours in Ladha during exams.

**Law – Colin Simkus**
Supreme Court justice coming to speak. Also trying to bring the province’s Attorney-General.

**Engineering – Bowinn Ma**
Constitution unanimously supported by their council. Going to have a referendum. Christmas caroling next week.

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

**Board of Governors**
Jeff Friedrich: Meeting next week. University Square. University still has ongoing structural deficit. The issue of access to facilities by the UNA is coming forward.

**Senate**
- Tariq Ahmed: No movement on MacMillan Library or on Academic Policy concerns. Family Studies students are being transferred from the School of Social Work and Family Studies to the Department of Sociology.
- Aidha Shaikh: A new version of the academic concession policy is taking into account the issues raised.
- Jeff Friedrich: The Faculty Association has filed a formal grievance over teaching evaluations. This will be the subject of some conversation. We’re going to encourage people to fill out the new evaluations to show that the new form is being received well by students.

**Resource Groups**
- Nate Crompton – Transgender day of remembrance. Gender/queer liberation. Allies holding a pancake breakfast. Conference on resisting the University in January.
- Peter Rizov asked why the Resource Groups get to make a Constituency Report.
- Dave Tompkins said they are an important part of the AMS.

**Ombudsperson**

**I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

5. **MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:**

"The following minutes be accepted by Council:
Minutes of Student Council dated November 7, 2007 [SCD259-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 22, 2007 [SCD260-08]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 14, 2007 [SCD261-08]
Minutes of the AMS SUB Renewal Committee dated September 26, 2007"

....Carried
J) Executive Committee Motions:

6. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“BE IT RESOLVED that Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of an amount not too exceed $15,000 from CPAC funds for exterior signage and wayfinding.”

Note: CPAC currently has a balance of $123,000
Note: requires 2/3rds

Signage
- Brittany Tyson: The AMS budget included a note to the CPAC fund that this expenditure was being contemplated. It was approved in the budget; now you are re-approving it. It's for exterior signage, including extra arms on the outside banners or flags, so that people walking parallel to the building can see what the building is.
- Avneet Johal asked if this would exist after SUB Renewal.
- Jeff Friedrich said this was all stuff that could be taken off and re-applied. There’s a definite need for this, and it’s a reasonable amount of money to spend. And we’re a little way from the construction of a new SUB.

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….Carried

8. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Whereas Bill 43, the “Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2007” excludes UBC from any representation on the proposed Council of Mayors, which is responsible for developing long terms plans for transportation in the region,

Whereas, under Bill 43, the Board of Directors of Translink will consist solely of unelected individuals recommended to their positions by a screening panel that is also unelected,

Whereas the Board of Directors of Translink will have powers comparable to that of a municipality, including the power to raise property taxes, the power to land-bank and the power to run its own police force.

Whereas under Bill 43, there is no mechanism by which the Board of Directors can be held accountable to democratically elected officials, such as the members of the Council of Mayors,

Whereas attempts by various parties to address widespread concern about the new governance structure have been unsuccessful,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council oppose the passage of Bill 43 by the BC Provincial Government, until such time as the concerns regarding the governance structure are addressed

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Note: requires 2/3rds

Tahara Bhate:
- Bill 43 was brought to Council’s attention.
- UBC will have no representative on the Council of Mayors or TransLink body.
- The Lobbying Review Committee was looking at the proposed legislation and the new body it would create.
- The body would be an unelected, unaccountable board of governors.
- Within the last week a grassroots opposition has sprung up, holding a rally today.
- It now seems appropriate to join the campaign; less risky.
- That’s why the policy is coming forward so late.
- The fear is that the government will ram through this legislation.
- It’s important to stop this legislation at all costs.

- Jeff Friedrich: The legislation will mean less funding available for transit; transit funding will be tied to fare increases.
- Nate Crompton: This motion has radical implications. It’s a good start as resistance to neo-liberal policies.

9. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Whereas Bill 43, the “Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2007” excludes UBC from any representation on the proposed Council of Mayors, which is responsible for developing long terms plans for transportation in the region,

Whereas, under Bill 43, the Board of Directors of Translink will consist solely of unelected individuals recommended to their positions by a screening panel that is also unelected,

Whereas the Board of Directors of Translink will have powers comparable to that of a municipality, including the power to raise property taxes, the power to land-bank and the power to run its own police force.

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

10. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

Whereas in order to critically analyze the performance of the Executive it is necessary for Councillors to receive Quarterly Reports well in advance;

“Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend Section VI, Article 9, Subsection I of Code to read:

1. Each member of the Executive shall prepare a written report to be submitted to Council at least forty-eight (48) hours before the following Council meetings:
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   (c) the first meeting in November
   (d) the last meeting of the outgoing Executive’s term of office

These reports shall be discussed during Executive Remarks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council kindly remind the Executive of the following clause of Code:

Section VI, Article 9, Subsection 4
4. The Vice-President Academic and University Affairs shall be responsible for ensuring that the reports referred to in this article are submitted to Council.”

- Avneet Johal: It’s important that the Executive’s reports be submitted to Council at least 48 hours in advance. There are six reports, each up to 9 pages long. It’s a lot of reading for Constituency representatives. Even Arts, with all its members, found it difficult.
- Jeff Friedrich: The criticisms are fair. Some members of the Executive team are sensitive to the words being used; this is not a kind reminder.
- Avneet Johal: It’s not personal. He was delighted with the Executive’s performance. It’s just important that Council members get the reports 48 hours in advance.

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12. MOVED AMELIA BOULTBEE, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

“Whereas receiving large amounts of documentation, without sufficient time to review the documents, before an AMS Council Meeting hinders Council’s ability to hold the Executive accountable;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend Section III, Article 2, Subsection I of Code to read:

1. The President shall ensure that the agenda for each Council meeting is circulated no less than forty-eight hours (48) hours in advance to members of Council and other interested parties; any accompanying material shall also be circulated no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance; such material shall include background information on motions detailing the rationale for them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council note that as per Code Section III, Article 2, Subsection 14, any motion not included on the agenda sent out at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance be moved from the floor.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Amelia Boulbee said that as with the quarterly reports, Council members need more time to read the materials sent to it for Council meetings.
- Jeff Friedrich: This already happens. Agendas get sent out Mondays. Will this motion take away the ability to do addendums? Typically, he receives a hundred emails on the Monday before a Council meeting saying something has to go on the agenda but is not ready yet. If the proposed change is made, the President will then have to tell committees that material from them must be provided on Friday.
- Stephanie Ryan said they did not want policy motions sent out half an hour before a Council meeting.
- Jeff Friedrich: If that happens, it’s because we feel there were good reasons to do it. Council can table such motions.
- Stephanie Ryan said the proposed change would put the onus on people to submit material earlier.
- Jeff Friedrich: Addendums are different from motions from the floor. Addendums go through the Executive.
- Stephanie Ryan: If it’s not on the agenda, it’s from the floor.
- Matthew Naylor: Addendums are not enshrined in Code; they’re informal things produced to give Council time.
- Jason Penner said the proposal would shrink the time for Councilors to bring things to the President. The weekend would be lost.
- Sam Heppell said there is already a requirement to submit material 72 hours before a Council meeting.
- Brittany Tyson asked about sending reports out before the agenda.

13. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH (friendly):

“That Motion 12 be amended by adding the following: ‘Be it further resolved that Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to draft Code outlining procedures for bringing addendums from the Executive.’

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

15. “Whereas it is imperative to have a Student Court in place for the AMS General Elections of January 2008.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Primary Appointments Committee to start the hiring process for the Student Court without delay.”

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16. MOVED STEPAHINIE RYAN, SECONDED COLIN SIMKUS:

"Whereas the AMS aims to be a transparent and accountable organization, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all votes of AMS Council, excluding those approving appointments, minutes, procedural motions, and secret ballot votes, be recorded as roll call votes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section III, Article I, Subsection 23 be amended to read:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Stephanie Ryan:
- When videotaping Council meetings was being debated, someone said that it would produce a record of how Council members voted.
- She was now suggesting another way to do that: by requiring roll call votes on all substantive motions.
The advantages would outweigh the costs in terms of time. There would be transparency. And once Councilors got the hang of it, it wouldn’t take that long, perhaps two or three minutes per motion.

- We are public officials. We are accountable and should be proud of how we vote.

- And if this measure causes Council members to listen and vote consciously, even better. She would like to get rid of sheep voting.

- Brittany Tyson raised the issue of time and suggested the system be tried on a trial basis for the next Council meeting.

17. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN and COLIN SIMKUS: “That there be a roll call vote.”

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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- Sheldon Goldfarb noted that the first roll call vote took 2-1/2 minutes, while the second one took 1-1/2 minutes.
- Someone else noted that not all Council members were present and voting. A roll call vote might take longer with more members present.

22. MOVED SAM HEPPELL, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

"Whereas the AMS strongly supports fair employment practices and the principle of equal pay for equal work; and

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Therefore be it resolved that AMS Council direct the Executive to invite representatives of the UBC Faculty Association's Sessional Faculty Committee to give a presentation to Council on the issues surrounding the treatment of sessional lecturers at UBC, and ways in which the AMS can work as an ally in their campaign for fair employment, to occur no later than February 29th, 2008; and

Be it further resolved that AMS Council direct the Academic Quality Committee to draft a policy position on the treatment of sessional lecturers at UBC, in consultation with the Sessional Faculty Committee, to be presented to Council for consideration no later than February 29th, 2008."

- Jeff Friedrich said a presentation was not necessary to Council.
- Stephanie Ryan said she would really appreciate seeing a presentation. Sessional lecturers get paid less than TA's.
- Sam Heppell: It doesn't have to be 45 minutes long. Given that we had a presentation for SAC, he hoped Council could set aside 15 minutes for sessional lecturers.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: It's an important issue. We want to engage with these people. But Council may not be the right forum.

23. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

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L) Committee Motions:

25. From Campus Planning & Development

MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DARREEN PEETS:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the AMS Student Housing Policies as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich: No Council feedback was received since the last Council meeting.
- Blake Frederick said the policies had been slightly revised.
- Avneet Johal asked what constitutes sufficient credit load in qualifying for housing.
- Darren Peets said that’s been left deliberately vague, avoiding arbitrary numbers of the sort UBC uses.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked about the Ristumeiken House model.
- Jeff Friedrich said that was a partnership situation. Also Tec de Monterey.
Darren Peets said half the students in those residences were from those foreign universities.
Clark Funnell: But there are domestic students too.
Avneet Johal asked whether the 100 housing units per hectare applied just to student housing.
Jeff Friedrich said elsewhere there are points specific to students.
Dave Tompkins said this referred to any housing.

26. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DARRENN PEETS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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27. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council be extended to 11:00.

….Carried

28. From Lobby Review Committee

MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE: [SCD 263-08]

“Whereas the next federal election is likely less than 12 months away, and;
Whereas the Vancouver Quadra Federal by-election must be called in the next 2 months;
Be it resolved that the AMS approve the priorities presented as a foundation for the Society’s federal lobbying efforts.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

…. Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

29. MOVED SAM HEPPELL, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 24, 2007 [SCD264-08]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 10, 2007 [SCD265-08]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 15, 2007 [SCD266-08]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 29, 2007” [SCD267-08]

….Carried
O) Other Business:

30. MOVED NATE CROMPTON, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN

“Whereas cooperation and teamwork are values that the AMS should support, rather than prohibit; and

Whereas the number of candidates running in recent AMS Executive Elections has been dismally low; and

Whereas it is likely that more candidates will choose to run in the Executive Elections if a more collaborative environment is promoted;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend Code Section IX A, Article 3, Subsection II to read:

11. a) Candidates may collaborate with and endorse each other, so long as they do not run in formal slates Candidates shall not run in slates, real or apparent, or share expense for campaign materials, excluding minor supplies as defined in 10(e) of this article. A formal slate shall mean a group of candidates who run for elected office (including but not limited to Executive positions and positions in the Senate and on the Board of Govenors) who appear on the same poster of campaign materials and who indicate affiliation to the same electoral team a similar platform for mutual advantage. An electoral team shall be defined as a group or brand which is formed for the primary purpose of contesting the AMS Elections.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

– Nate Crompton: This proposal would allow for more co-operation between candidates, a sharing of resources and ideas. It would not restore full-blown slate politics, but it would move away from the radical individualism of non-slate politics.
– Jeff Friedrich: This proposal would introduce all the disadvantages of slates without any of the advantages. Slates did well in getting people out to vote and marketing. But they created bad dynamics on the Executive and polarized Council. Executives were not effective at all when they consisted of mixed slates. The Executive has to be a team. This proposal doesn’t get the marketing effectiveness of slates, but it will lead to problems with the Executive being a team. And this is another eleventh hour proposal right before an election; it hasn’t seen a committee; there’s been no consultation with the Executive. He was surprised at the idea of putting through significant things without due consideration.
– Stephanie Ryan: This is before the election. We can still change the rules in the election package.
– Jeff Friedrich: A lot of Council members have left. It’s not responsible to be considering this now.
– Matthew Naylor: It’s a responsibility for Council members to stay for Council meetings. They were elected to represent their constituents. It’s also bad when we end two hours early.
31. **MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JASON PENNER:**

   “Be it resolved that this issue be tabled to the next meeting.” .... Carried

32. **From Ad Hoc Representation & Engagement Reform Committee**

   **MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:**

   “That Council extend the mandate of the AHRAERC to March 30, 2008.” .... Carried

33. **MOVED STEPHANIE TYAN, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:**

   “BE IT RESOLVED That Council approve the report of the AHRAERC and amend the Code accordingly.”

   *Note: Requires 2/3rds*

   - Stephanie Ryan: Condorcet is a great method. Not much can go wrong. These would be nice baby steps to try it out.
   - Alex Lougheed provided a fuller explanation of the Condorcet method.
   - Jeff Friedrich: Can our system handle this? What are the logistics? Who’s going to do this?
   - Alex Lougheed: The Elections Committee will do it. It’s not hard to create the web form. Or it could be done by hand. We do have the system, unless we have 20 candidates.
   - David Wells: It depends on the number of candidates. Over the past 22 years, there’s been an average of four candidates per position, which under the Condorcet system would produce 24 possible ballot combinations. The number of pairings would be six. This would be a challenge. Can we get the software up? It could mean retyping data. Additional candidates would add length.
   - Colin Simkus said he was confident this system was best.
   - Alex Lougheed said there was a better one, but it was more complicated.
   - Bruce Krayenhoff said 99.99% of the time this is the best. It would have to be a very crazy situation for it not to be the best.
   - Jeff Friedrich: There’s a strong chance this will elect joke candidates.
   - Alex Lougheed: This system more accurately reflects the will of the voters. If voters want joke candidates, they will win. Joke candidates could withdraw before the presentation of the results to Council.
   - Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Electronically?
   - Alex Lougheed: Either way. It would add to the administrative cost, but would be reasonable.
   - Avneet Johal: Could a candidate win with zero first place votes?
   - Alex Lougheed: Yes.
   - Avneet Johal: So the winner could be nobody’s first choice. Is that not a concern?
   - Alex Lougheed said there could be voting against someone.
Avneet Johal: Isn’t that the sort of negative campaigning Antony said would be discouraged?

Bruce Krayenhoff: People will try to get second-place votes. They won’t be attacking. The system encourages co-operative politics among similar candidates.

Nate Crompton: The system privileges centre parties; it depoliticizes the society. It minimizes the risk of electing someone with a strong platform and principles, right or left. We don’t need more centrist tendencies. Our society already stifles creative thinking. True, the proposal would also hurt rightists and fascists.

Krystal Smith said under this system she would campaign to be everyone’s second choice, and the result would be electing people not initially wanted.

Alex Lougheed: Going around and saying pick me for second would undermine the system.

Krystal Smith: That might be how it works.

Alex Lougheed said it might, but he didn’t think it would.

Jason Penner suggested sending the proposal to the Code and Policies Committee.

Michael Duncan: It’s hard to campaign for second and still win. He would campaign for first but also seek second. He wasn’t sure the AMS should go this way. There were administrative costs, and elections were not close enough to require this.

Bruce Krayenhoff: The system picks the centrist person, which is good. You get an executive that can work together. First past the post can randomly elect extreme candidates because of vote splitting. Ranked ballots have been used in municipalities around the world. They’re better than our current system. Most municipalities using ranked ballots use Instant Runoff or Single Transferable Vote. He first favoured Instant Runoff, which the AMS used years ago, but Condorcet is better. It produces better results.

Brittany Tyson asked what was meant by better.

Bruce Krayenhoff: Getting centrist candidates instead of slipping back and forth between left and right.

Avneet Johal: The more ballot combinations, the longer it takes. He questioned the math and said there are unpredictable situations that could arise. He didn’t want to put the AMS elections at risk. And he wanted an equal opportunity for all candidates; he was against allowing centrist candidates a systematic advantage.

Darren Peets said the system would empower joke candidates; they would have a high chance of winning in a divisive election. He referred to the year the Esteemed Afternoon Tea Society, an AMS club, arranged for 57 candidates to run [actually 18]. They would all have to be ranked under the Condorcet system. WebVote is not up to that. He was not sure about AMS Link. He also noted some unclear wording in the proposed Code amendment and did not like the proposed tie-breaking system. Also, reimbursements were not considered; currently, they are based on a candidate’s percentage of the vote; that doesn’t fit this system. This has to go back to Code and Policies.

34. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED JASON PENNER:
“BE It Resolved that Council approve the report of the AHRAERC in principle and refer the Code amendments to the Code and Policy Committee.”

- Jeff Friedrich: There won’t be time to implement this in time for this election.
- Brittany Tyson said she remain unconvinced that this system would improve representation and engagement, which was the purpose of the committee. There were various concerns associated with this new system, such as the power of joke candidates and the bias towards centrist candidates. And there were no examples presented of how it works in practice.
- Jeff Friedrich: There are significant risks with this system. Administrative risks should not be underestimated. This is coming at the eleventh hour. The language is not there. The risks are not easily dismissible, and the need is not clear. If there’s still interest, this can wait till next year.
- Tristan Markle said he didn’t think the system would favour centrists. No one knows it will do that. This is all speculation.
- Andrew Forshner: The current system is bad and needs changing. The consensus candidate could be left or right. This would be a more open system. Voters get to rank candidates.
- Matthew Naylor: We should support this in principle. This will encourage people to run and have a chance of winning. It will be an important step in changing how our system works.
- Sarah Naiman said she did not support this. It’s dealing with the wrong problem. The problem was not with how to run elections, but with getting more voters out. This won’t do that, but it will increase the costs of elections. She didn’t know if Collegiate Link had resources for this; it’s super-complicated.
- Tahara Bhaté said she was not convinced this was necessary. It’s a big change, and she didn’t understand the proposed Code. There hasn’t been enough consideration of how this will affect the UBC community. There may be problems with implementation. It’s not ready.
- Alex Lougheed: The reimbursement and ties issues can be looked at. He didn’t think developing a software system was that big a deal. Condorcet more accurately reflects voter intentions than does first past the post.
- Brandon Adams: This would not get at turnout. It would be a lot of wasted effort for the AMS to go ahead with this.
- Maayan Kreitzman: This proposal is not to address voter turnout. This is about choosing the best, most widely desired candidate, not about addressing voter apathy. This is a small-scale change; it’s not groundbreaking. And we shouldn’t decide on it based on the insufficiency of technology.
- Matthew Hall: This is so unfamiliar that it throws people.

35. MOVED Jeff Friedrich, SECONDED Tahara Bhaté:

“That the question be called.”

…. Defeated

- Avneet Johal: This is serious. We should finish the debate, not postpone.
- Tahara Bhaté: We need a break to think about this more. We’re not informed.

36. MOVED PETER RIZOV, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council meeting be extended until 11:30 pm.”

.... Carried

37. MOVED Jason Penner, SECONDED Peter Rizov:

“Be it Resolved that this matter be postponed to the first January meeting.”

.... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

SOL Issues
- Jeff Friedrich: We need an intermediate sort of license. He would like to explore this with the RCMP.
- Matthew Naylor: There are 13 separate licensed places in the SUB.
- Darren Peets suggested starting the Ladha Potato Chip Emporium with a restaurant/liquor license.
- Bernie Peets: An SOL allows 100% of capacity to have drinks without food. We delicense rooms to allow SOL’s.

Police Advisory Board
- Avneet Johal wondered about there being only one student on the proposed police advisory board.
- Jeff Friedrich said he didn’t think there’d be voting, but maybe there should be more than one student.

Q) Submissions:
Quarterly Report – VP Finance [SCD269-08]
Quarterly Report – Exec. Coordinator Student Services [SCD270-08]
Quarterly Report – VP External (updated) [SCD271-08]
Academic Concession Policy [SCD272-08]
TLEF 2008 2009 DRAFT AMS Centre for Academic Engagement [SCD273-08]
Federal Priorities Document [SCD274-08]
Brian Sullivan Presentation – Who are our Students? [SCD275-08]

R) Next Meeting:
January 16, 2008

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

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