MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Jesse Ferreras (Ubyssey), Peter Rizov (CUS), Brendon Piovesan (Elections Administrator), Oker (Ubyssey), Paul Gibson-Tigh (VFM Officer) Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Maayan Kreitzman (Science), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED BOWINN MA, SECONDED NATALIE SWIFT:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   .... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON:

   “That Council approve the following appointments to the Elections Committee on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee for a term effective December 3, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008:

   Parisa Zaini – Chief Returning Officer
   Alan Pronger – Public Relations Officer
   Paul Gibson-Tigh – VFM Officer
   Brad Tollefsen – Promotions Officer
   Greg Procknow – Events & Logistics Officer.”

   .... Carried

3. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN:

   “That Council appoint the following officers of Student Court on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee for terms commencing December 10, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008:

   Morgyn Chandler – Chief Justice
   Vyvyan Tsui – Judge
   Katie Turriff – Judge
   Laura McPheeters – Judge
   John Nelson – Judge
   Colin Simkus – Alternate Judge
   Candace Brown – Clerk.”

   - Colin Simkus noted that he has been involved with Council and served on the Business Operations Committee within the past six months. This is a Code issue, because the Code says that to ensure the independence of Student Court, its officers must not have held any elected or appointed position within the Society within the past six months.
- Jeff Friedrich said he didn’t see potential for a conflict of interest in this case.
- Dave Tompkins asked if even serving as a proxy on Council counted as being in an appointed position.
- Colin Simkus also noted that there are supposed to be two alternate judges.
- Jeff Friedrich: If Council so directs, a second alternate judge position can be advertised. In the first round of hiring, there weren’t enough qualified applicants to appoint five judges and two alternates. There are also other positions on the Court that are not often used, and a decision was made not to fill them. The money can be better spent elsewhere. But if Council directs, all those positions can be advertised.

4. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MATHEW NAYLOR:

"That Section XV, Article 2(3) of Code be suspended to allow Colin Simkus to hold the position of Student Court Alternate Judge.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

.... Carried

* Note: Stephanie Ryan opposed

5. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN:

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.... Carried

6. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve in principle the adoption of Condorcet voting for the AMS Executive Elections effective February 29, 2008.

.....Defeated

7. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That Motion 6 be referred back to the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee.”

- Jeff Friedrich: This is an emergency meeting, but the motion now is referring to next year’s elections. Initially, the chair of the committee was confused by why this was even coming forward now; the committee then came up with a revised proposal, but we
barely have quorum at this meeting, and it would be better to focus on the slates motion
and leave this one to the new Council.
- Stephanie Ryan said the proposal did not need to be referred back to the committee. If
Council did not want to consider it now, that was fine, but there was no need to refer.

8. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

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Committee.”

.... Defeated

9. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

“THAT Motion 6 be postponed until February 13, 2008.”

- Michael Duncan: This issue is not urgent, but this is an emergency meeting.
- Gary Andraza: We’re wasting time debating whether to vote.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: There’s lots that needs to be explained about the Condorcet
process; there’s lots of misunderstanding. It would be better dealt with after the
elections. Let people think about it.
- Maayan Kreitzman: This is not urgent; it’s for next year. The committee did not
originally want to bring it forward now, but if Council votes in favour, that’s fine. Either
way is fine.
- Matthew Naylor: The petitioners for this meeting were primarily interested in the slates
motion and also in making the appointments to the Elections Committee and to Student
Court. That said, he would be in favour of approving in principle.

10. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

“That Motion 6 be postponed until February 13, 2008.”

The Speaker ruled that under the new voting rules adopted at the last meeting this
motion required a roll call vote.

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O) Other Business:

11. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL:

“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 Governors) 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.”

- Stephanie Ryan: The current Code is vague. What is an “apparent” slate? Does it mean sharing a staple gun? There’s a financial barrier here. Slates were banned in 2003 as a reactionary measure, but before that slates had ebbed and flowed without being banned. In any case, it is good for us to consider this sort of issue every few years.

- Matthew Naylor spoke in support, saying the candidate pool in elections recently hasn’t provided the same degree of choice as in previous years. He added:
  - Although there have been high-functioning executives, voters deserve a greater choice.
  - Slates or pseudo-slates can be the instrument of that choice.
  - He had been shocked and appalled when he discovered on his arrival at UBC that people are not allowed to align themselves politically in AMS elections.
  - We passed a motion in support of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and there is also the Charter of Rights, both of which include the right to affiliate.
  - People should have the right to cooperate and share ideas and develop ideas.
- Brendan Plovesan: As an entity, the AMS is not governed by the Charter of Rights.

12. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That Motion 11 be postponed until the first meeting in April.”

- Jeff Friedrich said he didn’t think the motion adds the clarity spoken of by the first speaker. Also, staple guns can be shared right now. He had a variety of concerns. There are a lot of problems with slates; they create divisions.
- Matthew Naylor raised a point of order, saying Jeff was not speaking to the issue of postponing.
- Dave Tompkins said he was allowing some leeway.
- Jeff Friedrich:
  - There was no effort to interview Bernie Peets or other staff members or the Executive Committee about the effectiveness of slates, to compare the slate era with the post-slate era.
  - This is coming at the last minute and is driven by some people who are going to run in the election; it represents a conflict.
  - It is not thought out thoroughly enough to be approved in the twilight hour before elections.
- Matthew Naylor: The point was to get this done before the election. Yes, people running are in favour of it. It was not originally the last minute; it was brought forward in November, but was tabled then because we were told it wasn’t ready. We should run elections according to the will of Council; we should find out what the will of Council is.
- Colin Simkus: Obviously, clarity is important, or we’re going to be handing this to the courts if there’s a challenge, and there would then be the nightmare of him deciding on it. It’s important that Council feel confident in what’s written.
- Tahara Bhate asked what was unclear about the language.
- Jeff Friedrich: It’s as vague as what we already have.
- Brittany Tyson: This is last minute. November was still the last meeting before elections. December is a non-existent month in the AMS. It’s best to postpone until after the elections.
- Alex Lougheed: Ten Councillors signed a petition to call this meeting. That should be respected.
- Stephanie Ryan: It would not have been in order to discuss this with staff and past Executives; this is not restoring the old slate system.
- Darren Peets said he had a long list of unclear things in the proposed motion. For instance, “electoral team” was not defined.
- Andrew Forshner suggested amending the motion to postpone to change the date to February 27, 2008, on the grounds that April would be too late.

There being no objection, Andrew Forshner’s suggestion was adopted.

13. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

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Roll call vote:

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P) Discussion Period:

Jeff Friedrich: On the point that 10 Council members petitioned for the meeting and that should be respected: Council is bigger than 10 members. Ten is not a majority.

Q) Submissions:

Condorcet Code Addition [SCD276-08]

R) Next Meeting:

January 16, 2007

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

T) Social Activity:

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Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs

BG:jp
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Geoff Atkins (U Pass UBC), Carole Jolly (Trek Program UBC), Holly Foxcroft (SCARP), Blake Frederick (AVP, University Affairs), Erin Rennie (Senate), Jeremy Barrett (Resident Hall Association), Justin Marples (Director, Classroom Services), Brendon Piovisan (Elections Administrator), Stefanie Tatjen (Student), Lois Chan (Student at Large), Mirian Stein (VP Academic/Sustainability Strategy), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED Michael Duncan, SECONDED Stephanie Ryan
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.” .... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:
   10 year Anniversary for Dave Tompkins [SCD-277-08]

Classroom Space Issues 2008 - Justin Marples [SCD278-08]

- Because of two renovation projects (Buchanan B and Angus), 29 classrooms and 1345 seats will be out of commission in Buchanan between June 2008 and March 2009 and another 28 classrooms and 1932 seats in Angus.
- Short-term pain for long-term gain.
- The question is what to do about the short-term space crunch.
- One strategy is to suspend the traditional Thursday noon hour break (12:30-2 pm).
- Historically this has been a non-academic time for students, for recreation, clubs, etc.
- It dates back to the 1960’s, when it was 12-2 pm.
- Recognition of this break has been eroding anyway; an increasing number of classes are scheduled then, and students are not aware of the break.
- But many academic units still respect the Thursday break, which also affects Tuesdays.
- The proposal is to suspend the break to get more done in that time, as opposed to, for instance, extending class times into the evening and on weekends.
- He would like feedback:
  - How aware are students of the break?
  - [Most Council members raised their hands.]
  - What’s the value of this time?
  - [Council members: Talks, meetings.]
  - Nate Crompton: It’s relevant that it’s from the 60’s. He does stuff people used to do in the 60’s.
  - Michael Duncan: Science has its council meetings then; it’s the only time.
  - Peter Rizov: All Commerce club events take place during that time.
  - Jason Penner: In physics, it’s the time for research group meetings.
- Aidha Shaikh: Chemistry holds its departmental seminars then.
- Stephanie Ryan: The Arts faculty has meetings then.
- Bowinn Ma: Engineering clubs use that time.
- Justin Marples referred to alternatives, such as adding early morning classes or late afternoon classes.
- Brittany Tyson said she would be for more evening courses.
- Michael Duncan said he would like even fewer classes in the Thursday slot to allow for more student activities.
- Bowinn Ma: Night courses produce benefits for student activities. If students have to stay on campus till 6 pm for class instead of being able to leave at 2, then they will be available for student activities.
- Natalie Swift warned that Council members may not be representative on this issue, since as active students they want time for meetings. Non-active students may not be as much in favour of staying late.
- Tahara Bhat said an attempt should be made to have classes end by 6 pm, and she didn’t want 8 am classes. Science would prefer late classes.
- Darren Peets said there would be a difference between students living on campus and commuter students. Students living in Surrey would find it inconvenient to attend classes very early or late.
- A straw poll showed a preference among Council members for 5 pm classes over 8 am.
- Stephanie Ryan asked what proportion of the classroom space being lost is in Arts.
- Justin Marples said the space crunch did not affect any particular faculty.
- Stephanie Ryan noted the difficulty caused by scheduling back-to-back classes in far-flung areas of the campus; it becomes hard to get to class on time. Not all Arts classes are in Buchanan even now; a centralized location would be good.
- Darren Peets asked about alerting TransLink to any course scheduling changes.
- Justin Marples: We work very closely with TransLink.
- Tristan Markle asked about starting later on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Justin Marples said it was a possibility.
- Clark Funnell asked about freeing up restricted spaces.
- Justin Marples said that was a primary focus, but they tend to be small spaces.

**U Pass pricing options - Geoff Atkins** (Land & Building Services)

- The U-Pass began as a $20 a month pass for UBC students, going up to $22 in 2005.
- In fact, the actual price is $25, but UBC pays a $3 subsidy to TransLink.
- TransLink is asking for a $1.50 increase, to $26.50, which is what students will be asked to approve.
- The colleges are seeking the U-Pass, but TransLink is sticking it to them, trying to charge them more.
- TransLink would like everyone to go to $28 a month.
- There’s a new board, a new administration, and a new attitude at TransLink.
- He suggested pursuing a creative way to leverage what students pay for U-Pass, connecting U-Pass money with money for renovating the SUB.
- He recommended making an offer to TransLink to pay $30 by 2011.
- Holly Foxcroft asked what UBC Trek’s interest is in this.
- Geoff Atkins: We’re aware of the state of the SUB. Thinking of SUB Renew. Greenhouse gases and green strategy can be tied in. This is a chance to pick TransLink’s pockets before they pick yours.
Jeff Friedrich said he wasn’t sure everyone was understanding the proposal. The idea would be to harmonize the referendums, to take a single package referendum for U-Pass and the SUB, and then pay more than we have to. UBC would then be able to leverage the money freed up for them in order to return money to the students. The problem is how to sell the students on voting for a single package and a U-Pass rate higher than it has to be.

Stephanie Ryan asked if the point would be to produce better bus service.

Jeff Friedrich: No, a better SUB.

Bernie Peets: This is about converting the current $3 subsidy into a donation on sustainability issues. That money could be leveraged into significant funds and could actually save money, but it’s difficult to explain.

Geoff Atkins: If you have a strong appetite for SUB Renewal, $16 million could become $40 million.

Jeff Friedrich: What’s the simple question you would ask an average student?

Geoff Atkins said he didn’t know. The proposal was clear to him, but he would like to speak to the AMS Executive about how to frame the question.

Stephanie Ryan said she didn’t think we should be lying to the students. It seems dishonest, and we’d be losing the $3 subsidy.

Geoff Atkins: We’d just be giving it to ourselves for SUB Renew.

D) President’s Remarks:

E) Executive Remarks:

Brittany Tyson – VP Finance

**AMS Link**

CollegiateLink and UBC Enrolment Services are planning to run a trial election on AMSLink on February 11. The end goal is to have AMSLink functional for constituency elections and hopefully for the upcoming AMS referendum as well. CollegiateLink should also be providing us with several updates to AMSLink to meet the AMS’ requirements per our contract.

**Budget Committee**

Mid-year review: submitted to Council this meeting. Overall, the Budget Committee was able to realize savings of $39,860 through this mid-year budget review, which can be allocated towards new initiatives or transferred to the AMS reserve funds at year-end to finance initiatives in 2008/09.

**AMS/AUS**

I met with the AUS President and VP Finance to discuss the current Arts County Fair deficit that the AMS is supporting for the AUS. For the 2008 fiscal year, the AUS will no longer need to make loan payments on MASS, freeing up approximately $50,000 from their budget. This money will help to cover the ACF deficit, which should be paid off within 1-2 years.

**Business Operations Committee**

Increase in our student staff wages for AMS businesses:
- Start Rate - $9.00 - up from $8.50 (and eliminating the probation rate altogether).
- One Year - $9.50 - up from $9.35
- Two Year - $10.00 - up from $9.60
- Three Year - $10.50 - up from $10.00
Although this decision represents an $80,000 increase in expenses, this cost is offset by the GST reduction and very strong performance of our businesses. The AMS is also currently in lease negotiations with a third party for the space formerly occupied by Snack Attack.

**AMS Signing Officer**
Jane Barry has been added as an AMS Signing Officer to ensure contracts and cheques can be signed during busy times when Executives are out of the office (e.g. Winter Holidays).

**Constituency ABMs**
Henry Chen will be meeting with the ABM supplier tomorrow to do an installation post-mortem; I'll be providing Council with a follow-up report on the performance of the ABMs for the next Council meeting. Anecdotally, students seem to be receptive to having cash machines in more convenient locations on campus.

**CiTR**
I have been working with the Interim Station Manager to reconcile CiTR’s budgets and other financial statements. The CiTR Board of Directors is in the process of hiring a new Station Manager.

**Innovative Projects Fund Committee**
The committee allocated over $50,000 in IPF funding; grant recipients will be notified shortly. Azim from FinCom is updating the IPF application form to better explain the committee’s criteria for granting funds.

**F) Committee Reports:**
- Executive Committee - HR Presentation [5 minutes]
- Referendum Committee [1 minute]
- Code & Policies Committee (5 minutes)

**Executive Committee - HR Presentation**
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Comp Review suggested hiring an HR person because we don’t have one.
- Jeff Friedrich: We are an exception, compared to other similar organizations.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: We have no centralized job database; job descriptions are way too easily edited. The appointment committees need training. There’s a lack of recruitment into the AMS. This was recommended in 2004-05; options were explored, but it didn’t go forward.
- Brittany Tyson: The HR person would support the appointment committees and the Executive on hiring. They would help with hiring timelines for positions like the Elections Administrator. They would help in advertising, in transition and training; they would mediate on HR issues and help Comp Review. They would need office space and administrative support, and would be paid $40,000 if part-time or seasonal; $60,000 if full-time. There is room in the budget; more funding is expected in various areas. And this is a good time to act, with the General Manager leaving.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about the U-Pass collection fee.
- Brittany Tyson said that can be rolled into the new referendum.
Referendum Committee
- Matthew Naylor said the Referendum Committee was recommending the referendum take place in the first two weeks of March. It is still deciding on what questions will accompany the U-Pass question.
- Peter Rizov asked if the date was too late in the term.
- Matthew Naylor said the term goes to April 11.

Code and Policies Committee
Scott Bernstein:
- The issue of Executive addendums had been referred to the committee.
- The committee decided no Code changes were required.
- He described the ways items can get on the Council agenda.
- In the case of adding motions at the meeting, the committee recommended some criteria:
  - Is the motion time-sensitive?
  - Does Council have the information it needs?
- The committee felt there should be some leeway for the Executive since the Executive works closely with the issues.
- The committee also recommended that the Speaker make more use of his discretion to refer matters to committee if they have not already been through a committee.
- Dave Tompkins: If a motion comes at the last minute, presumably those presenting it want it to be discussed and would challenge the chair if the chair referred it to committee. Council has the power to refer to committee. Currently people feel it’s a slap in the face if their motion is referred to committee. We should change the paradigm.
- Scott Bernstein: The committee had also drafted bylaw changes and was finalizing those and forwarding them to the Referendum Committee. These address issues brought to the attention of the Code and Policies Committee:
  - quorums
  - definition of membership
  - entering into leases without going to referendum
- There were six changes altogether.
- The committee would also be bringing forward two Code changes concerning committee membership: one on at large students and another on Constituency representation. Should Constituencies be allowed more than one seat on standing committees?
- Sam Heppell: Yes.

Impacts Committee
- Brendon Goodmurphy gave an update on work on the Sustainability Strategy. A draft has been written, the website has been updated. The draft discusses goals, how to think about sustainability, how to make decisions about it, how to integrate it with AMS priorities, how to make the AMS more sustainable. The strategy identifies targets; the next step will be action plans to meet the targets. The draft, a Lighter Footprint Strategy, will be taken to the students for feedback. He also wants feedback from Council on its role. There may be focus groups.
- Andrew Forshner suggested something institutional, a sustainable event planner.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said he liked that sort of feedback. He asked how sustainability fits into Council members’ undergraduate societies.
- Conor Topley asked about implementation.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: People have to do stuff. Execs, Impacts. Perhaps there should be a permanent Sustainability Coordinator. He talked of working with outsider consultants and the UBC Sustainability Coordinator. He also mentioned SEEDS projects.

G) Constituency Reports:

**Arts** – **Stephanie Ryan** – Arts Week. Poetry Slam. Mardi Gras. AUS members almost arrested over incident at Engineers’ cairn when just carrying out a 30-year tradition. She expressed concern that the current election campaign was too short; it was bad for VFM.

**GSS** – **Jessica Jia** – Ski trip. Ballroom classes. Koerner’s is hiring staff.

**Law** – **Scott Bernstein** – 1980’s style prom honouring Henry Morgentaler.

**Human Kinetics** – **Lindsey Smith** – Ski trip. Pit night.

**Regent College** – **Lucia Lam** – Art gallery.

**Forestry** – **Natalie Swift** – Aggie-Forestry barn dance.

**Science** – **Mike Duncan** - SUS Week coming. Career Fair, bungee run, David Suzuki, Jello wrestling, wine and cheese-making. Open House.

**Commerce** – **Conor Topley** – Town Hall with the dean about the new building. Concerned about dean’s lack of knowledge about the new building. Young Women in Business Conference.

**Engineering** – **Bowinn Ma** – Joked about cairn incident. Constitution referendum upcoming. E-Week 18 days away.

**Education** – Dodgeball tournament. Welcome back barbecue for those returning from practicums.

**Social Work** – **Jennifer Smith** – Fundraiser for HIV in Tanzania.

**Resource Groups** – **Tristan Markle** – SEC Congress this week.

Brittany Tyson announced that Sprouts is now open.

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

**Board of Governors**
Darren Peets: Board committees January 31. Board itself February 7. Losing several committee chairs as well as chancellors.
Senate
Tariq Ahmed: December 12 meeting passed the Academic Concession policy, which was in a revised form following consultation with the AMS. The proposal to limit the number of provincial exams required for admission did not pass; it failed on a very high tie vote. The Administration Committee is to review administrative policy, which is a big thing. The AMS was thanked for encouraging its members to participate in filling out the new student evaluations. A report on the MacMillan closure issue is coming from the Library Committee.

Board of Governors
Jeff Friedrich: The Chancellor did pass; there should be some respect for that. Constituencies can pass on condolences.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:
- Stephanie Ryan asked for more regular delivery of the minutes.
- Jeff Friedrich: That’s noted. There’s an ebb and flow. An effort will be made.

2. MOVED CONNOR TOPLEY, SECONDED JESSICA JIA

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

- Council Minutes dated November 7, 2007 [SCD279-08]
- Council Minutes dated November 21, 2007
- Council Minutes dated January 8, 2008
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 29, 2007 [SCD280-08]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 19, 2007 [SCD281-08]
- Minutes of the Ad Hoc Voter Funded Media Committee dated July 26, 2007 [SCD282-08]
- Minutes of the Ad Hoc Voter Funded Media Committee dated Aug 8, 2007 [SCD283-08]
- Minutes of the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee dated August 7, 2007 [SCD284-08]
- Minutes of the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee dated May 26, 2007 [SCD285-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated June 19, 2007 [SCD286-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 5, 2007 [SCD287-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 20, 2007 [SCD288-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated August 2, 2007 [SCD289-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated August 20, 2007 [SCD290-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated September 12, 2007 [SCD291-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated September 26, 2007 [SCD292-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated October 10, 2007 [SCD293-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated October 24, 2007 [SCD294-08]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated November 21, 2007 [SCD295-08]
- Minutes of the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee dated August 7, 2007 [SCD296-08]

Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Noted as Abstained

.... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED Jeff Friedrich, SECONDED Peter Rlzov:
“That the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held in the Conversation Pit at 12 noon on February 27, 2008.”

- Alex Lougheed moved to strike the word “conversation”.
- Patrick Meehan: Much as he’d like to get sloshed while reading the auditors’ reports, it might disenfranchise students under 19.

Alex Lougheed moved to strike the word “conversation”.

4. MOVED Jeff Friedrich, SECONDED Peter Rlzov:

“That the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held in the Conversation Pit at 12 noon on February 27, 2008.”

.... Failed

5. MOVED Brittany Tyson, SECONDED Jeff Friedrich:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: New Funds’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brittany Tyson said it was important to institutionalize these funds so that they do not function just through the AMS administrative staff.
- Darren Peets asked if money can be transferred from one fund to another.
- Brittany Tyson: Yes.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about the money that doesn’t get transferred.
- Jeff Friedrich: If there is not full depletion, more can go to child care.
- Bernie Peets: The remainder of the CPAC money remains in CPAC.

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Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the AMS Child Care Contribution Agreement as presented.

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Jeff Friedrich:
- In January 2007 Council approved an expenditure of $100,000 a year for 10 years for child care.
- Our motion specified that in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the planned child care expansion project, 40% of the places would be reserved for student parents.
- The project has now changed; the University and the AMS have been leveraging with the province to match our funds and get more money.
- The University approved the project at the Board of Governors in July and lumped Phase 1 and Phase 2 together.
- We're still waiting for the province.
- The province has never given UBC money for child care.
- The province wanted a legal demonstration of our commitment, so we’re here tonight with an agreement.
- We still had outstanding issues with the University, so there is an accompanying email.
- UBC is honouring the old proposal in terms of gross numbers, so will reserve 56 spaces for students, which is 46% of the currently proposed total instead of 40%.
- There is talk of future expansion.
- Of the 331 current spaces, 31% are student spaces. It has been as high as 60%, but has fallen recently as the waitlist has grown.
- Now it will go back to 60% after this expansion, doubling the inventory for student parents.
- We got more than 40%, more than we came for.
- The term AMS membership was used because we want to have documents in place with that term to show the benefits of membership to the province in case the issue of mandatory membership comes up.
- The actual agreement doesn’t refer to this discussion; it would have been complicated.
- This is a good deal for students.
- Tahara Bhate asked for clarification about the numbers.
- Jeff Friedrich said student parents currently have 30% of the spaces, a drop from 60% in the past; the long waitlist (2 years) has led to students being squeezed out by faculty and staff. We sought a guaranteed level of 40% and actually got 46%.
- Tahara Bhate asked about funding.
- Jeff Friedrich said the AMS is providing $750,000 of the project value, which is $3.2 million.
- Bernie Peets: The AMS is providing 20%.
- Nate Crompton: If the AMS had not signed, it would have made it difficult for the University. That’s how to get concessions.
- Jeff Friedrich: This was very eleventh hour. UBC needed our money to get money from the province.
- Nate Crompton: We need 1500 units. Maybe we should have held back on signing.
- Jeff Friedrich: Last year we asked for 40%. It’s hard to ask for 75%. The application to the province would have fallen through. We got the best deal we could.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: UBC Childcare has a plan for what they need. Increasing it to 1500 would have been a logistical nightmare.
- Jeff Friedrich: You’re right to imply this is a drop in the bucket, but it does represent a significant expansion of child spaces.
- Andrew Forshner asked about location. South Campus would be far from student parents.
- Jeff Friedrich: There’s still stuff to flesh out. They won’t be picky about that.

8. MOVED Jeff Friedrich, SECONDED Matthew Naylor:

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.... Carried Unanimously

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

9. MOVED Brittany Tyson, SECONDED Stephanie Ryan:
“That Council approves the allocation of $1,787.17 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund to cover the cost of the new LCD projector for Student Council.”

Note: the Fund has a current balance of $744,253.69.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brittany Tyson: The old Council projector was stolen. We’re using the Repairs and Replacement Fund to replace it.
- Dave Tompkins: If this doesn’t pass ...
- Brittany Tyson: We would get the money from elsewhere in the budget.
- Conor Topley asked if there are other projectors.
- Brittany Tyson: A busted Executive one.
- Conor Topley asked about security.
- Tristan Markle mentioned the theft of a Filmsoc projector and wondered if they were related.
- Bernie Peets: They were on different dates. They could be related.
- Tristan Markle: Filmsoc wonders if they can get help from us.
- Alex Lougheed asked about security.
- Bernie Peets said suggestions were welcome. There were security cables, but obviously they didn’t work.

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M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

11. MOVED Jason Penner, SECONDED

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovation Planning Committee dated October 18, 2007” [SCD297-08]  
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 5, 2007 [SCD298-08]  
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 26, 2007 [SCD299-08]  
Minutes of the External Commission dated July 5, 2007 [SCD300-08]  
Minutes of the External Commission dated September 11, 2007 [SCD301-08]  
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 2, 2007 [SCD302-08]  
Minutes of the External Commission dated November 29, 2007” [SCD303-08]

....Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Notice of Motion for the February 13 Council meeting:

“Be it resolved that Council direct the President to call the referendum with campaigning to take place from March 3 to March 14, and voting from March 10 to March 14.”

- Matthew Naylor explained that Council cannot pass a motion calling for a referendum now, because that would require the referendum to take place within 30 days.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said the wording of the question will be decided then too and which questions we will endorse.

P) Discussion Period:
Sustainability Strategy

Q) Submissions:
Councillor of the Year Nomination Forms [SCD305-08]

- Sam Heppell asked about procedures for Councillor of the Year.
Jeff Friedrich said nominations should go to the Executive Committee. The Executive decides.

Tow tank letters to Dhaliwal & Siksay
Tow tank letter response from Siksay
Treasury’s response to Siksay’s response to Tow Tank letter
Matthew Naylor explained the exchange of letters on the tow tank issue. One letter said the tow tank was going away and the space would be available as student housing immediately.
Darren Peets: Because it’s institutional land, they could build student housing without passing any bylaws. But they won’t.
Tariq Ahmed asked about the University’s arguments in favour of closing the Tow Tank. Were they wrong?
Matthew Naylor: There are significant differences of opinion between the AMS and UBC. This has been addressed by the policies we’ve passed.
Tariq Ahmed: Is the University fudging? Were we off base?
Matthew Naylor: Council took a firm stand. You’re welcome to re-evaluate at any time. If they’re not building student housing, our views were justified in the first place.

Mid Year Budget Review
Brittany Tyson: Shagufta saved $37,000 off the Safewalk budget.

AMS Childcare Contribution Agreement

R) Next Meeting:
January 30, 2008

S) Adjournment:

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

T) Social Activity:

Brendon Goodmurphy
VP Academic and University Affairs
BG:jp
A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   - Alex Lougheed asked about the absence of a report on the election results from the Elections Administrator.
   - Jeff Friedrich said Code allows the Elections Administrator not to bring his report forward if appeals are pending.

2. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED CONOR TOPLEY:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   .... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

   Biosciences Incident – Fred Fotis, UBC Director of Housing & Conferences

   Fred Fotis:
   - This morning the RCMP received an email in which the sender said they were intending to do harm to themselves and others in the Biosciences building.
   - The RCMP decided the threat was credible.
The RCMP locked down the building and went through it room by room.
- There was a challenge over how to get the information out.
- The counselling centre is staying open late.
- There’s no word on whether the person has been found.

Questions:
- Patrick Meehan asked why the new text messaging system was not used.
- Fred Fotis: It’s not ready; it takes a while to commission.
- Patrick Meehan: When will it be ready?
- Fred Fotis said he didn’t know.
- Avneet Johal: Was it a UBC student? What is the emergency protocol?
- Fred Fotis said he didn’t know if they were a student. The protocol is a Board of Governors policy requiring a decision at cabinet level to bring people together. At 1:30 a call went out to those people, representatives from the faculties, HR. Direction is to be taken from the lead person, in this case the RCMP. Counselling was arranged. A notice went to the deans reminding them to tell faculty members to be mindful. Child care was told to notify parents of children in the locked down building.
- Maayan Kreitzman asked why counselling was necessary if nothing is known.
- Fred Fotis said it was there to provide an opportunity if someone wanted to talk, if someone there today had a previous incident. It was also for people whose lives had been disrupted by the incident.
- Jeff Friedrich: This incident has revealed gaps in our own procedures. We didn’t send an email throughout the AMS. Individual students received emails; we could have gotten one and sent it out.
- Avneet Johal: Some students didn’t receive the email. He asked for an indication of how many at Council received and read it. A majority indicated they had.

Referendum to Support Sustainability and the UBC Farm - Friends of the Farm

The Friends of the Farm said they had 1000 signatures on a petition to force a referendum on climate change and the UBC Farm. They reviewed AMS policy in support of the farm and sustainability; they also described student use of the farm, referring to courses, volunteers, and paid jobs.

The proposed referendum would have students pay a $4 fee to provide employment for students on projects connected to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to the UBC Farm’s climate change initiatives. The fee would go into a fund administered by the AMS VP Finance and to the farm to enable student employment there and to continue programs there that are currently funded by a soon to expire grant.

This is a crucial year; money is needed to get through it. If the AMS does not support this referendum, it will be hard for the Friends of the Farm to be taken seriously.

Questions
- Darren Peets asked about moving the farm.
- Tim Blair said a move would not affect this referendum, but in any case the farm cannot be moved; it’s been built up for 40 years; it would be impractical.
Darren Peets suggested going to a referendum was a gamble; people might vote it down.

Tim Blair: The idea’s been floating around for a couple of years. It needs to happen this year. It’s a climate change issue, not just about the farm.

Alfie Lee asked what would happen if the referendum failed.

Tim Blair: There’s a good chance of succeeding if the AMS supports the referendum as part of a Yes campaign. A No vote could be devastating.

Alfie Lee asked about moving the farm.

Tegan Adams: There are University administrators who’d like to move the farm south so they can use the current farm area for housing.

In response to a question from Andrew Forshner, Tegan Adams said the referendum would be creating a fund. Only $2 that the students give would go to the farm.

Brendon Goodmurphy asked for a straw poll to see how much support there was for endorsing this referendum. A majority voted in favour.

Jeff Friedrich said he liked the proposed question. It makes sense to fund sustainability projects. We offer half a million dollars in bursary support every year. This would set up another form of student financial assistance.

Brittany Tyson said this would provide funding for projects that are ineligible for IPF and Walter Gage funding.

Conor Topley asked if the money was for employment or programs.

Jeff Friedrich said his understanding was that it was for wage subsidies; it would incentivize the creation of more of these positions.

Conor Topley questioned the linking of the two parts of the question: sustainability and the farm. He wouldn’t call it sneaky, but he was concerned. What if students liked one aspect, but not the other?

Alex Lougheed asked if the next step would include a return to Council, or would the organizers simply use the petition to force a referendum?

Sarah Naiman: They have enough signatures.

Alex Lougheed: Why $4 and not $6 or $18?

Tim Blair: Two toonies sounded like something students could handle, and it’s easy to split up: one toonie to the farm, one to the job subsidy program.

Brendon Goodmurphy said other groups with similar projects were interested in wage subsidies; they’d discovered that it’s hard to make substantial change without paying people. A lot is research. So this concept is benefiting many groups. He asked what groups the Friends of the Farm was working with.

Tegan Adams: Climate Action Partnership, the Student Environment Centre, Sustainability Ambassadors.

**Student Housing - Fred Fotis, UBC Director of Housing & Conferences**

Fred Fotis responded to the recent AMS white paper on institutional and non-institutional housing. He said he could not speak to the latter, but made the following comments about the former:

- Re the AMS recommendation to have a thoughtful process determining goals, UBC Housing thinks that’s a good idea.
  - There are some institutional challenges because of the reality of UBC’s status as a regional institution and the reality that a significant
percentage of students choose not to live on campus; they stay at home or whatever.

- UBC Housing also supports the AMS recommendation to be part of the official Vancouver plan.
  o UBC Housing is not in a position to press that as an issue, but he has talked to the VP Students, who had spoken to President Toope: if UBC is going to be part of Metro Vancouver, then everything needs to be part of that.

- As to the third AMS recommendation, for a greater student role in setting housing fees, UBC Housing finds that problematic.
  o Housing is a business and is 100% responsible for all its expenses.
  o There’s no provincial money, no institutional money; all revenue is from room rents.
  o All expenses, including debt, his salary, and toilet paper, is paid for from the rent.
  o We like to think we’re good stewards of that money, but when costs go up, the only place to go cover them is rent.
  o The cost of housing does have an impact on access to education.
  o UBC Housing has never projected increments averaging more than 4%, and this year is sticking to 3.45%.
  o This means four years of planned losses.
  o UBC Housing does talk to the RHA (the Residence Hall Association) to let them know about everything.

- The fourth AMS recommendation, for a diversity of housing options, is one that UBC Housing is all in favour of.
  o Different constituencies have different needs.
  o He welcomed suggestions on dealing with these needs.

- The President is interested in the future of housing at UBC.
- No new housing is planned beyond the Marine Drive project at the Vancouver campus; some new projects will take place in Kelowna.
- Now is the time to be careful and deliberate about the next phase of housing.
- UBC is also trying to find the balance between the needs of the resident population and the non-resident population.
- We could spend a lot and increase the campus population by 1000, or we could improve services to commuting students; that’s an important thing to look at.

Questions

- Joshua Caulkins asked about programs for off-campus students.
- Fred Fotis: We think there’s a significant need for more social space on campus; there needs to be an institutional commitment. Students should have a safe place to put their coat and umbrella. In some situations it may be better to stay one night at something like a hostel for commuter students. We’re just starting to explore these issues.
- Tristan Markle: Why not talk about non-institutional housing? Who can talk to us about that?
- Fred Fotis said he didn’t know. This is a problem for UBC. There’s a need to know how many students live on campus. UBC Housing wouldn’t want to compete with non-institutional housing.
- Tristan Markle asked if there had been attempts to lobby for funds.
- Fred Fotis: Not since he’d been around; it had been attempted before, but had not been successful.
- Tristan Markle asked if other universities had lobbied.
- Fred Fotis said he was not aware that they had, which didn’t mean they hadn’t.
- Tristan Markle asked what money would go to commuter students.
- Fred Fotis: The University should talk about that.
- Tristan Markle: It would not be money redirected from Housing?
- Fred Fotis: No.
- Matthew Naylor: We in residences encouraged more pilot projects in non-institutional housing.
- Jeff Friedrich asked about the situation of graduate students and referred to an incident at Green College.
- Fred Fotis said there had been misinformation about the incident. UBC Housing wasn’t involved in it. Green College has a unique, special program. The number of grad students has been increased by 500. There’s a low rise building at the Marine Drive location near Green College to allow mixing. Graduate students have particular needs but also needs similar to undergraduates.
- Patrick Meehan said the hostel idea was awesome.
- Chris Diplock: If the Housing budget is straightforward, student representatives could understand it. We are the student representatives; why don’t you want our involvement?
- Fred Fotis: If you want sharing of information, we share with the RHA; UBC Housing has no problem with sharing; and as Council you can vote on whether an increase is fair.
- Chris Diplock: Why are you opposed to us being involved in the budgeting process.
- Fred Fotis said he was not opposed. If you expect consultation on the process that sets the rates, you’d say why not do less.
- Chris Diplock: We’re smart; we’d understand.
- Fred Fotis said he was happy to come to Council.
- Tahara Bhate: If the AMS were to lobby for funds for Housing, would Housing be in favour of that? Do you need extra funding?
- Fred Fotis: If you lobbied and got $5 million, then how would we apply that? Across the board? We haven’t considered that.
- Michael Duncan asked about priorities; new residences versus old; Marine Drive versus Gage. The same fee for different residences?
- Fred Fotis: Students in the Marine Drive residences pay less than in Gage. Housing spent $11 million on Gage. Our priority is to do the work that needs to be done, to upgrade when necessary.
- Michael Duncan asked about waitlists, especially for international and out of province students.
- Fred Fotis: Out of province and international students have privilege in first year. After that there’s a lottery system, introduced four years ago at the suggestion of the RHA, which said the distribution of resident spots should be random. There’s no privilege after first year, no privilege for returning students.
- Michael Duncan: How long is the waitlist?
Fred Fotis: It's long in September and not in January. In September 1000 in the queue, but some don't take what's offered; they want Gage and not Marine Drive. The real number is 750 to 850.

Michael Duncan asked about the effect of RA’s (residence advisors).

Fred Fotis: Students are not avoiding residence because of RA’s.

Darren Peets asked about surveys to find out what students are looking for and what they're willing to pay.

Fred Fotis: Three years ago the waitlist people were surveyed, but not about fees.

Darren Peets: What's affordable for students?

Fred Fotis: It's all over the board, depending on the resources of the student.

Darren Peets: At 4% increases annually, you’ll price yourself out of the market.

Fred Fotis: He’d said they would never go over 4%; that's the cap, not the goal.

Darren Peets: The University consults on tuition, and there’s more flexibility in your budget than in the University’s.

Fred Fotis said he didn’t agree with that.

Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked about child care.

Fred Fotis said that thanks to the hard work of Jeff Friedrich and the AMS, there was going to be an expansion of 122 spaces.

Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes said there is a need for 1250 spaces.

Fred Fotis: The University is doing what it can afford.

Alex Lougheed asked about the relationship with the RHA in non-financial matters.

Jeremy Barrett of the RHA said Housing had been phenomenal with the RHA, providing any information requested or additional information.

Fred Fotis: It would be simple for us to share that with all of you as well.

Max Unger asked about housing expansion after the completion of the Marine Drive project.

Fred Fotis: When we want to build new housing, we have to borrow.

Max Unger: After Marine Drive, how long will it be before we take on another project?

Fred Fotis: At least two years. There’s a need for more discussion in the wake of the AMS report. There’s a significant need for family housing. His office would advocate for that as the highest priority.

Colin Simkus asked how much of the Housing budget goes to salaries and how much to actual building costs, meaning what are the recurrent versus the one-time costs; which ones get passed on?

Fred Fotis: There aren’t any costs that we don’t pass on.

Brendon Goodmurphy asked about the effect of UBCO on Vancouver housing.

Fred Fotis said there had not been any effect on new housing in Vancouver. There was an impact because of the need to fund the Okanagan, but it hadn’t held Housing back.

Brittany Tyson: Of those not guaranteed a spot, how many students who apply in first year don’t get in?

Fred Fotis: About 400 more in the last couple of years. All of Totem and Vanier are first year students now. After the international and out of province
students get their places, we start to work on those just want to live on campus. 700 spaces are available.

- Nate Crompton wondered about the lack of a plan for new housing, given that projects take a long time, and also wondered why when the possibility of a subsidy came up, the only use seen for it was to reduce rates. Shouldn’t the priority be to build more units?
- Fred Fotis: When we build new housing, we have to fund that entirely. We borrow. It takes lots of money. Financially, we can cut down on renovations, which we’ve done, or lay people off or not get new programs or raise rates or find new income. If there were provincial money, that would be a good thing, but to date that has not been an open door for us. Another issue is people not wanting housing for 12 months; there’s 4 months unoccupied, but that still has to be paid for. We either need a robust summer school program or we have to look at a different funding model.

(Avneet Johal later noted that the number being sought from Fred Fotis concerning the number of people on the housing waitlist was 2000.)

Africa Awareness - Kweku Finn

Kweku Finn:
- Africa Awareness is an academic club.
- It’s been lobbying the University to create an African Studies major program.
- It puts on yearly conferences, which have been successful and created awareness.
- There’s a minor program now, but it’s not sustainable: there’s no money and it’s spread out in various departments.
- This year we’re trying to get student support, AMS support, faculty support to get UBC to listen.
- The annual conference begins on Friday. The AMS is invited to come.

D) President’s Remarks:

E) Executive Remarks:

Brittany Tyson – VP Finance

AMS Link
Collegiate Link and UBC Enrolment Services will be running a test election on AMS Link on Monday, February 11.

AMS/AUS
The Finance Commission has approved the transfer of the outstanding Arts County Fair deficit to the Arts Undergraduate Society Account.

Business Operations Committee
The AMS is currently in lease negotiations with a third party regarding the space formerly occupied by Snack Attack. Blue Chip Cookies is now using ‘eco-tainers’,
which are fully compostable. Copyright is looking into increasing the post-consumer content of their paper products.

**Constituency ABMs**
Henry Chen (Treasurer-Controller) met with Cashline for a post-installation review. Revenue-sharing cheques (between AMS and respective constituencies) for November and December have been issued to UBC, and should be transferred to the AMS shortly.

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In addition to transaction revenues, each constituency will also be receiving a $500 signing bonus. The AMS is currently looking into two other locations (Kaiser – EUS; Life Sciences – MUS) with Cashline for ABM installation.

**CiTR**
I have been working with the Interim Station Manager to reconcile CiTR's budgets and other financial statements. The CiTR Board of Directors is in the process of hiring a new Station Manager.

**AMS Block Party – Friday, April 11, 2007**
Tickets for the new ‘last day of classes’ event will go on sale Friday, February 8 at the Outpost for $15 ($20 day of event). Bands: Stars; The Most Serene Republic; Wintersleep; Five Alarm Funk; DJs Neil Hillbrandt and Half Alive. The bands will perform on the main stage at McInnis Field, with a satellite stage around the Knoll and student programming all along the South Plaza. We have put out a call for student proposals, so please talk to the Exec if you are interested in being part of this event.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Several Constituencies reported they were having career fairs.

Arts – Sam Heppell – Arts Week a success, especially the Performing Arts showcase. Arts elections in March.
Law – Scott Bernstein – Supreme Court judge was at the law faculty. Huxtable dance for Medicine and Law.

Land and Food – Katie McMahen - Aggie Week. Barn Dance.

Pharmacy – Turnover. HIV/AIDS fundraiser.


Regent College – Lucia Lam – Workshops, concerts.

Commerce – Conor Topley – 44 Commerce students to Lethbridge for a competition. UBC team won. Enterprise competition coming up. Five Days for the Homeless: CUS members will go without food and showers, and will camp out in sleeping bags, to raise awareness. We’re not all soulless and evil.

Engineering – Bowinn Ma – Constitutional referendum passed with 94% approval. 26 members going to Western Engineering Competition. Tutoring service taking off. Aggies tarred the Engineers’ cairn; then someone set it on fire; then Science painted it while it was still charred.


Resource Groups – Tristan Markle – Pride Week is February 11-15. The SEC conference went well. Resisting the University conference about corporatization and strategies for making it public.

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

Board of Governors

Darren Peets: Committee meetings. Brendon to present the AMS housing report. $11 million for the Barber library, though it’s already built. Emergency swing space under Sage.

Senate

Tariq Ahmed: Student Senate Caucus approved the idea of the AMS VP Academic on Senate, though with some opposition. MacMillan Library Closure report provoked concerns from student senators about process. A new policy on procedures for closures passed.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:
- Jeff Friedrich: There had been questions about the in camera portion of Executive Committee minutes from November 19. The in camera material had been an HR conversation on an issue that reached resolution.
- Sam Heppell raised the issue of timeliness of minutes. He attributed delays in minutes reaching Council not to forgetful or lacklustre committee chairs, but said there was a structural issue that would be looked at during committee restructuring. He also noted a large discrepancy in the amount of detail included in minutes. Some have great detail; others much less. He wondered what the purpose was of Council approving minutes. People are looking at committee reform.
- Dave Tompkins said the point was for Council to be aware of what the committees are doing.
- Sam Heppell: But if it’s just a half page of minutes for a two-hour meeting and what’s there can’t be understood ...
- Jeff Friedrich: There’s no easy Code solution. He also noted that the AMS is supposed to receive minutes from the Constituencies, and that doesn’t happen. We’re going to take committee reform suggestions; it will be something for the new Executive to look at.

3. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council.”

Minutes of Student Council dated November 21, 2007
Minutes of Student Council dated January 8, 2008
Minutes of Student Council dated January 16, 2008
Minutes of the Student Administrative Committee dated October 18, 2007
Minutes of the Student Administrative Committee dated October 25, 2007
Minutes of the Student Administrative Committee dated November 1, 2007
Minutes of the Student Administrative Committee dated November 8, 2007
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Minutes of the Student Administrative Committee dated November 22, 2007
Minutes of the Student Administrative Committee dated November 29, 2007
Minutes of the Student Administrative Committee dated December 7, 2007
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 10, 2007
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 11, 2007
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 14, 2007
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 15, 2007
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 16, 2007
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 31, 2007
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 5, 2007
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 18, 2007
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated November 23, 2007
Minutes of the Sexual Assault Support Committee dated January 14, 2008
Minutes of the Renovation Planning Committee dated November 21, 2007

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J) Executive Committee Motions:
4. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

Whereas Council at its meeting of January 16, 2008 approved a motion to hold the AMS Annual General Meeting at 12 noon on February 27; and

Whereas there is a Council meeting scheduled for the evening of February 27; and

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“That the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held in the Conversation Pit at 12 noon on February 28, 2008.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brittany Tyson said this year’s AGM will do more than just approve the auditors. Fund recipients will be recognized, and a video will be shown.
- Brendon Goodmurphy explained the reason for changing the date of the AGM. The Referendum Committee wants to move the referendums back, so they can't be called until the February 27 Council meeting. That would have been the first meeting for the new Executive, and they would have had to be dealing with the referendum issues at their first meeting after just taking office that day. It would be beneficial to have continuity, i.e., have the current Executive do it.

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6. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Sustainability Fund’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

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- Brendon Goodmurphy: Some funding is available from the University’s Sustainability Office if the AMS puts up money. This is confirming our commitment by creating a fund and putting money in. If the farm referendum passes, we’ll collect money to go there. Our $10,000 will probably be for a sustainability coordinator or to fund projects. It’s still to be decided.
- Michael Duncan: What is the President’s Fund usually used for?
Jeff Friedrich: It was created by a donation from an estate. We didn't have a place to budget from for one-time discretionary initiatives. It's project-based, aligned with Executive priorities. There was previously no good place for that, just line items.

Alex Lougheed: Why $10,000?

Brittany Tyson: That's how much the Sustainability Office will match.

Chris Diplock asked about refilling the fund.

Jeff Friedrich: It's non-renewing.

Brittany Tyson: At the end of the year we can put more money in.

Jeff Friedrich: It would be one place to put the surplus.

Brittany Tyson: In future, we can budget for this fund. For now, we wanted to show our commitment.

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“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an amount not to exceed $10,000 from the President’s Fund to be transferred to the Sustainability Fund.

Note: The President’s Fund currently has an unencumbered balance of $230,319.”

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Note: The Student Services Fund currently has an unencumbered balance of $222,500."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jeff Friedrich: The University Ombudsoffice was talked about last year. It’s taken a year to suss out the details. Thanks to Joshua Caulkins, Lauren Hunter, Mariana Payet, and Lisa Robbins. The AMS and GSS executives lobbied for a University Ombudsoffice. The proposal was accepted by the University. We will make a reduced financial contribution because we are giving an ongoing in kind contribution of space, an office in the SUB.
- Joshua Caulkins: The AMS put this forward 16 years ago, but it died. It was revived six years ago and four years ago. Martha Piper said no to it, but President Toope said get on with it. We’re the only university in Canada without one.
- Jeff Friedrich: It will be an independent office able to investigate complaints against the University. There’s value in having the office in our building; it demonstrates physically its independence from the University. It will also drive traffic to our services.
- Joshua Caulkins: It could still end up in Brock Hall.
- Bernie Peets: No, this is a done deal.
- Joshua Caulkins: It’s to open in April.
- Michael Duncan asked what will happen after 2012?
- Joshua Caulkins: Back to the students.
- Michael Duncan: What do we usually spend on the AMS Ombudsoffice?
- Jeff Friedrich: $22,000 a year. We will review the process to reduce costs.
- Tahara Bhat asked if the AMS Ombudsoffice will remain.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: It’s in our bylaws. We’ll have to discuss it. We don’t need it anymore.
- Tahara Bhat: This will be completely funded by the AMS and GSS?
- Joshua Caulkins: No, the University is paying two-thirds. We’re paying one-third. What we’re presenting tonight is just the student funding.

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11. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That Section V, Article 9 of the Code of Procedure be amended to make the Vice-President Finance the chair of the Impacts Committee, replacing the Vice-President Administration in that position.

Note: The Vice-President Administration to remain on the Impacts Committee as a member but not as chair.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brittany Tyson: The VP Administration chairs the Impacts Committee, but the chair has been passed off depending on interest. The VP Finance chairs BOC and the Budget Committee, and is on the Impacts Committee. This is relevant to sustainability, and it made sense to switch the chair to the VP Finance.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: It’s a hard one to fit into a portfolio.

12. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

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

- Jason Penner: This should be referred to the Code and Policies Committee. It looks like committee reform, which under the purview of the Code and Policies Committee. The issue would be better investigated by the committee rather than just having the Executive tell us this is the way they want it or this is how things should be done.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: We’re not telling you how to run things. It’s entirely possible things could change through committee reform, but that’s not on the table now. This is just trying to address the issue at hand. Maybe this should be referred to Impacts rather than Code and Policies. It has been talked about there, and there were not strong feelings on the issue.
- Patrick Meehan: It should be referred to Code and Policies to see if it fits in with larger issues. Committee chairs should be regular Council members to empower Council.
- Tahara Bhate: To switch committee chairs with four weeks left in the term seems odd. These are piecemeal changes. It would be better to implement everything at once.
- Matthew Naylor: We’ve been trying to do committee reform for oh so long. It’s going to start eventually; there’s a point when it will happen.
- Tahara Bhate: Does this have to be specified in Code?
- Dave Tompkins: Chairs have to be specified in Code.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: This is not for now; this is for the future.
- Sarah Naiman said not to send it to Code and Policies. Committee reform has been sitting on Code and Policies’ agenda for a while. The committee has done lots of good work, but not on this. This proposal is simply to put the Impacts Committee in a portfolio whose executive can do it.
13. MOVED DARREN PEATS:

“That the question be called.”

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15. MOVED DARREN PEATS, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the question be called.”

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- Tristan Markle: Whoever is in charge of SUB Renew must be involved in Impacts.

16. MOVED PATRICK MEEHAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council suspend Code to make the VP Finance Chair of the Impacts Committee until February 27, 2008.

“Be it further resolved that the Code and Policies Committee be directed to review permanent changes to the chairing of the Impacts Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Patrick Meehan: This allows Council or its committee to look at it; it's their job.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said he wanted to serve as Impacts chair until the end of his term. The proposed change was for the future.
- Scott Bernstein said the Code and Policies Committee was actually bringing some committee reform motions; it's on the front burner now that the bylaw changes are done. The committee would confer with Impacts and the Executive and the incoming Executive. It would be an inclusive process.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked if Code and Policies would propose Code changes.
- Scott Bernstein: When you go to committee, the committee decides what to do.
- Sarah Naiman said the point was not to be finding someone in the Executive whose personality fits; it was to find a permanent place.
- Chris Diplock said this was discussed at Impacts and was supported there. As the VP Finance-elect, he was in favour of the idea.
- Matthew Naylor said he didn't think executives should be chairing that many committees.
- Chris McCann: The amended version of the motion is against what the original movers wanted.
- Andrew Forshner: Very few committees are chaired by non-executives.

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18. MOVED ANDREW FORSHNER, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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19. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That Section V, Article 9 of the Code of Procedure be amended to make the Vice-President Finance the chair of the Impacts Committee, replacing the Vice-President Administration in that position.

Note: The Vice-President Administration to remain on the Impacts Committee as a member but not as chair.”

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:
L) Committee Motions:

20. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED MATHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Committee Appointment Procedure’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Scott Bernstein said the Code and Policies Committee was bringing two different committee reform issues. First was the issue of whether more than one member of a given Constituency can sit on a standing committee. The current Code says no, but the committee felt that if there is trouble filling a spot, Code should be a little more liberal. Secondly, there was the issue of Students at Large. Currently, a Student at Large can serve on only one committee. Some, however, are motivated and want to serve on more than one. The Code and Policies Committee was recommending that “virgin” Students at Large still get priority, but if none of those can be found, then other Students at Large should be allowed to serve.
- Andrew Forshner asked about the sort of advertising to be done for Students at Large.
- Scott Bernstein said it should be the usual sort of advertising.
- Sam Heppell wondered why Constituency representation should be limited at all on committees; Council doesn’t have only one member per Constituency; so why should its committees?
- Sheldon Goldfarb said the reason behind the restriction was to make sure no one Constituency took over a committee.

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22. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY

“That Council approve the appointment of Ross Horton as the AMS General Manager pursuant to the recommendation of the General Manager Search Committee and subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the AMS – General Manager Contract.”

- Jeff Friedrich described the process of choosing the new General Manager:
  o There’d been a long list of more than 50 candidates and an even longer networking list.
  o This had been reduced to 6, four of whom were interviewed.
  o Then the number was reduced to three, who were invited to campus for interviews with stakeholders: Bernie, staff members (union and non-union), senior management, interested Councillors, former Executives, and University representatives.
  o The committee had dinner with each of the three; there was a final interview and a collection of feedback.
  o The successful candidate is Ross Horton, who has 13 years of experience as a general manager at dmg (daily mail group) world media.
  o He was in charge of exhibitions, each of which was like a small business, and brought together senior managers.
  o We liked Ross; it was a unanimous conclusion that he was the best candidate; he has good vision and an ability to work with students, and he’d done a lot of research into the AMS.
  o There were lots of good candidates; each one was someone’s favourite.
  o We did due diligence in the selection process.
  o He can start February 11.

- Patrick Meehan asked about the contract and the candidate’s willingness to work for 20-year-old students in a volatile atmosphere.
Conor Topley: The question of working for students was addressed head-on to all the candidates. Ross’s answer was the most convincing. He didn’t bring up any idea of changing the will of Council.

Jeff Friedrich: The contract is pretty similar to the current one, with changes to reflect where the market’s at. We had each candidate in for 10 hours so that they could see if this was the right position for them. We’re confident he’s the right candidate.

Bowinn Ma: He told us he wouldn’t attempt to change a bad decision, but he would let us know what we were getting into.

23. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED PATRICK MEEHAN, THIRDED STEPHANIE RYAN

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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25. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED SAM HEPELL  

“Move to extend the Council Meeting until the end of the agenda”  

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26. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:
“Whereas in the last three years the University has been – on a trial basis – extending library hours for students during exam periods; and

Whereas extended library hours allow students to study in a safe and quiet place;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council support the continued extension of library hours during exam periods.

Note: Replaces the former external policy on Library Hours, which was due to expire in February.”

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27. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“Whereas many UBC students have diverse needs when accessing building facilities; and
Whereas these needs include, but are not limited to, accessing facilities that accommodate disabilities, gender neutrality, safe space, and family responsibilities; and

Whereas accommodating these needs is instrumental in improving the quality of the social and personal lives of all students,

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS strive to accommodate the diverse needs of the student population in all future renovations.

Be It Further Resolved that the AMS encourage UBC to follow suit.”

Note: Renewing a combined Internal/External motion that expired in November.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

28. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That the following minutes be accepted by Council”

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 26, 2007
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated December 4, 2007

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O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

29. MOVED SAM HEPELL SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“Be it resolved that Council call on the Oversight Committee to receive
submissions regarding the 2008 AMS Elections and report back to Council no
later than March 30th, 2008.”

- Sam HePELL: Valid concerns have been raised about the elections. There
  should be a process in place to discuss them, to discuss what went wrong,
  why it went wrong, and how to avoid that in the future. The Oversight
  Committee is the most appropriate existing body. The aim is for a good
  process with Council, but also to engage the larger community for feedback.
- Michael Duncan asked about a possible conflict of interest, given that Alex
  Lougheed, one of the candidates in the election, chairs the Oversight
  Committee.
- Matthew Naylor said the committee would not be reviewing the results of the
  election.
- Dave Tompkins said the chair could be replaced, or the chair could recuse
  himself.
- Alex Lougheed said that if he were the VP Academic-elect, he’d resign from
  the committee, but even if not, since he had been a candidate, he would
  abstain.
- Maayan Kreitzman said the Oversight Committee is for overseeing the
  Executive. Election problems are supposed to go through the election
  appeals process. She questioned having Council play an active role in
  analyzing the elections, since Council was filled with election candidates.
- Avneet Johal said the deadline is too late; you will lose people at the end of
  the semester.

30. MOVED TARIQ AHMED

“That motion 29 be amended to change the deadline to March 15, 2008.”

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- Patrick Meehan: This is not to affect electoral decisions; this is to fix the
  process.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Other measures are being taken within the support structure. Transition is being looked at. The HR proposal is another way to address the bigger picture issues.
- Darren Peets said he could imagine that recommendations might be useful for the referendum campaign. It was a bad idea for Council to meddle with what happened in the last election. It was a bad idea to have us look at it.
- Scott Bernstein: If a committee is to look at broad policy, that's a good thing.

31. MOVED BRENDon GOODMURPHY

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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32. MOVED SAM HEPPELL SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH

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33. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED BRENDon GOODMURPHY:

“Whereas approximately 54% of UBC students are female, and AMS Council is only 37% female and only 17% of AMS Elections Candidates in 2008 were female; and

Whereas only 30% of AMS Council is composed of visible minorities, and only 26% of AMS Elections Candidates in 2008 were visible minorities;
Therefore be it resolved that the VP Academic/Exec committee research an appropriate external body that could conduct a study to examine any systemic discrimination, institutional barriers, or oppressive structures that may exist within the AMS, and any associated costs, and report back to Council no later than February 13, 2008;

Be it further resolved that the VP Academic/Exec committee also report back to Council with a proposed terms of reference for this external review."

- Stephanie Ryan: Arts is 70% female, but Arts representation on Council does not reflect that. It was hard to point to one tangible thing that might be causing this. Commissioning a body to study possible barriers would be a good thing.
- Chris McCann asked if there were reports of any incidents of discrimination.
- Stephanie Ryan: Systemic discrimination is invisible.
- Jeff Friedrich presented numbers to dispel the notion that there has been a lack of diversity over the long term. Almost half of all executive members since 1990 have been female; more than half if you do not count the past three years. It’s true that in the past three years the numbers have dropped to only a third. Perhaps there is a term paper topic in there on how the elimination of slates three years ago has resulted in less gender diversity.

34. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SCOTT BERNSTEIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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- Brendon Goodmurphy said he had contacted a few resources and can report back on groups that might conduct a study and on costs.
- Darren Peets said a large percentage of students live with their parents and commute.
- A straw poll revealed that only one Council member, Avneet Johal, is in this category.
- Avneet Johal said Council seemed pretty diverse to him. Two female representatives just resigned in Arts. He said a lot of other policies are geared to removing barriers and discrimination. He wasn’t sure this study was needed.
- Tristan Markle: It’s common practice to do a climate survey. He questioned the numbers presented by Jeff Friedrich to show there’s not a problem. This was using statistics in a not very professional way.
- Jeff Friedrich raised a point of personal privilege, saying he supported the motion. He was presenting the numbers for interest. Certainly in the last three years there does seem to be a problem.
- Tristan Markle: The idea is to get broader data.
- Natalie Swift said the reason Council members tend not to be commuter students is that if you’re working late on Council, who’s going to want to commute home?
- Nate Crompton: No one should feel defensive. This is just to find out.
- Matthew Naylor said it was important to look not just at the Executive but at Council and also at the hiring of coordinators. We need a historic look at every facet of this society.
- Bernie Peets: We did a couple of climate surveys of employees and of the Services. The last one was for the Services two years ago. It asked things like: Do you feel valued? Are you aware of discrimination? It got very positive results. The other one was in 1999. There hasn’t been one on Council participation.

35. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

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36. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

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Whereas only 30% of AMS Council is composed of visible minorities, and only 26% of AMS Elections Candidates in 2008 were visible minorities;

Therefore be it resolved that the VP Academic/Exec committee research an appropriate external body that could conduct a study to examine any systemic discrimination, institutional barriers, or oppressive structures that may exist within the AMS, and any associated costs, and report back to Council no later than February 13, 2008;

Be it further resolved that the VP Academic/Exec committee also report back to Council with a proposed terms of reference for this external review.

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38. MOVED SAM HEPELL, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN

“Be it Resolved that the code change to institute roll call voting for non-procedural motions passed by Council on November 21st shall be made permanent.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sam Heppell: Council passed a motion last November 21 requiring roll call votes on all non-procedural motions. There were some concerns, but after healthy debate roll call voting was introduced on a temporary basis until January 30. The new procedure will expire after tonight’s meeting unless Council makes it permanent. We’ve had time to see the procedure at work. It keeps people on their toes, and encourages them to be engaged. It’s also an important part of accountability.
- Dave Tompkins showed a demonstration of an automated system to record roll call votes.
- Jeff Friedrich said he was against continuing the procedure. The intention was to make sure we not have sheep voting, lots of abstentions, and people voting without understanding. But that’s not how it’s worked, especially with the Executive voting first and setting the tone. People check to see who’s voted which way. And it does take time, whereas we’ve been trying to make the meetings more efficient. It adds bureaucracy without a lot of benefits; it leads to disengagement. We’re trying to involve non-involved students, but this doesn’t help. It especially alienates the graduate students, our second largest constituency. Council members can always call for a roll call vote on specific motions.

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P) Discussion Period:

Circulation of Code

Sheldon Goldfarb explained that Council members are supposed to receive copies of the Code and Bylaws from their Council predecessors, but seldom do, so the secretaries end up printing more hardcopies, which raises issues of sustainability. It had been suggested that perhaps Council members might prefer to receive the Code and Bylaws in electronic form. A straw poll showed support for electronic circulation of Code and Bylaws as long as paper copies would be provided on request.

Elections

40. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR, THIRDED PATRICK MEEHAN

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
There were complaints that some candidates from the recent election had to leave the meeting during the in camera session while others were allowed to remain.
- Jeff Friedrich said those who were allowed to remain had been the winning candidates who will soon be in leadership roles in the society and will be covered by AMS insurance.
- Stephanie Ryan said she didn’t think students thought Council was taking the election problems seriously. We have to be sensitive. There was no secret ballot, so some people didn’t vote. That’s a huge issue.
- Jeff Friedrich: Suggestions?
- Stephanie Ryan: Issue a press release.
- Patrick Meehan said he would like to vote not to accept the election results.
- Jeff Friedrich noted that there has been no resolution yet of the complaints, no evidence of wrongdoing; people are going on what they’ve heard.

Q) Submissions:
AMS & the Sustainability Office
AMS HR Position Proposal
Ombuds Office Funding Models
Ombuds Space & Budget
Ombuds MADHU message
Ombuds Budget
Code Changes 2008
Sustainability Fund Document
Library Extended Hours
Code Changes 2008 Committee Appointment Procedure

R) Next Meeting:
The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2008

S) Adjournment:
26. MOVED TARIQ AHMED, SECONDED JASON PENNER
   “There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

T) Social Activity:
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Tim Blair (Forestry), Miriam Stein (Forestry), Dave Frank (Board of Directors, CiTR Community Rep), Linda Fiechter (LFS), Tegan Adams (L&FS Fo&F), Patrick Caracas (arts), Brad Olson (Social Work), Eric (Science), Rakesh Parhar (Science), David Wells (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Alison Benjamin (CiTR Manager), Victoria Cruz (CiTR President), Luke Meat (CiTR Music Co-ordinator), Bryce Dunn (CiTR Program Coordinator), Chris Diplock (VP Finance elect), Blake Frederick (AVP, University Affairs), Timothy (Arts), Erin Rennie (Senate), Colin Simkus (Student Court), Anne De Wolfe (VP Students Office), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Deborah Robinson (Enrollment Services), Mariana Payet

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ____________, SECONDED ______________

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Student Financial Assistance and Awards - Brian Sullivan (UBC VP Students) [SCD 338-08]

Brian Sullivan first praised the NSSE survey and said it is seeking student responses from first and fourth years.

On financial support he said:

- Totals are up for both UBC Vancouver and UBCO.
- Merit-based funding is up while needs-based is down.
- This is the second year of decrease in needs-based funding.
- The decreases are attributable to increases by the provincial and federal governments in allowable expenses, meaning that government loans are larger.
- Fewer students are applying, and there are fewer awards, but the amount awarded is up by $300 per award.
- UBC students have one of the highest repayment rates in the country, with a default rate of only 4.6%.
- 71% of fourth-year students had debt on graduation in 2006-07, which was down from 75% in 2004-05.
- Median debt was $22,000 (less than the BC median of $23,000).
- Compared to other BC Universities, UBC students are the least likely to leave their studies because of finances or rising tuition.
- There’s been a decline in the number of credits taken per year, meaning a longer time to completion, but there’s no evidence of an increase in the percentage of students working or in the number of hours worked.
- However, there is an increasing negative impact of employment on academic performance.
- Under-represented student groups need academic and financial support early on.
- Finances are preventing students from accessing the full UBC experience.
- UBC is going to provide 12-15 new entrance awards for under-represented groups.
- It will also advocate for more grants.
- Also more literacy workshops.
- Focus on aboriginal and low socio-economic students.
- Also first generation students, i.e., students from families with no previous post-secondary education.
- Offering workshops.
- More opportunities for international learning: Go Global.
- Work study now open to all domestic students, not just those on loan.
- “Work learn” opportunities for international students.

Questions

- Sarah Naiman: What percentage filled out the survey?
- Brian Sullivan: 35% response rate for the CUSC survey.
- Sarah Naiman suggested a mandatory survey for students in second and third year, saying students in those years are more representative.
- Brian Sullivan said Sure, but he was not sure about compliance.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked about getting every student to report.
- Brian Sullivan: With NSSE all students are asked to report, with the hope that they all will.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about random and 100% sampling.
- Brian Sullivan: The assumption is that scattering is the same in a random and a 100% sample.
- Bowinn Ma: Why medians rather than averages?
- Brian Sullivan: Council said averages are misleading.
- Dave Tompkins: Actually, we asked for both.

Proposed 08/09 tuition fees – Anne De Wolfe (VP Students Office), Deborah Robinson (UBC Enrollment Services), Brian Sullivan

Anne De Wolfe on tuition fees:

- For domestic students, going up 2% (cost of living).
- For international students, up 3.4% (following EPI, the Education Price Index), something the Board of Governors approved in 2001.
- A special tuition fee for international students to cover capital funding was approved in 2006; it was to be $58.50 spread over three years, with the
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The final installment in 2008-09, but the 2008-09 payment is now being deferred for one year.

- There are no proposed new fees.
- The province used to entertain student fees that were not tuition-related; they were not subject to the cap; but now the province says there will be no new student fees, and existing fees will be limited to a 2% CPI increase.
- Some fees are staying the same; co-op fees are going up 2%;
- UBC would like a 2.75% increase for athletics.
- The University tried to increase the application fee last year from $60 to $100, but the province turned that down, saying it was a student fee.
- UBC doesn’t agree that it’s a student fee; it applies to all who apply, including those who do not become students; so the University is seeking the increase again.
- This is not to make money, just to cover costs.

Questions

- Blake Frederick asked for justification for the international students fee.
- Anne De Wolfe: International students have to pay the full cost of their education, including capital costs for classrooms, which are not currently included in tuition fees.
- Jeff Friedrich: When the province looked into the capital cost issue, it took a neutral position. It was UBC that decided that the contribution by the international students was not enough.
- Brian Sullivan: Yes, UBC did that because the calculation in 1996 was only on operating costs.
- Jeff Friedrich: But the province didn’t ask for an increase.
- Brian Sullivan: The province didn’t ask. They left it up to the institution.
- Matt Naylor wondered about the use of EPI, which he said had no applicability to university education. With EPI higher than CPI, were we not making university education more unaffordable?
- Anne De Wolfe: The cost is real.
- Matt Naylor: Wouldn’t it be sensible to construct a Higher Education Price Index instead of EPI?
- Brian Sullivan: The EPI we’re referring to is not the same one Matt is citing; it’s a special UBC number.
- Stefanie Ratjen: How does the application fee compare to other universities?
- Anne De Wolfe: $100 is more in the range of what is being charged across Canada.
- Darren Peets asked when increases will take effect: May or September?
- Anne De Wolfe: Traditionally, in May. It’s the same this year.
- Darren Peets: How much extra money does that produce?
- Brian Sullivan: May 1 is not a departure.
- Darren Peets: We’re not a bank; increases should be tied to the academic year, not May 1. Also the calculations of the capital contribution for international students as presented to the Board of Governors made no sense. He was looking for the original numbers.
- Tahara Bhate asked about financial hardship waivers for application fees.
- Deborah Robinson said there had been a few cases in which these fees had been waived.
- Tristan Markle: Cost recovery for application fees is unprincipled. There shouldn’t be discriminatory fees for international students. What sort of lobbying is UBC doing on grant-loan ratios? Has UBC been lobbying for a tuition increase of more than 2%?
- Brian Sullivan: The University does a variety of lobbying. As to seeking more than 2%, that’s government policy; we don’t lobby on that. We do point out that the amount of funding from the government is insufficient, given the 2% cap on fee increases.
- Deborah Robinson: We submitted a brief on grants and loans and are meeting with the Ministry, discussing challenges that UBC students have that are different from the province as a whole.
- Jeff Friedrich: The University has been a good partner in grant/loan negotiations, but it’s correct to say they are seeking a change to the tuition cap.
- Brian Sullivan: The TUPC [The University Presidents Council of BC] has an official stance in favour of more deregulation.
- Jeff Friedrich asked why there was a standing order to approve the EPI increase for international students whereas for domestic students there has to be a vote every year.
- Brian Sullivan referred to currency issues and said that as a standing order it gives some assurance of what the upper limit will be.

H) Discussion Period

CiTR

Brittany Tyson:

- Financial discrepancies have come to light concerning CiTR.
- Figures presented to the CiTR board of directors by the station manager were inaccurate and not the same as the figures presented to the AMS.
- The result was an unauthorized deficit in the CiTR reserve fund.
- The situation came to light because of the work of this year’s AMS reps on the CiTR board.
- To remedy the situation for the future, a Code amendment is being brought forward so that the AMS VP Finance will be one of the AMS reps on the CiTR board so that the AMS VP Finance can present the CiTR board with accurate financial statements.
- Also there will no longer be access to the reserve fund without minuted approval from the CiTR board.
- Work is being done on a repayment plan on what was in effect an unauthorized loan from the AMS to CiTR.

- Avneet Johal: Could this happen elsewhere in the AMS?
- Brittany Tyson: No. Clubs and constituencies don’t have reserve funds. Only CiTR does.
Council went *in camera* at 7:20 pm.

Council came out of camera at 7:55 pm.

2. **MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED OMID JAVADI:**

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: CiTR Board’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

3. **MOVED SAM HEPELL, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN, THIRDED KATE POWER:**

“That there be a roll call vote.”

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C) Presentations to Council

Election Results

- Jeff Friedrich: The Elections Administrator has submitted a letter of resignation which is also his written report on the elections. Is there any objection to proceeding with the presentation of the results?
- Nate Crompted objected on the grounds that there is an appeal concerning the results of the VP Academic race pending at Student Court.

5. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Elections Administrator to withhold the results of the VP Academic election until a pending appeal to Student Court has been resolved."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matt Naylor: Why didn’t this appeal go through the proper channels? To the Elections Committee, then an election appeals committee? And why is it coming forward now, the day the results are to be released?
- Nate Crompton said he did go to an election appeals committee, but it rejected the appeal because more than 72 hours had passed. His knowledge of the reasons for the appeal only came later than 72 hours. But he was now going ahead with an appeal to Student Court as allowed in Code. This all happened in the past week. The rejection by the appeals committee occurred this week. The appeal to Student Court was made today.
- Matt Naylor: Has the Clerk of the Court set a time and date for a hearing?
- Nate Crompton said he had not heard back from the clerk.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: It’s up to Student Court whether they accept this appeal. What happens if they rule against the apparent winner?
- Sheldon Goldfarb reviewed the possibilities according to Code and Bylaws, including the procedures if there is an Executive vacancy.
- Jeff Friedrich said he could not confirm the status of the appeal. No official notification had been received.
- Patrick Meehan: Why not read out the results? If Student Court rules, let them.
- Tristan Markle asked why the results were not presented last meeting.
- Jeff Friedrich: At that point there was still an appeal before an appeals committee. This is different.
- Stefanie Ratjen: People know on what grounds the appeal is proceeding. It calls into question how we conduct business. It calls into question the democratic process. These are grounds not to approve.
- Avneet Johal: It’s wrong to go ahead and accept the results despite the appeal.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: No one around this table can confirm that the appeal’s been accepted. He questioned whether the appeal was even happening.
- Avneet Johal: Everyone is aware there is a serious possibility of an elections appeal. Even if it’s only a possibility, it’s important not to present the results.

6. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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- Colin Simkus: Student Court judges haven’t been informed about this case.
- Tariq Ahmed: Can there be appeals indefinitely?
- Jeff Friedrich: This is an unusual situation. There was a long gap after the election results. He asked that Council members refer media to the President on this issue, as he is the official spokesperson for the Society.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Let’s have all the results read so that we can continue with the transition.
- Sam Heppell: If he understood Jeff correctly, no one else can speak for the AMS; if you must speak, make clear that you do not speak for the AMS; and be reticent in talking at all to the media on this issue.
- Jeff: There are some image problems to handle.
- Avneet Johal: Democracy is important.

7. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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8. MOVED ANDREW FORSHNER, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR, THRIDED SAM HEPEL:


“That there be a roll call vote.”

9. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

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**Senate:**
Alex Lougheed: 1028
Rob McLean: 932
Alfie Lee: 832
Azim Wazeer: 796
Blake Frederick: 779
Aidha Shaikh: 766
Eileen Harder: 696
Colin Simkus: 615
Philip Edgcumbe: 580

**BOG**
Bijan Ahmadian: 1398
Timothy Blair: 889
Andrew Carne: 512
Rodrigo Ferrari-Nunes: 435
Cris Marincat: 309
Glen Findlay: 280
Genevieve Sweigard: 210

**VP External**
Stefanie Ratjen: 1429
Freeman Poritz: 1049

VP Finance:
Chris Diplock: 864
Andrew Forshner: 608
Stash Bylicki: 406

VP Academic:
Alex Lougheed: 723
Nathan Crompton: 695
Rob McLean: 619
Darren Peets: 559

President
Michael Duncan: 1475
Matthew Naylor: 484
Rodrigo Ferrari-Nunes: 426
Erin Rennie: 354
Tyler Allison: 126

D) President’s Remarks:

Formal welcome to the new General Manager, Ross Horton.

Transition:
Thanks to Mike Duncan for working on transition with him. Mostly it’s been him asking Mike to do things.

Child Care Agreement
- Agreement with UBC still not finalized.
- Talking of up to 70% for students.
- 130% expansion of childcare spaces.
- Lots to be proud of.

NCAA
The University had asked him to say that they have established a working group on NCAA membership.

Building
- Intensive discussion with University.
- Dollar amount to take to students.
- Current conversation: how rejuvenate the U-Boulevard project as SUB priority space; exciting but complex.
- It will be a busy month for incoming and outgoing execs.
- Council members will be called on to take posters to their constituencies.

Elections
- Council asked for a press release, an Insider announcement, a response to the letter received, and a review of the electoral process at the Oversight Committee.
- All but the press release had been done; a press release would be a lot of work for little gain; it would just have been for the Ubyssey.
- If there are further requests, he is willing to take them.
- They can go to the Oversight Committee, or can come to the Executive.

- Stephanie Ryan: What happened with the RCMP advisory board?
- Jeff Friedrich said he would look into that.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about the Executive’s public office hours and their blog.
- Jeff Friedrich said the Executive hasn’t been fulfilling that. We did for a while, but it’s been busy, and it may not be realistic.

E) Executive Remarks:

F) Committee Reports:

Impacts Committee:
Brendon Goodmurphy: Concerned about implementation of the sustainability strategy. Doesn’t want a document that just sits on a shelf. Seeking feedback which will lead to motions developing a footprint strategy.

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Stephanie Ryan – Want a fair but have no money, have used up their allocation from the Constituency Aid Fund. Another Constituency will have to fund it. Planning a bouncy castle, darts, balloons, pie in the face, Dunk Duncan. Issue of grade scaling in psychology; would like the Academic Quality Committee or Senate Caucus to look into it.
AMS Foundation: looking into fundraising possibilities.


Pharmacy – Richelle Schon – Pharmacy Awareness Week.

Science – Mike Duncan – Science Week drained us.

Forestry – Natalie Swift – Dress-up event.

Commerce – Peter Rizov – POITS.

Engineering – Bowinn Ma – E Week good. Being accused of vandalizing the 9 o’clock gun not so good. Aiming for fall referendum on Engineering Centre.

Education – Lucie Ferreira – Conference in Winnipeg.
H) Discussion Period

Referendum

Matt Naylor:

- There are seven referendum questions.
- WUSC has brought forward a petition to force a referendum on refugee students.
- The Referendum Committee wants to endorse five: U-Pass, Bylaws, Fee indexing, Services fee, SUB Renew.
- Not WUSC or the Farm.
- Services wants a $3.50 increase.
- We would index all AMS fees except the U-Pass to the BC CPI.
- U-Pass would go up $1.75, with 25 cents of that to pay the collection fee imposed by UBC.
- $30 for SUB Renew, except that’s not the actual number; it may be $15, $15 ($15 for each of the first two years), then a larger amount.

- Patrick Meehan asked about WUSC and the Farm.
- Blake Frederick asked if students understand indexing.
- Mike Duncan said 7 questions is too many. Students will vote No just to say No.
- Chris Diplock asked about SUB Renew.
- Jeff Friedrich said the wording had not been worked out.
- Avneet Johal said that if we endorse all, it loses weight.
- Matt Naylor: It’s up to Council.
- Stephanie Ryan expressed concern about all the fee increases. We oppose the University’s increases, the $100 application fee they want, because of the financial hardship for students. We need to watch out for hypocrisy.
- Alex Lougheed asked about ballot psychology and suggested using focus groups.
- Matt Naylor said the U-Pass question should be at the bottom of the ballot, so voters will have to vote on the other questions before they can vote on the U-Pass increase.

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

Board of Governors: Darren Peets - Brendon made his housing report; it was fairly well received. Four long-term governors are leaving: vacancies.

Jeff Friedrich: NSSE Report. Student engagement remains a problem. The Board has just figured this out. It will be a big issue for the next three to five years. There’s also going to be a committee on socially responsible investing.

J) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:
10. MOVED BOWINN MA, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.”

Minutes of Council dated January 30, 2008 [SCD340-08]
In Camera Minutes of Council dated January 30, 2008 [SCD341-08]

…Carried

K) Executive Committee Motions:

11. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an amount not to exceed $1,000 from the Student Services Fund for an LCD projector to be shared by the Services and the Executive.

Note: The Student Services Fund currently has a balance of $230,574.32.

Note: The Executive will contribute $1,000 towards the projector from Executive Special Projects.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

…Carried

12. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN

“Whereas in June 2007 Council authorized an expenditure of up to $4,000 to purchase laptop computers for Tutoring; and

Whereas Tutoring spent only $2,000 for the new laptops but needs the remaining money to upgrade its office computers,

Therefore, be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the allocation from the Student Services Fund of the remaining money from last June’s laptop allocation to upgrade Tutoring’s computers.

Note: The Student Services Fund has a current balance of $230,574.32 (including the $4,000 allocated last June).

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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13. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE

“Whereas the relationship between the UBC Vancouver Senate and the Alma Mater Society is a very important one; and
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Whereas the current student senators function somewhat separately from the AMS, making it difficult for the AMS and the student senators to coordinate efforts or keep each other informed regarding academic issues, initiatives and policies on campus,

Therefore be it resolved that Council call on the UBC Vancouver Senate to add the AMS Vice-President Academic & University Affairs to the Senate membership.

Note: To comply with the University Act, the Senate will either have to increase the number of faculty members on the Vancouver Senate by two or decrease the number of at large student senators from five to four.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brendon Goodmurphy explained the ratios required in the University Act for Senate membership and the two ways these could be adhered to: by adding two faculty members or removing a student senator at large. The latter option would be okay as an interim measure; better than doing nothing.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: What do you expect will happen?
- Brendon Goodmurphy: It goes to the Senate Nominating Committee for discussion and debate. They have a larger mandate to discuss Senate membership.
- Tariq Ahmed: They don’t move quickly, but they won’t sit on it.
- Avneet Johal: How long would “interim” be? Losing a student senator at large means fewer members involved from this room.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Every three years Senate reviews membership.
- Avneet Johal: Can we say that it’s in addition, that we’re not in favour if it takes away an at large student senator seat?
- Brendon Goodmurphy: We could, but then it’s less likely to pass at Senate. The Student Senate Caucus supported both options.
- Avneet Johal: It takes away one of their seats.
- Tariq Ahmed: It’s not likely to get support from the Nominating Committee if we insist on not decreasing the number of at large student senators. The number of student senators matters less than the quality of the voices. This would increase the quality.

14. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER

“That Motion 13 be amended by striking the Note and changing the resolution clause to read:
Therefore be it resolved that Council call on the UBC Vancouver Senate to add the AMS Vice-President Academic & University Affairs to the Senate membership and increase the number of faculty members accordingly.

Note: To comply with the University Act, the Senate will either have to increase the number of faculty members on the Vancouver Senate by two or decrease the number of at large student senators from five to four.

- Stephanie Ryan: The VP Academic will be a high quality member, but we shouldn’t give up one of the student seats.
- Jeff Friedrich: We shouldn’t be focusing on who would be the most effective senator. That’s the wrong argument. We’re trying to improve the relationship with Senate and the Student Caucus. The AMS is more consultative than an at large senator representing his own opinion. We’re seeking a model that creates a better relationship with Student Senate Caucus and allows us to flex our muscles at Senate. We may have to accept the loss of a seat.
- Patrick Meehan: Even if it does decrease, we’re still getting a student elected; it’s the same number of students, and greater integration of efforts.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Student Senate Caucus supported this because they saw value in the resources and institutionalization that the AMS can bring to Senate. A lot of student senators seem overwhelmed at times. We have been able to assist at times, for instance on the Pass-Fail motion that Jaspreet from Senate Caucus wanted brought forward. Currently we don’t force the VP Academic to take Senate seriously. That’s even more important: institutionalizing this in the VP Academic portfolio.

15. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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- Andrew Forshner: This is not the way the AMS should pursue academic policy. Senators spend a lot of time in committees; the VP Academic doesn’t have time for that. The AMS Executive should work with the senators, not be on the Senate.
- Avneet Johal: The VP Academic can talk to the senators. The Pass-Fail example proves the VP Academic doesn’t have to be on Senate; it worked under the current system.
- Nate Crompton: Who is opposed to increasing the size of the Senate?
- Tariq Ahmed: The Nominating Committee. The concern is that the Senate will get too big to work properly.
- Nate Crompton: How many students are on the Nominating Committee?
- Tariq Ahmed: Two.
- Sam Heppell asked about a non-voting seat for the VP Academic.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said such a thing doesn’t exist on the Senate.
- Tariq Ahmed: If you make this amendment, the motion will not likely pass at Senate.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: It decreases the weight of the motion.

16. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds  
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- Stephanie Ryan asked what would happen if the VP Academic already has a seat on Senate. This year’s VP Academic, for instance, has also won a Senate seat.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: The change won’t happen this year.
- Jeff Friedrich: This is a strong way to improve our voice on Senate.
- Alex Lougheed said he was against this and instead for stronger ties to the Student Senate Caucus. The aims could be achieved by restructuring the Student Senate Caucus. We could make it the job of the VP Academic to have a role in the Student Senate Caucus.
- Jeff Friedrich: Is the Student Senate Caucus a body of Council? Are they bound by Council, Code, or Bylaws? No.
- Sarah Naiman: Having Jeff on the Board of Governors this year was good. Having the VP Academic on Senate will be equally beneficial.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked how Council will call on Senate as required in the motion.
- Brendon Goodmurphy said there was a report. He would like to be able to present it and say, My Council has endorsed this. And it is important for the VP Academic to be on Senate. More so than on other committees. It’s the highest academic body.
18. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

19. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL, THIRDED KATE POWER:

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L) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

20. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

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Note: CPAC has an uncommitted balance of $129,000.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Michael Duncan:
  - Three issues:
    a) referendum/SUB Renew
    b) club advertising
    c) sustainability
  - This has gone through Reno.
  - The idea is to put two LCD screens in the niche, the SUB Renew promotion area.
  - Usually there’s a calendar of events there
  - It will be for promotions, a calendar, clubs and constituencies, the AMS.
  - It saves on paper calendars there.

  - Alex Lougheed asked why this didn’t go through the Communications Planning Group.
  - Michael Duncan: It went to SAC and Reno.
  - Jeff Friedrich said it was his fault for not scheduling CPG.
  - Alex Lougheed thought the plan seemed like patchwork, ad hoc.
  - Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked how big the screens would be.
  - Michael Duncan: Not too big or too small. About 37 inches would be a reasonable size and price. About four or five feet apart. They will carry different things, promotions for clubs and constituencies.
  - Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: News?
  - Michael Duncan: Anything Council directs.
  - Stephanie Ryan: Will this be a power drain on the environment?
  - Michael Duncan said he hadn’t looked into that.
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N) Committee Motions:

22. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve in principle the adoption of Condorcet voting for the AMS Executive Elections effective February 29, 2008.

- Stephanie Ryan: We’ve talked and talked about this. Let’s just pass this. The current system infringes our democratic rights to vote for more than one candidate.
- Nate Crompton: This gives systematic advantage to centre candidates.
- Sam Heppell: We’re voting on it in principle, but even if that passes, it still requires Code changes. We’re not under any obligation to accept those Code changes.
- Andrew Forshner: The purpose is to express the majority will. If centrist, okay, but it could be candidates on the fringe. This is not going to disenfranchise, but it will better express the will of the parties.

23. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That the date in the motion be changed to March 29.”

.... No objections

- Matt Naylor: We should reflect the preferences of the voters. This is a really good system.

24. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
25. MOVED SAM HEPELL, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN, THIRDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

26. MOVED PETER RIZOV, SECONDED CLARK FUNNELL:

“That the roll call vote be cancelled.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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27. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

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28. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED PETER RIZOV

“That Council appoint _________ and _________ to the Advisory Committee for the University Ombudsoffice for a one-year term beginning immediately.”

- Jeff Friedrich: This is supposed to be for a two-year term, but that’s challenging for us. We were thinking of the VP Academic, but after a year there’s a new VP Academic. We need people immediately for hiring.
29. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED PETER RIZOV

“That Council appoint Brendon Goodmurphy and Blake Frederick to the Advisory Committee for the University Ombudsoffice for a one-year term beginning immediately.”

.... Carried

O) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

30. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented"

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated January 21, 2008 [SCD342-08]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated January 28, 2008 [SCD343-08]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 7, 2008

.... Carried

31. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“Be it Resolved that Council direct the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee to consider the possibility of using a PRS electronic voting system at AMS Council for the purpose of recording Council votes.

Be it Further Resolved that AHREARC report back to AMS Council about this proposal at the February 27, 2008 Council meeting.”

- Stephanie Ryan said she would still like a record of who voted for what even with roll call votes missing. So she’d like an electronic voting system at Council.
- Chris Diplock expressed concern about a system using clickers. What if a Council member left their clicker? Someone else could vote using it.
- Darren Peets: There are technical and economic issues, but there’s no point discussing them now. Refer it to committee.

32. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED SAM HEPELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
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P) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
Notice of Motion re: Referendum [SCD344-08]

Q) Submissions:
Ombudsperson’s report dated January 30th [SCD345-08]
AMS Audited Financial Statements 2005 [SCD346-08]
AMS Audited Financial Statements 2006 [SCD347-08]
AMS Audited Financial Statements 2007 [SCD348-08]
CiTR Agreement [SCD349-08]
Code Changes CiTR [SCD350-08]

R) Next Meeting:
The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2008

S) Adjournment:
“There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at __________

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Tim Blair (Forestry), Rakesh Parhar (Science), David Wells (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Chris Diplock (VP Finance elect), Colin Simkus (Student), Brian Sullivan (VP Students Office), Byron Braley (UBC Treasury), Margaret Orlowski (student), Matthew Hayles (Referendum Coordinator), Jay Worthing (Architecture), Shealer (Philosophy Students Association), Jonathan Elmer (Radical Beer Faction), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Oker Chen (Ubyssey), Lois Chan (RBF), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Helaine Boyd (Arts), Blake Frederick (AVP Academic)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm.

1. MOVED CONOR TOPLEY, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

SUB Renew – Brian Sullivan (UBC VP Students)

- Brian Sullivan spoke to Council about a letter sent to the Executive concerning one of the referendum questions.
- Jeff Friedrich said the letter indicated the University’s commitment to the SUB Renew project.
- Brian Sullivan:
  - Our understanding is that Council will contemplate a referendum on a fee for renewing the SUB.
  - The AMS commitment of $80 million for this project is seen as extraordinary by the University.
  - The University understands that even with the $80 million from the AMS, there is an expectation of fiscal and other contributions by the University.
  - The letter sent to the Executive tries to say that this project is wonderful, count us in.
  - It lays out the current understanding of the Board of Governors, including seven points related to University Square.
  - We have an ardent desire to be a partner with you on this project.
  - There are many details to work out, but this creates extraordinary momentum.
The University has learned from the intensive and fast consultation process carried out by the AMS.
University Square is for the full community; this will mobilize lots of support.

- Tahara Bhate asked about the seven points.
- Brian Sullivan read the points from the letter:
  - The project will be compliant with the OCP, other plans, and appropriate government policies.
  - University Square will include open space, alumni space, informal learning space, and student housing.
  - It will be within existing design loads for the transit terminal and the knoll.
  - Design and maintenance will be in keeping with the aesthetic of being the gateway to the University.
  - Ground floor SUB uses will be planned collaboratively with the University (the SUB needs to be part of the Square).
  - Ground floor SUB uses that are actually on the Square will be geared to attract all constituencies: students, faculty, staff, etc. (serving the whole community even though predominantly student).
  - The AMS and the University will work together on a legal framework for leases and relationships.

- Mike Duncan: Will the University have the final say on what we put on the ground floor?
- Brian Sullivan: The current process is that the University signs off on concept, design, and code compliance. It’s rare that the University says there’s a problem. This should not impede anything.
- Tristan Markle asked about revisiting the neighbourhood plan to rezone areas as institutional.
- Brian Sullivan said he was sure that would be part of the discussion, but he wouldn’t want to be understood as saying he was in favour of revising the neighbourhood plan.
- Jeff Friedrich asked why the letter couldn’t go further.
- Brian Sullivan: We have to respect the Board of Governors process. Up till now the Square has been seen as revenue neutral. Informal consultations with the Board leadership indicated that the Board is supportive and did not feel that the letter usurped its authority. The Administration would like to be of assistance, for instance in helping get word out to AMS members about the referendum. The President is on-side, as are UBC Properties Trust and Campus Planning.

Referendums – Jeff Friedrich

- Jeff Friedrich said the aim was to make the campus more student-centred, adding:
  - University Boulevard should be for students
  - The NSSE survey showed there was still a struggle over improving student learning.
UBC has the longest commute times in Canada, and commuter students get a limited campus experience; the aim is to make this campus more commuter friendly.

- SUB is the most used building on campus, but is at the end of its lifespan.
- SUB is insufficient to serve the current student body; it was built to serve 20,000 students, but the population is now 45,000.
- SUB is the least sustainable building on campus.
- We’ve lost 36% of our social space; more space is needed.
- The AMS wants to raise $80 million of the $120 million for the project.
- Also, the U-Pass is expiring. If students don’t vote for the requested increase, we will lose the U-Pass.

- Sarah Naiman reported on the marketing plan for the referendum:
  - First a teaser campaign saying the referendum is coming, raising awareness.
  - On March 10, switch to a vote Yes campaign, with important duties for volunteers.

Questions

- Avneet Johal asked for a breakdown of costs.
- Brittany Tyson said a large amount is for banners and printing. Also, meal vouchers for volunteers.

E) Executive Remarks

Shagufta Pasta – Exec. Coordinator Student Services
- No quarterly report as my computer crashed
- March 12th Services Presentation
  - will include a submission from Services
- The new ECSS is Jacqueline Bell
  - she will further the goals of the Services
  - work on engaging students in the AMS
- You have ownership of the AMS

F) Committee Reports:

Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee – Electronic Voting

- Jeff Friedrich: We set too early a date for the report back on this topic.
- Stephanie Ryan: The PRS system would cost $100; the clickers would cost $3,000. We should wait till the new fiscal year and the new budget.
- Brittany Tyson: The Budget Committee has not yet looked at this.

Code & Policies Committee - Bylaw proposals for referendum

- Scott Bernstein noted that past referendums on bylaw change failed because of lack of quorum or failure to meet the 75% approval requirement and reviewed the proposed bylaw changes:
o **Quorum:** Referendum quorum would remain the same; quorum in referendums is not an issue. But quorum for general meetings is too high; there’s not even space for the 4000 students need to turn out to meet quorum. The proposal is to lower general meeting quorum to 1000 or 2%, whichever is less. The problem was to strike a balance to prevent special interests from hijacking the meeting, but still make quorum attainable.

o **Leases:** Currently, we can’t enter into a lease without going to referendum. In anticipation of University Square, this proposal will allow Council to enter into leases.

o **Membership:** The current rules are outdated; we have lots of categories of students not contemplated when the bylaws were drafted. The proposal is to cast the net widely for membership, but let Council exempt certain groups of students from fees.

o **Investment:** Allowing us to invest in Single A as well as in Double A and higher.

- The world won’t come to an end if these don’t pass; we’ve done workarounds; but the current rules make it inconvenient to enter into new leases and they restrict our investment opportunities, which could result in us having to increase fees.

- We’ve brought forward only the most important things that have to be changed.

- Nate Crompton asked for an explanation of Single A and Double A investments.

- Scott Bernstein said they were rating systems based on risk. Going to Single A was not going to the bottom of the barrel; they are still safe; it’s just the next level of cream.

- Nate Crompton asked if we invest in anything other than government bonds.

- Bernie Peets: We have investments in mutual funds. Double A investments are very safe. Single A investments are very safe. We don’t buy individual shares in companies; it’s mostly through the Bank of Montreal. Going to Single A will give us more flexibility and 1 or 2% more on our bottom line.

- Nate Crompton asked if this would affect investing in ethical companies.

- Scott Bernstein: This would give us more flexibility to be ethical.

- Brendon Goodmurphy said there were plans for an ethical investment researcher to investigate AMS practices.

- Bernie Peets: Single A versus Double A has nothing to do with ethics; it’s about risk.

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**SUB Renew Committee - Report and Update**

Sarah Naiman:

- Consultation showed that community and social space was the most important thing for respondents. Next was sustainability, then healthy food and a flexible mix of space.

- The committee examined 7 different options for SUB renewal.

- The current SUB is 205,000 square feet. To renovate or rebuild would cost $82 million; adding another 75,000 square feet would cost another $34 million, for a total of $116 million.
- One option would be to do a major renovation of the current SUB and build into the Square.
- A better option would be to get rid of the current SUB and take over the Square, something worked out with the consultants from Cannon and with UBC Properties Trust.
- The advantage of the second option is not having to worry about having the SUB disturbed; we would just move into the new SUB after it was built.

- Jeff Friedrich: If we come forward with $80 million, that gives us lots of leverage; we can drive program elements.
- Sarah Naiman discussed how the $116 could be raised. Students would be asked to contribute $80 million. Those here when the building is completed will pay more, but students now will pay too; they won’t just be committing future students. The fee will rise from $20 to $30 and so on, up to $110. There will also be CPAC money (from the existing CPAC fund).
- Avneet Johal questioned the emphasis on club space and meeting room space when less than 20% of respondents put that first.
- Sarah Naiman: There are 10,000 students in the clubs; they’re organized groups we can target. Club members were under-represented in the survey, but they’re a big part of who we are; they will be a big part of using this building, and they’re a large constituency we can get to vote.

- Avneet Johal: Is this a political move to win over people who are likely to vote in the referendum? Maybe that’s a good idea. Or are we just trying to listen to the voices of people who aren’t speaking. He wasn’t sure about that.
- Jeff Friedrich: We can change the priorities in our message.
- Avneet Johal: Let’s respond to what students say they want.
- Conor Topley asked about reducing UBC Food Services space.
- Sarah Naiman: That’s still to be worked out. It’s a large unionized space; it’s complicated. That area doesn’t make much money. A conversation is going on.

- Conor Topley asked how long the fee would last.
- Sarah Naiman: There’s a 40-year amortization.
- Ross Horton: It’s a $65 million mortgage; the mortgage doesn’t start until 2014.
- Conor Topley: What’s the kill date for the fee?
- Dave Tompkins: When the finances are completely taken care of.
- Bernie Peets: 2055, roughly.
- Sarah Naiman: It’s a long time; that’s what allows us to keep the fee low.
- Tahara Bhate: Are overbudgeted? We don’t know future interest rates and building costs.
- Sarah Naiman: We’ve used conservative numbers.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked how many students took part in the consultations.
- Sarah Naiman: About 5000 altogether.
- Margaret Orlowski: At $100 the fee is too high. Students may not support it. Alternative sources of funds should be sought.
- Sarah Naiman said there will be a subsidy for students who demonstrate need; this is mentioned in the question.
- Jeff Friedrich said that adjusting for inflation the fee was comparable to the one in 1968.
- Stephanie Ryan asked if the question binds students to one option.
- Sarah Naiman: Consultation is still going on; there’s lots to decide.
- Jeff Friedrich: The challenge is over what elements will be on University Square. If the alumni have a centre, then there doesn’t need to be one in the SUB.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about vetoing options.
- Jeff Friedrich: Council could postpone the project if there’s not a sufficient contribution from the University.
- Avneet Johal asked about a surplus.
- Bernie Peets: Then we would pay off earlier and save interest.

C) Presentations to Council

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G) **Constituency Reports:**


GSS – Jason Penner – Elections. Looking to put roof on outside area of graduate pub.

Law – Scott Bernstein – Very competitive election going on for president; he’s a candidate.


Land and Food Systems – Katie McMahen – Elections, recruitment.


Education – Dana Schindel - Conference in Regina.


Pharmacy – Richelle Schon – Pharmacy Awareness Week.

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

Board of Governors – Darren Peets – A joint meeting of the AMS and the Board is being looked into, possibly for April 10.

Senate – Blake Frederick said the senators were at Senate. Andrew Forshner said the abolition of the noon hour time on Thursdays was being pursued; student senators will try to organize a vote against it.

Krista Riley, AMS Ombudsperson (read by Brendon Goodmurphy):
The AMS Ombuds Office currently has four open cases (two of which have been mostly resolved at this point), and has closed seven cases since the last report. This latest batch of cases has included two ongoing internal club conflicts; three conflicts with professors; one request for academic concession; two inquiries about transferring credits to and from other institution; one complaint against science advising; one complaint against a coach of a sports team; and one appeal of U-Pass fees.

We are also working on revising the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, in order to update the content and make it more accessible and relevant to students. In addition, I am working on strategizing to create conflict resolution resources, tailored to be used within student groups at UBC.

Resource Groups - Bahram Norouzi – Resisting the University conference, on corporatization of the University. Mountain of debt presentation.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED, SECONDED

Minutes of Student Council dated Feb 13, 2008 [SCD-
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Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated Jan 30, 2008 [SCD-
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated January 28, 2008 [SCD-
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 21, 2008 [SCD-

J) Executive Committee Motions:
2. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the amount of $6,371 plus a 5% contingency from the President’s Fund, subject to competitive quotations received by the VP Administration, for the new Art Collection Catalogue.”

Note: The President’s Fund currently has a balance of $222,039.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brittany Tyson showed the old 1988 catalogue of the art collection and described what would be in the new one, adding:
  o It’s unusual for a student society to have an art collection.
  o It can be used as part of promotions, given to donors.

- Sarah Naiman: We have $1500 a year to buy art and over the years have acquired pieces by notable Canadian artists such as Lawren Harris and E.J. Hughes. This is a major art collection worth a great deal of money; one piece alone was appraised at $925,000. It’s important to have a good catalogue, especially since we currently can’t display much of the art itself. In the new SUB we hope to have a permanent display.
- Darren Peets asked about an electronic version.
- Brittany Tyson said it was hoped to make it available electronically.

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4. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED SAM HEPELL, THIRDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

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5. MOVED BRITTANY TYSON, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

"Be it resolved that the Code changes to increase the annual allocation to the Student Initiatives Fund be accepted as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brittany Tyson: The Student Initiatives Fund gets 30 applications a year and more inquiries. She'd like to increase the amount in the fund by $500 and also increase the amount of each award from $250 to $500 in order to fund more students. This year the fund had been almost depleted.

- Sam Heppell asked why the request for the increase to the fund was for only $500 at the same time as increasing the amount of individual awards. Will this mean more money for fewer people?

- Brittany Tyson: The amount in Code is a minimum; Council can put more in the fund each year if it wishes to. She was being conservative in what she asked for, but would love someone to move to increase the amount.

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In favour: Sam Heppell, Stephanie Ryan.

L) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

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

Brendon Goodmurphy:
- There had been talk for years of developing rubrics; this has finally been done.
- The rubrics are based on job knowledge, duties, responsibility, and leadership requirements. Points are assigned and salary levels determined.
- Recommendations:
  - Develop a questionnaire.
  - Adopt a schedule.
  - Add the HR person to the committee (the committee worked on hiring an HR person this year and succeeded in hiring one).
  - Work with the HR Manager to better define job titles and compensation levels.
- The committee was recommending no salary changes for commissioners and was just making a correction for the AVP position.
- Further recommendations:
  - Council should review the existence of commissions versus AVP’s.
  - Meal vouchers should be used as a form of compensation.
- For Council, the Services, and Student Court, the committee was recommending no changes in remuneration, but did recommend a review of the equal pay policy for Service Coordinators.
- The only changes in remuneration being recommended: For the Elections Committee, to entice more qualified candidates.
- Peter Rizov asked about late hiring and its effect on payments.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: There is pro-rating.
- Bowinn Ma asked about the hiring of the Elections Administrator.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: It’s supposed to be in the March hiring period.
- Alex Lougheed asked about increasing transitional honoraria.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: Good point. Not something that was discussed.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked when the new levels would take effect.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: May 1.
- Patrick Meehan: This is not a significant increase. It would be better to advertise more and not hire at the last minute. An extra $1,000 won’t make much difference.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: The committee discussed whether an increase to $10,000 (from $5,000) would be effective, but decided not. The committee is...Carried
looking to the HR Manager to post jobs in a more timely manner to address the core of the issue.
- Patrick Meehan: So spending anything more is unnecessary.

8. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

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

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J) Executive Committee Motions:

9. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

"That Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 25-31 on the questions as presented."

1. Are you in favour of the AMS establishing a graduated SUB Renewal Fee (the ‘Fee’) to contribute to the construction of a new Student Union Building?

Note:
* The Fee would be levied on all active AMS members on a yearly basis.

* The amount of the Fee would be $20 in the 2008/9 school year; $30 in 2009/10, and would continue to increase by $10 per school year up to and including the 2016/17 school year.

* The Fee would increase in each school year after the 2016/17 school year by the rate of inflation determined by the Canadian Consumer Price Index.

* The Fee would continue to be levied until the AMS has completed all its financing obligations for the new Student Union Building.

* The Fee will not be levied until the AMS reaches agreement with the University as to the terms of the University’s financial contribution for the construction of a new Student Union Building to be located on or in the proximity of University Square

* The AMS will establish a process for active AMS members demonstrating need to apply for a refund of the Fee.

The AMS encourages you to vote “Yes.”

2. Do you support an increase in your AMS fee of $1.50 a year to allow the UBC branch of WUSC to continue to support refugee students at UBC?
3. Are you in favour of the AMS Bylaw changes as presented in the Bylaw Reform Package (the proposed by-law package is attached at the bottom)?

The AMS encourages you to vote “Yes.”

4. Are you in favour of a $1.75 increase in the monthly U-Pass fee?

Note:

* The U-Pass will not continue if this referendum fails.

* Charge will now be $23.75/month.

* $0.25 of the fee increase is to pay for the Collection Fee assessed by the University as a handling charge to cover their costs of processing.

The AMS encourages you to vote “Yes.”

- Stephanie Ryan asked about the University’s contribution, as referred to in the SUB question.
- Sarah Naiman said the idea was to encourage the University to agree quickly about making a contribution.
- Jeff Friedrich: Advertising and promotion will focus on the SUB Renew question. The others are not priorities. The question on the UBC Farm is not going forward for a variety of reasons.
- Tim Blair: There was debate in the Farm group over what would happen if the farm is moved. The farm might be moved or downsized, and then there was a moral question about asking students to support it. The group will now focus on the planning process.
- Stephanie Ryan asked about the deadline for the University on the SUB question. If they don’t come to the table in two years, then is the question struck?
- Jeff Friedrich: There is a clause still there about that.
- Sarah Naiman: It’s Council’s decision. It can be at any time.
- Stephanie Ryan: Two years is not mentioned in the question.
- Jeff Friedrich: If they came forward in the third or fourth year, it could still happen technically.
- Tahara Bhate asked about the U-Pass proposal that came to Council about transferring the subsidy the University pays for U-Pass to SUB Renew.
- Matthew Naylor: After discussion with Geoff Atkins, we decided against the rather complicated funding model because it was rather complicated. Also because using U-Pass money to build our building or the bus loop was not within the U-Pass question. It can be done with other funds. It would have required getting the colleges on board at the same price as us, something the Lobbying Review Committee decided not to take a position on.
- Tahara Bhate: Is there a danger of losing the University subsidy?
- Jeff Friedrich: The University is interested in phasing it out, but they are bound through at least 2011.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked if the U-Pass continues in the summer.
- Matthew Naylor: For those who qualify in the summer.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked if there would be an explanation on the ballot for why the AMS is telling students on the ballot to support these questions.
- Jeff Friedrich: There will be links.
- Brittany Tyson said there is up to $1000 for a No side if balance is the question.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: If we are saying vote Yes, we should provide an explanation.
- Stephanie Ryan: Students need heuristics.
- Peter Rizov: Having it on the ballot is inappropriate. The AMS can take a position, but ...
- Asked about previous examples of this, Sheldon Goldfarb said he had never seen this statement on the ballot before.

10. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the statement ‘The AMS encourages you to vote “Yes” ‘ be struck from all the questions.”

- Matthew Naylor: It’s important that we say this on the ballot. The ballot should say that the board of directors of the society supports this motion. It’s within our power to determine what the ballot says.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes said he would agree to putting the implications of voting down the U-Pass increase on the ballot, to say it would mean losing the U-Pass.
- Avneet Johal: It makes sense to let voters see what the board of directors thinks.
- Brittany Tyson said she worried about putting this on the ballot. The AMS had been discredited this year. This was the last year we should be doing this.
- Tahara Bhate said that it looked arrogant and like coercion. We have to say the U-Pass will not continue, but the other statement should be struck. This should be an incentive to conduct a better Yes campaign.

11. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the statement ‘The AMS encourages you to vote “Yes” ‘ be struck from all the questions.”
13. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED SAM HEPELL, THIRDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

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... Carried

- Andrew Forshner asked why the 25 cents for the collection fee for the U-Pass was mentioned in the question; it meant extra wording.
- Brittany Tyson said it was to be clear where the money was going.
- Bernie Peets: It’s important to embarrass the University on this issue, to let the students know that the University is charging money to collect the fee.

14. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That the U-Pass question be amended to change the phrase “Charge will now be $23.75/month” to read:

“Charge will now be $23.75/month, $190/year, for a minimum of three years, as agreed to by the AMS and TransLink.”
After discussion, it was agreed to remove the words “$190/year” because not all students would pay that amount.

15. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

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“Charge will now be $23.75/month, for a minimum of three years, as agreed to by the AMS and TransLink.”

...Carried

16. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the referendum motion be divided to separate out the Bylaw question.”

... Carried

17. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH, THIRDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council go in camera”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Carried

Council went in camera at 9:25 pm.

Council left in camera at 9:40 pm.

The Speaker declared the referendum motion to be in order.

- Avneet Johal suggested that the U-Pass question be made clearer to indicate that the University is not covering the collection costs.
- Bernie Peets explained the history of the collection fee, saying the AMS had been told at one point we wouldn’t have to pay it, but then it turned out we did. The University did defer collection and let us pay a reduced amount at first, but this year and last year we had to pay $68,000.
- Stephen McCarthy wondered if the ballot was the place to complain about the University.
- Tahara Bhate asked about the wording of the WUSC question. Was it exactly as was on the petition they submitted?

18. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the WUSC question be amended to read ‘Do you support an increase in your AMS fee of $1.50 a year to allow the UBC branch of the World University Services Canada (WUSC) to continue to support refugee students at UBC?’ “

...Carried
- Alex Lougheed said this language was still not exactly what was on the petition because it used “you” instead of “I.”

19. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council be extended until 10:50 pm.”

... Carried

20. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the WUSC question be amended to read ‘I support’ instead of ‘Do you support’.”

... Failed for lack of seconder

21. MOVED BRITTANY MURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That the wording in all the questions be changed to read: ‘Do you support’ instead of ‘Are you in favour of’.”

....Carried

22. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

"That Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 25-31 on the questions as presented."

1. Are you in favour of the AMS establishing a graduated SUB Renewal Fee (the ‘Fee’) to contribute to the construction of a new Student Union Building?

Note:
* The Fee would be levied on all active AMS members on a yearly basis.

* The amount of the Fee would be $20 in the 2008/9 school year; $30 in 2009/10, and would continue to increase by $10 per school year up to and including the 2016/17 school year.

* The Fee would increase in each school year after the 2016/17 school year by the rate of inflation determined by the Canadian Consumer Price Index.

* The Fee would continue to be levied until the AMS has completed all its financing obligations for the new Student Union Building.

* The Fee will not be levied until the AMS reaches agreement with the University as to the terms of the University’s financial contribution for the construction of a new Student Union Building to be located on or in the proximity of University Square

* The AMS will establish a process for active AMS members demonstrating
need to apply for a refund of the Fee.

2. Do you support an increase in your AMS fee of $1.50 a year to allow the UBC branch of the World University Services Canada (WUSC) to continue to support refugee students at UBC?

3. Do you support a $1.75 increase in the monthly U-Pass fee?

Note:

* The U-Pass will not continue if this referendum fails.

* Charge will now be $23.75/month, for a minimum of three years as agreed to by the AMS and TransLink.

* $0.25 of the fee increase is to pay for the Collection Fee assessed by the University as a handling charge to cover their costs of processing.

23. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED SAM HEPPELL, THIRDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

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24. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That Council in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 25-31 on the AMS Bylaw changes as presented in the Bylaw Reform Package.”

25. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That the bylaw revision for Associate members be reworded to read:

Associate members shall be those persons who are not active members and who:

i) are members of the faculty or staff of the University UBC Vancouver or the Society; or

ii) are registered in a Credit Course of the University, provided that such course is taught outside the Greater Vancouver Regional District; or

iii) are not active members and are designated as associate members by the Council.

... Carried

- Darren Peets said that the abolition of the Day Member category would in effect increase quorum for referendums.
- Jeff Friedrich said perhaps quorum for referendums should be reduced to 5%.
- Darren Peets expressed concern about amending the investment clause to allow Single A investments. People will think we’re sneaking something through and will vote against the whole package as a result. It’s jargon that people won’t understand. He wasn’t sure of the exact benefit for us (the dollar amount), but some people don’t trust us and this will be hard to explain.
- Bernie Peets said this came forward last time we tried to amend the bylaws, on the advice of our bankers. Double A is too restrictive and yet not that much safer than Single A. The increase might be 1%, which would be a significant number.

26. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

“That the bylaw question be postponed until next meeting.”

...Carried

27. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That the referendum questions appear in the following order:

SUB Renew
WUSC
Bylaws
U-Pass."

Sarah Naiman: The idea is to encourage people to vote for all the questions, on the assumption that they will want to vote on the U-Pass issue.

28. MOVED SARAH NAIMAN, SECONDED BRENDON GOODMURPHY:

“That the referendum questions appear in the following order:

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…Carried

29. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON:

“That Council adopt a Yes position in support of the SUB and U-Pass referendum questions.”

30. MOVED ANDREW FORSHNER, SECONDED NATE CROMPTON:

“That Motion 29 be amended to read;

‘Be it Resolved that Council adopt a Yes position in support of the SUB and U-Pass referendum questions.

Be it Further Resolved that Council adopt a Yes position on the WUSC referendum question.’ “

... Carried

31. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON:

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Be it Further Resolved that Council adopt a Yes position on the WUSC referendum question.”

32. MOVED STEPHANIE RYAN, SECONDED KATE POWER, THIRDED SAM HEPPELL:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

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... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

33. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Impacts Committee, amend the AMS Strategic Framework by adding the material on sustainability, as presented.”

Note” Requires 2/3rds  
...Carried

Note: Sam Heppell and Stephanie Ryan in favour

34. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:
“That Council be extended until 11:22.”

...Carried

35. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“To amend the agenda to discuss the VP Academic motion now.”

...Carried

37. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED ALFIE LEE:

“That Council appoint _______ as the temporary VP Academic in the event that the position becomes vacant as a result of a Student Court ruling.”

- Brendon Goodmurphy: There’s some value in acting pre-emptively because if Student Court creates a vacancy, there won’t be a Council meeting to fill it until March 12.

- The Speaker noted that any Student Court ruling has to come back to Council to take effect in any case.

Motion ruled out of order

38. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council adopt the report of the Impacts Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Sustainability’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brendon Goodmurphy:
  o The proposed changes are based on feedback on how to implement the sustainability policy and make sure it’s more than a document on a shelf.
  o The Impacts Committee decided there should be a permanent Sustainability Coordinator and that sustainability in general should go into the VP Finance portfolio, with the Sustainability Coordinator reporting to the VP Finance and the VP Finance chairing the Impacts Committee.
  o The VP Finance is connected to the businesses, which play a major role in sustainability, and pursuing sustainability will affect our bottom line. Also, the VP Finance has fewer current responsibilities.
  o Last time there were objections because of the larger issue of committee reform. Committee reform is certainly something to look at, but for now it would be useful to make the VP Finance chair of Impacts.

- Tristan Markle: It’s paradoxical to put the Sustainability Coordinator under the VP Finance because their objectives are antithetical; they should be separated; otherwise it’s like putting people working for peace under the Department of National Defence.
- Chris Diplock: Sustainability needs to be incorporated throughout the Society. We should break out of the frame of mind that sees business and the environment as conflicting. They should work together.
- Nate Crompton: There’s a division between ecology, social and economic sustainability. There’s a distinction between environmental goals and the bottom line.

39. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

40. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council adopt the report of the Impacts Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Sustainability’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

41. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, appoint Patrick Meehan Elections Administrator for a term commencing February 28, 2008 and ending April 30, 2008.”

Patrick Meehan said he would be resigning his Council seat at the end of the meeting. As president of his Constituency, Stephanie Ryan accepted his resignation.

42. MOVED BRENDON GOODMURPHY, SECONDED SARAH NAIMAN:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, appoint Patrick Meehan Elections Administrator for a term commencing February 28, 2008 and ending April 30, 2008.”

…Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:
O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
43. MOVED SAM HEPPELL, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

"Be it Resolved that the following motion be postponed until the next Council meeting.

"Be it further resolved that Council direct the President to put this motion at the top of the regular business of Council.

'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 Governors) 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.

... Carried

44. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED BRITTANY TYSON:

"That Council be extended indefinitely"

... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:
  • Councillor of the Year goes to Conor Topley.
  • Thank you everyone for your contribution to the AMS
  • David Wells is leaving and I want to thank him for his valuable support and all the contributions to Council
  • I got a lot from my year – thank you to the other Executives who contributed at such a high level
  • Thank you to the support staff
Bernie Peets:
- I have attended approximately 273 Council meetings totalling approximately 65,520 minutes of scintillating debate
- Attended 676 Executive Committee meetings
- 32,448 hours of work besides Council meetings
- Attended 3,380 lunches and drank 16,900 cups of coffee
- Throughout all this I have been impressed by the wisdom of Council and the choices it has made for the AMS
- Thank you to this year’s Executive and all the support staff
- It’s very impressive that the outgoing Executive is going to help out with the referendum.
- Please give Ross the sort of support you gave me.
- Have a great referendum and a great new building.

Executive Remarks:
Brittany Tyson – VP Finance
- AMS Block Party Meeting
  - carnival
  - sausage fest
  - logger sports
- AMS AGM tomorrow
- BOC Sustainability issues
  - cheeseless pizza
- Memo of understanding re Sprouts will be at Council next week.
- Thank you to Council for all your support and criticism
- Thank you to my fellow Executives all the laughs and hard work
- Thanks to the support staff

Matthew Naylor – VP External Affairs
- Apologies for not having my quarterly report done, I’ll send it out in a few days
- Lobby days were great
- We are preparing a response to the proposal to update the Society Act
- The Federal Budget supports students
- U Pass summer version – it’s pink
- Get involved in External Affairs, we can make change happen
- I’m sad I’m leaving
- Special thanks to David Wells
- Thank you to everyone – we achieved a lot!

Brendon Goodmurphy – VP Academic & University Affairs
- Sustainability strategy final draft will go out tomorrow
- I will come to Council March 12th
- Thank you to Council, the support staff and Blake Frederick
- It’s been a privilege and an honour to have served on the AMS Executive
- I’m excited to be done

Sarah Naiman – VP Administration
- We are a powerful body
• We have an impact
• The AMS is an important body – get involved
Thank you everyone

Q) Submissions:
Quarterly Report - President
Quarterly Report – VP Administration
Quarterly Report – VP Finance
Quarterly Report – VP Academic

R) Next Meeting:
The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2008

S) Adjournment:
45. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH, SECONDED, MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

…Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 pm

T) Social Activity:
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Mark Latham, (Voter Funded Media), Neal Yonson (Chemistry), Spencer Rocky (Commerce), Rakesh Parhar (Science), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Max Unger, Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Raymond Pan (Senator at Large), Brittany Tyson (Arts), Rory Green (Arts), Timothy Chu (Arts), Mitch Wright (Arts), Jingyan Yu (Science), Tyler Allison (Arts), Rachhar Noezwzi (Arts), Blake Frederick (AVP, University Affairs), Miriam Stein (Sustainability Coordinator), Mathew Hayles (Referendum Coordinator), Patrick Meehan (Elections Administrator), Sarah Naiman, Brendon Goodmurphy, Caroline Walker (Sprouts), Luisa Muenter (Sprouts), Ross Horton (General Manager), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. MOVED CONOR TOPLEY, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

VFM Presentation - Mark Latham

Mark Latham:
- He donated the money for the last two years of Voter Funded Media (VFM) during the AMS executive elections.
- Now he wants a year-round VFM instead of just for the elections, with awards handed out throughout the year.
- If it’s continuous like this, there will be less rush.
- He would fund and administer this new VFM.
- He’s already doing this at SFU.
- It would not be linked to the elections and would not need to have all its details in Code.
- He would like to run it as a pilot project; if the AMS liked it, they could take it over.

Questions

- Darren Peets:
  o VFM rules will be less enforceable if VFM is not run by us.
Someone could use this year-round VFM to get their name publicized and then decide to run in the elections.

- Mark Latham:
  - The VFM system doesn’t allow him to see how people voted.
  - He had to obey standard privacy rules in setting this up, but he will doublecheck on that.
  - When it’s campaign time, enforce the rules then.

- Matthew Naylor: VFM didn’t work because of the rush and because we administered it. Putting it out to an external person may work better.

- Peter Rizov: Can established media enter? How many people vote?

- Mark Latham: It’s open to everyone, and it’s not necessarily the established media that win. As to how many vote, it’s been disappointing at SFU, but SFU doesn’t have the experience of two years of running VFM; it just started there two months ago.

- Peter Rizov: Will a small group of students dominate?

- Mark Latham said there are two possible approaches to reaching students: ask UBC to implement a self-enrollment option or register everybody.

- Dave Tompkins: Is there a motion coming on this?

- Mark Latham said he had no plans yet.

- In response to a question about blogs, Mark Latham agreed that they might have an advantage over published papers.

- In response to a question about voting and enrollment, Mark Latham said he’d like to have perpetual registration, but right now it’s just for the year.

- Natalie Swift said that she could see the point of VFM for elections, but what’s the purpose of year-round VFM?

- Mark Latham: It could cover AMS issues. During the election, it will cover the candidates, but other times VFM media could be asking: What’s the AMS doing? What’s happening with SUB Renew? etc.

- Natalie Swift: People might vote in favour of a media outlet for reasons that have nothing to do with how good their coverage is.

- Mark Latham: You can’t control voters. You could control the media, but he was against that because of freedom of the press.

2. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

   “Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to put the VFM motion here.”

   ... Carried

3. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

   “Be it resolved that Council has no objection to Mark Latham sponsoring year-round voter-funded media for UBC students and administering it on the Vista Course Management System.

   “Be it further resolved that Council request UBC to implement a self-enrolled option in the Vista Course Management System as soon as possible to help facilitate Voter Funded Media.
“Be it further resolved that Council grant permission to use the AMS name and logo for the promotion and execution of the Vista VFM contest.”

- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked how the voting would work.
- Mark Latham said there could be a vote every month for the best media outlet for that month.
- Chris Diplock questioned using the AMS name and logo since this would not be an AMS project.
- Matthew Naylor: VFM has been affiliated with the AMS for two years. It won’t add to our burden.
- Chris Diplock: What input would we have? What accountability would there be?
- Matthew Naylor: It could be overseen by the VFM committee.

4. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That Motion 3 be amended to add the phrase ‘with oversight by the Ad Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee’ to the end of the last Be it resolved clause.”

- Stephanie Ryan: Lots of students don’t know what’s going on. This project would increase awareness, which is good. The problem is that it’s an external body. The AMS should be working on this. The Turbo Democracy Committee can be the means of involvement for the AMS.
- Mark Latham: The aim is to hand it over to the AMS. He’s just starting it up.
- Michael Duncan said the whole contest, not just the use of the AMS name and logo, should be overseen by the Turbo Democracy Committee.

5. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That Motion 4 be amended so that all of the original last Be it resolved clause be replaced by the following:

‘Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee oversee the administration of the Vista VFM Contest.

‘Be it further resolved that Council consider the Vista contest the VFM Contest as required by Code.’

... Carried

6. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

No objections

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... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

Michael Duncan President

1) Child Care capital funding was denied by the Provincial Government. Stef and I are taking the necessary steps along with the University to ensure that we make this project happen.

2) There have been complaints from people regarding the Student Court and the lack of visibility. I drafted up a letter to be released to the press. It has been posted on our website and a mention of it was put into the Ubyssey. I will forward it out to Council.

3) The Exec are going on a goal setting and team building retreat this weekend. I am really excited for it.

4) The Whistler Orientation Weekend will be happening in May. This is a great opportunity for councillors to come and learn about their positions and what they do on Council. It is also a great opportunity to meet other Councillors, Executives, staff, and coordinators in the society. I can’t stress how important it is that everyone attend this retreat. More information to come in the next weeks.

5) If you happened to be listening to CBC radio at 8am on Friday morning you might have heard me. I was doing an interview with CBC regarding the 100 year anniversary of the University and about what it is like to be a student here.

6) Stef and I had a meeting with Hedy Fry, the MP for Vancouver Centre, on Friday. I will let Stef talk more about this.

7) I met with Kevin Kenna, the Staff Sergeant for the RCMP on campus. We discussed the current atmosphere regarding liquor on campus. Obviously we have different opinions on many things, but overall the meeting was productive. We were looking into the Advisory Committee that will be set up and how that will work. Apparently it is almost ready to go. Alex will be representing the AMS on this committee.

8) Alex and I went to the Student Leader Recognition event on Monday. It was a nice exposé of student leaders from all across campus. We all received a book entitled “The Bottom Billion” which talks about how the world is failing the
poorest billion on earth. If you are interested in reading it feel free to come and borrow it off me.

E) Executive Remarks:

Alex Lougheed - VP Academic:
Administrative catch-up and orientations
  o Many meetings with Brendon, various AMS staff, some of our student service employees, a boot camp, and reading over transition reports and old minutes is taking up a lot of my time right now.

SUB Renewal website
  o Being a computer nerd, Sarah put me on the website team. Check out ams.ubc.ca to see our splash page and click on the referendum sub-site to see what we’ve got up!
  o Starting to schedule meetings with various student stakeholder groups to promote the referendum.

Alumni Network
  o Hope you all got your invitations to the inaugural event of the AMS Alumni Network. All of council is invited, and the event takes place next Monday, 6pm at Cecil Green. This is an important relationship that I hope the AMS can sustain far in to the future.

Just Desserts
  o If you’re getting one, you’ve been informed! The event planning is coming along smoothly, and it looks to be a fun event. A couple of constituencies have still yet to submit their nominations. You should have an email in your box if you have yet to. Thanks a ton to Joanne for doing all the legwork for this event.

Compensation Review Committee
  o Comp Review met to decide on rates for the AVP Finance, the AVP External, the Assistant to the AVP Finance, the Business Operations Coordinator, and the Elections Administrator in case of a by-election. I’m looking forward to the overall compensation review where we will use the rubrics. Through this process I’ve really noticed how ad-hoc some of the honoraria in the AMS are.

Appointments
  o Check out the website to see job postings for the AVP A/U, the Speaker of Council, the Ombudsperson and their Deputy, and the Safety Coordinator. Please spread the word widely!

Systemic Discrimination
  o Brendon sent out a request for proposals to a couple of people who deal with discrimination issues within organizations. We got one response, and are currently thinking about whether or not we should request more proposals, or to go with who applied. More updates next meeting.

Miscellanea
  o It’s one of my duties to make sure the constituencies submit their minutes to the AMS Archives. Just a heads up but the AMS does have an archivist and huge archives. If you want to submit your Council minutes to them (it’s encouraged) get in touch with myself or Sheldon.
I’m looking for a guest to bring to the grand opening of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. It’s on block party day, but in the morning. Get in touch!

Tristan Markle – VP Administration

Where we’re at with SUB Renew / referendum.
Thanks to great work by staff on advertising: banners up on UBC buildings early next week, TransLink ads up tomorrow, rave cards (for distribution by all of us) in tomorrow, floor decals next week, t-shirts next Wednesday, niche should be ready for Monday, website is up, facebook group up. What we need most, though, are volunteers for class announcements and tabling. The volunteer core team has created a sign up sheet, so please sign up. All campaign resources are in the AMS Connect office in the Services area. We’re going in to full campaign mode on Monday, hitting all the classes. We will be having daily meeting at 9:30 am in the AMS connect office starting Monday, March 17 to check in, strategize, and plan for the day; we expect each core team to send a rep. Everyone is welcome.

Other SUB Renew items:
Mike Duncan and I met with Barbara Miles, UBC’s new fundraising tsar, and discussed working together with fundraising. We presented a plan of us paying 2/3rds of the cost of the new SUB, the university 1/3, and each dollar we “jointly” fundraise is split 50/50 between us to bring down the cost for each of us. She was very receptive, and thought that the new student driven SUB concept fits well within the university’s larger fundraising strategy. Of course everything now depends on the referendum.

Please please do class announcements in ALL your classes.

Other news:
Informal “green building” committee formed; it will be an important subcommittee of SUB Renew; SAC job descriptions are ready to go up, so tell people to apply.

Stefanie Ratjen – VP External Affairs
1- Byelection- a focus on the Vancouver Quadra byelection has been lost in the transition period. I have been in touch with the respective candidates, and they have been doing their own campaigning on and around campus.
2- Lobby days- get your receipts from the 2008 Trek to the Leg in to either myself or Chris Diplock as soon as possible.
3- Childcare- The campaign to increase funding for childcare has taken a different tone. The provincial government, in a very unexpected move, decided to not fund the proposals put forward by the AMS, UBC. We are trying to figure out why.
4- Hedy Fry- met up with her on Friday, she seemed very interested in post-secondary education issues, asking us why are we not out on the streets over tuition fees.

Chris Diplock – VP Finance
General Transition
- Went really well

FinCom
- Things are going well, getting to know everyone
- Good group of people
- Implementing new timeline

BoC
- Exciting things are happening
- Azim's Survey is done

Budget
- Working on timeline
- Sprouts

VFM
- Hunting down lists
- First batch of reimbursements are done
- The second batch will be done on Friday
- If you still have receipts submit them as soon as possible

Jacqueline Bell - ECSS
It's been a really exciting few weeks getting better acquainted with the services, the coordinators, and the other projects such as LEAP and the Student Success publications that the ECSS takes part in.

- We will begin hiring for the Service Coordinators in the coming weeks, but right now it's really important that we get the descriptions out to as many people as possible. The Services are as strong as the people who run them, so all your help with forwarding that information on to your constituencies is really appreciated. There's also a note up on Facebook that you are more than welcome to post to your page and pass along to people you know who might be a good fit.

- The last few weeks have been important ones for the volunteer recruitment team for the referenda. We've set up volunteer base camp in the Connect office, and have been busy sending the email blast through as many listservs as we can get our hands on. We've also come up with a rewards system, where 3 lunch hours spent canvassing or 10 classroom announcements gets you a Block Party ticket. It's really important that Councillors take on a leadership role with volunteering for the referenda, and it's super easy to do classroom announcements so we've posted up a sign-up sheet - if you could take a few minutes today to sign up that would be fantastic. Any help you can provide in terms of forwarding on the volunteer blast to your constituents would be really great too.

- Over the past week I've been meeting with the Service Coordinators and assistants to gauge how they're doing, and what sort of suggestions they have for orientations next year as well as comments on what their ideal ECSS would be
like. Their feedback has been really helpful both in determining what sort of outside training would be useful for me to have and in planning the orientation for incoming coordinators. Any feedback or suggestions on training would be appreciated.

- The coordinator of Safewalk, Hark, attended a Safewalk conference this weekend with attendees from similar programs across the country. This was a great opportunity for him to get a better understanding of how other campuses are dealing with topics like emergency response, employee retention, and new Safewalk initiatives. We’ll be working together to assess whether Safewalk would benefit from the insights of other schools.

- Upcoming projects for the week include revisiting the Student Success publications, working on the orientations manual and training days for incoming coordinators, helping manage the referenda volunteer team and attending the E-Learning information night that LEAP will be presenting at.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering – Bowinn Ma – Pie in the Face small this year. First-year orientation. Debate team won at an engineering conference. EUS was invoiced for cleaning of 9 o’clock gun, but is not paying.


Land and Food Systems – Katie McMahen – Wednesday barbecues. Grad April 5.

Forestry – Natalie Swift – Spruce up formal. Ring ceremony. University turning logging field into baseball field; Forestry students not happy.

Regent – Lucia Lam – Upcoming events.

GSS – Jason Penner – New Exec. AGM this Friday.

Law – Scott Bernstein – Annual trike race. Another $1 million from Davis & Co. for the Law building. High turnout in elections.

Arts – Stephanie Ryan – Elections. Sam Sullivan speaking on how a BA is the best degree for a business career. Going to lobby for increase to Arts funding.

Pharmacy – Richelle Schon – Crosses up, Sunday run, for Africa.
Block Party report - Bowinn Ma: Activities will include Dance Dance Revolution, a dunk tank, a golf driving range, carnival games, a mechanical bull, booths.

Michael Duncan: The official opening of the Barber centre is set for April 11, the same day as the Block Party. There’s also a high school science fair in the SUB that day.

P) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

8. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

“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 Governors) who appear on the same poster or 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

- Stephanie Ryan: This amendment will clarify the rules on slates.
- Darren Peets: What it’s trying to accomplish it doesn’t. It doesn’t define most of the new terms by what people might be doing.

9. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That Motion 8 be amended to insert “and/or” in place of “and” in the phrase “appear on the same poster or campaign materials and/or who indicate affiliation to the same electoral team.”

10. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED CLARK FUNNEL:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

- Darren Peets: You could have the slate designator but if not on a poster together you wouldn’t be a slate. Adding “and/or” makes that impossible.
- Matthew Naylor suggested using “xor.”
- Dave Tompkins found other examples of “and/or” in the Code.
- Avneet Johal: Just use “and”; you could be on some materials without being affiliated. It’s really restrictive to say “or”; against the spirit of the proposal.

11. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

No objections

12. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

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...Carried

- Michael Duncan: This would not formally restore slates, but we used to have slates and they exist elsewhere, and this would bring back the bad part of slates without the good. It will not increase diversity, but it may produce an Executive whose members have trouble working together.
- Tahara Bhate: Endorsing means slates, but collaborating and agreeing with others in debate, that’s not being on a slate.

13. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Motion 8 be amended to remove the phrase ‘and endorse’ in the sentence:

‘Candidates may collaborate with and endorse each other, so long as they do not run in formal slates.’

- Scott Bernstein: If we start taking things out one by one, we might as well just scrap the whole thing. The idea was to loosen requirements.
- Matthew Naylor: Candidates should be allowed to endorse. It works well in the AUS. We need to strike down barriers.
- Michael Duncan: In the time of slates, there were examples of executives not working well together. Since the abolition of slates, people have worked better together.
- Nathan Crompton: Are we administrators and bureaucrats or active members elected on our beliefs? This is against politics.
- Andrew Forshner: This still allows endorsement of others’ ideas.

14. MOVED ANDREW FORSHNER, SECONDED TARIQ AHMED:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

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...Carried

- Sam Heppell: Slates currently exist. It’s naïve to say they don’t. It’s just that they exist under the surface, in back rooms. Those groupings of candidates of like mind do exist; we can't stop slates completely; it’s futile. It’s a disservice to prevent these affiliations, to put up barriers.

- Matthew Naylor: Slates are good. They are general benefit to the society. Western has two rival slates on its executive; they work together. We can do the same thing. This will bring back diversity, which has declined since slates were abolished. There will be more cohesive platforms and more effective executive teams, whether from the same slate or not. It will create a diversity of ideas, better ideas and visions. Collaboration bring better ideas. Past executives and senators support this.

- Brendon Goodmurphy: This motion won’t really achieve what the movers think it will. It will have to be interpreted by the Elections Administrator.

16. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED DANA SCHINDEL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

17. MOVED DARREN PEETS , SECONDED ANDREW FORSHNER:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

18. MOVED SAM HEPPELL, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR, THIRDED STEPHANIE RYAN:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

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

**Board of Governors – Darren Peets:** Joint AMS-BoG reception still planned for April 10.

**Senate – Alfie Lee** – Noon hour break suspended.
Department of Emergency Medicine created.

**Ombudsperson – Krista Riley (read by Alex Lougheed):**
Alfie Lee asked about the University Ombudsoffice. The plan is for it to be in place by September.

P) Other Business and Notices of Motion:

19. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“Be it resolved that Council allocate $35,062.04 from the President’s Fund to the Arts Undergraduate Society for repayment of the accumulated Arts County Fair debt.”

Note: The current balance in the President’s Fund is $195,000.

- Jason Penner:
  o Arts County Fair (ACF) originally ran on a one-time surplus.
  o Five or six years ago the ACF budget was separated from the AUS budget.
  o Now it’s moved to the AUS again.
  o Through the ACF, the AUS provided a 16-year service to all university students.

- Chris Diplock:
  o The AUS agreed to take the ACF deficit into their account.
  o This coming year the AUS will no longer have to pay for building MASS; that will come off this figure.
  o It’s a precedent if we allow this; any club or constituency with poor financial performance won’t be accountable.
  o It’s rare for us to forgive for no apparent reason.

- Brittany Tyson: Arts was okay with moving the debt to the AUS account; it’s surprising this is coming forward now.

- Tyler Allison:
  o The AUS did agree, but thought they’d be able to operate in deficit mode.
  o However, now they have had their accounts frozen.
  o If only Arts students had attended the ACF, he could understand, but it had a large attendance and was not for profit.
  o The money freed up from the MASS loan could better be spent elsewhere, for instance on new student services.

- Brittany Tyson: It was made clear that there would have to be a short term loan application. Forgiveness was not in the discussion.

- Tyler Allison: We weren’t under the impression that we had to apply for a loan.

- Matthew Naylor:
  o Ability to pay should not be a reason to pay if you shouldn’t have to.
  o $35,000 for 16 years is a steal.
  o There’s no parallel to other clubs; no other club provided service like this; it would be as if the AMS Block Party’s costs were imposed on one constituency.
  o We owe the AUS a debt of gratitude.

- Andrew Forshner:
The AUS took up the deficit out of good faith to the AMS, or the AMS would have had to pay for the whole thing.
- Sprouts is going to get a deficit refund later tonight.
- ACF was not just for Arts students.
  - Brendon Goodmurphy:
    - ACF may have been a service to all students, but then there should be an AMS-AUS negotiation.
    - The Sprouts situation is different, a result of an AMS mistake.
  - Tariq Ahmed asked about ACF profits and losses.
  - Tyler Allison said profits went to two charities.
  - Dave Tompkins: Some of the debt was to charities too.
  - Michael Duncan said he was concerned about the precedent. There are other events that many students go to. It may be a good idea to sit down with the Finance Commission.

20. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

"That Motion 19 be referred to the Budget Committee."

- Alex Lougheed said he was hesitant to take money from the President’s Fund; we should capitalize on that money. The Budget Committee can think about this and talk to the Arts reps.

21. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

"That Motion 20 be amended to refer Motion 19 to the Finance Commission instead of the Budget Committee."

- Chris Diplock: It’s not just a question of looking at the budget to see if we have the money; it’s looking at whether this application qualifies. So it should go to the Finance Commission.
- Matthew Naylor: The Budget Committee is preferable; it should be elected people dealing with this.
- Chris Diplock: Fincom's main role is approving money from funds.
- Tahara Bhate: It should not be just a Fincom decision, and it’s not just fiscal; there could be a dialogue between Budget Committee and Fincom.
- Alex Lougheed: It’s more a political issue. It should be Councillors instead of appointees.
- Chris Diplock: Fincom would look at it; then Budget Committee could work it into the budget.

22. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

"That Motion 20 be amended to refer Motion 19 to the Finance Commission instead of the Budget Committee."

... Carried

23. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:
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... Carried

Opposed: Matthew Naylor

J) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

24. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED DARREN PEETS

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Minutes of Council dated February 27, 2008
In Camera Minutes of Council dated February 12, 2008
In Camera Minutes of Council dated February 27, 2008
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 6, 2008
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 27, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 29, 2008
Minutes of the Compensation Review Committee dated March 7, 2008
Minutes of the Compensation Review Committee dated March 10, 2008

- Tahara Bhate asked about the donation made by the Executive, as recorded in the Executive Committee’s minutes. She suggested there be more publicity for the Donations Policy.

25. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED DARREN PEETS

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.... Carried

K) Executive Committee Motions:

26. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, create a temporary Business Operations Executive Project, to be directed by a Business Operations Coordinator, who will report to the Vice-President Finance.”
Chris Diplock explained his plan for revamping the Finance Commission, creating an Associate Vice-President Finance, and introducing a Business Operations Coordinator:
- The Executive has created the AVP Finance.
- There is a Business Operations Commissioner on Fincom; it’s an interesting position, but why are they on Fincom, where their time gets eaten up with routine Fincom work such as budget approvals.
- He envisions a more robust sort of position and overall a more efficient structure through centralizing and having fewer people.
- Fincom administers several funds, so there will have to be changes to it to accommodate the new proposal; those will involve Code changes, which aren’t ready yet; they will come to the next meeting.
- But hiring is urgent now for the new Business Operations Coordinator.

Avneet Johal expressed concern about reducing the number of people on Fincom from five or six to two. Having only two people vote seems not enough.

Dave Tompkins: The debate now is only about creating this temporary officer.

Matthew Naylor:
- He was highly uncomfortable voting on this before seeing the Code changes. It’s not reasonable to approve a new system before seeing it codified.
- He has also heard concerns from various people, including a Fincom member, about the loss of the volunteer spirit in the AMS. He wasn’t sure institutionalizing higher paying, time-intensive positions is good.
- He also likes having a lot of people available to interact with clubs.
- He wasn’t convinced that Fincom wasn’t doing its job.
- Not keen on only three people voting on funds, though also not keen on a non-elected body doing it at all.
- It’s good to include non-elected students in the AMS structure; positions like Service Coordinators and Fincom commissioners are good for those not wishing to subject themselves to elections.
- This will make the AMS less open.

Brittany Tyson: Fincom positions are horrible jobs. Chris has put a lot of work into this proposal. This new configuration will assist him. She would have liked it.

27. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, create a temporary Business Operations Executive Project, to be directed by a Business Operations Coordinator, who will report to the Vice-President Finance.”
28. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an amount not to exceed $13,187.52 from CPAC to cover the capital costs overrun part of the debt owed by Sprouts and the Natural Food Co-op to the AMS.”

Note: CPAC currently has a balance of $118,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brittany Tyson provided background on Sprouts. Renovations done for them several years ago had produced cost overruns. In 2005 the Executive and the Renovations Planning Group had discussed the situation, but it had never made it to Council.
- Andrew Forshner: The Executive said they’d cover the costs?
- Brittany Tyson: Yes.
- Conor Topley asked what happens if this doesn’t pass.
- Brittany Tyson: This feeds into the general deficit. It was our oversight; there was a lack of ventilation that had to be put in later.
- Jason Penner: Was Sprouts not consulted on the design?
- Caroline Walker: Sprouts was not expert on design; we left it to the AMS.
- Jason Penner said it sounded like a poor business plan.
- Brittany Tyson: No, it was a renovation that wasn’t right.
- Brendon Goodmurphy: They didn’t realize the cost until it was done.

... Carried

29. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

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30. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Alma Mater Society and the Natural Food Co-op and Sprouts, as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brittany Tyson: Sprouts is committed to repaying what they owe, and the AMS in this memorandum promises to do things for Sprouts.
- Chris Diplock: He’s been sitting down with Sprouts, looking at their budget. They’re already co-operating.
- Conor Topley: If results are not favourable, how soon will you re-engineer the plan? If they’re losing money, how will you stop it?
- Chris Diplock: If they have a loss, they’ve have to get a new treasurer, and we’ll discus it with them. Eventually, it could mean closing down the operation.
- Tahara Bhate expressed concern that the terms might cripple Sprouts if they had a bad month.
- Brittany Tyson: No, the point is not to cripple them.

31. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

…Carried

32. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE

“Whereas Council on February 27 approved an expenditure of $6,371 from the President’s Fund for a new art collection catalogue; and

Whereas in fact more money is needed for the catalogue,

Therefore be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve an additional $1,300 plus a 5% contingency from the President’s Fund for the art collection catalogue.”

Note: The President’s Fund currently has a balance of $195,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Diplock: The amount last time didn’t include tax and another expense. This request is to make up for the unmet need.
- Tristan Markle: This is for a catalogue of all the art pieces the AMS has, which we can use to fundraise.
- Stephanie Ryan: We keep spending so much on this. Maybe Council should get a tour of the art collection, perhaps during SUBmersion.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

34. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 25 -31 on the AMS Constitution and Bylaw changes as presented in the amended Bylaw Reform Package.

Note: The wording of the changes is subject to review by the AMS lawyers, but any changes made by them will be for clarification only and will not be substantive.”

- Scott Bernstein explained a change in the package since the last meeting:
  o The proposal to allow Single A investments has been dropped to avoid jeopardizing the rest of the bylaw amendments; the amount that would be gained by investing in Single A would not be that great given current interest rates.
- Stefanie Ratjen: Allowing Single A would open up more possibilities of ethical investing. If we’re promoting sustainability, we should walk the talk. With proper clarification, this should not be too much of an issue.
- Darren Peets said he had changed his mind on this in the light of the explanation about ethical investing.

It was agreed to restore the proposal to allow Single A investments.

- Alex Lougheed discussed the proposed changed to the name of the AMS and proposed references in the bylaw revisions to the UBCO Student Union.
- There was discussion of whether the new name should be the Alma Mater Society “at UBC Vancouver” or “of UBC Vancouver” and whether to spell out UBC.

35. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN:

“That the word ‘at’ be changed to ‘of’ and that UBC be spelled out.”

- Darren Peets: The word “at” just means we’re sitting here; “of” means we’re part of the University.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said the “at” wording had been suggested by the University’s lawyer, which didn’t mean we had to follow it.
- Stefanie Ratjen: Who makes the University? We are the University.
36. MOVED CONOR TOPLEY:

“That the question be called.”

No objections

37. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED MIKE DUNCAN:

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... Carried

- Darren Peets: The insertion of the phrase “and who are not a member of the UBCSUO” in the proposed new definition of active members in Bylaw 2, in an attempt to ensure that UBCO students do not become AMS members, actually creates two problems: first, UBCO transfer students who come here would not be our members for a while; also, if the UBCSUO is malicious, it could amend its bylaws to declare all our members to be their members, and then we’d have no members.

38. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That the phrase “and who are not a member of the UBCSUO” be struck from the proposed new definition of active members in Bylaw 2 and that the definition of UBCSUO be struck from the definitions section in Bylaw 1.”

... Carried

39. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED:

“That the quorum for supporting a referendum in Bylaw 4 be reduced from 10% to 8%.”

- Darren Peets: By removing the category Day Members from the bylaws, we are in effect raising quorum for referendums because now quorum would be 10% of all members instead of just the Day Members. There’s about a 10% difference in the numbers, so to compensate we should make quorum 8% of all members.
- Avneet Johal said this change might provoke discussion, and 10% was still low: a reasonable quorum.
- Michael Duncan: To keep it at 10% is really to increase quorum.
- Alex Lougheed said the optics might be an issue.
- Stefanie Ratjen: SFU had an AGM with quorum; it’s not impossible here. To get only 30 or 40 people to our AGM’s is pretty shameful. 8% is easier, but we have to make sure we’re respecting the broader electorate.
- Scott Bernstein:
  - The 10% or 4000 students required for quorum in a referendum does not just mean getting 4000 out to vote; you probably have to get 6000 out to vote because you need 4000 to vote yes.
  - Also, as to AGM’s, quorum for those is being lowered to 2% or 1000 students.
  - There are two things to balance: it’s important to be able to change the bylaws now and then, but also it can’t be made too easy.
Moving from 10% to 8% is not a big deal; there will still be a sufficient hurdle.

40. MOVED JASON PENNER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Carried

41. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED:

“That the quorum for supporting a referendum in Bylaw 4 be reduced from 10% to 8%.”

... Carried

Opposed: Stefanie Ratjen

- Peter Rizov: Using the ethical argument for going to Single A investments may be prudent, but it’s not the true motive.

42. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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... Carried

* Alex Lougheed noted in favour

43. MOVED JACQUELINE BELL, SECONDED SCOTT BERNSTEIN:

“That the “Lighter Footprint” motion be discussed now.

... Carried

44. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“That the meeting be extended until the end of the agenda.”

...Carried

45. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED BOWINN MA:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the AMS Lighter Footprint Strategy as presented.”
- Miriam Stein: The strategy is meant to create accountability by means of measurements and indicators. It tells us how to allocate our resources and is in accordance with the requirement in the Sustainability Policy that targets be set. The targets are quantitative and qualitative.
- Blake Frederick explained the responsibilities of Council, the Impacts Committee, and the Sustainability Coordinator that will flow from the strategy.
- Stefanie Ratjen: How many hours will the Sustainability Coordinator put in?
- Miriam Stein: Twenty hours; this was in the recent Code changes.
- Chris Diplock: BOC discussed the business implications today. BOC wanted to know how firm the short-term targets are, especially in connection with bottled water. If bottled water is eliminated from the food outlets, it will take a while to make up for the loss of that
- Miriam Stein: It’s binding that we have to assess the issue. Whether we prioritize eliminating bottled water is something for the AMS to decide.
- Scott Bernstein: It’s important that students take a leadership role. If there’s an impact on the bottom line, we should find out how to afford that.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked if the strategy could be presented to the GSS.
- Miriam Stein: Sure.
- Blake Frederick: Only if it passes.

46. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED BOWINN MA:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the AMS Lighter Footprint Strategy as presented.”

...Carried

L) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

47. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Whereas the academic year runs from September to August; and

Whereas summer session is viewed by most students as an extension of the preceding winter session; and

Whereas UBC proposes to increase tuition by 2% in May, 2008; and

Whereas UBC’s extra revenue from this increase in the May to September 2008 period would be $224 000, while annual student fee revenues exceed $175 million,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS call on the University to ensure that any changes to tuition fees take effect in September, rather than May.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

48. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That the question be called.”
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

50. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Be it resolved that the bylaw referendum question be worded as ‘Do you support the changes to the AMS Bylaws and Constitution as presented in the Bylaw Reform Package?’

Be it further resolved that Council adopt a ‘Yes’ position on the bylaw question.”

... Carried

M) Committee Motions:

51. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

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

a) that in the event of a special election or by-election being held in the coming months, the Elections Administrator be paid an additional $2500 to conduct such election;

b) that the remuneration for the new position of Associate Vice-President Finance be set at $11,250 / $9,000;

c) that the remuneration for the new position of Associate Vice-President External be set at $9,000;

d) that the remuneration for the new position of Business Operations Coordinator be set at $6,000;
e) that the remuneration for the new position of Assistant to the Associate Vice-President Finance be set at $1,500.”

- Alex Lougheed: This is pay for the newly created positions and extra pay for the Elections Administrator. Comp Review has been fairly ad hoc; there are inconsistencies. That’s why it was important we passed the rubrics last time.
- Stefanie Ratjen described the new AVP External position, noting that the past three VP’s External had recommended such a position. It will be a position doing research and analysis to support our positions. The External Commission has not been as effective as it could be.
- Dana Schindel asked about approving compensation for a position Council hasn’t yet decided it supports.
- Michael Duncan: The Executive has the power to create AVP positions, just not to restructure a commission like Fincom.
- Peter Rizov: For the Elections Administrator, the phrase “coming months” is vague.

52. MOVED PETER RIZOV:

“That Motion 51 be amended to change clause (a) as follows:

a) that in the event of an AMS special election or by-election being held in the coming months, before April 30, 2008 the Elections Administrator be paid an additional $2500 to conduct such election.”

...Carried

53. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK

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

a) that in the event of an AMS special election or by-election being held before April 30, 2008 the Elections Administrator be paid an additional $2500 to conduct such election;

b) that the remuneration for the new position of Associate Vice-President Finance be set at $9,000;

c) that the remuneration for the new position of Associate Vice-President External be set at $9,000;

d) that the remuneration for the new position of Business Operations Coordinator be set at $6,000;

e) that the remuneration for the new position of Assistant to the Associate Vice-President Finance be set at $1,500.”

... Carried

54. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“Be it Resolved that Neal Yonson be appointed to the University Athletics Committee Council until April 30, 2009.”
Michael Duncan: The NCAA issue is coming up; this person might also sit on the NCAA committee.

55. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED PETER RIZOV:

“Be it Resolved that Neal Yonson be appointed to the University Athletics Council until April 30, 2009.”

...Carried

N) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

56. MOVED CONOR TOPLEY, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated February 4, 2008
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated February 25, 2008

...Carried

P) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

57. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“Whereas the 2007-08 AMS Executive worked two weeks more than a full year, having taken office on February 16, 2007 and having left office on February 28, 2008,

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the payment of an additional two weeks’ pay to the members of the 2007-08 Executive.”

- Sam Heppell: This issue was brought to the Oversight Committee, but it’s not really in Oversight’s mandate. The committee thought it was more appropriate for Council to make the determination than the three remaining members of Oversight. There are two issues:
  - Precedent: Two years ago the Executive worked less than a full year and got full pay. Historically one Executive worked two weeks more and got nothing more.
  - Another principle: People should be paid for the work they do, and we do pro-rate for other positions.

If this passes, Code should be amended or a policy passed to clarify the situation.

- Stefanie Ratjen: Will this set a precedent for when turnover happens?
- Darren Peets: They should be paid, and the issue referred to committee.
- Avneet Johal: If they work less, they should be paid less.

58. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the question be called.”

... No objections
59. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

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Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the payment of an additional two weeks’ pay to the members of the 2007-08 Executive.”

…Carried

Note: Matthew Naylor did not vote.

60. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED SAM HEPELL:

“That Council approve the Code changes contained in the document ‘Code Changes 2008: Minutes’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Stephanie Ryan: There’s a lack of transparency. You can’t find out when committees are meeting; it’s not on the website.
- Darren Peets questioned the feasibility of the proposal. There are difficulties in scheduling committee meetings; meeting times get changed. Then someone might show up at the announced time and find it’s been changed.

61. MOVED SCOTT BERNSTEIN, SECONDED TARIQ AHMED:

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

…Carried

62. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That Council direct the Communications Planning Group to undertake an in-depth review of the current AMS website, and to consider hiring a full-time staff-person in order to ensure that the AMS website is adequately maintained and updated.”

- Kelli Seepaul: People are responsible for sending material to the web editor; if people don’t send in material, the web editor can’t change the website. If the position were full-time, there wouldn’t be enough to do; it’s not a full-time job.

63. MOVED TARIQ AHMED,

“That Motion 62 be amended to remove the reference to hiring a full-time staff person.”

- Stefanie Ratjen: If the web editor has nothing to do, he’s probably being too passive. He should be going out and consulting with students. She didn’t accept the notion that there was no work to do.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: This is quite important. The GSS has a whole committee just to update the website.

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...Carried

65. MOVED _______________________, SECONDED ____________:


Note: Requires 2/3rds

The Speaker of Council referred this motion to the Code and Policies Committee.

66. MOVED ANDREW FORSHNER, SECONDED PETER RIZOV

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Andrew Forshner (Council member), Clark Funnel (Council member), and Mitch Wright (student at large), to the Code and Policies Committee until May 30, 2008 or until Council changes the committee composition.”

“Be it further resolved that Andrew Forshner be appointed Chair of the Code and Policies Committee.”

...Carried

67. MOVED SAM HEPELL, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL

“Be it resolved that Council extend the mandate of the Oversight Committee elections review process to allow for the presentation of their report to be made at the next regular Council meeting.”

... Carried

68. MOVED TARIQ AHMED:

“That Council be extended to allow departing Councillors time for farewell comments.”

...Carried

Q) Submissions:
ECSS Final Quarterly Report
VP External Final Quarterly Report

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2008
S)  Adjournment:

69. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

   “That Council adjourn.” … Carried

   There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 pm.

T)  Social Activity:
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Margaret Orlowski (at-large), Adrick Brock, Brendon Goodmurphy (at large), Steven Klein (Arts), Mirghain Gibbons (Engineering), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Colin Simkus (Student Court Judge), Sam Heppell (Acting Oversight Committee Chair), Eden Hart (concerned student), Stephanie Ryan (President, AMS Foundation), Patrick Meehan (Elections Administrator), Andrew Forshner (VP, AMS Foundation), Peter Rizov (Commerce), Mark Gunther (Commerce), Maayan Kreitzman (Science), Ed (GSS), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Kristen Fora (SUS), Ross Horton (General Manager), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

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

Discussion about moving the Student Court motion to earlier in the agenda, to be the first item of business. Some said that would be too early; people planning to come later in the meeting for that discussion might miss it. A compromise was reached.

1. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED JENNIFER SMITH:
   “Be it resolved that the Student Court motion be moved to before the Condorcet motion.”

2. MOVED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:
   “That the question be called.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds
   ... no objections

3. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED JENNIFER SMITH:
   “Be it resolved that the Student Court motion be moved to before the Condorcet motion.”
   ... Carried

4. MOVED RORY GREEN:
   “That the ‘Spirit of Council’ presentation be struck from the agenda.”
   ... Carried

5. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO:
“That the UNA presentation be stuck from the agenda.” ... Carried

6. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

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

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Services Presentation - Jacqueline Bell

- Jacqueline Bell: Shagufta was going to do the presentation, but she’s sick. Please read the written submissions, and forward any questions.

Elections Review – Sam Heppell (Oversight Committee)

- Sam Heppell reported on the following problems with the January elections that had been presented to the Oversight Committee:
  
  o Campaign period too short (the Committee felt there were tradeoffs with going longer)
  
  o Elections Administrator hired too late (the Committee recommends hiring in September)
  
  o Ambiguous rules re slates (not for the Committee to decide)
  
  o Wasted votes because no Condorcet system in place (not for the Committee to decide)
  
  o Lack of secret ballot, a major issue; two envelope system or a wiki system suggested (the Committee strongly urges that whatever steps are necessary be taken to preserve the secret ballot and enforce Code)
  
  o Poll clerk bias (the Committee recommends better training and penalties, such as loss of honorarium)
  
  o Insecure ballot boxes (the Committee recommends getting secure ballot boxes)
  
  o A better All-Candidates Meeting needed
  
  o Candidates shouldn’t have to bring their own posters to polling stations
  
  o Elections Administrator’s performance (not the Committee’s task to comment on that, but a more rigorous hiring procedure recommended)
  
  o Ballots not according to Code (better training for Elections Administrator?)
  
  o Improper handling of ballots by poll clerks (training needed to emphasize professionalism)
  
  o Code not followed re poster violations
  
  o Lack of elections promotion
D) President’s Remarks:

1) Funding Cuts: As you may know, the BC provincial government recently announced that it was ‘reallocating’ funding at the UBC, along with all the other universities in BC, was going to lose funding. 8.7 million dollars to be exact. Stefanie and I have been playing catch up with this because we were effectively left in the dark by the province and UBC. Both those parties knew about the cuts at least a week ago but neglected to inform us. We even had a meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education, Murray Coell, on Wednesday where we discussed student debt and funding and he neglected to inform us. Stef and I have recently released a press release and are working on other ways to fight this because ultimately it is students who are going to be affected. We have been talking to many other student union execs and are trying to work some collaborative action out.

2) Referenda Promotions: I want to start off with some good news. We slowed down the UBC server yesterday because 12,000 people voted in the first day of the election. That is 27% of the UBC student body. The promotions teams have been doing amazing jobs and a special thanks needs to go out to Matt, Jim, Kelli, Jessa, and all the people on the core teams.

3) If you want to see the AMS exec huff it over the wall in Storm the Wall, come out on Tuesday at 1:15am.

4) I want to officially introduce Adrienne Smith, our new Policy Advisor. She started just this week and we definitely threw her into the thick of things with the budget cut scenario. We are really excited to have her working for us.

5) Just as a fun and nice point of information. Shea and I managed to talk Athletics into lowering the cost of the McInnes field booking for the block party from $11,000 to $2000. Yeah.

6) The TV’s that came to council 2 meetings ago are finally up. There were a lot of difficulties which caused them to slow down, but we finally have them up. I am excited to use them for club promotion and such.

7) You may remember a couple months ago Professor Toope sat down with some students for lunch to chat. Well, he felt that last time it was too many AMS councillors (people in the know). He wants to have another lunch chat but would like to see some diversity. So, if you could all go back to your councils and see if anybody from your council wants to have lunch with Professor Toope that would be awesome. Please e-mail Joanne if you have students interested in this.

8) Next Monday, for Storm opening, we are getting a bunch of constituencies to race against each other. Please bring this back to your constituency and try to get 3 or 4 high energy people to come to the wall at 11:15 am and race against the other faculties. I will be following up with you over e-mail.
E) Executive Remarks:

Jacqueline Bell – Executive Co-ordinator Student Services

The coordinator applications closed last week but some of the assistant positions are still open so if you know anyone who might be interested please refer them. We got a good number of applications which is really exciting, so the next few weeks will be very busy hiring for all the positions.

Before the big rush hits with hiring I've been working on a service coordinators handbook that's a revamped version of the one that was created by Trevor Gilks, the ECSS from 3 years ago. It includes lots of really useful information for coordinators like a rundown of what the AMS is, descriptions of the other services, who's who in the AMS, and goes over the basics like finance, budgeting, booking rooms, organizing events, etc.

I've been working with LEAP to decide on the budget for this year based on the money we've gotten from the TLEF. TLEF was less than we had asked for so we're working together to make sure that Tutoring gets the funds they need to improve the service for next year by increasing online tutoring availability and face to face ability. It's really exciting that we were able to secure another year of funding, as this funding is vital for tutoring to continue its services.

Council reports for the services were sent out for tonight's meeting. Shagufta couldn't make it tonight but if you have any questions regarding the services please come by my office, I'm happy to speak with you or refer your questions to Shagufta if I can't answer them. The services have had a really successful year and I hope you took the time to read the reports.

Much of my time this week and last has gone towards promoting the referenda. I worked with student development to get out the word in the NEW to UBC newsletter and the FYI, spread the word to the services staff and volunteers through the coordinators. The headquarters have been moved downstairs to a booth so that we can get as much promotions as possible.

Alex Lougheed – VP Academic

Community remarks:

Congratulations to Simone Osborne, who recently won top soprano at the Grand Finals of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions in New York.

Pass/D/Fail:

Being moved at the Senate floor to be referred to the senate Teaching and Learning committee right now. Jaspreet (Senator-at-large) has worked hard to get us to this point. Backgrounder: the AMS endorsed this proposal, which will allow students to opt-out of receiving a percentage grade on electives far from their core discipline, in December '06.
AMS Website:

Updated the VP A/U section with some personal statements and goals for the year.

SEoT Forum:

Huge thanks to the EUS for showing up to the Student Evaluations of Teaching forum. The event was not very successful, as it was more of a lecture than a forum, but it did begin the dialogue on phase two of SEoT.

T-Bird fields redevelopment:

Thunderbird fields are coming up for a development permit. I've contacted Forestry and the IFC if they have any grievances about the proposed changes.

Campus Plan Workshops:

The Campus Plan workshops are underway. These are brainstorming sessions where members of the campus community get to poke and prod at the way the campus should look. Results will be forwarded on to the architect team for the plan.

Hiring Around the Corner:

Associate VP Academic and the Safety Coordinator hiring are coming up. Submit your resumes prior to the 28th!

Referendum:

As P. Diddy once elegantly put it: Vote or die (see other reports).

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Avneet Johal – Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan talking about business and Arts.

GSS – Jason Penner – A difficult AGM. Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes- Graduate magazine returning in September. May hold special general meeting on bylaws.


Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith.


Science - Jamil Rhajiak – AGM. Dinner with dean.

Education – Dana Schindel – Structuring discussion with dean.

Forestry – Natalie Swift – Logger sports threatened by plans for Thunderbird fields. Protest meeting had big turnout. Asking for consultation and space. No liquor licence for end of year party, so held at Croatian cultural centre.

VST – Gary Andraza.

Pharmacy – Richelle Schon – Successful fundraising.

Law – Clare Benton – High school outreach program. UBC law students came second at Commonwealth moot court in Oxford.

Land & Food – Katie McMahen – Barbecues.

Regent College – Lucia Lam – Drama about homeless people. Conference.

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

Senate – Alex Lougheed: The Pass-D proposal is being referred to committee.

Board of Governors – Darren Peets: Reception April 10; Board inviting Council members. Ancillary budgets coming up. UBC budget pushed off because of provincial funding cut. T-Bird Park. Update on transit number.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

7. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 5, 2008.” [SCD ]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

8. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“Be it resolved that Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the allocation of an amount not to exceed $2500 from the Student
Services Fund to purchase two computers, one for Minischool and one for Speakeasy.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jacqueline Bell: Minischool’s computer is broken, and Speakeasy needs a second one.
- There’s $175,000 in the Student Services Fund.
- Spenser Rocky suggested computers could be purchased for less.
- Jacqueline Bell: This is just the maximum.

9. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

Michael Duncan said most appointments are being postponed till after the Whistler Orientation Weekend (WOW), so that people will have a better idea what they’re getting into, but some need to be done now.

10. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“Be it resolved that Rory Green, Dana Schindel, Alex Monegro, Clark Funnell and David Katz (Council members) be appointed to the Primary Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2009.”

“Be it resolved that Chris Diplock, Stefanie Ratjen and Emily Griffiths (Council members) be appointed to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2009.”

“Be it resolved that Mitch Wright and Matthew Naylor (Council members) be appointed to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2009.

“Be it resolved that Richelle Schon and Will Davis (Council members) be appointed to the Assistants Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2009.”
"Be it resolved that Tim Chu, David Katz, and Aaron Sihota (Council members) and Azim Wazeer (member-at-large) and Colin Simkus (member-at-large) be appointed to the Budget Committee for a term ending March 31, 2009."

"Be it resolved that Alex Lougheed be appointed to the Police Advisory Committee for a term ending March 31, 2009."

"Be it resolved that Matthew Naylor and Mitch Wright (Council members) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors for a term ending March 31, 2009.

Note: the VP Finance is automatically on the Board."

"Be it resolved that Andrew Carne, Sonia ??????, and David Katz (Council members) be appointed to the Renovations Planning Group for a term beginning April 1, 2008 and ending March 31, 2009."

... Carried

11. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITHS: [SCD]

"Be it resolved that Council accept the judgment of the Student Court as presented."

- Michael Duncan: The Student Court judgment was received just an hour and a half before Council. The lateness is unfortunate. If Council accepts the judgment, the Executive is recommending that a by-election be held to fill the vacancy in the VP Academic position.

- Sheldon Goldfarb:
  - In the past 30 years, there have been 19 judgments of Student Court, three of which have been rejected.
  - The last two judgments, both relating to the definition of AMS members, were rejected together in 2007.
  - Before that, it had been 30 years since a judgment had been rejected.
  - The bylaws specify that if there is a vacancy in the Executive, Council shall fill it temporarily from among its own members and then call a by-election to be held from 21 to 31 days later.
  - If the by-election would fall outside the school year, Council can postpone it so that it is held within the school year, but it’s up to Council.
  - The school year as defined in the bylaws ends March 31.

- Colin Simkus said he was on the Court and could answer questions about the ruling. He had his opinion, and he had concerns.

- Tariq Ahmed raised a point of personal privilege, saying he didn’t think it was appropriate for a judge to be discussing judgments.
- The Speaker said anyone could speak.
- Chris Diplock said the decision of the Court as a whole should be looked at first, not any one judge’s opinion.
- Scott Bernstein:
  o He was Alex Lougheed’s representative at Student Court.
  o The question was whether the Elections Administrator had the authority to make a determination that casting multiple ballots was enough to disqualify a candidate.
  o The Elections Administrator said it was not enough.
  o The Court saw this question as within its discretion and looked at it anew, not deferring to the Elections Administrator.
  o The Court made a value judgment on what Alex did.
  o He was here to support Alex Lougheed.
  o Alex was an honourable person.
  o This whole case was an unfair slam on Alex’s character.
  o The Court decision was a very unfair decision; some of the reasoning was very flimsy and without regard to the AMS Code, Bylaws, or Constitution.
  o Student Court is made up of students without a lot of experience.
  o The Court was overruling a democratic election.
  o Alex had asked him not to advocate overturning this decision, but he thought this had become a witch hunt.
  o The situation should be looked at from the perspective of who the person is.
- Brendon Goodmurphy:
  o This is not about character judgment; this is about whether to accept the Student Court’s judgment.
  o He hadn’t heard anything about what was wrong with the process.
  o The Court even deferred two hearings to be more fair to Alex.
  o Council has never rejected a Court judgment on an elections issue.
  o It’s a conflict of interest for Council to decide an elections issue.
  o Student Court had been hired to make that decision; they were a neutral body.
- Natalie Swift said the process should be respected.
- Tahara Bhate asked if this was impeachment.
- Dave Tompkins said he could look it up, but he thought not. [And he later ruled that this was not recall or impeachment; it was a vote to uphold a Student Court judgment.]
- Natalie Swift: If we feel students on Student Court don’t know enough, we have a problem. We should look into Student Court.
- Bowinn Ma:
o Alex was just calling attention to flaws in the election, not trying to cheat.
o He put his own name on the ballot.
o He was acting on behalf of democracy, not against it.
o The extra votes were thrown out; they had no real effect.

- Matthew Naylor:
o No multiple votes cast by Alex counted.
o Alex won more votes than the other candidates.
o It is wrong to overturn the democratic will of the people.
o The decision shouldn't have been based on Canadian statute law, but on the AMS Code, Bylaws, Executive Procedures Manual, and Strategic Framework, and the Society Act.
o The Court ruling said we should make what Alex did clearly illegal, suggesting it's not illegal.
o It is not without precedent to reject a Student Court ruling.

- Tariq Ahmed:
o He hadn’t had a chance to read the ruling.
o He was weary of Council having anything to do with elections.
o There were people on Council who ran in the elections or were campaign managers.
o Part of the procedure allows Council to overrule Student Court.
o He wants time to digest the ruling; a special Council meeting may be required.

- David Katz asked about the delay in bringing this appeal forward.
- Nathan Crompton said the facts only emerged two weeks after.
- Gary Andraza: No one has any business overturning elections, no matter how silly casting extra ballots was.

12. MOVED GARY ANDRAZA, SECONDED DAVID KATZ:

“Be it resolved that the motion be postponed for one (1) year.”

- Emily Griffiths: It would be undemocratic to postpone. If there’s an impartial body and its ruling is thrown out by a room half of which consists of people friendly to Alex, it looks bad. Suspending this indefinitely sets an awful example.
- Jennifer Smith: Tabling for a year revokes democracy on campus.
- Mitch Wright: Table it for a week, not a year. He hasn’t even seen the ruling.

13. MOVED DANA SCHINDEL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
14. MOVED GARY ANDRAZA, SECONDED DAVID KATZ:

“Be it resolved that the motion be postponed for one (1) year.”

... Defeated

Abstained: Alex Lougheed

- Margaret Orlowski:
  - Council should be supporting the Student Court decision no matter what it is.
  - This is not the place to rehear the case.
  - People said they were going to respect the Court’s decision.
  - Council would be acting corruptly to go over the head of the Court.
  - People will think even less of the AMS, and this is in the middle of a referendum.
  - Any real government would not do this.
- Alex Lougheed asked that people be respectful. This had been rough on him.
- Emily Griffiths said the bad press and slander should be separated from the issue.
- Avneet Johal:
  - If the concern is about alienating our members, how much more alienating would it be to those who voted for Alex for us to accept the ruling overturning his election.
  - We are the body to review the ruling.
  - It’s not just a question of reviewing the Student Court process later; if the Court made a mistake, this is very serious. We should not just accept it and review the process later.

Council recessed for five minutes to give Council members a chance to read the judgment.

- Tahara Bhate:
  - This comes down to whether we can overturn Student Court rulings.
  - The Court’s ruling was based on inference; they were going outside their authority.
  - She has a huge problem with the Student Court system; it’s not a simple case of the government versus the judiciary wing.
  - Our Student Court is not like the Supreme Court of Canada.
  - Overturning looks really bad, but it would be worse not to.
Our constitution doesn’t give ultimate authority to the Court.

Ultimate authority should rest with the people who voted in the election.

Overturing the election is much more serious than overturning the Court.

- Darren Peets:
  - The ultimate decision-making body of the AMS is Council; everything ultimately passes through us.
  - This is not how it’s structured in Canadian society.
  - He had no doubt that the Court ruling was incorrect, but he has to choose between supporting the arm’s length Elections Administrator or the arm’s length Student Court; either way it looks really bad.
  - He had done worse than Alex in the election; a lot of people do bad things in elections; it’s not unusual.
  - He had been toying with the system and didn’t make public what he did and he made sure it would have no effect, as Alex did by putting his name on ballots.
  - We could demand an apology from Alex, or censure or impeach him.
  - He hadn’t done this sort of thing when he was a serious candidate, only when a joke candidate, because he knew what it would look like.
  - This needs to end; there’s a cloud hanging over the Executive; this needs to end fast.

- Alex Monegro:
  - We’re here to serve students, not to highlight how procedurally correct we are or how righteous we are.
  - The number of ballots cast in duplicate didn’t equal the margin of victory.
  - He didn’t see how it helped, how it gave value to students, to accept the judgment.
  - Council should not be rigid and inflexible.

- Jason Penner said he didn’t appreciate judges telling him how to vote and also didn’t think it right that the Court’s judgment tried to give the Executive power over the Board of Directors (Council). That was wrong.

15. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED BOWINN MA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

Abstained: Alex Lougheed
- Stefanie Ratjen:
  o Council has been quite aware of this process for some time; there's been time to come to a decision.
  o This is not a character judgment.
  o A lot of people have been talking to Council members trying to manipulate the vote.
  o It's highly undemocratic to obtain information beforehand and to use it behind closed doors.
  o The Executive has talked of going to a by-election; that is democratic process.

- Steven Klein:
  o Both rulings [the Court's majority decision and the dissent] were well thought out and well-written.
  o All the issues raised here were raised in the Student Court hearings.
  o The value of Student Court is that it rules apart from emotions.
  o If Council overrules another Court ruling, it will make Student Court seem just an advisory body.
  o The independence of the Court should be taken seriously if we expect rules to be followed.

- A question was raised about the statement that some had seen the ruling before its official release.
- Stefanie Ratjen: There have been reports that some people received information ahead of time.
- Alex Lougheed said Council should make the decision on behalf of the Society, not on what they thought of him.
- Dana Schindel said she didn’t think Council should ask for an apology; they should say thank you to Alex for pointing out problems in the process.
- Tristan Markle:
  o The Executive is in support of dealing with this as soon as possible and supporting the decision of Student Court whatever the decision.
  o That has been our position all along.
  o Some of what is going on now is insincere.

- Nate Crompton:
  o No one should see this as a question of process or technicalities; that’s not what’s been going on.
  o We have conservatives, liberals, radicals, Marxists, fascists – well, maybe not fascists ...
  o This is the advantage of a re-election; all of them can run and make their views known.
It’s disingenuous to say the arguments are not known; all the arguments have been circulating; there’s been rigorous discussion.

Did the Executive make a commitment to accept the ruling?

- Michael Duncan: We held a last-minute emergency meeting before Council. We had concerns about supporting something so hastily. We wanted to show Council what we would do if Council voted Yes.
- Dave Tompkins: So there was no Executive decision.
- Nate Crompton: Because of political divisions on Council, there were people on Student Court who gave some people a heads-up. There were meetings behind closed doors. This sort of thing should be decided in public.
- Peter Rizov:
  - To accuse everyone voting No of conspiracy is rude and offensive.
  - Council is the highest elected body; it decides.
  - It would be shirking Council’s responsibility to say, The Court decided, so we agree.
  - The Court did not follow proper procedures.
  - Copies of The Knoll were used as evidence, affecting the judges.
  - Other people voted multiple times; only Alex is being held accountable.
  - His extra votes had no impact on the election.
- Andrew Carne: It’s not in the best interests of the students to hold another election. There have already been two elections and a referendum; students don’t want another; turnout would be low, especially if held during exams or (worse) next year.
- Clare Benton: When courts are overruled, it’s for reasons of law. Judges aren’t always right.
- Clark Funnell said he was concerned about the notion of supporting the Court decision no matter what it was. That’s not responsible. Is it so atrocious to overrule Student Court? That’s how we’re structured; we have the power.

16. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED DAVID KATZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

Abstained: Alex Lougheed
17. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED WILL FREEMAN:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

18. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITHS:

“Be it resolved that Council accept the judgment of the Student Court as presented.”

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19. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL: [SCD]

“Whereas Council on February 13 approved in principle the adoption of Condorcet voting for AMS executive elections,

Therefore be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Condorcet Voting’ and thus amend the Code as recommended in order to implement Condorcet voting procedures.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Maayan Kreitzman described various voting systems and vote-splitting scenarios, and explained the Condorcet system of ranked ballots and one-on-one match-ups. Condorcet does away with vote-splitting and the need for strategic voting. Every preference counts in Condorcet. The candidate who wins every one-on-one battle wins.

- Darren Peets said there needs to be escape clause language in Article 6 if random ordering is not possible.

20. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“Be it resolved that Article 6 be removed and discussed at a later time.”

... no objections

- Maayan Kreitzman: A new computer system will be needed; WebVote can’t do Condorcet.

21. MOVED JASON PENNER

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... no objections

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

23. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“Be it resolved that Council postpone the wording and voting on Article 6 in the ‘Code Changes 2008: Condorcet Voting’ document be postponed for two weeks.”

... Defeated
24. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“Be it resolved that the wording of Article 6 be laid on the table for 10 minutes.”

... Carried

25. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“Whereas on February 27, Council passed a resolution directing the President to call a referendum to be held March 25-31 on several questions, including one on a SUB Renewal Fee; and

Whereas the SUB Renewal Fee question as approved by Council included a provision stating that the Fee would increase ‘in each school year after the 2016/17 school year by the rate of inflation determined by the Canadian Consumer Price Index’; and

Whereas on the ballot that has been presented to students in the voting currently underway that provision has been inadvertently omitted,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the SUB Renewal Fee question as it is currently being presented to students in the ongoing referendum, that is, without the provision stating that the Fee will increase ‘in each school year after the 2016/17 school year by the rate of inflation determined by the Canadian Consumer Price Index’.

Note: The question on the ballot is otherwise identical to the one approved by Council on February 27.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Patrick Meehan explained that there was an error in the SUB Renew question on the ballot: the note referring to CPI had inadvertently been omitted. He said Council could just accept that there would be no CPI indexing of the fee, which might mean it takes longer to pay for the new SUB, or Council could tell students to vote again by rerunning the referendum.
- Michael Duncan: We did not actually include CPI in our calculations. It doesn’t really affect us, except that if we had it, we might have been able to pay the debt off sooner.
- Emily Griffiths: So the $110 a year will be the final level of the fee.
- Dave Tompkins: Some students will pay less this way.
- Patrick Meehan: But more students may have to pay.
- Alex Monegro: Can future Councils fix this?
- Patrick Meehan: There’s been talk of indexing all fees to CPI, so this might come in. There’s plenty of time; CPI wasn’t going to kick in till 2017.

26. MOVED JASON PENNER:
“That the question be called.” ... Carried

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

28. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED DANA SCHINDEL:

“Be it resolved that Council censure Alex Lougheed for casting multiple ballots in the AMS Elections.

- Darren Peets: This is to say to Alex that he shouldn’t have done what he did. It was serious, but it had no material consequences.
- Dave Tompkins said there had been two recent censures, in 2005 of the Amina Rai executive for attempting to fire the general manager, and in the 1990’s of AMS President Ryan Davies for supporting a fee increase referendum against the wishes of Council.
- Dana Schindel: This is not in our interests. We should be thanking Alex.
- Tahara Bhate said she’d be fine with an apology.
- Avneet Johal expressed concern over the seriousness of censure. Other candidates did similar things. This would be an action against all those students, but some of them did what they did as a legitimate attempt to test the system.
- Emily Griffiths: Alex has suffered enough; there’s no need to formally document this.
- David Katz asked what Alex thought.
- Alex Lougheed said his views could be found in his interview in the Ubyssey.
- Tristan Markle:
  o This is not personal; it’s not about Alex’s personality.
  o It’s offensive that we’re focusing on that.
  o There’s corruption here; people are covering their ass to make it look like they’re doing something.
- Alex Monegro: There’s no point in personalizing this.
- Chris Diplock: This would be just to show something’s been done. It’s nothing more than aesthetic.
- Stephanie Ryan: Censure is very different from accepting the Court ruling. It’s saying we want to pick Alex, just not that much.

29. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED DANA SCHINDEL:

“Be it resolved that Council censure Alex Lougheed for casting multiple ballots in the AMS Elections.

... Defeated

Abstained: Alex Lougheed, Tahara Bhat, Bowinn Ma, Clare Benton, Andrew Carne.

30. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“Be it resolved that the following version of Article 6 in the Condorcet voting document be adopted:

For electronic all ballots, if possible, various versions shall be prepared with the names of the candidates listed in different random orders on each version, so that voters will not all vote on identically ordered ballots. For paper ballots, one random order shall be determined.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

31. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group allocate an amount not to exceed $4,000 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund for the purchase of a replacement air conditioner for the main computer server room.”

Note: The SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund currently has a balance of $705,000.”
- Tristan Markle explained the necessity of the three housekeeping motions from the Renovations Planning Group:
  - Both air conditioners broke down last month, causing the server to go down.
  - One air conditioner was fixable, but the other needs to be replaced.
  - The new swinging doors are needed to stop the waste of energy from having doors propped open at the Loading Dock; also to stop cold air from coming in.
  - Whistler Lodge had major renovations two years ago, but those didn’t include the sprinkler system.
  - The sprinkler system did get paid for, but with money that would have gone to other things which this motion is to pay for now.
- Matthew Naylor said he couldn’t support the air conditioner motion enough. With the server down, trying to email people for Lobby Days was horrible.

32. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

33. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group allocate an amount not to exceed $6,000 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund for the purchase of high impact double swing doors leading to the loading bay.

Note: The SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund currently has a balance of $705,000.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Avneet Johal: If we delay this a week or so to see if we’re getting a new SUB, then we may not want to approve this just for a couple of years until the new SUB is built.
- Tristan Markle: It will be many years before the new SUB is built, and this is the biggest loss of energy in the building.
- Darren Peets asked about the location of the doors.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said they are the interior doors, not the exterior ones. The Archives is down that way, and it gets very cold. This is one motion he is definitely in favour of.
- Michael Duncan: A new SUB may be coming, but not for at least six years. Things still need to be done in the old SUB.
- David Katz asked if the doors will increase or decrease the pigeons.
- Dave Tompkins said they won’t stop pigeons.

34. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group allocate an amount not to exceed $6,000 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund for the purchase of high impact double swing doors leading to the loading bay.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

35. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group allocate an amount not to exceed $39,000 from CPAC for renovations to Whistler Lodge (including roof repair, replacement of the kitchen floor and hot tub, and purchase of a shed).

Note: CPAC currently has a balance of $104,800.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Alex Monegro said the hot tube is always broken.
- Darren Peets said that two years ago he’d asked about the sprinkler system and was told there was no need to upgrade it, but it turns out there was.
- Matthew Naylor referred to the bear problem, which the shed would address.

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37. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That Council be extended for another half hour.”  ... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

38. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 3, 2008
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 10, 2008  ... Carried

Finance Commission Report:

- Chris Diplock:
  - The motion to forgive the debt of the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) for Arts County Fair (ACF) was referred to the Finance Commission, which met with Avneet Johal, the AUS President, and others.
  - The AUS will soon no longer be paying for MASS and will be in a position to pay off this debt.
  - It would set a bad precedent for the AMS to pay this debt.
  - The AMS is supporting Block Party and other initiatives.
  - The Finance Commission recommends that we not forgive the debt and is not recommending that this motion pass.

39. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“Be it resolved that Council allocate $35,062.04 from the President’s Fund to the Arts Undergraduate Society for repayment of the accumulated Arts County Fair debt.”

Note: The current balance in the President’s Fund is $195,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Avneet Johal:
  - He has a responsibility to represent Arts students, but as a director of the AMS he also has to consider the interests of the whole society and the University.
  - But this motion would benefit not only Arts students but the University as a whole.
  - Does the AUS have money? Whether we have money or not, paying this amount will inhibit our growth.
We have planned uses for this money, e.g., a food and beverage project.  
As to setting a precedent, it would mean helping a faculty event that developed a few cracks.  
ACF was a 16-year tradition for Canada.  
It would be a bad precedent not to help the AUS.  
Block Party is very different from ACF; there was really no event like ACF.

- Chris Diplock:  
  Arts as a Constituency took this on.  
  Others have to know they’re responsible for their events.  
  Benefiting other Constituencies is not the issue.  
  Arts has only $10,000 left to pay off of its debt for MASS.

- Lindsey Smith: Were any other options looked at besides Arts or Fincom paying all?  
- Chris Diplock: The question was whether Arts would pay or not.

40. MOVED DAVID KATZ:  

“That the motion be postponed.”

... Failed for lack of a seconder

- Matt Naylor: Vote for this motion. It’s the right thing to do. Arts put in a lot of money. ACF was not just for Arts students, but for everyone.

41. MOVED JASON PENNER  

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

42. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED WILL DAVIS, THRIRDED MITCH WRIGHT:  

“That there be a roll call vote.”

43. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED JASON PENNER:  

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P) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

S) Adjournment:

44. MOVED DAVID KATZ, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 pm.

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

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Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Margaret Orlowski (at-large), Kate Power (student at large), Sam Heppell (large student), Blake Frederick (Senator), Eric G, Rakush Parker (Science), Matthew Aequitos (student at large), Jeremy McElroy (RBF Ambassador), Kristen Ford (SUS), Matthew Jenkes (student at large), Matthew Hayles (Referendum Committee), Jingyao Yu (student at large), Eden Hart (concerned student), Peter Rizov (random student), Michael DiPasquale (student at large), Robert Gagliano (student), Scott Berry (student), Geoff Costeloe (UBC Senate), Haley Kenyon (student at large), Chris Feehan (student at large), Paul Bucci (student at large), Samantha Jung (Ubyssey), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Brandon Adams (Ubyssey), Stephanie Findlay (Ubyssey), James Hui (Pharmacy), Tim Blair (Forestry), Jessica Allen (Fincom), Caitlin Lapper (SAC), Shawn Stewart (SAC), Vishal Kumar (GSS), Jonathan Elmer (Dawson’s Club), Matt Filipiak (student at large), William Gallego (student at large), Aron Rosenberg (student), Ali Caufin (student), Kalyeena Makortoff (student), Kristin Derose (student), Sean Sucheen (student), Michael Richardson (Student Resource Groups), Bahram Norouzi (student), Kyle Warwick (student), Sonja Babovic (hack), Isabel Ferreras (student – Ubyssey), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Ross Horton (General Manager), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant), Adrien Pape (AMS Block Party), Jordan Lock (SALA)

1. Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

1. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Be it resolved that a Block Party presentation be added to the agenda.”

... No objections

2. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that a discussion on the Student Court decision press release and the KnollAid press release be added to the agenda.”

... No objections

3. MOVED DAVID KATZ:

“Be it resolved that a discussion on protest guidelines be added to the agenda.”

... No objections
4. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED CHRIS MCCANN:

“Be it resolved that the *Ubyssey* be allowed to video record tonight’s meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

5. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

*Block Party Presentation – Adrien Pape*

- Adrien Pape briefly reported on the upcoming Block Party, noting that dunk tank participants are wanted.
- Chris Diplock said the admission price is $15 now; $20 at the door.

*Referenda Presentation – Patrick Meehan*

- Patrick Meehan presented the referenda results, adding:
  - Turnout was good.
  - Sharing an office between the neutral, independent Elections Administrator and the Yes campaign was awkward; they should be separate.
  - He’d had no ability to enforce penalties.
  - There was no No campaign.
  - If there’s a new Elections Administrator hired for a referendum, they should be paid more.
- Matt Hayles: There was confusion over his title as Referendum Coordinator; it’s a neutral sounding name that should be changed to something less neutral, because his position was less neutral.

D) President’s Remarks:

1) Congrats to everyone for a successful referenda. Special thanks to Kelli, Matt, Jim, Jessa, Jacqueline, and all the people who volunteered for this initiative. All the questions passed. We are now going to be moving forward very
quickly to try and get a MOU with the university regarding their financial contribution.

2) The Block party is coming up this Friday. Please, everyone, come by and check it out. There are a lot of cool carnival games going on. Talk to Adrian if you want to help out.

3) The exec stormed the wall. Unfortunately, we are a busy bunch and thus only three of us made it to our heat.

4) I have been working with Brian Sullivan to ensure that counseling services are available to students involved in the incident on April 4th. The phone number for counseling services at UBC is 604-822-3811 or you can drop by Brock Hall room 1040. They have been made aware of the situation are will put anybody involved with this incident on a priority list.

5) We have a BoG and AMS reception tomorrow. Councilors should have already RSVPed. Please come out if you have. It should be a great opportunity to talk to the board and begin a great year of collaboration with them.

6) Tristan and I will be giving a report to the BoG tomorrow morning regarding the referenda results and the upcoming SUB renew negotiations.

7) We have all been very busy around here with interviews. Please ensure that if you are on an appointment committee that you show up and participate in the process.

8) I would just like to mention a little bit about Friday’s incident. There has been a lot of discussion regarding this and I want to ensure that Council is a safe place today. The courts have not made any decisions yet and it would be hasty for council to force any judgment until that happens. I am concerned about the wellbeing of the students involved and hope that we can focus on that. I have been working to ensure that counseling services are available and that anybody involved has any academic concerns treated in a unique light. Brian Sullivan has been very positive in this regard. Furthermore, it is important that we support the right for students to peacefully protest and realize that the Knoll is clearly still an issue of contentious debate.

[Applause for Mike’s speech about the Knoll incident.]

Questions

Tristan Markle: How about making sure UBC listens to students about the Farm?

E) Executive Remarks:

Chris Diplock – VP Finance
Exec orientations were a little stressful but we found that they were really valuable. They weren't perfect but they were certainly one of the best we've done in a while. I welcome feedback from all.

- Looks like qualified candidates for the New Fincom
- Please encourage anyone you think would be qualified to apply

Budget Committee
- Budget Committee is looking really good
- Meet for the first time
- Will be putting the preliminary budget together after the Committee receives further financial info from management.
- Will be presented May 7th, let Chris know if you have any concerns about it being presented at this time

CiTR Board meeting is tomorrow

Union contract will be coming today

BLOCK PARTY!

**Alex Lougheed – VP Academic**

World Cafe on Student Housing:
- In conjunction with C&CP as part of Phase 5 of the Vancouver Campus Plan. Held a straw poll on when to host such an event.

Hiring:

Ombudsperson interviews going on. Interesting process because of the changes of the office taking place. Not hiring a deputy because of the aforementioned.

Assistant to VP-A/AU:
Initiative to get more help so I can do less administrative work, and focus on committee work and policy. In the process of drafting a proposal for Code and Policies.

Job Descriptions:
- Brendon dropped off his transition report. Now I can learn what I've been doing for the past month.

SALA ALE:
- Part of VP-A/U duties is to receive constituency referenda and to coordinate that process.
- The School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture held a special meeting, formed a new constituency (axing their former 3), and held a referendum to implement a $50 fee. It passed!
UNA:
- Meeting with members of the UNA board to discuss working together on joint policies on issues involving both the UNA and the AMS.
- In preliminary talks regarding hosting a larger conversation regarding campus community and governance.

Municipal governance:
- Talked to Suzanne Anton (Vancouver City Councilor) regarding an upcoming City of Vancouver motion to conduct a review of UBC's municipal structure, and to make recommendations re: merging with Vancouver.
- Going to talk to Stephen Owen about this tomorrow, to see what UBC is doing on their own.

Housing:
- Presented the Housing Report to the University Town committee. A lot of positive rumblings, which I've been hearing from the administration in general.

Just Desserts:
- I hosted a ceremony called Just Desserts. Special thanks to Joanne, the Faculty Women's Club, Alumni Association and all the constituencies who put forward candidates.

Library Master Space Plan:
- Attended the first meeting of the Library Master Space Plan committee, which is reviewing the library system at UBC, and coming up with a plan. I've alerted the GSS VP External/Academic and the student senators on the Library committee about this initiative.

Tristan Markle – VP Administration
Union negotiations were completed. SAC Positions are up. I've met with the Alumni centre, and they are going to continue to help us with the new SUB; the GSS exec have expressed interest in SUB Renew for the first time. Mike and I are presenting to the Board of Governors tomorrow on the SUB Renew referendum and what it means for them. Ross, Mike, and I are and will continue to be meeting with the administration to negotiate the University's financial contribution, the building site, and some programming. To begin collecting the fee in September, the University will have to come to an agreement with us for our May 7th council meeting. Timeline: May 7 AMS council; May 14 submit MOU to board; June 5 BoG. Of course this assumes we get a satisfactory site/program/contribution from Uni. SUB Renew Committee met and developed an organizational structure for the SUB Renew project:

A last note: Vancouver Campus Plan workshops were held, where the campus community was consulted on how to revise the Main Campus Plan, which
governs “institutional” (academic) development on campus; I, along with other students, pushed for a student-centred campus, for the UBC Farm, for better transportation, for more student housing. We were successful in pushing that agenda in the workshops; from this, Campus and Community Planning will be drawing up three plans to present to the campus community in the fall; we’ll see what happens.

F) Committee Reports:
   Lobbying Review Committee
   - Tahara Bhate:
     o Idea about a policy workshop event on tuition
     o Primarily for Councillors but seeking broad student input
     o Also seeking feedback on transit issues, e.g., night service after 6:30

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering – Chris McCann – Council turnover; by-election.

Education – Dana Schindel – Some students graduating, others on practicum.


Science - Jamil Rhajiak – AGM. Dinner with Dean.

Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith – Record high graduation. Funding for new institutions.

Commerce – Spenser Rocky – Manning Park retreat. 85% of classes will be able to be held in Angus because the construction work has gone faster than expected.

GSS – Marc Faktor – New website committee. GSS magazine returning in September after a year’s absence.


Land & Food Systems – Katie McMahen – Farm BBQ. Grad.

Forestry – Natalie Swift – Coconut party. Storm the Wall champions.

Pharmacy – Bing Wei Wang – Looking into getting clinical students on U-Pass.

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:
Board of Governors – Darren Peets: Meeting tomorrow, reception with AMS. Budget cuts mean UBC losing money. UBCO losing seats.

Senate – Blake Frederick: Credit-D-Fail proposal to be worked on.

Krista Riley – AMS Ombudsperson (read by Alex Lougheed):

We have opened four new cases since the last report; three of these have since been closed, leaving us with a total of three open cases, including two that have been ongoing. Of the new cases, three involved conflicts with professors, and one related to questions about the administration structure of one of the faculties. Alexis, the Deputy Ombudsperson, has been working hard on revamping the Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook, as well as creating a smaller version that can be more easily distributed. Our hope is that these will be more useful and accessible for students than some of the current resources that exist.

In the coming weeks, we will be working on compiling our annual report, as well as beginning discussions regarding the future of the AMS Ombuds Office (in light of the creation of the new UBC ombuds office).

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

6. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITH:

Executive Committee Minutes dated March 13, 2008 [SCD-033-09]
Executive Committee Minutes dated March 27, 2008 [SCD-034-09]
Minutes of Student Council dated March 12, 2008 [SCD-035-09]
Minutes of Student Council dated March 26, 2008 [SCD-036-09]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 12, 2008 [SCD-037-09]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

7. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That Council approve the Collective Agreement between the AMS and the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union – Local 15 as presented.”

- Chris Diplock:
  - Negotiating since last June till last week.
  - Agreement satisfies both us and the union.
  - Increases of 4% in 2007, 3.5% in 2008, 3.5% in 2009.
  - First three-year contract in a while.

- Alex Lougheed: Any other changes?
- Chris Diplock: Nothing major.
- David Katz asked about the implications if approval were postponed.
- Chris Diplock said it was ready for the new fiscal year and he'd like to approve it now.
- Michael Duncan: We never present the entire contract to Council; Council members can come see the contract if they like.
- David Katz asked about approving in principle, with full approval to come next time.
- Tristan Markle: The major change is that it's a three year deal. Good for management: don't have to negotiate as frequently.
- David Katz asked about the expected inflation rate.

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... Carried

Note: David Katz abstained

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

9. MOVED, SECONDED DARREN PEETS

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14 of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to establish a fee levy of $50 for students in the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture starting in Winter Session 2008/2009, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

- Jordan Lock said SALA has formed itself into a new Constituency, created a new constitution, and approved a student society fee through a referendum.
- Darren Peets asked if a motion was needed to approve the new SALA constitution, or was it automatic.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: Automatic.

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... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED NATALIE SWIFT:

“That Clare Benton, Matthew Naylor, Andrew Carne, and Clark Funnel (Council members) and Madison Myrfield and Patrick Meehan (members at large) be
appointed to the Code and Policies Committee.

“That Matthew Naylor be appointed Chair of the Code and Policies Committee.

“That Natalie Swift and Joel Mertens (Council members) and Matthew Hayles (members at large) be appointed to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2009.”

... Carried

12. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That Council approve the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Committee Chairs’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Andrew Forshner:
  - The proposal eliminate designated chairs for many committees with Executives on them, leaving it up to Council to make the Executive or a non-Executive Councillor the chair.
  - Also, the Campus Events Committee will have three Council members added to it.
  - This committee has never met.
  - The proposal will help allow the AMS to spearhead events on Council.
- Michael Duncan asked why the ECSS was on the committee.
- Andrew Forshner said the Code and Policies Committee wasn’t sure, but thought it was because the ECSS puts on events. Perhaps the Events Manager should be on it.

13. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee amend Code Section IX A, Article 5(5)(a) by making the addition indicated in bold italics:
'The Elections Committee shall ensure that each polling station has the equipment and personnel required to conduct the voting in an efficient and secure manner, making sure to preserve the secrecy of each voter's ballot, and ensuring that voters are properly informed about voting procedures and how to mark their ballots. *Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Elections Committee shall ensure that no voter's name or student number is written on the ballot.*''

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Avneet Johal noted some ambiguity in the proposed amendment: candidates are voters, so this could mean candidates’ names wouldn’t be allowed on the ballot.

15. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That this motion be laid on the table for 15 minutes.”

… No objections

16. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That Duncan McHugh (member at large) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors for a term ending March 31, 2009.

… Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

17. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Alison Leong and Aliyah Shamser be reinstated as members of SAC.”

- Tristan Markle: Under a bylaw rule, which seems silly, these two SAC members have lost their positions on SAC for missing a certain number of meetings. They are both doing a good job, and there are just two meetings left.

- Avneet Johal suggested specifying how long they will be reinstated for. (This was added as a friendly amendment.)

18. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Alison Leong and Aliyah Shamser be reinstated as members of SAC until May 1, 2008.”

…Carried
19. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED JAMIL RHAJIAK:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of the Student Adm Commission dated March 17, 2008.”  [SCD-039-09] ... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

P) Discussion Period


- Emily Griffiths: In the press release on the Student Court issue, the reasons in favour of accepting the Court’s judgment sounded flaky; people said better things. The release made it seem there were not valid arguments for accepting the judgment.
- Josh Caulkins: The release was inappropriate; the sides weren’t presented in a balanced way.
- David Katz: The Court case has been debated a lot. Bringing up the press release as a way to reopen the original issue is painful. We should just let it go.
- Avneet Johal: The reasons were not as good as they could have been, on either side, and were reasons necessary at all? Perhaps just saying there had been a debate would have sufficed.
- Natalie Swift: The press release was not a fair representation; it didn’t articulate what was on people’s minds.
- Darren Peets: The reasons were important; perhaps the release should have been worded better to bring those out.
- Michael Duncan: There was pressure from Council members to have a press release. Students didn’t know what Council decided. The idea was to present the facts. He was sorry it didn’t come out as intended.
- Tahara Bhate: Perhaps there should be a way of sending preliminary versions of press releases to Councillors to consult Council.
- Alex Monegro said students could have been directed to the minutes.
- Tahara Bhate: People were asking for the minutes. Can we approve the minutes ahead of time? This is trying to be the minutes even though it’s a press release.
- Michael Duncan: It would be hard to get out press releases if they had to go to Council every time.

L) Committee Motions:

20. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:
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something controversial it would raise issues of professionalism. The Executive represent the AMS at all times. He was concerned about how this incident reflected on students generally and on AMS Council. His constituents were saying this.

- Alex Monegro raised the issue of the appropriateness of a person in a position on the Executive of Council associating with a certain type of event. Executives represent 40,000 students who have so many different viewpoints that there is an issue in taking an official stance without a decision taken at Council. How should representatives behave in public?

- Matthew Naylor: People in Executive positions are allowed to do whatever they want outside their positions. He wouldn't want someone without political opinions in that job; it's a political job. People elected Stefanie to do a job according to the principles she espoused. But this is not the place to discuss this; it should go to the Oversight Committee.

- Jeremy McElroy: The AMS is supposed to be neutral, representing 45,000 students. This was an illegal bonfire that led to protesters being arrested. Good protests do not result in arrests.

- [Booing]

- Unidentified speaker: Council doesn't have to be neutral. It can have political views. That doesn't negate it doing its job. The person represented a lot of us in this room.

- Tim Blair: Rosa Parks was arrested, as were others in protests over the years. These Executives are representing 40,000 students; people voted to elect these people, knowing their views.

- Darren Peets: Stefanie’s position as an AMS executive was kept secret until the media found it out as a scoop. She did a good job of that. If anyone who was ever in a protest or was arrested had to leave Council, Council turnover would have been huge in the Sixties and Seventies. This is just another thing we have to move on from.

- Emily Griffiths: Voters knew Stefanie’s views. Her actions were perhaps questionable, but not immoral. The AMS may want to say, Keep your professional life separate from your personal life. This issue should be discussed in Council; students have every right to know what their representatives are saying.

- Rory Green said her constituents have expressed some discontent over what happened after the incident. These discussions shouldn’t be happening anonymously on UBC Insiders; people should be allowed to say whatever they like; and it would be nice not to boo.

- Michael DiPasquale: The actions by the SDS-AMS crossed a legal and moral line. Permitting the bonfire was negligent. SDS and the VP External interfered with the firefighters, showing inexcusable arrogance. The AMS must consider the consequences. All media now label this action as taken by UBC students, but the vast majority of students would not have supported the protesters’ violation of Canadian law. The AMS has also embarrassed itself by allowing the VP Administration to make statements that appear to be on behalf of the AMS.
Aaron: Activism brings about a voice that wouldn’t otherwise exist. The greatest achievement of the AMS last year was altering the commercial plans for University Boulevard. It was petitions and activism that brought that about.

Michael Richardson: Lighting a bonfire is a bylaw infraction; no one was arrested for that or for protesting. Stefanie was arrested because she thought the police and firefighters were using excessive force. There was also civil disobedience to stop a cop car from leaving because a person being held in the car was illegitimately charged with assaulting a police officer. He was proud of Stefanie for acting as she did.

Tahara Bhate said her concern was that the issue was not going away. She was getting emails from her constituents, with the vast majority calling for her to initiate impeachment. She didn’t want to do that, and she was not against protests; a lot of what happened on University Boulevard was the result of protests and petitions. The problem was one of escalation. If an individual was wrongly charged, then the courts should sort that out. The silent majority has lots of faith in the AMS. The AMS is suffering big time with the average student, and needs to rebuild its credibility. The Executive should state that they’re aware of this situation.

Kyle Warwick: According to the Ubyssey poll, the majority of students don’t really have an opinion. We should not be presumptuous in assuming what the opinions of students are.

Dana Schindel: Do we want a Council with diverse interests? An AMS position would have to be discussed by Council, but it’s different if someone goes out on their own.

Matt Filipiak: Knoll Aid received unanimous support from Council; there were 4000 signatures on the petition; if excessive violence was being used, there’s a duty to exercise civil disobedience.

Chris McCann said he was not against protest, but there was an escalation. It is the responsibility of AMS Executives and Councillors to evaluate whether they should participate in an escalation or step back and help quell the mob mentality. That Stefanie was standing up for something she believes in was great, but the way she chose was not the best way. As a Council, we cannot condone that. He would like to hear an apology from Stefanie or Tristan.

David Katz: People in student government get involved in politics not sanctioned by the AMS.

21. MOVED DAVID KATZ, SECONDED MATHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that the AMS supports the rights for Council members to be politically active and take part in protests against ideas that they find unconscionable in their private lives.”

David Katz said he was involved in political issues related to Israel, and would continue to be involved as long as he is able. It would be a
dangerous precedent to say people should be banned for outside political involvement.
- Tahara Bhate: The problem is not that people are involved in causes outside the AMS. The question is about actions at an event. She was concerned how it would look if the only thing coming out of this discussion is this motion. It would send a signal that the AMS was completely onside with the protesters’ actions, which was not necessarily the case.

22. MOVED TAHARA BHATE SECONDED DANA SCHINDEL:

“That motion 21 be postponed to the next meeting.”
- Avneet Johal: The next meeting is May 7, during the summer, when there will likely be lower turnout at Council. That’s not the best time to pass a policy.
- Joel Martens: If we pass this, we’re not doing anything, but if we don’t pass it …
- Natalie Swift: Is this not just what our press release says?
- Clark Funnell: By putting this as a policy now, we would be sending a message that is not appropriate.

23. MOVED TAHARA BHATE SECONDED DANA SCHINDEL:

“That motion 21 be postponed to the next meeting.”
... Carried

Opposed: Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes
Abstained: Avneet Johal
- Jamil Rhajiak: This is an ongoing issue that can’t be resolved at this meeting. Why not take time to find out what our constituents think?
- Tahara Bhate: She didn’t agree with the actions taken after emergency services arrived on the scene.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Which actions?
- Tahara Bhate: They didn’t allow the legal process to work. We should deal with this when we have all the facts.
- Avneet Johal: Taking outside political action has never been an issue before. Just because something happened that night, don’t call in question everything that happened that day and in the history of engagement.
- Robert Gagliano: You should send the right message to the students. You should pass a motion supporting the decision of the courts and then impeachment.
- Dave Tompkins: We can’t bind future Councils.
- Bahram Norouzi: From noon till 8 pm, Knoll Aid took place. Then there was the fire and the arrest; then sitting around the police cruiser because of the wrongful arrest. He knew he was breaking the law; he was not apologetic for that. He didn’t understand the point of the debate. He didn’t see how it was the business of Council to comment.
Chris Diplock said he understands now that any of his actions will always be closely watched. The Executive will more carefully analyze whether its actions are as reasonable as can be.

Avneet Johal said this should be referred to the Oversight Committee, but that committee was empty now except for him. Some appointments were needed.

24. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED CHRIS MCCANN:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to appoint the Oversight Committee.”

Matthew Naylor objected to considering this motion now; Council should consider appointments more judiciously.

Peter Rizov said it would be grossly inappropriate to appoint now when friends to those involved would be voting on who to put on the committee.

25. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED CHRIS MCCANN:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to appoint the Oversight Committee.”

... Defeated

Emily Griffiths said she hoped this didn’t lead to impeachment. Council might ask Stefanie to make a statement or ask Tristan for an apology.

26. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That debate be cut off.”

... Carried

Michael Duncan: The Executive looks forward to progressing to issues like tuition, funding cuts, child care funding, and the new SUB. He hoped this would all be resolved.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
May 7, 2008

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

T) Social Activity:
The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Blake Frederick (Senator), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Tim Blair (Forestry), Bahram Norouzi (student), Margaret Orlowski (at-large), Mike Silley (member at large), Max Unger (member at large), Miguel (student), Hong Lok Li (AMS IT Manager), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Ross Horton (General Manager), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant), Adrien Pape (AMS Block Party), Jeremy Barrett (RHA)

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1. **Call to order and adoption of the agenda:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by AMS President Michael Duncan.

1. MOVED MITCH WRIGHT, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That Council appoint Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for a term beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009.”

- Alex Lougheed noted that there had been concerns expressed at the Primary Appointments Committee over not interviewing another candidate.
- Alex Monegro said he at first had thought it not proper not to interview the second candidate, but then that candidate withdrew.
- Tristan Markle: Will Dave be around the whole year?
- Alex Lougheed: This may be renegotiated in December.

2. MOVED MITCH WRIGHT, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That Council appoint Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for a term beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009.”

... Carried

Dave Tompkins took the chair.

3. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) **Presentations to Council:**

*IT Presentation - Hong Lok Li*
Hong Lok Li explained the need for an additional full-time IT person as a Systems Administrator, noting that the IT system includes:
- 400 computers;
- 600 email users;
- an accounting system, a bookings system, student access terminals, etc.;
- 15 routers and 25 servers.

He added that a one-man IT department was not in the best interests of the AMS; it can put the AMS at risk; there was a second position before he arrived in 1998, but it was cut.

David Katz asked for more numbers.

Hong Lok Li: Normally, one tech takes care of 15-18 computers; he’s taking care of 400.

David Katz asked about hiring a student or a part-time employee.

Hong Lok Li: There is currently a part-time assistant doing help desk support, but he needs a systems administrator to take care of the servers.

Alex Monegro suggested being flexible in the criteria used for hiring.

Hong Lok Li said he would take this into consideration.

Helaine Boyd: If this new person relieves you of some of your responsibilities, will they also get some of your pay?

Hong Lok Li: The AMS would be happy to have you be its next president.

Max Unger: Is one new person enough?

Hong Lok Li: Absolutely not.

Kyle Warwick: Why was IT cut in 1998?

Hong Lok Li: Both IT people left together then, and he was the only one hired to replace them.

4. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That Council approve the creation of a new Systems Administrator position in the IT department.”

- Dana Schindel asked about revising the proposed criteria for the position.
- Ross Horton: You almost never find the perfect candidate. You ask for lots, and then ... 
- David Katz asked about funding.
- Dave Tompkins said it would be in the budget.

5. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That Council approve the creation of a new Systems Administrator position in the IT department.”

... Carried

**Preliminary Budget Presentation – Chris Diplock**

- Chris Diplock:
  - Business revenue is up above projections, mostly because of catering and a strong return on investments.
But an increase in wages (e.g., for the new IT position and the new HR position) will mean net revenue will be down.

- Investment situation less optimistic this year.
- Expenditures may also seem up because of bookkeeping changes and better reporting.
- Aiming for final budget on June 18.

4. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council approve the 2008/2009 preliminary budget as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

Carried

Matthew Naylor noted as in favour

D) President’s Remarks:

E) Executive Remarks:

Tristan Markle VP Administration

SAC

The Commissioners Appointments Committee conducted interviews for all the SAC Positions last week over three days – thanks to Mitch, and especially Joel, for showing up to all. Seven SAC members have been hired, and are beginning training tomorrow; their names will be presented soon enough.

Building and Facilities Manager

Ross, Jane Barry, and I conducted interviews for this important position, which oversees the non-food/beverage business operations of the AMS. There were many high quality candidates, and we are very excited about the successful candidate, Jeffrey Smith.

SUB Renew

We are making headway in negotiating an MOU with the University. You will note in the SUB Renew minutes that we were aiming for this council to approve an MOU, but we are realistically looking forward to the next council, and will also deal with subcommittee appointments at that time. The goal is to get the MOU approved by the Board of Governors by, at the latest, the July Board retreat, so as to begin collecting the fee this year – to begin designs and consultations.

Again, the lease negotiating team is comprised of Mike, Ross, and I on the AMS’ side, and Byron Braley (Treasury) and Anne DeWolfe (VP Students office) on the University’s side. We have identified the main issues to be dealt with in the MOU: 1) UBC financial contribution - this may be debt-financed out of the GPOF, and though we won’t have a say in this, we would prefer the money come out of condo revenues. 2) Operating Costs - presently, the university pays our energy bill; the status quo may be attractive, and the burden lessened should the building be zero-energy. 3) Siting. 4) Timing of Project – our financial plain is
based on: construction 2011, completion 2014. 5) Other potential partners – Alumni, GSS 6) Maintenance and Custodial – costs and responsibility this is a huge messy question involving the politics of contracting out in a neighbourhood. 7) Control of Commercial Space the status quo is that our businesses are student amenities, that may not count as commercial space in the U-blvd neighbourhood.

We have secured legal support – with Davis – who are presently helping us to draft our MOU. The first draft will be done this week, and we’ll meet with the University early next week to go over it.

Site & Planning working group

We had a meeting with members of the GSS, Alumni, and C&CP to discuss shared space. We are looking into sharing a ballroom, a boardroom, and perhaps a 24/7 space. The costs of such spaces would be shared by the parties.

The Site & Planning group will be meeting this Friday to go over siting – our position is, clearly, that the new building should be located on U-Square, as outlined in the referendum. We are leaning toward a Z-shaped site.

P3

An issue we have been spending some time on is P3s. The P3 process is designed to reduce the financial risks, and other liabilities, on “the public” in the construction of public projects with public funds by contracting out the design/build/maintenance of a project. Because we are seeking a university contribution exceeding 20 million dollars, we may have to do a P3 screen, to see whether that makes sense for our project. We should consider that AMS enjoys control over its commercial operations, and values the consultative approach to design. Out lawyers are looking at this issue.

Alex Lougheed VP Academic

Community Remarks:
Lasers:

Fear not, those green lasers you have seen around mid-campus aren’t an alien invasion, they are being operated by the Centre for Atmospheric Research Experiments. It’s to measure atmospheric things.

CPSC Contest:
Congratulations to Henry Wong, Patrick Nguyen, and Anton Likhtarov who placed 23rd in the World Finals of the International Programming Competition this April. Further congratulations to our computer science department for training such excellent programmers.

Apology:
Sorry for not delivering desserts at the last council meeting, when requested to do so. Pie R squared does indeed serve softserve, and I will entertain a motion to get some for this meeting in reconsolidation, if Council deems prudent.

Resignation of VP Admin/Finance Terry Sumner:
Mr. Sumner has indicated that he will be stepping down from his post as UBC VP Admin/Finance.
Governance:
I attended the last GVRD/UBC Joint committee, met the City of Vancouver folk and exchanged contacts. They seem keen on involving us in discussions regarding governance.

IKE Director Search:
Gained a seat on the search for a director for the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

Hiring:
Hired a safety coordinator and have nominated a ombudsperson and speaker. Interviews for AVP university affairs are underway.

First senate meeting:
Attended my first Senate meeting. See senators report.

University Act changes:
Motion on this agenda opposing changes to the selection of a Chancellor. Will speak more to this later.

All-Greek roundtable:
Have been working quite a bit with the IFC regarding their recent capacity cuts. An interesting issue, as it deals with a part of C&CP we do not normally interact with.

UNA Survey:
Met with UNA folk, getting some questions on their annual survey. Some good questions around childcare will be asked, potentially along with some relating to the farm.

Centre for Academic Engagement and Assistant:
Two Code/funding changes coming forward this meeting.

Personal:
Went and saw a talk by a personal hero, Richard Dawkins. ‘Twas awesome.

Jacqueline Bell Executive Coordinator Student Services

The last few weeks have been really busy with the Coordinators wrapping up their terms, finishing transition reports and helping draft budgets for next year. We have a really great group of new staff who started on May 1st as the new Service Coordinators. They are:

Yalda: Tutoring: Yalda brings her experience as a former AMS tutor to her position.
Paige: Speakeasy: Paige is returning to school to do a graduate program this fall. She has experience running a Women's Centre and is excited to work in a peer support capacity.

Sheila: Minischool: Sheila is returning this year as Minischool Coordinator. Look for lots of new courses offered this fall!

Amber: Safewalk: Amber is both a former walker and former Team Leader with Safewalk. Her experience with the service has informed her goals for the year and we are oh so excited to have her on the team!

Emma: Connect: Emma's experience with event planning and campus issues has prepared her well for the task of heading up the Connect office this year. She will be working with Bonnie, the internship coordinator and Chris, the Shinerama coordinator closely throughout the coming months.

Krystle: Advocacy: A second year law student, Krystle brings a host experience handling student issues.

Sijia: Foodbank: Sijia has come back for a second year as the Foodbank Coordinator.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Avneet Johal – Meeting with the dean. Meeting re renovations to Buchanan B. Hiring editors.

Law – Clare Benton – Discussion about first-year system. Scandal about not hiring a professor students liked; students are boycotting student evaluations as a result.

GSS - David Katz – Passed motion about students having political interests. - Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Landscaping – garden project.

Commerce – Spenser Rocky – Administration looking to more writing and technical skills for Commerce students..

Human Kinetics – Caitlin Gomez – Looking for new professors.

Education – Lucy Ferreira – Welcome back breakfast for practicum students.

Science – Jamil Rhajiak – Seeking liaison between Constituencies through Presidents’ Council.

Engineering – Chris McCann – Computers stolen from the Cheeze. Plant Ops fixed broken window. Possible referendum on a building fee.

Pharmacy – Richelle Schon – Students on rotation.

VST – Gary Andraza – Partnering with Hillel House, which needs a home for a Jewish centre.

Social Work – Brad Olsen – Meeting with Director.

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

Senate – Helaine Boyd – Senate becoming more active in opposition to funding cuts. Student Senate Caucus still needs to appoint a chair.

Ombudsperson - Krista Riley (read by Alex Lougheed):

The past couple weeks have been busy in this office. Several people have contacted the Ombuds office for advice in the time since exams ended, and I currently have two open cases, as well as having advised other AMS staff regarding other situations. I am also working on finalising the 2007-2008 Ombuds Office Report, which should be available by the end of this week. In addition, I am working on the final edits to the newly-updated Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, a key resource for students that will be put onto our website in the next couple of weeks.

Assuming that AMS Council confirms my appointment for the next few months, I will be Ombudsperson until August 1st, during which time I hope to continue with casework as needed, as well as working to restructure the AMS Ombuds Office so that it can work alongside the new UBC Ombuds Office, which is expected to be operating by the end of the summer.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

5. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

Compensation Review Committee minutes from April 8th
Budget Committee Minutes dated April 8, 2008
Business Operations Committee minutes dated March 12, 2008
Primary Appointment Committee minutes dated April 8, 2008
Primary Appointment Committee minutes dated April 9, 2008
Primary Appointment Committee minutes dated April 10, 2008
Primary Appointment Committee minutes dated April 16, 2008
SUB Renew Committee Minutes dated April 3, 2008
SUB Renew Committee Minutes dated April 17, 2008
Renovation Planning Group Minutes dated March 17, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated April 3, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated April 14, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated April 17, 2008
J) **Executive Committee Motions:**

6. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council amend Code Section VI, Article 6(2)(b) by striking out the word ‘Coordinators’ and replacing it with ‘Commissioners’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Diplock: This changes which committee hires the Sustainability Coordinator (the Commissioners Appointments Committee instead of Coordinators Appointments).

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

8. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

"That Council adopt the report of the Executive entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Fincom’ and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Diplock:
  - This is part of the restructuring of Fincom, going from a 5-person commission to two.
  - The proposal went to Code and Policies from Council and then to the Executive, and now back to Council.
  - Fincom voting membership will now be four: the two appointed commissioners, himself, and the SAC Vice-Chair, who is going from a non-voting to a voting member.
  - His AVP Finance will also be the Fincom vice-chair.
- Kyle Warwick: If there are four voting members, there could be a tie.
- Chris Diplock said he did not vote except in case of a tie.

9. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds
K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

10. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $20,000 from the SUB Management Fund for a new IT office in the SUB.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Michael Duncan said there was no space in the SUB for the new IT person. This was also an issue for finding an office for the new HR position. The plan is to move Hong and the new IT person to the current Promotions/Design office, which is large, and then move the Promotions staff to the current IT office. This will require some restructuring of walls, etc.
- Spenser Rocky asked if the bottom floor had been considered for office space.
- Michael Duncan: We looked everywhere, including downstairs in the Copyright area, but it would have cost a lot.
- Spenser Rocky suggested creating office cubicles.
- Michael Duncan: Not secure.
- Matthew Naylor asked how much is in the SUB Management Fund.
- Chris Diplock said he didn’t have the figure available because the motion did not come to his attention in time, but there’s enough.
- Sonia Purewell: Who will do the work?
- Dave Tompkins: It usually goes to tender.
- Spenser Rocky wondered about spending $20,000 on one office for just two years.
- Michael Duncan: It will be at least six years before we get a new SUB.
- Ross Horton: We can’t not do anything for six years. The renovation involves three walls and redoing floors, moving a sprinkler head, rewiring, and suddenly it’s $18,000. It would be twice as much downstairs.
- Sonia Purewell: How long will it take?
- Dave Tompkins: By the end of the summer.
- Ross Horton: As soon as possible. No jackhammering.
- Max Unger wondered if the Promotions/Design people would have enough room in the smaller office.
- Michael Duncan said they work a lot from home.
- Kelli Seepaul: There are three people, but we’re only losing 15 square feet. It should be okay.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

12. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $29,000 from the Repairs and Replacement Fund for new furniture in the South Alcove.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tristan Markle showed pictures of torn chairs in the Alcove, adding:
  - The furniture is in unacceptable shape, though it’s not actually that old.
  - New furniture will use kryptonite instead of vinyl. It doesn’t rip. Like in an airport lounge.
  - Again there is the question of whether we should bother, given that we plan to move in six years, but furniture usually only lasts for six years, and if it lasts longer, we can move it to the new building.
- Alex Monegro asked about simply changing the vinyl, recovering the old chairs.
- Tristan Markle: We did discuss that.
- Gary Andraza said the South Alcove was a garbage heap. Would the new material be resistant to wear and tear?
- Tristan Markle: A lot more resistant than vinyl.
- Andrew Carne asked about a warranty.
- Tristan Markle said he would look into that.
- Kyle Warwick: In MASS the material is leather. Is there something we can do to discourage abuse, or is this just wear and tear?
- Helaine Boyd: What happens to the four unfortunate couches? To the landfill?
- Tristan Markle: There’s no plan.
- David Katz asked about the material.
- Tristan Markle said it is specifically for high use.

13. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

…No objections

14. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

10. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED CLARE BENTON:

“That Council appoint Aarash Amouzgar (member at large who is a 2nd or 3rd year law student) to the Prima Facie Establishment Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2009.

... Carried

11. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Executive Pay’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Avneet Johal: So this will mean if you work more, you get more, and if you work less, you get less.
- Tahara Bhatte asked if there was anything in the Code about who makes the determination.
- Matthew Naylor said it simply depends on who is in office.
- Alex Lougheed said Payroll would cut off Executive pay if the Executive leaves office early.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

Note: Michael Duncan and Alex Lougheed abstained

13. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: AVP’s’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Matthew Naylor: Associate Vice-Presidents basically are replacing vice-chairs, and this amendment just takes the regulations for vice-chairs forbidding them to be on Council and applies them to AVP’s.
- Stefanie Ratjen: The GSS does allow AVP’s to sit on Council and vote. The AVP she hired had a voting seat on Council and because of the hiring he has to give up that seat. There’s complexity to this.
- Matthew Naylor: Employees should not sit on a body that is their boss; there’s the possibility of conflict of interest. The GSS situation is not parallel. The vice-chair standard should be followed.
- Dave Tompkins: The GSS did this to ensure quorum. AVP’s were told to show up.
- Clark Funnell: An AVP on Council would effectively mean two votes for a certain Executive.

14. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED, THRIRDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That Council go in camera.”

In Camera at 8:04
Out of Camera 8:15

15. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

... No objections

16. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Note: Kyle Warwick abstained

17. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: roll call voting’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matthew Naylor: According to Code, we’ve been doing roll call votes wrong. They’re supposed to be alphabetical. But Code and Policies said that was stupid.
- Dave Tompkins: So now it will be randomized order?
- Matthew Naylor: It will be left open.
18. MOVED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

... Laughter, but no seconder or thirder

19. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: roll call voting’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

20. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Minutes’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tim Chu asked whether the web editor would be too busy to post all the minutes as required under the proposed amendment.
- Kelli Seepaul: He can do it.
- Tim Chu wondered if the amendment addresses the problem with getting the minutes issued in a timely manner. The problem is really getting the minutes to Council. How will this amendment speed that up?
- Kyle Warwick: It’s not going to slow things down.

21. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Minutes’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

22. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

“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, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009:

SAC Member: Maria Alejandrina Coates
Bookings Commissioner: Song Song
Buildings Commissioner: Opttie Tsoi
Special Projects Commissioner: Shawn Stewart
Art Gallery Commissioner: Billy Smith
Club Commissioner: Mosarrap Hossain Khan
Administrative Commissioner: Ziyi Qui

... Carried

23. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: new committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matthew Naylor: This report deals with two ad hoc committees (Academic Quality and Lobbying Review) and proposes making them both standing committees, but only Academic Quality will be put through now.

24. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council refer the Lobbying Review Committee proposal to the Code and Policies Committee.”

- Stefanie Ratjen said she and other Council members have concerns about the proposed membership and mandate of this committee.
- Matthew Naylor: The idea is to make it a standing committee.
- Kyle Warwick asked if the External Commission could carry out the proposed mandate.
- Matthew Naylor: The External Commission can’t review our performance.

25. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council refer the Lobbying Review Committee proposal to the Code and Policies Committee.”

... Carried

In favour: Kyle Warwick

26. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the Academic Quality Committee section of the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: new committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- It was noted that the version of the Academic Quality Committee in the report was not the one approved by the Code and Policies Committee.
- The approved version deleted the list of stakeholders in paragraph 3 and made “representative” plural in the same paragraph.
- These changes were accepted without objection.
- Tim Chu asked about discrepancies between the proposed composition and the list of members to be appointed in a later motion on the agenda.
- Matthew Naylor: The motion on the agenda refers to the old ad hoc committee.
- Blake Frederick asked why there would be no members at large on the new committee.
- Matthew Naylor: Code and Policies thought student senators could better deal with the issues before this committee, and if there were both senators and members at large, the committee would be too big.

27. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the amended version of the Academic Quality Committee section of the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: new committees’ and thus amend the Code accordingly.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

28. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: VP Academic officers and assistant’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

29. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That this motion be tabled until the end of the Committee Appointments.”

... Carried

30. MOVED HELAINE BOYD, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”
“That Andrew Carne (Councillor or member at large) be appointed to the Informal Learning Space Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Rory Green, Lindsey Smith and Chris Tarantino (Council members) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Alex Lougheed as chair of the Compensation Review Committee.”

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“That Council appoint Sonia Purewal to the University Athletics Council for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009 [and Lindsey Smith to be UBC Rec rep].”

“That Council appoint Spenser Rocky, Clark Funnell and Will Davis (Council members) and Haafiz Dossa (member at large) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Jamil Rhajiak, Rory Green and Alex Monegro (Council members) and Kyle Warwick (member at large) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Alex Monegro Chair of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee.”

That Council appoint Chris McCann, Avneet Johal, Chris Tarantino, Brad Olsen and Clare Benton (non-Executive Council Members) to the Oversight Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Clare Benton Chair of the Oversight Committee.”

31. MOVED MITCH WRIGHT, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council be extended by one hour.”
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“That Council appoint Spenser Rocky, Clark Funnell and Will Davis (Council members) and Haafiz Dossa (member at large) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Jamil Rhajiak, Rory Green and Alex Monegro (Council members) and Kyle Warwick (member at large) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Alex Monegro Chair of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee.”
That Council appoint Chris McCann, Avneet Johal, Chris Tarantino, Brad Olsen and Clare Benton (non-Executive Council Members) to the Oversight Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Clare Benton Chair of the Oversight Committee.”

“That Council appoint Emily Griffiths, Lindsey Smith and Richelle Schon (Council members) to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Richelle Schon Chair of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee.

“That Council appoint Clare Benton (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Andrew Carne, Brad Olson (Council members) and Jeremy Barrett, Mike Silley and Bahram Norouzi (members at large) and Timothy Blair (BoG Rep) to the Campus Planning & Development Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Alex Lougheed as Chair of the Campus Planning & Development Committee.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor (Council member) and Bruce Krayenoff and Kyle Warwick (members at large) to the Ad-Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“Be it further resolved that the Ad-Hoc Turbo Democracy Committee be renamed the Ad-Hoc Voter Funded Media Committee.”

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor as chair of the Ad-Hoc Voter Funded Media Committee.”

“That Council appoint Stefanie Ratjen and Marc Faktor (Council members) to the Sexual Assault Support Centre Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint the VP Finance, the VP Administration and Chris McCann (Council Member) to the Walter H. Gage Memorial Fund Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Helaine Boyd (Council Member) to the Student Leadership Steering Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Avneet Johal, Sonia Purewal, and Spenser Rocky (Council members) to the Ad Hoc SUB Renewal Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”
“That Council appoint Mitch Wright and Rajesh Jampala (Council members) to the Academic Quality Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Timothy Chu, Helaine Boyd, Mitch Wright, Michael Duncan, Jamil Rhajiak and Sonia Purewal (Council members) and Mike Silley and Bruce Krayenoff (Members at Large) to the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Mitch Wright as chair of the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee.”

“Be it further resolved that Code be suspended to allow Bruce Krayenoff and Mike Silley to sit on the committee.”

Note: Mitch Wright was opposed.

“That Council appoint Krista Riley as AMS Ombudsperson for a term beginning May 1, 2008 and ending August 1, 2008.”

“That Council appoint Will Davis, Jamil Rhajiak, and Spenser Rocky to the Campus Events Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.

“That Council appoint Jamil Rhajiak as chair of the Campus Events Committee.”

“That Council appoint Dana Schindel, Chris Diplock and Tahara Bhate (Council members) to the Communications Planning Group for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

33. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: VP Academic officers and assistant’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Alex Lougheed described his responsibilities as VP Academic, including serving on 38 external committees and about 10 AMS committees, supervising various appointees, liaison work, etc., leaving him no time to
do his actual work. An assistant working 10 hours a week would reduce his time commitment.
- Sonia Purewell: The proposal envisages a lot of work for this assistant: cleaning, filing, organizing.
- Dana Schindel: How about the other Executives? Why not give the Administrative Assistant an assistant who could help all the Executives instead of just providing an assistant for one?
- Alex Lougheed: Re appointing the two officers, there’s a $27,000 TLEF grant which can be used to create a Centre for Academic Engagement. The AMS is not currently focused enough on academic matters or academic lobbying.
- Jamil Rhajiak: The proposal needs more thought.
- Alex Lougheed: The TLEF funding will expire.
- Dana Schindel asked what the other Executives think.
- Chris Diplock: The two coordinators are a great idea. As to the assistant, the VP Academic has a uniquely large committee commitment. We have to create a healthy environment for Executives.
- Clark Funnell: This is not free money; we still have to pay $15,000. And there are lots of competing bodies; there may be further fractioning.
- Tahara Bhati: A force on campus would be great, but the TLEF funding is temporary. How would you transition to something permanent?
- Alex Lougheed: This would be on a trial basis at first.
- Andrew Carne didn’t agree with the argument that this might not succeed. We have the funds; why not try it?
- Matthew Naylor: The Code is well crafted. This will work well.

34. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

35. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.”

... Carried

- Helaine Boyd: Maybe strike an ad hoc committee to structure this centre better.
- Alex Lougheed: The Academic Quality Committee would oversee it.
- Avneet Johal: There could be harm if this program is not as successful as it could be; it could jeopardize the future of the program. Just because funding is available, that doesn’t mean we should go ahead if the project is not ready. As to the assistant, he was not sure one VP and not the others should have one. Perhaps there should be an assistant for the whole Executive.

36. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL:
“That the proposal be divided in two.”

… No objections

37. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the VP Academic officers section of the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: VP Academic officers and assistant’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tim Chu: We do have the funding.
- Stefanie Ratjen: This is an initiative from Brendon Goodmurphy. It’s not really put together. There is money. Academic quality needs to be addressed – yesterday. In a time of budget cuts, the question is where will the cuts be made? We need research to back up our views.
- Alex Monegro: There’s a committee dedicated to reviewing this. This can be addressed. All we need is to pass this initiative. It will only really cost us $7,000. Of the $15,000 the AMS will have to put up, we’ve been told that $8,000 of money we’re already spending can be counted towards that.
- Alex Lougheed: He’s usually more prudent and would develop a fuller report first; he promised a report for the next meeting.
- Dana Schindel: All the Execs seem to support this.

38. MOVED DANA SCHINDEL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

39. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the VP Academic officers section of the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: VP Academic officers and assistant’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

40. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the Assistant section of the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: VP Academic officers and assistant’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

41. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

- Michael Duncan: On the issue of hiring an assistant for the Vice-President Academic, but not for the others, originally the Vice-President Academic was the Vice-President. That’s how it is in the bylaws. They have many more duties, and this question has been coming up for years.
- Alex Lougheed: It’s a patchwork solution to larger questions.
- Alex Monegro: This person will have so much to do, they’ll need an assistant of their own.

42. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council adopt the Assistant section of the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: VP Academic officers and assistant’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

43. MOVED HELAINE BOYD, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

Whereas the Chancellor of the University is a member of the university Senates, the Board of Governors, and serves in an academic role as conferrer of degrees and chair of the convocation; and

Whereas the Office of the Chancellor and its election by the convocation is an institution dating back to the founding of UBC; and

Whereas the election of the Chancellor is enshrined in the Universities Act,

Whereas the BC Provincial government recently introduced Bill 34: The University Amendment Act 2008, which includes the provision that the Chancellor will no longer be elected by and from the Convocation, but rather appointed by the Board of Governors on nomination of the alumni association; and with no requirement that such an appointee even be a member of the convocation they are to chair; and

Whereas the autonomy of the University to govern its affairs should be respected and its internal governance should not be adjusted externally without thorough study, broad consultation, and consideration; and
Whereas this legislation was drafted without consulting the UBC Senates and convocation, or other stakeholders;

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society oppose the changes to the manner in which the Chancellor is selected from an elected to an appointed position, and that the Alma Mater Society communicate this position to the Minister of Advanced Education and to other provincial and local stakeholders.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Helaine Boyd: This is time sensitive. The provincial government is passing it May 29.
- Alex Lougheed: They’re changing the way the Chancellor is selected. Instead of an election, they will now be appointed through the Alumni Association, which is closely connected to the University. It’s not done this way at any other university. This means changing the way we’re governed without consulting us.
- Clare Benton: As a member of the alumni, getting a chance to vote is a way she gets to feel engaged.

44. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the question be called.”

…No objections

45. MOVED HELAINE BOYD, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED

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Noted in Favour: Dana Shindel, Tahara Bhave, Chris Diplock, Andrew Forshner, Joel Mertens, Mitch Wright, Kyle Warwick, Avneet Johal, Helaine Boyd, Alex Monegro, David Katz.

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

46. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED CLARK FUNNELL:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 17, 2008.”

... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

47. MOVED STEPHANIE RATJEN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the CASA motion be moved to the next Council meeting.”

... No objections

48. MOVED CLARK FUNNELL, SECONDED CLARE BENTON:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Defeated

P) Discussion Period

UBC Farm

- Tim Blair, representing the Friends of the Farm, summarized questions to ask President Toope and other members of the Administration concerning the UBC Farm.
- The Friends of the Farm want greater consultation on future uses of the farm; they are concerned at the lack of reference to the farm in various planning documents.
- Chris McCann asked about the role of the Faculty of Land and Food Systems.
- Tim Blair: They've been asked to justify the academic purpose of the farm.
Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
May 28, 2008

S) Adjournment:

49. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 am.

T) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Bahram Norouzi (student), Max Unger (member at large), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Ross Horton (General Manager), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant), Madeline M D (L&FS), Paul Bucci (Ubyssey), Jeff Smith (AMS Facilities Development Manager)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED DANA SCHINDEL:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Farm Presentation - Tim Blair

- Tim Blair, on behalf of the Friends of the Farm, expressed concern that the UBC Farm might be redesignated as a housing reserve for condos and presented questions he said should be asked of UBC administrators. He also called for better consultation.

- Michael Duncan: President Toope said at convocation that the farm has a bright future.

- Chris McCann asked what the faculties are doing, and suggested that the AMS should be urging them to pursue this.

- Tim Blair said there is a project underway engaging the faculties and it may lead to a co-operative role with the AMS.

- Chris McCann: A motion might be useful.

- David Katz: How much land is needed for academic purposes?

- Tim Blair: That’s under debate.

- Bijan Ahmadian: Toope meant the farm will exist, but it’s unsure what farm. The University takes the farm extremely seriously for its academic mandate, but not as a source of food for the Lower Mainland.

- Tim Blair said there were 70 species of birds in the area that need to be protected.

- Clare Benton: We need to be doing, not debating.

- Tim Blair said a consultation is planned for September, and the hope is the AMS will put its name on that.
SUB Renew – Tristan Markle

- Tristan Markle reviewed the history of SUB Renew, including the petitions and protests against the original University Boulevard project, adding:
  o The new SUB is not to be cost recovery, and unlike the old U-Boulevard plan, it doesn't have to be private space, which is good.
  o However, some things are still to be addressed, e.g., traffic.
  o The original U-Boulevard plan didn't incorporate SUB, but now U-Boulevard is SUB Renewal [applause].
  o The AMS called for a new plan and now negotiations are underway with UBC.
  o We want something like the current lease we have, which gives administrative control to the AMS but requires UBC to handle custodial, etc.
  o The GSS and the Alumni will probably be partnering with us.
  o The referendum question wording helps us, because unless UBC gives a sufficient amount, we don't go ahead.
  o The AMS hope is that UBC will pay a third: $40 million out of $120 million.
  o We both may want to fundraise.
  o There's an issue of the SUB on University Square; Nancy Knight from Campus Planning is against losing control of the square.
  o We want to choose the architects; Nancy Knight wants us to use University architects.
  o We don't want market housing on top of the SUB.
  o We want to avoid the P3 (public-private) process because it might mean we lose control.
  o UBC Food Services does not want to move into the new building because UBC does not want the union in the neighbourhood.
  o We want the current SUB site to work with the new SUB.
  o This won't be ready for the June 5 Board of Governors meeting, but the Board will make space for us on the agenda at their July retreat.
  o We're hoping for an informal architectural competition and call for proposals; not a formal competition because we'd lose control.
  o We will base the competition not only on cost but on sustainability.

- David Katz: Who chooses the design? SUB Renew or Council?
- Tristan Markle: It will be discussed at SUB Renew.
- Helaine Boyd noted that some students pay their fees in June.
- Michael Duncan said not all fees are paid then, and if necessary extra fees can be added as long as they're approved by the Board.
- Richelle Schon: Some students think they've paid in full; then in September they'll discover new fees to pay; they'll be annoyed.
- Tristan Markle: We may want to put out a notice.
- Chris Diplock: It will be in the Insider, with mention of it being conditional.

2. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS TARANTINO, THRIRDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That Council go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 7:00.

Left in camera session at 7:30.

D) President’s Remarks:

Mike’s Message

1) I have to start of with a sad sentiment. Hilary Sullivan, Brian’s wife, went missing this past May 11th. She was recently found in Pacific Spirit Park and passed away. I would like to recognize the loss and have a moment of silence for Hilary, Brian and their family. *moment of silence* Hilary was a very prominent person in the community and shall be missed by all.

2) A big welcome to Jeffrey Smith, our new Facility Manager. He comes to us from the GSS and started work this past Monday.

3) All the execs have been attending convocation ceremonies. It has been really nice to be a part of all the graduating students’ last ceremony at UBC.

4) SUB Renew is going strongly, I will let Tristan speak to it more.

5) Just a reminder to all Constituency presidents and representatives. The AMS Insider needs blurbs about your constituencies yesterday. Please send them in.

6) The exec went on a photoshoot last week. It was very fun and the pictures are awesome.

7) We had a media training seminar for the execs a couple weeks ago. That went really well and definitely helped us get ready for the media.

8) I am really excited about this next thing. The Health and Dental Plan Committee met last week and we managed to increase the benefits we are giving to our students. We have added two of the most asked about benefits to our plan. We are no longer asking for the $5 deductible for prescription drugs, and we have increased the total allowed maximum for dental from $500 to $750.

9) Jacqueline and I had a meeting last week with student development and how we can work together with promoting our services and ensuring that orientations is a collaborative project. Jacqueline can talk more about this.

10) Alumni Weekend was last week and was very well attended. As a board member, I was introducing some speakers and such.

11) The Communications Planning Group had its first meeting this week and got right down to it. We discussed a lot of the current problems with our communication, what we want to improve, how we get there and what that looks like. We have already started to address the website, internal communications, and a video project for orientations. I am looking for help with this video project so if anybody knows people who are good at video stuff let me know.
12) A few of the exec had a meeting with the Dean of Arts, Nancy Gallini, this past week discussing academic engagement within the Arts faculty and how that can be improved.

13) There was an Insite motion that was supposed to come up to this Council meeting and it was taken off because of some good news. The BC Supreme Court has ruled that the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act is inconsistent with the Charter of Rights and has allowed Insite to operate under its extension for another year. We will have a motion come up sooner or later regarding support for this initiative, but the current motion we had was no longer applicable and has thus been dropped.

14) Finally, I want to give everyone a heads up that we will be having an equity motion coming to council next meeting to ensure that we are taking proactive steps to make everyone feel inclusive at AMS events.

E) Executive Remarks:

Chris Diplock - VP Finance

FinCom:
- Budgets are due at the end of the month.
- Michelle and Jenny are great to work with.

Committees:

Budget - Working hard the past few weeks, and thanks to the Council members for their hard work. Recently allocated money to various reserve funds which will be highlighted in the Budget presentation. The budget will be coming to Council June 18th.

Impacts - Impacts met and along with the Sustainability Coordinator highlighting various goals for the year.

BOC - Has been discussing various items such as our beverage agreements, and the losses to Lucky Mart from the ban on cigarette sales. We are in the process of setting our goals for the year.

Other - Met with the Sustainability Office to discuss joint ventures, very exciting.

Alex Lougheed - VP Academic & University Affairs

Community Remarks:
Congratulations to 14 Mech 2 students for winning the Alan Blizzard Award, an award given out to encourage, identify, and publicly recognize those whose exemplary collaboration in university teaching enhances student learning.

Bill Reid's art has been stolen from the Museum of Anthropology.

A/V fee change:
UBC is looking at implementing an A/V fee after 8pm on all A/V use on campus. If it passes, prepare to budget for $100-$200 a project. I am getting in touch with
constituencies and clubs that use A/V with high frequency, to see the effects this will have.

Chancellor:
Now appointed! We issued a press release, opposing just that, though.

Congregation:
Attended several graduating students' congregation ceremonies. Most were delightful.

Hiring:
Still ongoing. AVP University Affairs was re-opened. Assistant position closed on Monday. Elections Administrator closes on Friday. Two Centre for Academic Engagement coordinator positions are posted, and we are looking for help getting the word out on those.

Generally:
Meeting with various University types, establishing relationships to help us out for the rest of the year.

Student Senate Caucus:
Thank you to Joanne, AMS Administrative Assistant, for coordinating elections for the SSC chair.

Provincial exams:
No longer required to get into UBC, aside from English. Student Senate Caucus is concerned about it, and will be motioning next Senate meeting for a report. We are currently in talks with a concerned faculty member about it.

Board:
Friday is committees. Welcome our new board reps!

Stefanie Ratjen VPX

Municipal Events:
- In light of the pending municipal election, I was asked to speak at a Vision Vancouver event entitled “Democracy and Citizen Engagement.”
- Ensured that my presence did not endorse the party per se, it was a discussion forum where a variety of opinions on the subject were presented.
- My speech talked about citizen engagement and the university experience, and how this can be a tricky battle sometimes, and I used examples from U-BLVD when talking about how to “engage” students or society for that matter.

Government Relations:
- Unfortunately, Bill 34 was passed. If you do want to see the dialogue, please let either Adrienne or myself know. Given that there are elections pending, and based on the performance of the BC government regarding post-secondary education, we will be utilizing the upcoming election periods to ensure that education is prioritized.

School relations:
KUSA exec came to visit, and I found out today are also coming to the CASA conference next week.

- Have met up with SFSS, and they are pretty busy with their internal operations, are interested in continuing to work together, especially in light of it being an election year.
- Coalition against funding cuts - stronger presence in the fall.
- Have also been in contact with other schools regarding the Transit Coalition. Tomorrow morning I am speaking to the TransLink Board about the benefits that the U-Pass provides for students, the environment, etc. I will also be talking about the governance structure and how the current model does not adequately have avenues for UBC students and residents to have their concerns addressed.

External Projects:
Thanks to all that showed up on Monday. The ideas that came out of it were a good start to something that will continue throughout the year. I encourage everyone to come out to the next session, on June 16th, and I will have more food available. The next session will be building on some of the concepts that people wanted to address in that last session, so I encourage any and everyone who is interested to come out.

Insite Motion was taken off the agenda. Not because it isn’t relevant to students, because it is, but because the Court knew what we were doing and acted in response to our motion in advance. ;)

National Day of Action - The National Day of Action is designed to raise awareness and support among the general public and the government for urgent action to address First Nations issues. People will be starting a march, at 11:30 at Canada Place tomorrow, and ending up at the Vancouver Art gallery.

Jacqueline Bell – ECSS

1) The Services have finished up training for now, and are thinking about what kind of training we'll offer to new assistants who are coming on in the next few weeks and months. Both positive space training and the AMS orientation were ranked as critical by the Service Coordinators for the incoming assistants to be trained in.

2) I've been working with Student Development in the area of communications of our services to students. The proposal brought to SD was to replace the current Student Success publications and website with a new set of print publications and a website that would come out of a new partnership between SD and the AMS in the area of student services. Currently this approach is moving forward at UBC.

3) Communications: I've been working with Kelli and Bill to re-do the service logos and come up with some new and improved promotional items for the services.

4) Hiring assistants starts next week for some services.
5) LEAP: Lots of change coming up. We're currently figuring out our relationship to Irving K Barber Learning Commons. Big questions need to be asked; is LEAP a virtual learning commons with the Library branch being the physical version of that? What kinds of things are we missing on the website? Looking at incorporating a lot more services information into the LEAP website, especially around the areas of involvement (Connect) and Wellness (Speakeasy).

6) Have been working heavily on the budgets.

7) Each of the Services is completing a year planning/goal setting document; a few of them are finished and we've been going over those together. Some of the highlights so far include:

- Speakeasy - Committed to staying open during exams this year (different from other years).

- Tutoring - Working with new constituencies like commerce, and expanding partnership with engineering. Also - new Thursday online tutoring hours added, with extended hours of online tutoring on Sundays.

- Minischool - Looking at new courses such as bike repair with the AMS bike co-op, new idea of having workshops on a monthly basis, looking at having a self defence workshop offered early in the fall.

- Connect - Expanding membership organizations, increasing number of fairs held, really beefing up the AMS involvement portion of the service by working heavily with bodies within the AMS to make those internships, volunteer positions happen. Also: Shinerama goal: $22,500, which is AMAZING and GREAT

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering – Chris McCann – Meeting with AMS Tutoring. Would like to be involved in media training.

Science – Jamil Rhajiak – Meeting the dean and associate dean.

Education – Lucy Ferreira – Barbecue. Upcoming conference.

Commerce – Alex Monegro – Looking at rewriting their constitution.

GSS – David Katz – New bookings manager.
   Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes – Looking for handbook editor; two video productions; GSS retreat.

Law – Clare Benton – Law Students Society offices broken into. Safe that had never been used was finally opened up; inside there was nothing except
instructions on how to open the safe, which was why it had never been used.


- Chris McCann raised the issue of the duplication between the AMS Insider and Constituency agendas.
- Michael Duncan suggested this was something to go to the Communications Planning Group.

3. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN:

“That a discussion on the Insider be added to the end of the agenda.” ... Carried

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

Board of Governors
- Bijan Ahmadian: President Toope has said that in the wake of the funding cuts UBC must develop alternative funding models.
- Tristan Markle asked why there is a ticket process to get into Board meetings. Just to make it difficult to get in?
- Darren Peets: There’s no reason.
- Bijan Ahmadian said he would get anyone in who wanted to attend.
- Tim Blair: UBC is losing $24 million. There’s a memorial for Hilary Sullivan on Sunday.

Senate
- Alfie Lee:
  - Caucus is trying to elect a new chair.
    - UBC is not sticking to the provincial exam requirement after all; it will admit and give scholarships without looking at the provincial exams.
    - A motion condemned the change in the method of selecting the Chancellor.
    - Work being done on questions for teaching evaluations.
    - Pass/Fail option for electives.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

4. MOVED HELAINE BOYD, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Executive Committee minutes dated April 24, 2008
Council Minutes dated April 9, 2008
Ad Hoc Lobby Review Minutes April 7 2008
The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C.

May 28, 2008

PLACE: SUB Room 206

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Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, create a temporary SUB Renewal Executive Project, to be directed by a SUB Renewal Coordinator, who will report to the Vice-President Administration.”

- Tristan Markle: This an important job. Compensation still to be worked out at Compensation Review.
- Darren Peets asked about budget implications.
- Tristan Markle: This will come from the SUB Renewal Fund, from the $75,000 given by Studentcare.
- Chris Diplock: Out of the $120 million for the whole SUB Renew Project, consultation is included.
- Alex Monegro asked how Comp Review will set the salary.
- Alex Lougheed: Comp Review is still to meet. The salary will be compared to salaries for other similar positions. It will be comparable to an AVP.
- Tristan Markle: We pay $6,500 for a vice-chair and $9,000 for an AVP. It will be something like that.

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... Carried

7. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED DANA SCHINDEL

“That Council appoint _________ to the Vice President Administration and Finance Search Committee for a term beginning immediately and ending upon the completion of the duties of the committee.

- Michael Duncan:
  o Recently the University has been appointing students without going through the AMS.
  o This committee is working on hiring a new VP Administration and Finance to replace Terry Sumner.
  o It influences what happens at UBC.

8. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED DANA SCHINDEL

“That Council appoint Matthew Naylor to the Vice President Administration and Finance Search Committee for a term beginning immediately and ending upon the completion of the duties of the committee.

... Carried
Note: Matthew Naylor abstained

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

9. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“Whereas the ad hoc SUB Renewal Committee, as created by Council in February 2007, has only five members, not including AMS staff support; and

“Whereas with the passing of the SUB Renewal referendum, the work of this committee has greatly increased,

“Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the SUB Renewal Committee to invite additional persons to sit on it in order to assist with its work. The additional people will not be voting members of the main SUB Renewal Committee.”

- Tristan Markle: The committee needs more members; they will form working groups reporting to the main committee.
- Alex Lougheed: Will minutes from the working groups be submitted to Council?
- Tristan Markle: Minutes will go to the SUB Renewal Committee.
- Alex Lougheed asked to put something about subcommittee minutes in the motion.
- Dave Tompkins ruled this out of order, as the original motion said nothing about minutes.

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… Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

11. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 26th, 2008
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 31st, 2008
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated April 7th, 2008."

... Carried

O)  Other Business and Notice of Motions:

12. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

"Whereas the Graduate Student Society will have significant involvement and stake in the University Square project,

Be it resolved that an additional seat on the SUB Renewal Committee be created for a Graduate Student Society AMS representative to be selected by the AMS Council."

And

"Be it resolved that Council appoint ________ (GSS rep on AMS Council) to the SUB Renewal Committee."

- Alex Lougheed said he found this motion peculiar. The GSS wants to enter the project, but so does the Alumni Association. This would give the GSS a disproportionate amount of influence.
- Michael Duncan: There’s a difference between the GSS and the Alumni. The Alumni have money and are going in. The GSS is trying to be in and will want a voice.
- David Katz (GSS): We really are coming in. It’s not like the Alumni. We want to come into the mainstream of campus from the boonies where we are now. We don’t want to control; we just want a voice.
- Alex Monegro: Do they need a vote if they really just want a voice?
- Alex Lougheed: The GSS is already on Council. They can be on committees. And the site planning committee might be a better place.
- Tristan Markle: The site planning committee is for broad siting issues and is only advisory, not decision-making.
- Chris Diplock: There’s currently no graduate student on SUB Renew, but there could have been. In future years this might mean an extra seat for grad students. This special seat should be non-voting.
- Tim Chu: Many GSS reps didn’t get on committees last meeting. If they’re under-represented, we should make sure they’re represented. They’re a large group; they should get a voice.
- Clark Funnell: This sets a precedent of special seating for Constituencies. Will someone say Arts should have a seat?
- David Katz: There’s already a precedent: the Health and Dental Committee already has place for GSS reps. The GSS are key players in the new SUB development.
- Matthew Naylor: It’s generally a good idea to get the GSS on committees. The GSS has not shown political manipulativeness. The AMS has been struggling for years to make the GSS a valued part of the Society. This is an important gesture even if it’s out of the ordinary.
- Alex Monegro said his concern was making sure the GSS didn't get extra seats. There should be a stipulation that they get one seat but can't run for other seats.

13. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO, SECONDED CLARK FUNNELL:

“That Motion 12 be amended by adding the following:

‘Be it further resolved that it be stipulated in the terms of reference for the SUB Renewal Committee that the other Council member seats be for non-GSS constituency members.’ “

- Alex Lougheed said it would be better still if it were non-voting.
- David Katz mentioned the Health and Dental Plan Committee.
- Alex Lougheed said that was different because it was the result of a contractual arrangement.
- Dana Schindel asked how the GSS is different from Arts or Education.
- Michael Duncan: Generally, the AMS focuses on undergraduate students.
- Marc Faktor: If you had two GSS reps, that could be a big asset. This amendment could limit the capabilities of the committee.
- Alex Monegro: This is just setting guidelines.

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... Defeated

Note: Darren Peets abstained

15. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That Motion 12 be amended by inserting the term ‘non-voting’. ”

- Alex Lougheed said he didn’t like the precedent set by this motion. The Health and Dental Committee is different because that is a joint committee set up by an agreement between the two organizations.
- Kyle Warwick: The GSS is not like other constituencies.
- Alex Lougheed said the GSS may be more comparable to the Alumni Association, but we’re not putting the Alumni Association on the committee.

16. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”
17. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That Motion 12 be amended by inserting the term ‘non-voting’.”

... Carried

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

Kyle Warwick, Stefanie Ratjen, Timothy Chu, Tristan Markle, David Katz, Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes and Matthew Naylor were opposed

- David Katz said he now opposed the motion; it was now an insult to the GSS.
- Helaine Boyd: It’s not such a bad thing. It gives them a chance to be on the committee.
- Chris Diplock: If the GSS had had their rep elected last time, we wouldn’t even be having this conversation. This assumes they should have a voice even if they are not elected.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes said a non-voting seat meant muffling the GSS; it was undemocratic.
- Clare Benton said she didn’t feel it was undemocratic at all. The GSS seems to be saying, Democracy didn’t work for us this time; we didn’t get elected to the committee, so we’re going to force our way onto it. That doesn’t seem like democracy.
- Darren Peets: There’s a not a big difference between voting and non-voting. The GSS does have a separate committee itself, in parallel. Maybe there should be an AMS representative on that committee. There should be a close relationship, but it doesn’t require a voting seat. When did this committee ever vote on anything?
- Michael Duncan: On Cannon Design, nine or ten months ago.
- Tristan Markle: Everything people are saying is reasonable. The GSS is trying to get involved in the building. There should be goodwill towards the GSS, a special relationship. If the GSS is a real partner, they should have a seat.

18. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That the motion be postponed until the next Council meeting.”

- Kyle Warwick: Will we have more information next time?
- David Katz: People don’t understand the potential GSS involvement in the project. A presentation is needed.
- Alex Monegro: Granting the spot this way is as a Constituency. As a partner they would be a separate entity.
- Chris Diplock: Do we want to guarantee the GSS a seat?

19. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:
“That the motion be postponed until the next Council meeting.”  

... Defeated

- Matthew Naylor: What is the debate on now?
- Tim Chu: This is like with the First Nations. Council wanted to give them a non-voting seat; they saw it as an insult.
- Dana Schindel: There’s still an opportunity for the GSS to fight for a voting seat.
- Kyle Warwick: This is tokenization. It’s marginally better than nothing.
- Alex Monegro: We have to debate how to incorporate the GSS into SUB Renewal. Are they a Constituency or a partner?
- Marc Faktor: These concerns could be addressed in a presentation.
- Alex Lougheed said he didn’t know what the exact relationship of the AMS and the GSS would be on the committee. If there were an MoU between the AMS and the GSS …

20. MOVED WILL DAVIS, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

- Stefanie Ratjen: There will be a majority of undergrads and a minority of grad students.

21. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

22. MOVED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

... Failed for lack of seconder and thirder

23. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

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And
"Be it resolved that Council appoint ________ (GSS rep on AMS Council) to the SUB Renewal Committee."

... Defeated

Note: Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes, Rajesh Jampala and Marc Faktor abstained
David Katz and Kyle Warwick abstained

24. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

Whereas the AMS is a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, and

Whereas the CASA Annual General meeting, held March 21-25 2008 adopted changes to CASA’s constitution and governance structure, and

Whereas CASA’s Constitution requires that all changes to its Constitution and By-Laws must be approved by Members’ Councils,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS Council adopt the amendments to CASA’s constitution as circulated.

Motion laid on the table

25. MOVED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council be extended by half an hour.”

... Carried

Motion back on the table

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- Adrienne Smith: The most significant change is the abolition of the Board of Directors, on the grounds that it was a management body more than a government body. The six regional representatives were also abolished, and duties have been devolved to the General
Assembly. The General Assembly is also able to set conditions on the termination of membership.

- Stefanie Ratjen said she was in favour of the changes; she had been involved in the process.

- Matthew Naylor:
  - Regionalism is an issue in CASA. He wasn’t sure whether getting rid of the guaranteed regional rep was good or bad. Block voting was a problem. This removes the guarantee that Western schools will be heard.
  - There was also the issue of staff versus elected control. Devolving to the General Assembly, which doesn’t meet often, means in effect giving power to staff. That’s a problem in the CFS. But the old Board didn’t function well.
  - Also, the amendments compromise the easy in, easy out principle. He didn’t like that. The AMS opposed restrictions on easy in, easy out last time.

- Darren Peets asked if passage of the amendments was in doubt. Had other schools voted No?

- Adrienne Smith: We have no results. The National Director articulated a concern about defeating this.

- Darren Peets: It’s a big problem if easy in, easy out is being undermined. That was a founding principle of CASA.

- Chris McCann referred to horror stories from the CFS about schools trying to get out. He expressed concern that CASA was trying to slip this in to create difficulties about getting out. He saw bullying.

- Stefanie Ratjen: The spirit remains the same under the new amendments. They open up the possibility of conditions being put on entering or leaving, and that would be decided in the General Assembly, which is a good forum for debate. There’s enough CFS paranoia to avoid excessive conditions on leaving. She was not overly worried.

- Adrienne Smith: The fear is of unreasonable conditions being attached, but it would have to be by the General Assembly, which includes all members.

- Matthew Naylor: Clearly, easy in, easy out is valued. We have to vote against.

27. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

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... Defeated

Dana Schindel: Will we tell them why we voted No?

29. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED SONIA PUREWAL:

“Whereas AHRAERC's chair is away for the summer,

Whereas Maayan Kreitzman is the former chair of AHRAERC,

Therefore, be it resolved that Maayan Kreitzman be added to AHRAERC as an additional at-large member, and appointed temporary chair of the committee while Mitch Wright (the current chair) makes a triumphant return."

Therefore be it further resolved that Code be suspended to allow Maayan Kreitzman to chair the committee (as she is not currently a member of Council).”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

P) Discussion Period

Committee Reform – Matthew Naylor

- Matthew Naylor asked who thought committees were working well and also whether committee reform should be a priority.
- Michael Duncan: Should it be Code and Polices that looks into this?
- Matthew Naylor said he thought so.
- Dana Schindel said she didn’t know enough about committees and how they work.
- Matthew Naylor referred to the history of committee reform. Spencer Keys sought to consolidate committees into larger committees and wanted to created an Oversight Committee (that’s been done) and an agenda committee (that’s not been done). He also sought alternative meeting times. Council is not the right venue to discuss this; it should go back to the Code and Policies Committee. He could call an open meeting.
- Helaine Boyd asked what would be addressed by committee reform.
- Dave Tompkins: Composition of committees, structure.
- Chris Diplock: Council doesn’t have enough information to discuss this. Wait till the next Council meeting.
- Matthew Naylor: Council is not a good place to write Code. Code and Policies would bring anything to Council. The question is, Is this a priority? What type of information would you want?
- Stefanie Ratjen: We need a governance review. She was in favour of that. She wasn’t sure Code and Policies was the body to do it. She would like something focused more on governance.
- Kyle Warwick: Council members are ignorant of this. It would be better to have a committee with some knowledge.
- Stefanie Ratjen: An ad hoc governance committee.
- Chris Diplock: There are not a lot of people present now. Council needs to decide if it wants to do this.
- Matthew Naylor: What information would you like, then?
- Laura Sylvester: Provide some information and options.
- Darren Peets: A history. He said that Council had already approved committee reform in principle.
- Matthew Naylor: We can have a meeting of Code and Policies on this.
- Stefanie Ratjen: That implies Code and Policies is in charge.
- Matthew Naylor: Just one meeting.
- Chris McCann expressed concern about discussing what’s wrong with committees before new Council members have sat on committees. There’s a risk of putting the idea in our heads that there’s something wrong. He suggested delaying for six or eight months.
- Further discussion indicated interest in receiving a history of committee reform prepared by the Archivist-Researcher working with the Executive Committee.

**The AMS Insider**

- Chris McCann said EUS and some other Constituencies (e.g., Commerce and Science, but not the AUS or the GSS) either publish an agenda or are talking about doing so. That’s 16,000 students with another agenda, besides the AMS Insider. The information in the Insider is useful, but the agenda in it is not. Perhaps it could be cut down by not printing the calendar. That would be an effective use of money and resources and leave a lighter footprint.
- Michael Duncan: We don’t lose money on the Insider; we sell advertising in it. Paper, yes, is a concern. He thought no one used it as an agenda.
- Chris Diplock: It’s too late to change anything for this year.
- Jamil Rhajiak: There are piles sitting in the basement, wasted. Students could be better served another way.
- Dana Schindel supported getting rid of the calendar, but she was in favour of a unified source of information.
- Stefanie Ratjen: We need to get students informed about the AMS. If they use the Insider as an agenda, they may flip through and see the rest. If it were just a pamphlet, it might not be as effective.

Q) Submissions:
R)  Next Meeting:
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S)  Adjournment:

    There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 pm.

T)  Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Max Unger (member at large), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Ross Horton (General Manager), Kelli Seepaul (Communications and Design Manager), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant), Billy Smith (AMS Art Gallery), Amber Perreca (Safewalk), Blake Frederick (AVP External), Andre Gagne (Safewalk), Ejemen Iyayi (W.U.S.C.), Michelle MacKenzie (Student), Emma Ellison (AMS Connect), Bonnie Kwan (AMS Connect), Evan Choate (Student), Sonja Babovic (student hack)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. MOVED EMILY GRIFFITHS, SECONDED FREEMAN PORITZ:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That the agenda be amended to put the Equity Motion as the first item of business.”

… No objections

3. MOVED EMILY GRIFFITHS, SECONDED FREEMAN PORITZ:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

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

J) Executive Committee Motions:

4. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITHS:

“That equity representatives be appointed at the beginning of all AMS events by those present at such events.

Equity representatives will

• Accept complaints and address concerns for AMS events for which they are appointed;
• Facilitate resolutions to issues which may arise at AMS events for which they are appointed;
• Report back to those present at such events, should the need arise;
• Keep issues brought to their attention in confidence, should the complainant so request;
Every effort shall be made to appoint representatives of all genders.
This person shall make themselves known to meeting participants."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Stefanie Ratjen and Tristan Markle explained how the equity representative system would work:
  - Equity representatives would be appointed by those present at an event.
  - The system would be less formal than going to the Ombudsperson.
  - It’s a fairly standard system, used for example by CASA.
  - There have been numerous incidents in which people have been uncomfortable, and the lack of preventive measures in this area has been noted by the ad hoc Harassment Policy Review Committee.
  - There would be little cost to this system, and it would be worth it if it can prevent harassment or discrimination.
  - Council would be a good place to set an example.
  - This follows existing initiatives, such as the positive space training done by the University’s Equity Office.

- Tahara Bhate said there was reference to training manuals, but if there could be different equity officers each time, how would that work?
- Adrienne Smith: That’s being looked into. People who are interested in being equity representatives might volunteer and get trained and then it could be the same person for a group for a year.
- Alex Monegro: How would the system work at large events like the Welcome Back Barbecue?
- Stefanie Ratjen said that at an event of that size there’d be a team.
- Tristan Markle said these questions about selection raised good points and are things to talk about.
- Darren Peets asked if selection would be done by event organizers or by the attendees. The former would be more workable. He was concerned about people at the event doing the selection.
- Dave Tompkins read a letter from the Safety Coordinator, Saadia Rai, in support of the motion, and saying the AMS must support equity in order to protect its members and employees.
- Adrienne Smith, responding to the concern raised by Darren Peets, said possibly an organization could decide in advance who the equity representatives would be. Whatever worked would be acceptable. The intention was not to make this prohibitive, but enabling.
- Jason Penner asked how confidentiality could be enforced if volunteers are the representatives.
- Tristan Markle said Speakeasy has lots of volunteers and maintains confidentiality.
- Stefanie Ratjen said she hoped AMS clubs would support and appoint someone who would keep things confidential. There was no mechanism of enforcement in the motion; the aim was to rely on goodwill.
- Marc Faktor suggested requiring volunteers to come in person for training manuals, to make sure the person appointed is not the joke of the flock.
- Amber Perreca read a statement from the Advocacy Office supporting the motion and saying discrimination was unacceptable.
- On her own behalf, Amber Perreca said she hoped the new policy would empower people to speak up. There were conflicts every week at Safewalk, and she would feel more secure with an equity officer. She gave examples of incidents, saying that not having an equity officer allowed them to happen. Having officers would create a safe environment.
- Clare Benton said it seemed the problem was not at AMS events, but in clubs and at Safewalk. She wasn’t sure the system would work at a beer garden, but in a club or other organization you could appoint a long-term rep.
- Tristan Markle said it might be necessary to define event more broadly.
- Emma Ellison read a letter in support from Jacqueline Bell, which said that students need to feel physically and emotionally safe. There was widespread support for the motion from the Service Coordinators. An equity officer could have served a positive function.
- Emma Ellison read a statement from Paige Mowbray, the Speakeasy Coordinator, which said she was surprised at the absence of a policy for AMS employees and at the lack of focus on issues of social justice and the social environment. The statement included an example of an incident in which a religious volunteer made remarks that upset a gay volunteer.
- On her own behalf, Emma Ellison said an equity officer was crucial. Others might not realize the effect on those who were impacted.
- Tim Chu asked when the equity representatives would report back: after the event? He also wondered if using this system would downplay the seriousness of incidents by keeping them from the Ombudsperson.
- Tristan Markle: This might actually increase the number of incidents reported to higher levels.
- Stefanie Ratjen: Reporting could happen at the event or at a later date. It wasn’t defined.
- Adrienne Smith: It depends on the length of the event. For an event lasting days, it could be during the event. Or it could be at the end of a meeting, or during a break.
- Sonia Purewell expressed concern that the system was too informal and would not make much of a difference. A more formal system would be stronger. She also questioned having different representatives at events; if there was a permanent representative, they could be more aware of repeat offenders.
- Dana Schindel said the spirit of the system is to be informal. Some of the stories being referred to tonight could go up to the Ombudsperson. These equity officers would be more informal; if a word was used at a meeting that made some people uncomfortable, the equity officers could say something to let people know it wasn’t cool to say that. What concerned her was that this new equity system might not be enforced.
- Dave Tompkins: It would go into the books as a policy.
- Stefanie Ratjen: There are ways to enforce. Questions could be put to clubs that don’t appoint an equity officer.
- Gary Andraza said he approached this from a different perspective, as someone from the American South. What ever happened to direct communication? If you don’t like something a person says, tell them. That’s how it was in Tennessee. That doesn’t often happen in Vancouver, he supposed; hence the need for this, but as a gay man in the South he learned
to confront people. Maybe the equity officer could help the offended person to confront the other person.

5. MOVED TIMOTHY BLAIR:

“That Motion 4 be amended by striking the opening clause and replacing it with the following:

‘That equity representatives be available within every AMS Group and at every AMS event.’

And that Motion 4 be further amended by adding the following clause:

• ‘It is the responsibility of the organizers to determine how the equity representatives will be appointed.’

And that Motion 4 be further amended by replacing the phrase ‘This person’ with the phrase ‘The equity representatives’ in the final clause.’

... No objections

- Emily Griffiths: It’s good to be able to confront, but that can be difficult for some people.
- Joel Mertens: Will each Service appoint an equity officer, or will there be an AMS equity officer?
- Dave Tompkins: Each Service.
- Rory Green: It’s good that it’s less formal. Sometimes what is needed is something that helps both sides, something educational, not confrontational.
- Max Unger asked if there are other policies to do with equity.
- Adrienne Smith said there is a human rights policy, along with three harassment and discrimination policies (one each for employees, clubs, and Constituencies). This new policy does not interfere with any of those.
- Max Unger said some people don’t use the existing services, Ombuds and Advocacy. How will this new procedure help them?
- Dave Tompkins: Not everyone knows the procedures. The new equity officers might know better and might be able to help someone use the existing services.
- Michael Duncan: Lots of times something is not big enough to take to Ombuds, but you’d want to have the group or event told not to say that anymore.
- Marc Faktor wondered about leaving this up to the clubs instead of the AMS creating a subdivision of Ombuds and Advocacy to ensure that someone really well trained was in the position.
- Adrienne Smith: The procedure is meant to be a way for peers to educate each other, and the AMS has thousands of events; an AMS equity officer couldn’t attend them all. Also, it would be spooky if people began to think, “The AMS police guy’s here; better not say anything wrong.” This will be someone in the club.
- Tahara Bhate: Some of the incidents suggest that something needs to be done; she was not convinced that this was it, but it was okay on a trial basis, though she would encourage looking at other options.
6. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITHS

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

7. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITHS:

“That equity representatives be available within every AMS Group and at every AMS event.

Equity representatives will

- Accept complaints and address concerns for AMS events for which they are appointed;
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- It is the responsibility of the organizers to determine how the equity representatives will be appointed.

Every effort shall be made to appoint representatives of all genders.
The equity representatives shall make themselves known to meeting participants.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

8. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That the agenda be amended to include a motion to appoint an equity officer(s) for tonight’s meeting.”

... No objections

9. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITHS:

“That Marc Faktor, Emma Ellison, Bijan Ahmadian and Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes be appointed equity representatives for tonight’s Council meeting.”

... Carried

C) Presentations to Council

History of AMS Committee Reform – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Sheldon Goldfarb presented a history of committee reform dating back to 1994 and the CORP Report, first explaining the differences between committees, commissions, and planning groups, then saying:
  - The CORP Report called for a reduction in the number of committees, but at the same time created new commissions and planning groups.
  - In the late 1990’s, the number of appointment committees increased from one to four, and other committees were created as well.
  - In 2001, the chair of the Code and Policies Committee, Chris Eaton, called for a reduction in the number of committees, but nothing happened.
  - In 2003, that year’s chair of the Code and Policies Committee, Spencer Keys, took up Chris Eaton’s proposal and asked Council for permission for the Code and Policies Committee to look into committee reform; Council said okay through a straw poll during Discussion Period, but Council has never formally endorsed committee reform.
  - Nothing came of the 2003 proposal either, but when Spencer Keys became President in 2005-06, he brought it forward again, and the Code and Policies Committee discussed it for several months.
  - Spencer’s proposal included:
    - a reduction in committee numbers by amalgamating committees
    - having regular Council members chair the committees to empower Council
    - creating working groups on specific issues, to be chaired by Executives
    - more regular reporting by committees to Council
    - creation of an agenda committee to screen Council business
    - creation of an Oversight Committee to ensure the meeting of goals set in accordance with the new Strategic Framework (another of Spencer’s projects)
    - Wednesday night committee meetings
  - The Wednesday night committee meeting idea didn’t make it out of committee.
  - Some of the other ideas came to Council in a Discussion Period in March 2006, with the following results:
    - There was informal support (through a straw poll) for reducing and combining committees, though there were objections to one specific proposal to combine BOC and Reno.
    - A suggestion that all committee chairs be non-Executives met resistance on the grounds that Executives had more time and more access to resources.
    - Discussion of more regular reporting was inconclusive.
  - No formal motion resulted, and committee reform disappeared for almost two years, though a modified version of the Oversight Committee was introduced in 2007 and early in 2008 certain committees were opened up to the possibility of non-Executive chairs, though Executives were not forbidden to chair those committees.
  - Meanwhile in recent years the three commissions created on the recommendation of CORP have ceased or nearly ceased to function.
Despite recurrent calls to reduce the number of committees, in fact the number has tended to increase.

- So
  - 1994: 17 committees, commissions, etc.
  - Post-CORP: 13 committees, commissions, etc.
  - Today, depending how you count, 23 to 27.

Questions
- Darren Peets asked what there had been before commissions.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said something like the newly introduced system of Associate Vice-Presidents, at least in Finance. The VP Finance, then called the Director of Finance, had an assistant called the Assistant Director of Finance (ADOF). By introducing Associate Vice-Presidents, we seem to be coming full circle to the pre-CORP situation.

Options for Committee Reform – Adrienne Smith
- Adrienne Smith outlined the options Council could pursue:
  - do nothing
  - dissolve all committees and create them only as needed (the CASA solution)
  - pick a group to look into committee reform
- She said the questions are: Do we want committee reform? And if so, how should we go about it?

D) President’s Remarks:

SUB Renew
- there was a BoG meeting a few weeks ago and the President expressed the principles of the project and where he thinks it stands. It was a very positive speech and we agreed on almost all of his upper level principles.
- the site and planning options committee meetings finished a couple weeks ago after having weekly meetings for 2 months. This committee came up with plans and ideas of where potential sitting could take place.
- the MOU is still in progress and we will be discussing it later
- I want to apologize that the MOU is not coming in full today. We moved council back a week in order to pass the MOU, but it still wasn’t ready for this meeting. Especially, I want to say sorry for anybody who worked on budget and was planning on presenting at last meeting
- we have been speaking to all the AMS alumni, the affinity network, regarding what their opinions on the negotiations and such are. They have been very helpful because of their experience with the university
- I also just want to officially thank Darren Peets for all his hard work. It has really been so beneficial having him help out with the process

CPG
- we have been working hard on a lot of things. They include:
  - finalizing stuff for the insider
  - looking at whether the AMS name resonates with students
  - improving the website and the content on it
-included in that is getting councilor pictures and info on the website. That is why Kelli will be coming around asking to take your picture. You can send in a picture of yourself instead if you like

Random
-Had a meeting with the bookstore to discuss student concerns.
-Been taking AMS minischool courses, obviously to support our services.
-I would like to apologize for the few exec members that can be here today. Alex and Chris are in Toronto and Jacqueline is in St. John's. All of them are doing great things.
-We had a lunch meeting with Professor Toope to discuss a multitude of things. We will be having these more often in the coming months.
-I went to Kelowna to UBC-O on Thursday for the Alumni Association board meeting. Some good news is that they are going to be focusing on current student engagement in order to improve alumni relations in the future.

E) Executive Remarks:

Stefanie Ratjen (VP External)

CASA
Had the chance to attend the 2008 Policy and Strategy Conference in Halifax. At the next council meeting I will give a detailed presentation on the CASA Policy and Strategy Conference, as well as the relationship the AMS has with CASA.

Government:
No AVED Minister changes in Cabinet Shuffle on Monday
Response from AMS motion to opposing Bill34 received, and is posted on the AMS website.

TransLink
Service review is coming up, please let me know if you have any concerns about TransLink operations.

StudentsUnitedBC.ca
As a collaborative effort with other student unions around BC, Blake and I are spearheading an informative, student-oriented website, in collaboration with Kwantlen and Langara, which will have a regularly updated newsfeed on issues pertaining to students, some analysis thereof, as well as background information on issues such as student loans, tuition fees, transit.

The idea is to make an accessible source for students across BC to get informed about issues that affect them, as they are happening, with ideas for how to go about dealing with them. I’m excited about this initiative, as it has been awhile since something like this has happened, and it's going to be good!

Film Series
As an exec special project this year, I am in the process of coordinating a weekly film series, in collaboration with AMS Clubs, that will be free for students. The idea of the film series is to show movies on issues that students may not be able to focus on in the classroom.
It is an outreach initiative to get students involved with their students' society in a manner that isn't typically associated with "student politics."

**Policy Sessions**
Policy Sessions are still happening. The next one will focus on strategies for the upcoming municipal and provincial elections, and I encourage everyone plus three to attend. An email with the date and room will be sent out shortly.

**VP Administration: See Quarterly Report**

**F) Committee Reports:**

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Science – Jamil Rhajiak – Social Coordinator resigned.

Education – Lucy Ferreira – BBQ.

Commerce – Alex Monegro – Constitutional reform being worked on.

   - Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes – Sports league boat cruise.

Law – Clare Benton – RCMP and liquor licences. Clash with Welcome Back BBQ.

Social Work – Brad Olsen – BBQ.

Arts – Matthew Naylor – The Source being designed. Plant Ops has still not fixed locks and safe. A non-toxic powder discovered.

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

**Board of Governors:**
Bijan Ahmadian: First BoG meeting. Fundraising. TA training. UBC got low results in satisfaction survey. President and Provost looking into this. Excitement over SUB Renewal. Shift from students and UBC being adversarial to working together.
Tim Blair: Report that some profs have negative views of their students.

**Senate:**
Rob McLean: He's the new Student Senate Caucus chair, as the result of a coin toss. Two new mobility agreements with British universities. Provincial exams not to be required for entrance anymore.

**I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

10. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:
“That the following minutes be approved as presented.”

Council Minutes dated May 7, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated January 17, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated January 24, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated January 31, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated February 7, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated March 27, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated May 8, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated May 15, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated May 22, 2008
Executive Committee Minutes dated May 29, 2008

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2008: Minutes on Website' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matthew Naylor: Council earlier amended Code to require committee minutes to go up on the website, but we forgot to mention planning groups. This extends the rule to them [and to commissions].
- Darren Peets: What about in camera minutes?
- Matthew Naylor: They do not get put up.

12. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2008: Minutes on Website' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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13. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2008: Oversight Committee Selection' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matthew Naylor: This proposal was brought up by Alex Lougheed. Code and Policies all liked the idea of saying only non-Executives can vote on
appointing members of the Oversight Committee. Executives will not be able
to vote for those overseeing them.

14. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code
Changes 2008: Oversight Committee Selection' and thus amend the Code as
recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

15. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

"Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group,
Council approve an amount not to exceed $500 from the SUB Management Fund to
replace the Safewalk Office carpeting with tile.

The estimated cost is:
$250.00 for the tile
$125.00 for the baseboard
$50 for the disposal of the old carpet."

Note: The SUB Management Fund has a current balance of $102,343.00

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jason Penner asked about the $50 for disposal. Can’t the old carpet just be
tossed in a blue bin?
- Adrienne Smith: Building materials are banned from garbage; we can’t just
toss it.

16. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

"Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group,
Council approve an amount not to exceed $500 from the SUB Management Fund to
replace the Safewalk Office carpeting with tile.

The estimated cost is:
$250.00 for the tile
$125.00 for the baseboard
$50 for the disposal of the old carpet."

Note: The SUB Management Fund has a current balance of $102,343.

Note: Requires 2/3rds
17. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED RORY GREEN, THRIDED DARREN PEETS:

“That Council go in camera.”

… Carried

Council went in camera at 8:10 pm.

Council came out of camera at 9:50 pm.

18. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:30.”

… No objections

19. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the Student Court motion be postponed until the July 9, 2008 Council meeting and be put as the first order of business at that meeting.”

– Alex Monegro: We’re always putting things off. We have to do these things. We may just have to go to 3 am sometime.

20. MOVED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

21. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the Student Court motion be postponed until the July 9, 2008 Council meeting and be put as the first order of business at that meeting.”

… Carried

L) Committee Motions:

22. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED RORY GREEN:

“That Council appoint Timothy Chu (Council member) to the UBC Bookstore Advisory Committee.”

Note: The VP Academic also sits on this committee.
The Committee meets twice a year.

23. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Jason Penner (Council member) be appointed to the Communications Planning Group.”

… Carried

24. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the AMS initiate a process of committee reform.”

- Michael Duncan: Now is the time to decide whether to proceed with committee reform.
- Stefanie Ratjen: The governance structure has not worked. It’s not just committees. It’s things like representation around this table. Perhaps a governance review of the AMS is called for to make sure we’re best meeting the needs of the students.
- Tahara Bhate: Issues of representation and governance need to be addressed, but committee reform may be the first step. Governance can be looked at afterwards.
- Matthew Naylor: Committee reform is specifically what’s needed now. It’s significantly and outstandingly pressing. For representation and engagement we already have a committee. It’s best to take on specific tasks. Re committees, things are worse than they were before the CORP Report.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: There are larger systemic issues. This should be done outside of Council by an external body.

25. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

26. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the AMS initiate a process of committee reform.”

… Carried

27. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that the AMS empower _________ to consult widely with past and present committee members, and propose alternatives to the present committee structure to Council by ____________(date).”

- Michael Duncan: Now the question is who should do this. It may be smart to have an external body look at the question, working with our internal structure.
- Tristan Markle: We need broad consultation, and not just a Council committee.
- Matthew Naylor: An internal committee would be best. It allows for close contact and more comprehensive consultation with past and present Councillors. An external committee would not be as responsive, would not have the organic knowledge of the AMS. We’re unique. The question is still whether to give this to an existing committee, telling them to make it a priority, or to create a separate committee. His preference is the Code and Policies Committee, the traditional home of committee reform.
- Stefanie Ratjen called for a holistic approach, including the make-up of Executive portfolios. Perhaps we should have a VP of Student Life as other student unions do. There are a lot of different governance issues going on. This should go to an external body.

28. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Motion 27 be amended to fill in the first blank with ‘an external body’ and also to add a phrase about “overall governance,” so that the motion would read:

‘Be it resolved that the AMS empower ______ to consult widely with past and present committee members, and propose alternatives to the present committee structure, and the overall governance of the AMS, to Council by ______(date).’ “

It was agreed to discuss adding the phrase “overall governance” first.

- Matthew Naylor: He was against adding this. The previous motion was just about committee reform. To add overall governance blows this up into something unwieldy.
- Alex Lougheed: We should just adopt Spencer Keys’ original proposal. Otherwise we could waste another five years.
- Clark Funnell: Governance is a different issue; it should be discussed another time.

29. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

30. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Motion 27 be amended to add a phrase about “overall governance.”

... Defeated

31. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:
“That Motion 27 be amended to fill in the first blank with ‘an external body’ so that it reads:

‘Be it resolved that the AMS empower an external body (to be determined by Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee) to consult widely with past and present committee members, and propose alternatives to the present committee structure to Council by _________(date).’

– Michael Duncan: If we’re serious, this should not be done by a committee, as in the past. That didn’t work. Maybe there should be an internal body to liaise with.
– Joel Mertens: An external body would be better. The committees are busy. We had a surplus; we have some money we can put into this. The CORP Report was worthwhile.
– Tahara Bhate: This issue has been discussed before. We haven’t actually set up a committee to look at it by a certain date. An internal body is more appropriate. An external body is not worth the cost. An external body is not necessary; we just need the will to get this done.

32. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

“That the motion be amended to add the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that an ad hoc committee of Council be named to work with this external body.’

– Tristan Markle: The ad hoc committee should be chaired by the President. The committee would represent all stakeholders affected by committees.
– Alex Lougheed quoted the Code to the effect that this issue was within the mandate of the Code and Policies Committee.

33. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

“That the motion be amended to add the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that an ad hoc committee of Council be named to work with this external body.’

... Carried

34. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Motion 27 be amended to fill in the first blank with ‘an external body’ so that it reads:

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‘Be it further resolved that an ad hoc committee of Council be named to work with this external body.’ 

- Jason Penner: We engage in lots of talk, but we’re sometimes bad at acting. We should be starting with an internal committee.

35. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

- Sonia Purewell: We can have the best of both worlds, an external and an internal body.
- Alex Lougheed: Do we not trust the Code and Policies Committee?
- Matthew Naylor: An external body is a very bad idea for a number of reasons, first of all cost. We’d be spending students’ money on it when we already have a Code and Policies Committee for this. Also, the Code and Policies Committee has an organic knowledge of the AMS and it is chaired by a former VP External who knows how other student societies work. He also didn’t think the AMS currently has the broad problems that precipitated the CORP Report. Other student societies will speak to us more readily than to some big corporation we contract out to. We can do it better and cheaper.
- Stefanie Ratjen asked what the main motivation of CORP had been.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said it had been to improve the connection of the AMS with its constituents.
- Rory Green: Why do we have to do it fast? We tried to change it, but reverted to the way it was. This get it done now attitude is open to question. Better to do it right.
- Dana Schindel: Why not start with the people whose job it is to look at this? Then if we’re not happy with that, we can go to a consultant.
- Stefanie Ratjen: It was good to hear that the problem CORP was created to deal with was that the AMS was out of touch with the student body. There’s an internalized incestuous nature to Council. It would be a good thing to break that cycle. An external body is the best thing. Besides, the Code and Policies Committee has a lot on its plate.
- Tim Chu: He didn’t think the idea was to contract out to a corporate body, and he didn’t think a current committee should look into committee reform. It would be like the Executives voting on who should oversee them.
- Darren Peets: This is about Council committees; it’s primarily Councillors who should care about it. This is exactly what Code and Policies is for. It needs to be given a mandate and a date. Now is not the time for broader issues; they can be looked at later, but let’s start with this.
- Emily Griffiths asked if there was anyone not on Code and Policies who’d like to be on an ad hoc committee.
- [Several hands were raised.]
- Joel Mertens: If we’re thinking of going to an external body at some point, we should go now. Don’t waste time. Get a report, and it can be referred to for years.
Alex Monegro: Most consultants don’t have the expertise, and they’d be super-expensive. We don’t want to pay $100,000 for a report. Perhaps they’d be objective, but hopefully the people elected here can be objective. And why create a new internal committee?

Tristan Markle said the aim would be to get a student or former student as the consultant, and that would not be expensive.

Jamil Rhajiak questioned the cost and said that if the Code and Policies Chair wanted to do it, let him do it.

36. MOVED JAMIL RHAJIAK:

“That the question be called.”

... No objections

37. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Motion 27 be amended to fill in the first blank with ‘an external body’ so that it reads:

‘Be it resolved that the AMS empower an external body (to be determined by Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee) to consult widely with past and present committee members, and propose alternatives to the present committee structure to Council by _______(date).

‘Be it further resolved that an ad hoc committee of Council be named to work with this external body.’”

... Defeated

Noted in favour:
Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes
Stefanie Ratjen
Tim Chu
Michael Duncan
Joel Mertens

38. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That Motion 27 be amended to fill in the first blank with ‘the Code and Policies Committee’ so that it reads:

‘Be it resolved that the AMS empower the Code and Policies Committee to consult widely with past and present committee members, and propose alternatives to the present committee structure to Council by _______ (date).’ “

Matthew Naylor: The Code and Policies Committee will do the best job; it’s within its mandate; and it’s better than paying $150,000 to an external body.

Stefanie Ratjen: There are people interested in a governance review on the Code and Policies Committee, but an ad hoc committee would be better.
Also, staff will be affected; they need to be involved. The GSS formed a special ad hoc committee for this.
  - Jason Penner: The Code and Policies Committee at the GSS was overburdened, and committee reform was needed soon, so an ad hoc committee was created to work alongside the Code and Policies Committee. We gave them a six-month due date. You need to impose a date.
  - Stefanie Ratjen: Interest has been expressed by Councillors not on the Code and Policies Committee, and Code and Policies has a lot to deal with.
  - Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: In the GSS the Code and Policies Committee is there, overseeing policies.
  - Clark Funnell: So it’s markedly different from ours. Code and Policies meetings are open. The committee is in place.

39. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CLARK FUNNELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Defeated

  - Emily Griffiths: Matt is keen. He could sit on an ad hoc committee.
  - Alex Monegro: We voted people onto this committee; they’re supposed to be doing this. Why take it away from this committee?
  - Dave Tompkins: This is within the purview of the Code and Policies Committee, but it’s still up to Council to send it elsewhere if it chooses.
  - Tim Chu: One of the problems is that the committee system is closed, not very transparent. Why give it to another committee having the same problems?
  - Tristan Markle questioned the Speaker’s statement that committee reform was within the purview of the Code and Policies Committee. He said Code and Policies is a technical committee that reviews policies that come from other committees.
  - Dave Tompkins: This is part of the ongoing regular business of Council. Council has established several committees for various issues. Changes of this sort come through these committees to Council, and then Council has the final decision. This is the committee that would look into this issue.

40. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES, THIRDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?”

… Yes

Noted as opposed:
Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes
Stefanie Ratjen
Timothy Chu

  - Tristan Markle: This should be a consensus issue, but this has not been a consensus discussion.
Jamil Rhajiak: Can we tell Code and Policies how to do the study? Can we have a larger group attend?

41. MOVED JAMIL RHAJIAK:

“That Motion 27 be amended by adding the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that the Code and Policies Committee establish a subcommittee to carry out its work on committee reform.’

... Failed for lack of seconder

Tahara Bhate: It was known that Code and Policies would be dealing with committee reform. People ran for Code and Policies to deal with this issue.

42. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

... No objections

43. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That Motion 27 be amended to fill in the first blank with ‘the Code and Policies Committee’ so that it reads:

‘Be it resolved that the AMS empower the Code and Policies Committee to consult widely with past and present committee members, and propose alternatives to the present committee structure to Council by _______ (date).’

... Carried

Noted as opposed: Timothy Chu
Emily Griffiths
Stefanie Ratjen
Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes

Noted in Favour:
Matthew Naylor

44. MOVED JASON PENNER:

“That Motion 27 be amended by filling in the last blank with the phrase ‘the last meeting in 2008’.”

... No objections

45. MOVED JAMIL RHAJIAK:

“That Motion 27 be amended by adding the following:
‘Be it further resolved that the Code and Policies Committee present a comprehensive action plan and timeline for approval at the next Council meeting.”

... No objections

46. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that the AMS empower the Code and Policies Committee to consult widely with past and present committee members, and propose alternatives to the present committee structure to Council by the last meeting in 2008.

Be it further resolved that the Code and Policies Committee present a comprehensive action plan and timeline for approval at the next Council meeting.”

... Carried

47. MOVED DANA SCHINDEL:

“That the Council meeting be extended until midnight.”

... No objections

48. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED TIM BLAIR:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Compensation Review Committee the salary for the Assistant to the VP Academic be increased to $2,700.”

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Compensation Review Committee the salary for the Coordinators for the Centre for Academic Engagement be raised to $7,500.”

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Compensation Review Committee the salary for the SUB Renewal Coordinator be raised to $7,500.”

- Alex Lougheed: The Assistant will work two-thirds of the hours of the President’s Assistant, so will get two-thirds of the pay. The Coordinators for the Centre and the SUB Renewal Coordinator are like Associate Vice-Presidents, but missing some of the things that AVP’s do. This is all based on what other people get in the AMS, and is based on current hours, not projected hours.
- Emily Griffiths: These Coordinators are getting paid less than AVP’s? People are vastly underpaid in the AMS.
- Alex Monegro: Do we want to get into the salary structure of the AMS?

49. MOVED JAMIL RHAJIAK, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated
- Tristan Markle expressed concern that he wasn’t consulted by the Compensation Review Committee concerning the remuneration for the SUB Renewal Coordinator. He was worried that candidates would not take the job at this low pay.
- Alex Lougheed: The pay rate was based on the rubrics and consistent with hours worked and with the types of jobs others in the AMS are doing.

50. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

51. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED TIM BLAIR:

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... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

52. MOVED CLARK FUNNEL, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Finance Commission Minutes dated May 22, 2008
Finance Commission Minutes dated June 2, 2008

... Carried

53. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED CLARK FUNNELL, THIRDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council go in camera.”

... Carried

Council went in camera at 11:30 pm.

Council came out of camera at 12:05 am.

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:
   Quarterly Report - Executive Coordinator Student Services
   Quarterly Report - President
   Quarterly Report - VP Finance
   Quarterly Report - VP Administration
   Quarterly Report - VP External
   Preliminary Quarterly Report - VP Academic

R) Next Meeting:
   July 9, 2008

S) Adjournment:
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 am.

T) Social Activity:
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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

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Guests: Max Unger (member at large), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Ross Horton (General Manager), Kelli Seepaul (Communications and Design Manager), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey) Raj Mather (Music), Bahram Norouzi (Resource Groups), Emma Ellison (Staff)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Jacqueline Bell and David Katz were appointed equity officers for the meeting.

1. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Budget Presentation – Chris Diplock, VP Finance

- Chris Diplock apologized for the budget being late, then described the process of preparing it (which included having department heads speak to the Budget Committee).
- He then outlined the highlights:
  o Slightly higher revenue is expected for 2008-09, even without the SUB Renewal fee, whose fate is not yet certain.
  o $12 million is estimated for revenues.
  o There is now more accurate reporting of revenue and expenditures from SASC.
  o There will be more spent on advertising for elections.
  o Photocopying budgets are being reduced to encourage a reduction in paper use.
  o We no longer are being charged for the U-Pass handling fee [i.e., it is being paid directly by the students through the new fee levy].
  o We are investing in computer upgrades.
  o Our contribution to the new University ombudsoffice will begin.
  o We are decentralizing advertising and promotions.
There’s been outstanding performance by all the businesses, especially the Gallery, the Moon, Catering, and Bookings.

He’s planning workshops to encourage budget awareness, and he’s planning a mid-year budget review.

MOU Presentation

2. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JASON PENNER, THIRDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council go in Camera.”

... Carried

The meeting went in camera at 6:20 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 6:55 pm.

Commerce Community Program - Alex Monegro

- Alex Monegro said he was seeking Council members’ involvement in CUS (Commerce Undergraduate Society) community programs, including:
  o the Amazing Race, through which money was being raised for charity (it’s sponsored by the Children’s Make a Wish Foundation)
  o Five Days for the Homeless, which was done last year
  o Freeze UBC, a new program meant to call attention to global hunger; there will be impromptu freezing in the SUB and elsewhere to raise money to combat hunger
- He’d like people from other faculties to get involved, and would be interested in getting involved in others’ programs.

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Whereas AMS Council has not accepted recent UBC AMS Student Court decisions, and the failure to accept Student Court decisions has created controversy amongst members of the AMS; and

Whereas the failure to accept Student Court decisions has created controversy more specifically amongst students of the Faculty of Law, who make up the majority of the individuals sitting on the Student Court; and
Whereas such controversy calls into question the role of the Student Court in the AMS;

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the Oversight Committee to conduct a constructive review of the UBC AMS Student Court to be presented to Council at a later date."

- Clare Benton said she wouldn’t rehash the controversy. The idea was simply to have the Oversight Committee look into the issue and perhaps compare the situation here to that at other universities.

4. MOVED DAVID KATZ, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

- Tahara Bhat: Why is Law being singled out?
- Clare Benton: There’s been a huge outcry among Law students and talk of Law students never applying again for Court positions. Law students are talking about refusing to sit on Student Court because of the disrespect shown to it.
- Alex Monegro: What will this resolve? Law will only be satisfied if Student Court gets more power.
- Clare Benton: No, the ease with which Student Court rulings can be overturned needs to be looked at. Should it have more power? Less? Should it just be an advisory body? Conducting a review will show that the AMS is looking into this issue. Law wants something done.

5. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Motion 3 be amended by adding the text in bold italics so that the resolution section of the motion reads:

‘Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the Oversight Committee to conduct a constructive review of the UBC AMS Student Court and of the conduct of AMS Council in refusing to accept rulings related to election appeals to be presented to Council at a later date.”
‘Be it further resolved that an objective third party whose members were not in any way associated with the above-mentioned decisions be engaged to conduct these reviews where necessary.’

- Tristan Markle said he didn’t think the same individuals who voted to overturn Student Court’s ruling should conduct this review.
- Alex Monegro said he agreed with the idea of an independent body, but he found the part of the amendment referring to elections to be too contentious.

The Speaker ruled that the amendment should be divided, with the inserted phrase in the original resolution clause (“and of the conduct of AMS Council in refusing to accept rulings related to election appeals”) to be debated first.

- Tristan Markle said he wanted to open the review up to allow it to look at Council actions too.
- Clark Funnell: A review of conduct is not clear. A review of the Court is clearer. The amendment is not in the spirit of the motion.

6. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

7. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Motion 3 be amended by adding the text in bold italics:

‘Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the Oversight Committee to conduct a constructive review of the UBC AMS Student Court and of the conduct of AMS Council in refusing to accept rulings related to election appeals to be presented to Council at a later date.’”

... Defeated

8. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Motion 3 be amended by adding the following additional resolution clause:

‘Be it further resolved that an objective third party whose members were not in any way associated with the above-mentioned decisions be engaged to conduct the review where necessary.’”
- Dana Schindel: There’s a problem with non-AMS people deciding how the AMS should be run.

- Tahara Bhate: This implies lack of faith in the Oversight Committee. Its members are required to put aside their biases and conduct an objective review. She didn’t object to a third party, but they should know the AMS.

- Chris Diplock: If there’s a conflict of interest, we have to recognize that. It’s not personal.

- Chris McCann: What would this third party be? Would they be objective?

- Darren Peets: He wanted someone objective, but he wanted them to work with someone who’s been around the AMS.

- Alex Monegro said he thought the plan was that the Oversight Committee would work with the third party.

9. MOVED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the original resolution clause be amended to replace the word ‘conduct’ with ‘coordinate’ and that the proposed additional resolution clause be amended to read:

“Be it further resolved that an objective third party whose members were not in any way associated with the abovementioned decisions, be engaged to conduct this review collaborate with this review where necessary.”

... No objections

- Clare Benton: The real issue is who is the objective third party.

- Tahara Bhate: There is confusion; this should be rewritten.

10. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the motion be laid on the table.”

... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

Mike’s Message:
There isn’t much for me to talk about. The main things I have been working on are:
1) MOU
2) MOU
3) MOU
4) And just a little reminder that we haven’t received many bios for our Councillors for the website. You all have a week and a half to get a bio and a photo into Kelli. If you don’t have a photo, Kelli can take a picture for you during this Council meeting.

5) Also, Council asked that I set up a time for media training for constituencies. We had only two respondents. If councilors really want to do this they need to e-mail Kelli ASAP.

E) Executive Remarks:

Chris Diplock - VP Finance
-See quarterly report

Tristan Markle - VP Administration

I’d like to recognize the fact that we are gathered on unceded Musqueam territory, and am thankful for the opportunity, and hope to comport myself appropriately as a guest on these sacred lands.

SAC
The New Clubs constitution has been updated, and Equity rep position been incorporated. All the clubs will have standardized electronic constitutions by October. We are looking into integrating budget submissions and single and block bookings into AMS link.

Renos
Renovations are planned or underway for the Art Gallery, SASC, and even more at whistler. We are looking into providing free clean drinking water and phasing out bottled water for the fall.

MOU
Negotiations have been ongoing. We struck a deal, but UBC was not comfortable signing off before consulting with various units, so we will also be consulting internally, and your continued feedback, including in regard to more subtle aspects, is welcome and timely.

SUB Renewal
We have been interviewing project managers and programmers. The one problem with the University’s delay with the MOU is that it may somewhat push back our hiring programmers.
With our lawyers, we are engaging a consultant to help us make a business case to avert a P3 screen.
I conducted SUB Renewal Coordinator interviews, and offered the position to a candidate. So we’ll be working on our communications and consultations strategy for the fall.

F) Committee Reports:

Code and Policies Committee

- Clark Funnell reported on behalf of the committee concerning the action plan on committee reform that Council had directed the committee to prepare. The committee had established the following points:
  o It would look at the committee structure to find out what if anything is wrong and if necessary come up with a new structure.
  o Hiring committees especially are a problem, traditionally having a lot of problems with attendance, timelines, etc.
  o The committee will review and consult with both stakeholders and “knowledge people.”
  o Stakeholders include everyone affected by the committees (Council members, the Executive, members at large).
  o Knowledge people include past Executives, past committee chairs, etc.
  o A survey will be conducted as well as one-on-one discussions.
  o The aim will be to look for recurring issues, especially concerning overlaps and gaps in committee mandates.
  o Solutions may include merging, eliminating, or creating committees and also establishing set meeting times for committees before people are appointed to them.
  o The timeline will be:
    ▪ July: drafting survey
    ▪ August-September: getting contact information, researching current mandates
    ▪ October-November: after gathering information, a public “very open” meeting to discuss drafting of new Code
    ▪ Last meeting of 2008: committee reform proposal.
  o No external bodies will be involved.
  o Volunteers, i.e., people not on the committee, were welcome.

- Alex Monegro asked about approaching other student societies or other organizations.
- Alex Lougheed: Other student unions are on the list of knowledge people.
L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That the proposed additional resolution for Motion 3 be amended to read:

‘Be it further resolved that an individual with student government experience be engaged an objective third party whose members were not in any way associated with the abovementioned decisions to collaborate with this review where necessary.’ “

- Timothy Chu: It’s very restrictive to go to an individual.
- Chris Diplock said he didn’t see this as any different.
- Tahara Bhate: This puts a face on the third party.
- Alex Monegro: This doesn’t mean only one person would be engaged.
- Chris Diplock: It doesn’t say “objective” anymore.

12. CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

... No objections

13. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

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... Carried

Opposed: Tristan Markle, Timothy Chu

14. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Motion 3 be amended by adding the following additional resolution clause:

‘Be it further resolved that an individual with student government experience be engaged to collaborate with this review where necessary.’ “

15. MOVED DAVID KATZ:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

16. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Motion 3 be amended by adding the following additional resolution clause:

‘Be it further resolved that an individual with student government experience be engaged to collaborate with this review where necessary.’

... Carried

17. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That Motion 3 be amended by adding the following phrase to the first resolution clause:

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the Oversight Committee to coordinate a constructive review of the UBC AMS Student Court and its function within the AMS structure to be presented to Council at a later date.”

... No objections

18. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Whereas AMS Council has not accepted recent UBC AMS Student Court decisions, and the failure to accept Student Court decisions has created controversy amongst members of the AMS; and

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Be it further resolved that an individual with student government experience be engaged to collaborate with this review where necessary.”

19. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

20. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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Be it further resolved that an individual with student government experience be engaged to collaborate with this review where necessary.”

... Carried

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Timothy Chu – They cleaned up their office.

Law- Clare Benton.

GSS – David Katz – Three new committees, including housing and child care.
    Summer Sizzler party not as successful as hoped.

Commerce – Alex Monegro.
Human Kinetics – Catherine.


Science – Jamil Rhajiak – Frosh Orientation after Imagine.


Regent College – James Matichuk – Summer school.

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

Ombudsperson - Krista Riley (read by Alex Lougheed):

For reasons I am at a complete loss to explain, the past couple weeks in the Ombuds office have been among the busiest of my term here. I have opened four new cases, closed two old ones, and have spent a great deal of time with other students who have come by my office or called for advice. The latest batch of cases has included students wanting to appeal requests to withdraw and decisions on assigned standing and standing deferred; there have also been inquiries about discrimination and sexual assault, as well as student fees and academic integrity issues.

I now have less than a month left in my time as Ombudsperson; in the remaining weeks, I will be finalising my report on my term here, as well as making finishing touches on the Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

21. MOVED WILL DAVIS, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS

“Be it resolved that the following minutes be approved as presented.”

... Carried

Council Minutes dated May 28, 2008
In Camera Minutes of Council dated May 28, 2008
Executive Committee Meeting minutes dated June 23, 2008
Executive Committee Meeting minutes dated June 26, 2008

J) Executive Committee Motions:
22. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Be it resolved that Council, pursuant to Section 27.1 of the University Act and Bylaw 14 of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to establish a SUB Renew fee, commencing in Winter Session 2008/2009, at an annual rate of $20 and increasing by $10 in each subsequent year to a maximum of $110, collection of such fee to be conditional upon Council and the University approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the AMS and the University concerning the new Student Union Building.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Vice-President Finance to give this notice to the Board of Governors.”

- Tristan Markle: In three weeks we should have the Memorandum of Understanding. If that is approved, the Registrar will begin collecting fees.

23. MOVED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

24. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

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... Carried

Noted in Favour: Michael Duncan

25. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:
“That the AMS strike an ad hoc Equity Committee.

1. The Equity Committee shall be composed of:

(a) three (3) members of Council, one of whom shall be Chair;
(b) the AMS Safety Coordinator;
(c) the Executive Coordinator of Student Services;
(d) a representative from SAC, selected by SAC.

At the request of the Chair, the Policy Advisor and/or the AMS Ombudsperson shall attend meetings of the Committee

2. The Committee shall:

(a) develop priorities and policies and recommend them to Council related to the need to address equity issues internal to the Society;
(b) oversee the completion of an internal systemic review relating to equity of the AMS;
(c) report to Council on the outcome of this audit;
(d) have other such duties as assigned by Council from time to time.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Alex Lougheed: Quite a while ago Council directed Brendon Goodmurphy [last year’s VP Academic] to look into systemic discrimination in AMS elections. This project had fallen to Alex, who had referred it to the Safety Coordinator, who said she could use some guidance on the issue and who suggested there be a committee. This is that committee.
- Michael Duncan: This is important.
- Clare Benton asked about including non-AMS members to include outside views.
- Tahara Bhate: Didn’t Council want the review done by an external body?
- Alex Lougheed: This committee would guide the external body. The Safety Coordinator wanted guidance in drafting a Request for Proposals for external bodies.
- Michael Duncan: There is more to deal with than elections.
- Clark Funnell: Council is not representative in its composition, but is that the result of discrimination?
- Alex Lougheed: This came from Stephanie Ryan in Arts. Her concern was with the number of male candidates versus female candidates. Now the motivation is to see if there are broader problems.
- Clark Funnell: If we direct an external body to look for discrimination, that may be a problem.
- Timothy Chu: The issue is systemic discrimination, not overt discrimination. We’re looking at problems stemming from the system.
- Tristan Markle: The University has an Equity department. We have one person who’s overwhelmed. This will be a good link between Council and the Safety Coordinator, and it will help to institutionalize the equity representatives policy we passed last meeting.
- Rory Green: Certain faculties feel discriminated against; is that also within this committee’s mandate?
- Alex Lougheed: It’s up to the committee.
- Jacqueline Bell: Service Coordinators have voiced their support for last meeting’s equity policy and for this motion.

26. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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(d) have other such duties as assigned by Council from time to time.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

27. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That AMS appoint Stefanie Ratjen, Timothy Chu and David Katz to the Equity Committee, and that Stefanie Ratjen be appointed chair.”
L) Committee Motions:

28. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED

“That Council approve the 2008/09 final AMS Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

29. MOVED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

- Dana Schindel: We shouldn’t call the question until all the information is out.

30. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council approve the 2008/09 final AMS Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

31. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: fee waivers’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Alex Lougheed: With the change in the bylaws, Council has been given the power to exempt certain categories of students from fees. The Code and Policies Committee has recommended doing this through Code. These Code amendments simply enshrine current practice.
- Tahara Bhate asked about students in the joint UBC-BCIT bio-technology program.
32. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: fee waivers’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

33. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, Council approve an amount not to exceed $8,975 from the SUB Management Fund for soundproofing of the SASC office.”

Requires 2/3rds

Note: The SUB Management Fund has a current balance of $101,843.00.

- Tristan Markle: The SASC office should be a confidential space, but conversations can actually be heard from outside. This is not acceptable. Some renovations were done on the ceiling, but they weren’t sufficient. This new plan will double the wall. It’s cheaper than replacing. It will mean losing a little space.
- Chris McCann asked about getting bids.
- Tristan Markle: Michael Kingsmill, the AMS Designer, gets quotes. We bring motions after getting the quotes.
- Timothy Chu: Without soundproofing, there’s a breach of confidentiality.
- Jason Penner said he was not in favour of taking the cheap route. That’s what happened last time. Don’t cut corners.
- Dana Schindel asked what else would be coming from this fund this year.
- Chris Diplock said there was $26,000 for a security system.
- Dana Schindel: Is this enough money to do a good job?
- Jacqueline Bell: Yes.
- Chris Diplock: Michael Kingsmill did a good review.
- Ross Horton: It would cost $50,000 or $60,000 to completely soundproof the room. This proposal will do a pretty good job. If it doesn’t, we may have to come back to Council, but the committee feels that won’t be necessary.
- Chris Diplock: If doing the walls is not enough, then we’ll do the doors.

34. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:
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Requires 2/3rds

Note: The SUB Management Fund has a current balance of $101,843.00.

... Carried

35. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, Council approve an amount not to exceed $3,500 from the SUB Management Fund for wood shelving for Art Gallery storage.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The SUB Management Fund has a current balance of $101,843.00.

- Tristan Markle: This is urgent. We have art works valued at $2 million, including works by members of the Group of Seven. Some of them are on the floor. If there’s a leak, there would be a problem. We already had a problem with a hole in one work. Steel shelves would be better, but these are good quality wood shelves and will keep the art works off the ground.

36. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The SUB Management Fund has a current balance of $101,843.00.

... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

37. MOVED WILL DAVIS, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:
“That the following minutes be accepted.”

Student Administrative Commission minutes dated April 23, 2008
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated May 12, 2008
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated May 26, 2008
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated June 9, 2008

... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

38. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report from the President entitled ‘Assistant to the President Section of Code (2008)’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Michael Duncan:
  o His assistant actually does more than administrative tasks; he also does projects and is someone to bounce ideas off.
  o There’s no way he can do all this in less than 20 hours, and currently he works more than 20 hours.
  o Code should reflect this by increasing the hours and the duties for the position; then the position can be sent to Compensation Review to re-evaluate the remuneration.
  o Comp Review didn’t want to redo the remuneration just on the President’s say-so; they want to know this is a permanent change to the assistant’s duties.
  o The President doesn’t have anyone besides full-time staff the way the VP’s have AVP’s. He just has his assistant, and he needs the assistant to do more than what the Code currently recognizes.
- Tahara Bhate: So if we pass this, then it goes to Comp Review.
- Alex Lougheed: Comp Review is very conservative; it reviews positions, not persons.

39. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report from the President entitled ‘Assistant to the President Section of Code (2008)’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
40. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED RORY GREEN:

“Whereas the majority of UBC students live off campus and take public transit to school; and

Whereas the proposed bus route #33 would connect commuters from 29th Avenue Skytrain Station to UBC; and

Whereas a group of neighbours living on West 16th Avenue is organizing to thwart the concept of the proposed bus route,

Therefore, be it resolved that Council support the proposed bus route #33 by TransLink; and

Be it further resolved that Council immediately issue a press release indicating its support for the proposed bus route; and

Be it further resolved that Council actively call upon TransLink to hold further consultations regarding the proposed bus route #33 to alleviate the concerns of the citizens living on West 16th Avenue and to allow the AMS to express its views as to why there should be this bus route.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Timothy Chu: TransLink is planning a new #33 bus. Residents in the area are opposed to it because it might rattle windows; they don’t want it in their backyard. But the B-line is not sufficient; this would alleviate the long line-up problem. TransLink did not hold enough consultations to let the residents see this.

- Tahara Bhate: The #33 proposal is going ahead anyway. Why stick our noses into this? That would be superfluous; the new bus route is happening, and there were consultations which it seems the residents missed.

- Rory Green: It’s important to get this bus route; sometimes the #25 doesn’t run.

- James Matichuk: The #25 already gets diverted into this neighbourhood on icy days; it’s not an issue.

- Sonia Purewal: Maybe we should strike the call for consultations in the motion and not open a can of worms.

41. MOVED SONIA PUREWAL, SECONDED CLARK FUNNELL:

“That Motion 40 be amended to strike the clause calling for consultations.”
- Timothy Chu said he missed the consultations, and if there are concerns they should be heard and not muffled, though he won’t rest until he sees rubber hitting the asphalt.
- Jamil Rhajiak: Let’s not mess things up by saying something if it’s going through anyway.

42. MOVED SONIA PUREWAL, SECONDED CLARK FUNNELL:

“That Motion 40 be amended to strike the clause calling for consultations.”

... Carried

- Darren Peets suggested striking the clause calling for a press release, as a press release would simply bring more attention to the matter, and if people haven’t heard, we don’t want to call attention to it.

43. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

“That Motion 40 be amended by striking out the clause calling for a press release.”

- Timothy Chu: There is coverage; people do know.
- Rory Green: Just because people here haven’t heard of this doesn’t mean it’s not been heard of.
- Alex Lougheed: It’s been covered in some blogs and in 24 Hours, and UBC issued a statement saying this may make it necessary to expand the bus loop. Even if it’s not in the motion, the Executive would have discretion to issue a press release.
- James Matichuk: If we strike this, where’s the teeth in this motion?
- Sonia Purewal: This affects lots of people. As UBC students, we should do something in case the West 16th residents do take action.
- Alex Lougheed: The teeth is the Executive Committee. We take motions and act on them. This instructs the VP External to get in touch with people.

44. MOVED DARREN PEETS:

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... Carried

45. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED RORY GREEN:
“Whereas the majority of UBC students live off campus and take public transit to school; and

Whereas the proposed bus route #33 would connect commuters from 29th Avenue Skytrain Station to UBC; and

Whereas a group of neighbours living on West 16th Avenue is organizing to thwart the concept of the proposed bus route;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council support the proposed bus route #33 by TransLink.”

Note: Requires 2/3rs

46. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That an ad hoc External Policy Committee be struck:

1. The External Policy Committee shall be composed of:

   (a) four (4) members of Council;
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   (d) the Associate Vice President External, who shall be non-voting.

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   Meetings of the committee shall be open to any interested member of the Society, whose participation shall be encouraged.

2. The Committee shall:

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   (d) have other such duties as assigned by Council from time to time.
   (e) meet at least once a month during the school year and at the discretion of the chair over the summer.”

Note: Requires 2/3rs
- Stefanie Ratjen:
  o This comes out of the earlier failed motion. It’s been worked on since then at external policy sessions and through consultation with Tahara, who was chair of the former ad hoc Lobbying Review Committee.
  o There needs to be more than just her and her AVP working on external issues.
  o It’s appropriate that she be the chair because the mandate of the committee is to develop policies and that is also her mandate under Code and Bylaws.
- Jason Penner asked about seating the Policy Advisor as an actual member of the committee.
- Stefanie Ratjen: This follows the structure of other committees, and sometimes they may not need the Policy Advisor, though she hoped for an active relationship with the Policy Advisor.
- Jason Penner asked about the GSS VP External being on the committee.
- Stefanie Ratjen: We already work together.

47. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Motion 46 be amended to add the GSS VP External/Academic as a member of the committee.”

- Tahara Bhate: The GSS is not separate from the AMS. Of course we want to work with the GSS, but it doesn’t seem right that the GSS have an automatic seat on a body drafting AMS policy.
- Dana Schindel: Undergraduates have the AM; grad students have the GSS.
- Michael Duncan: No, we represent all students at UBC. The GSS is a separate society, but we still represent them.
- Dana Schindel: Why do we need a GSS rep on this committee, then?
- Jason Penner: It would allow us to work together more easily, establish a common front, keep our goals consistent.
- Joel Mertens: Is the GSS VP External willing to serve?
- The GSS VP External (Rajesh Jampala) said he was.
- Tahara Bhate: If we represent all students, this seems like giving the GSS an extra say.
- Chris Diplock: This is different from SUB Renew [when a proposal to add a seat for the GSS was defeated]. This person’s portfolio is specific to this committee.
- Alex Lougheed: There were financial reasons with SUB Renew. Would the GSS be okay with a non-voting rep on this committee?
- Stefanie Ratjen said she’d like the GSS to have a voting seat. Her AVP will be non-voting because he’s staff, but the GSS VP is elected.
48. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“To amend Motion 47 to make the GSS VP External/Academic a non-voting member of the committee.”

- Dana Schindel: If we’re going to put them on, why make them non-voting?
- Alex Monegro: The GSS could have two seats on this committee if they also have a member elected to one of the Council seats. One Constituency having two seats means one group will have more leverage. There are more undergraduates represented by the AMS than graduate students.
- Tristan Markle: The GSS has a whole lot of concerns. It’s really important we represent our graduate students.
- Rory Green: The GSS is not all of one mind, so even if there are two grad students on the committee, that does not mean they’ll control the committee.
- Chris McCann said he was not comfortable with the GSS acting as a separate body.

49. MOVED CHRIS McCANN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

50. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“To amend Motion 47 to make the GSS VP External/Academic a non-voting member of the committee.”

... Defeated

- Alex Monegro: Is this going to be a systematic thing? Every time there’s a committee is the GSS going to ask for a special representative?
- Jason Penner: The point is not necessarily that we’re not represented, but more that the AMS and the GSS should have a unified voice.

51. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Motion 46 be amended to add the GSS VP External/Academic as a member of the committee.”
... Carried

- Chris Diplock: Why is the AVP non-voting?
- Tahara Bhate: Technically, their boss is the VP External. If they voted against the VP External, they could lose their job. It’s not normal for an AVP to be voting.
- Darren Peets: What does this do to the Lobbying Review Committee?
- Tahara Bhate: Its mandate expired; it no longer exists.

52. MOVED TIM CHU:

“That there be a secret ballot.”

... Failed for lack of seconder

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Note: Requires 2/3rds
54. “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ______________, ________________,
______________and ______________(council member) and
______________, ______________and ____________ (member at large) be
appointed to the committee.”

P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:
VP Academic Quarterly Report

R) Next Meeting:
July 30, 2008

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

T) Social Activity:

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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1. Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm.

1. MOVED DANA SCHINDEL, SECONDED LUCY FERRIERA

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT TIMOTHY CHU, DAVID KATZ, and EMILY GRIFFITHS be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

...Carried

2. MOVED DANA SCHINDEL, SECONDED LUCY FERRIERA

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Olympics: Stephen Owen UBC Olympic Committee

- Gayle Stewart with me director UBC 2010 Olympic and Paralympics secretariat
- major areas of contribution for UBC- institution and students.
- We are not Provincial, Municipal or Federal government, or Vanoc.
- Can’t take responsibility for Olympics, but can have influence as UBC community.
- Opportunities to volunteer over whole period.
- Reading week will be extended to two weeks. University community- service is critical to that- as a community- our responsibility to research and engage public on public policy issues.
- Large # of UBC researchers studying impact of games in context of large host events- social and environment al context
- Called Olympic Games Impact research project
- Windenberg and Jim Frankish sociology researchers.
- Am's group- Jim Frankish is actually chair of that group, so good overlap.
- 6 year research project- look at impact across sustainability spectrum.
- Ongoing review- measure how Vanoc living up to obligation and commitment to sustainability.
- Keep IOC, Can Olympic committee and Vanoc need to be kept alert to their responsibility.
- We deal with this by being vigilant about commitment.
- Venue at UBC- V expensive facility- part of legacy of games. Although UBC money going into that, none form GPOF. Raised through athletics (ancillary, cost recovery) and a special fundraising effort through development office.
- Downtown campus is international media centre. We are under microscope. By being host- responsibility to develop legacies, learn something from games.
• Other areas - intellectual muscle or intellectual side of games. Major research and teaching institution- is how we can get involved with rest of world.
• Suggest to Vanoc that we take part, get involved in who series of symposia and events here and around world- not worked out but put ourselves fwd-
• Issues- sport and peace, sport and indigenous people, ability games (Paralympics) 5 topics?
• Here and webcast to Universities around the world.
• We will hold them ourselves or in partnership with right to play or WADA world anti doping org. institutional independence.
• UBC is involved in whole range of activities around the games.
• Issues of dialogue around critical global issues.

Questions

Michael Duncan- why today? 1.5 years ago Vanoc came to ask to use space in Whistler.
• Gayle asked to put a person on committee- need position for AMS on Olympics.
• Neither speaking in favour or against- just discussion impact.
• Like questions to reflect that.
• Gloves off during discussion period to set our position.

Alex Lougheed- what does the University foresee as AMS role?
• UBC is the AMS - it’s pretty intertwined.
• Committee membership? Feedback?

Tristan Markle- UBC signed agreement with Vanoc- can we have it?
Is that a public document and can you send it over?
• Agreement is OGI. Not a public document.
• Paying University $300,000 towards cost
• Cost to UBC including lead professors, student researchers = over $500,000
• University is FOI able.
• Owen- I have not read agreement lately. We have control over own research.
• Purpose is to hold Vanoc accountable to sustainability.
• We have control over publishing.
• Opportunity to allow Vanoc to comment on drafts before they become public.

Tristan- we will have to foi the agreement?
• Owen- no- let me look into that. I’ll see what dates are around if for what dates can be released

Tristan- 2 issues- one financial- concern in city and campus re security of locations for Olympics.
• Owen- not specifically addressed in agreement
• There are concerns for us all. Stefanie and I discussed- spectrum between security and freedom. If completely secure in jail. If totally free there is anarchy.
• Stef wanted not to see degradation of civil liberties under name of threat that may not be there. Video streaming, surveillance at airports, policing.
• On security issues- need to look at balance between security and freedom, make them temporary and proportionate to whatever the risk may be,
• Make sure that 100,000 of people coming to city not used as excuse. not in agreement

Lori (Commerce proxy for Spenser)
Housing- where are the new people going?
• Owen- staff has looked at what is likely to be free during that period. Nobody moved out. Looking at west coast suites. Assisting Vanoc- for a price- they will be renting them not displacement.

Daren Peets GSS
Rumours- any students booted out of student residence for two week?
• Gayle Stewart - absolutely not. It is important for us to hear this. Absolutely not.
• Owen- impacts- no displacement in the downtown eastside.
• Something needs to be watched. Vanoc says they are not the government. That doesn’t happen as university community need to get behind and speak to government. I am sorry Mr. Johal not here till later- chair of his group is lead professor on OGI. So pretty tightly bound.

• Dave Tompkins Speaker- Rumour [about student displacement] comes from pre bid period.

Farm Update - Tim Blair
Lees Report.
• Needs assessment report on farm. UBC released report on 17th, Owen and Murray Isman co-wrote piece in sun.

What is Lees Report
• Key messages- shows connection farm has with trek 2010
• 8 hectare farm - South and Southwest aspect. Soil friable, disease free, workable most of the year.
• On main campus
• Adequate buffers to separate form non agricultural uses (like housing)
• Adequate infrastructure.
• 10 hectare forest currently 11.2 ha.
• Includes forestry use, swamping land.
• Other visions of what images.
• Part of bioscience reserve and future housing reserve (has 25 ft high rhododendron forest).

Recommendations from report
• Complete business analysis for sustainable food.
• Integrate plan and the site criteria.
• Integrate program requirements for CSFS and evaluate soils (in case moved).

Stephen Owen’s comments (articulated by Tim)
• 8 hectare likely to be minimum.
• Academic needs for 10 ha of forest may not be determined got 10 years. Maybe defer decision. (These remarks not in report.)
• Report available at campusplan.ubc.ca (84 pages).
• Guiding principles for dialogue
• Consultation process going on.
• Form on website to fill out.
• 4 principles
  • there will be a farm consistent w/ university
  • Balance needs of today with need of future.
  • Sustainability globalism
  • Community advice only one of many significant inputs.
• Consultation ongoing till august 18.
• Tim wants folks to endorse these principles.
• Any feedback let Alex Lougheed know.

Questions:
Rodrigo GSS - How widely has consultation process been communicated to students/official communications?
• Tim- no. nothing official
• Rodrigo - grassroots movement to watch it?

David Katz GSS- does 8 ha include buffer space?
• Tim- no
  • With buffer, how much? How much required debatable. Need effective buffer-aesthetic separation, and enable ecosystem services to support farm (birds to roost, insects etc).
  • Hoping to bring in people from outside smart growth people to talk about what is reasonable.

Chris Diplock VP Finance- and idea how much [buffer is needed]? 
• Tim- no

Diplock-who are the authors?
• Tim- Eric lees and Associates. Bottom page of report page 79 and 80 lists team. Talk about precious work.

Diplock- who put together group?
• Tim- Eric Lees is a consultant. Byron and Murray picked them. I don’t know.

Chris Diplock- what were the terms of reference?
• Tim- it’s in the report. Nice.

Diplock- can you summarize?
• Tim- campus plan.ubc.ca

Tristan Markle -make sure understand broader context- conditions upon which university allowing farm?
• Owen- I drafted principles a month or so ago.
• Found in past roles- complex and conflicted points of view- good to get set of principles everyone agrees on. These are not final principles- out as part of consultation
• There is going to be farm, public will be engaged in process, any farm based on best principles of sustainability globally.

Tristan- feedback must be in by Aug 18? It’s summertime. Difficult for students to get input in
• Owen- I don’t see any deadline.

Tristan- It says so on website
• Owen- I’m not involved in that. Principles are out there.
• Tristan- You mentioned word endorsement- seems confusing to be endorsing something. We could participate in process. AMS does have policy supporting the farm. Our action might be to publicize our position.
• Tim- some kind of endorsement of principles would be good.

Blake- background of origins.
Assess all uses of the farm. The report due a year or more ago- somewhere along the line it’s only going to focus on academic and research.

Chris Diplock- Consultations are quiet, please elaborate.
• Tim- there has been no official communiqué.
• Chris Diplock to Owen - why has consultation been quiet.
• Owen- my file- on farm, thick correspondence file- am getting lots of mail.

Chris Diplock- my question was about consultation.
• Owen- it’s on the website. I’m getting communications, nothing quiet
• Meeting Friday again with friends of the farm. To get their view of Lees report.
  It’s hard for me to believe that people who are interested in this issue aren’t aware of what is going on and many are in touch. Seems like a pretty health process right at the moment.

Tim- if we had questions re consultation, who should we see?
• Owen - Nancy Knight.
• Tim- letting CC&P know?

Stefanie Ratjen - any opposition to AMS putting this up on website?
• Owen- certainly not

Rodrigo- possibly commission AMS to make press release about this to students? Re deadlines, etc? My understanding there is another consultation coming up?
• Owen- process in fall, recommendations to BoG is spring or even later.

Rodrigo- Aug 18th date?
• Owen- I didn’t know about the deadline.
• Tim- on website- our only source. Can we send comments after 18th?
  • Owen ok.

In Site - Nathan Allen
Nathan Allen Coordinator of Insite for community safety
Dean VANDU
Emma Wolchuck

- Future of site in doubt - Federal Government and Harper and Minster of Health reluctant to extend exemption.
- Recent BC Supreme court case.
- Dean from Vandu - Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users. I've been a heroin addict for 43 years - in recovery last few months.
- Harper government doing an attack on research - health minister saying we don't like it InSite and peer reviewed research] so they decide it, doesn't exist.
- Nathan - 30 peer based reviews in support and they have only come up with one bad report.
- Judge Pitfield, v conservative judge supported our cause.
- Detox facility on the 2nd floor, 3rd floor supportive housing.
- This is what is at stake in my neighbourhood.
- Dean - 70% HIV among IV drug users in Downtown Eastside. Case numbers are sub-Saharan.
- Emma Wolchuck. Recent graduate UBC School of social work.
- Feel free to ask questions throughout.

Presentation

- Nathan - 1997 = context.
- Vancouver has the highest rate of HIV conversion in western world.
- Vancouver area network of drug users.
- In 10-square blocks there are 5000 cases.
- Vandu organized for their own lives.
- One of the actions plant 2000 crosses in lawn of Oppenheimer part - each a death of drug related harm.
- It's preventable.
- Vandu organized and lobbied city of Vancouver.
- Dean - City council put moratorium on social programs to do with drugs. We walked in with coffin and cheque for 90 lives - losing one person a day.
- 10 years ago Mayor Phillip Owen and I asked for 5 minutes.
- Owen went on to form four pillars - need to keep people alive long enough to detox.
- Vancouver agreement - Stephen Owen was federal minister.

History

- Sept 21 2003 Insite opened.
- Drugs are not provided at Insite - drugs are scored on street. People declare who are, and what drug they will be using.
- Database tracks everyone - rigorous scientific assessment - 10,000 people used it progress accessing treatment watched so researchers (UBC researchers) looking over data.
- Peer reviewed published in Lancet etc papers of record for medicine.
- Not a single disputed peer review.
- Dean supervised injection sites common in Europe - not a single death.

Nathan - [picture of stalls at InSite projected]

- Clinical setting.
- Not a sexy place to do drugs.
• You don’t feel like a rock star when you go there.
• People go there because they are sick.
• There are nursing stations where people are treated for abscesses etc treatment would otherwise be done if hospital emergency room.
• De facto healthcare centre for Downtown Eastside.
• Dean- people used to go till they dropped and then take a 700$ ambulance ride, for a $1500 emergency room visit. Now they get in place health care.

Insite deals with hardest to reach population those with no stable housing.
• Outside of InSite people sometimes inject drugs in unhealthy ways.
• In the alleys if they are afraid of a cop coming along or people ripping them off. Use puddle water for injection.
• This scene is still happening. InSite is at capacity and only covers 5% of total injections in Vancouver- about 1000 a day.
• Provides primary health care to people health care system never able to reach.

[Nathan stated that here peer counselors are available.]
• People involved and part of neighbourhood.
• Nurses and drug and alcohol counselors.
• Building relationships access services possibly on road to recovery.

• Dean- self esteem for peer counsellors.
• Down here this isn’t a party situation. this is serious death
• Dead people don’t detox.
• Got to keep people alive- took me 43 years.

Nathan [stats and graph slides projected]
• Snapshot of lives being saved at Insite.
• More than 900 overdose interventions - each could have resulted in death. 366 in just one year.
• What happens in overdose- (graph shown).
• Because of InSite 30% increase in detox, methadone other treatment- relationship building - onerous to get into detox
• = 30% increase in detox because of Insite- before onsite opened.
• Onsite- 30 bed facility provides pretox on demand- 12 beds for immediate detox and withdrawal- bathroom in each unit, important for someone coming off heroin.

• Dean: If you do 7-10 day detox, and then go back to sro [Single Room Occupancy hotel room]- you get back in the life.
• Now people can go upstairs spend 3 weeks in supervised area and wait for whatever recovery they are going into so we don’t lose them.
• Avoid revolving door to reuse.

[Image of one of rooms at onsite].
• Nathan- research- 45% decrease in public drug use.
• High risk people, health care system had no way contact them
• Reduction of syringe sharing
• Manages 868 overdose interventions
• Safer education injection practices
• Update in detox services
• No adverse changes- to neighbourhood - no increase in drug use patterns.
• Drug use and crime decreased.
• Has not prompted initiation of drug use.
• Has not related to increase in drug relates crime.

[Images of people projected]
[Statistics projected]
• 600 visits a day.
• Cost benefit analysis by SFU professor- Hired by Harper government found for every $1 spent- 4$ benefit to taxpayers for healthcare savings.

Campaigning to keep InSite open
• 400 crosses Vanier park- representing lives saved
• Toronto 2006 blocked 400 intersections
• Closed Carrall Street, free concert with local band D.O.A.
• Supreme court case- chronic relapsing heath problem
• Drug addicts are people
• Federal government appealing exemption.
• That’s why we are here.

Dean -on behalf of 4000 addicts on Downtown Eastside, we need your support.

3. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED LUCY FERREIRA:

“WHEREAS InSite, Vancouver's Supervised Injection Site has been in operation since September 21, 2003; and

WHEREAS InSite nurses and staff have now supervised more than 1 Million injections, each of which would have otherwise occurred in the public view, and with high risk of drug overdose death, and contracting or spreading diseases including HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS the medical supervision available at InSite has prevented almost 1000 overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS scientific evidence compiled by UBC researchers at the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS has concluded that InSite has been successful at preventing drug overdose deaths, limiting the spread of HIV/AIDS, reducing public disorder, and moving more people into detox and addiction treatment; and

WHEREAS research proving InSite’s benefits for individual users and the surrounding community has been published in independently peer-reviewed medical science journals including the Lancet, the New England Journal of Medicine, the British Medical Journal, and the Canadian Medical Association Journal; and

WHEREAS InSite is supported entirely by the Province of British Columbia, and has proven to be a vital component of BC’s Health Care system, providing a vital link in
the continuum of care necessary to address the tragic consequences of drug addiction; and

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WHEREAS Justice Pitfield ruled that the CDSA, when applied to the InSite, threatens a person's constitutional right to life and security under section 7 of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms because "it denies the addict access to a health-care facility where the risk of morbidity associated with infectious disease is diminished, if not eliminated."; and

WHEREAS the University of British Columbia's commitment to community and the Downtown Eastside is expressed in the TREK 2010 document, and through UBC's Learning Exchange, the Humanities 101 program and others; and

WHEREAS a wide variety AMS members, clubs and constituencies are directly and indirectly involved in this initiative through academic and community work; and

WHEREAS if InSite closes, people will die;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBC Alma Mater Society urge the Government of British Columbia to continue its support for InSite and call on the Government of Canada to allow InSite's continued operation as part of comprehensive plan to address the tragic consequences of drug addiction.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Tristan- motivation to read 3rd and 4th whereas
Speaker read them

Stefanie Ratjen-
How does this affect UBC students- not that many heroin addicts here right now- time for AMS to look at role we play. Research facilities- students work in research here. It’s a really important issue affecting lots of people in lots of ways. I support this kind of initiative.

Dana- Education
• I’m totally behind this. I would like to write personal letter how do I do this?
• Nathan list of MPs at gc.ca
• Insite.ca has a form letter.
• Your letter can be as easy as ‘dear pm, please keep Insite saving lives’.
• Have collected over 10,000 letters over last 3 years. Makes work for people in Ottawa and shows government support for InSite.

Tahara - Science
I am behind it. It was a good presentation.
I'm unsure if I can so this as science rep.
I can't claim to know where constituents would stand.
Elected as students for broader consensus issues.
It may be an abuse of my position based only on own convictions.
I'll help you but I would be more comfortable as private citizen not as an AMS counselor.

Rory- Arts
Arts student never come up to me and said don’t support this. At the end of day we are individuals. I do feel comfortable voting.

David Katz GSS
I know lots of people involved in DTES. Africa on fire. Downtown East Side neighbourhood on fire.
It’s just blocks away from most affluent areas in world.
We can’t turn a blind eye to this.

Joel Mertens - Engineering
I do think this is something the AMS should take position on.
It’s been demonstrated does it affect the AMS and UBC.
In response to Tahara- I do represent x number of people, not just my opinion, but that is what we were elected to do. If all governments worked with that model- we would never have anything.

James - Regent.
I don't really have a vote so what I say doesn’t matter but I would fully support this motion.
Christian colleges and maybe some of my constituents would not.
Saving lives, health care, detox- becomes a moral issue- ere on side of being right than representing everyone.

4. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Dean- thanks. You just made huge difference.
Brian Sullivan - SUB Presentation

6. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SUB Memorandum of Understanding be accepted as amended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mike Duncan- you've all seen this motion multiple times. I will let you know what the changes are on the MOU

Tristan: this MOU is a prelude to agreement. We have negotiated a space on University square, our own architects and consultants. Based on our current lease, but now we have a higher level of maintenance. We conceded on the levy. Retained administrative control on building. It’s rare for Student Unions. Includes as much community involvement as we can

Michael Duncan: Here are the main points:
• On page 4 of MOU, we were concerned by the wording the project will not exceed $110 million just in case the project ended up costing more and the wording "not to exceed" was removed.
• Page 10 if it goes over $110 million, the AMS and University would have to agree on how this is dealt with.
• P 11 concern with the word "will" determine the size of the building and has been changed to "shall be" determined.

Alex Lougheed- first time doc made public- will go up on website?
• We should me more proactive on this -120 million $

Clare - spell check before goes out.
• Building. p 11.

Brian Sullivan.  
• It’s privilege to be a part of this.  
• It’s historic.  
• Student drive leadership that jump started a 25 million dollar commitment, board sees it as a best use of spending, improves student life, sets the bar for a campaign to fundraise for the building. 
• Thanks council (this year/last’s) for organizing efforts around new SUB.  
• Tremendous gift to students who follow you.

7. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
Michael Duncan noted in favour.

Note: motion passed unanimously.

8. MOVED FRANCINE LING, SECONDED CLARE BENTON:

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: medical student fee waiver’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Clare Benton:
- Medical students patiently waiting.
- AMS referendum in 1966. Exception to AMS fees - not on campus. $108 for three zone pass for 8 months.
- Medical students to choose to pay fees on individual basis - some in interior, some in Ontario, several med students here.

Francine Ling 3rd year med school president:
- Polled class- why opt in
- Why- financial
- $14,000 /yr in tuition. Not uncommon for people to have in excess of $100,000 in debt.
- In 3rd year it’s a full 12 month term.
- 3 zone bus pass for all 12 months.
- cost of car in excess of 4000$/yr
- Sustainability- help students drive less, most hospitals on bus routes. She has letter from our MUS president.
- 3rd year student- issue is safety. I’m on call tonight- 15-35 minutes of sleep- driving is unsafe- having your doctors killed not smart.
- Letter from President Charles Strenger, 1966 made sense. It responded to our needs, many med students justly benefitted.
- Senior med students are unique. Services, tuition fees, issues of sustainability all changes. Senior med students cut off from U-Pass- over ten sites in BC.
- Asking to please consider letting us opt into fees.
- It’s in keeping with mission statement of AMS.
- I sent out an email to ask- and in 2 hrs, got 30 replies.
- I now have over 100 replies.

2. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR (no seconder)

“That wording be added describing med students as distinct.”

... Defeated

Emily Arts
- Will med students opt into entire package, or just U-Pass?

Bijan BoG
- Sustainability goals. I’m in favour and encourage everyone to support this.
Darren Peets
- Minor technical- amending a section of code doesn't exist.
- Clare- we passed it last meeting.

David Katz
- How will this be done? A waiver? Everyone opt in?

Matthew Naylor
- Looming of spectre of voluntary student unionism.
- No other feasible way to allow med students to get services.
- We kind of allow already for the health plan.
- This could include future services.
- I don't like idea of people being able to opt in. Allowing different groups to opt in, individual students rather than classes of students is not something we would apply to other groups- DAP students. This is a concerning motion.

Dana Education
- If students at UBC want services, they should have access.
- Echo what Matthew said- rather see act out if working out of GVRD. We don’t have that option for any other constituents to opt in. Case to be made for those who can’t - no fair

Alex Lougheed
- Pharmacy rep-- similar situation later years not on campus, but still students.
- The distinction here is that they didn’t hold referendum in 60s to opt out. If we allow this for med students, we would not be allowed to do that for pharmacy because of referendum.
- Cleanest way to do this would be to get rid of old referendum and expand U-pass subsidy program to those not in GVRD.

Stefanie Ratjen:
- The U-pass is a great program, everyone should have access- as first step. There are other students -pharmacy, continuing education, diploma of accounting- had referendum but are not eligible for U-pass.
- Issues may come up from that- best way-what do we see the U-pass as- affordable transit for students, we should support it- those willing to opt in, need to be prepared for that.

Stefanie Ratjen
- How does this differ from a subsidy program?

Alex Lougheed
- Subsidy under review. I’m not saying we should not offer that, cleaner relationship to have an opt in.

Stefanie Ratjen - do we administer subsidy?
- Stefanie Ratjen - Trek office, and me and Blake (because there is no External Commission).
- There is a distinct criteria- living outside, financial, can’t use system.
- It’s bit of a messier way about it.
Alex Lougheed
• If all med students paid fee- would those get to?

Stefanie Ratjen
• The difference between subsidy and exemption- we still pay TransLink to get it but we don’t give them one.

Clare Benton
• Sheldon raised argument- overall opt in, and didn’t do referendum; students could reference referendum and not pay.
• Voluntary student unionism. Logical fallacy. Students who don’t have to pay can pay if they want to not the same as those have to pay don’t have to pay.
• Won’t be a floodgate issue.
• **Reason want to remove green text, exempted people should pay us if they want to.**

Dana - Education
• U-pass and other AMS services work because every pays them.
• They should be paying all of the AMS fees if they are here (argument to include everyone and have option to opt out).

Darren Peets
• U-pass still has opt out provision if want to go that way [mandatory fees]

Matthew Naylor
• True- need to live outside region.
• I don’t think is logical fallacy.
• Allowing groups or individuals to be paying member is not different than allowing classes of people to pay.
• Imagine faculty of arts not everyone wants pay fees.
• Thinking this is the most immediate way to get these services to med students doesn’t draw distinction to other students and 3rd and 4th year students who are. Allows us to say if classes are going to be paying or not.
• I’m saying no.

9. MOVED EMILY GRIFFITHS, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“**That the question be called.”**

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris McCann Engineering
• What’s process if want to turn it into opt in.
• Do we need another referendum?
• How do we help med students get their U-pass- I don’t think it hurts anyone.
• Students who’ve come here and constituents’ needs.

Stefanie Ratjen
• The U-pass going to print on Monday-there will be a time lag.
10. MOVED JASON PENNER (no objections)

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

11. MOVED FRANCINE LING, SECONDED CLARE BENTON:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

Mathew Naylor noted as opposed
David Katz & Lucy Ferreira noted as opposed

C) Presentations to Council:

Am Johal - Impact of the Olympics Community coalition
Founding member of Impact on Communities Coalition

- Collation of non profits, university students etc.
- Many of us have done work in research Downtown east Side neighbourhood.
- During Expo 86 impact was on low income hood downtown.
- Drive to get out of those in favour of games and those against - that if they came, needed to be public investment democracy and transparency.
- Pushed for plebiscite to raise issues.
- Referendum- passed with 64% Vancouverites supporting games.
- Whether social legacies would be committed to inner city inclusive commitments policy.
- Other Olympics - Salt Lake City- hundred evictions.
- China several hundred thousand maybe a million evictions.
- Report card gave Vanoc a D minus.
- Rob van Wiseberg and Jim Frankish group involves academic research but also on the ground work research SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) grants for research, but on the ground work no funding.
- Commitment by Vanoc to find watchdog.
- Civil liberties table- not happened until now.
- Civil liberties- security groups waiting to put tens of millions of dollars of TV surveillance- issue not just Olympics but because the day after the infrastructure will be left here as legacy of games.
- BC civil liberties, pivot legal privacy commissioners of Provincial and Federal governments.
- These types of events- make development patterns worse
- We need protective legislation
• 1300 units SROs converted to other units.
• Housing of last resort - protects them from homelessness.
• Evictions in west end and other rental hoods.
• Public investment.
• City buys a franchise for private not for profit as IOC is in Switzerland.
• Argue Olympics pay for themselves - only pay for 3 week event - public money for infrastructure.
• It’s going to bring these here, tourism real estate - should be getting public benefit.
• Student societies need to join coalitions to monitor impacts.
• Rich governments fly out to tell people about benefits, we can’t do that.
• Katari UN special?
• Filed HR complaint.
• Most of work on report card will be done by UBC students.
• Long term connection.
• Student society support, endorse, join coalition to document impacts.
• Deep contamination of public?
• Direct impact on journalism in city.

Chris McCann - Engineering
Atlanta 8000 people displaced - driven out on bus and dropped somewhere else, or given somewhere?
Am Johal
• Atlanta - pre Olympic all the way back to LA - polices put into place sometimes about Olympics sometimes not, ticketing etc - not being allowed to sleep in parks. in Vancouver - safe streets act, working on Commercial Drive - people ticketed at 9am - after 6 tickets and don’t show up, = contempt of court - public policy to physically displace people.
• Expansion of downtown ambassadors.
• In Atlanta - they were given bus tickets to get out
• LA selective enforcement of jaywalking etc never enforced before.

• I just met with the RCMP person reps integrated security union (RCMP, Security, Military) previous assignment Kananaskis G8 summit. like APEC, G8
• Type of enforcement in our view looking to push people out of inner city certainly during period of games.
• Pivot human rights complaint united native nations and VANDU.

• Ten minute walk BC Place -to downtown east side
• Democracy and transparency - been at table with Vanoc.
• We’ve met 30 times - not about pushing government - at least they’re accountable
• Vanoc not public, not subject to Freedom of Information legislation, we can’t get minutes.

Dana - Education
Where can I get more stats?
• Michael Byers, UBC students
• Number of units 1300 soft and direct conversions numbers compiled by pivot
Alex Lougheed

- Later discussion about involving UBC in Olympics.
- I’m not commenting on internal debate- but person view volunteering since 2003- since bid was won, slow movement of not fulfilling promises were made.
- Legacy of missed opportunities.
- Vanoc itself as a board- skeptical of board without civil society rep.
- No non profit people on board.
- Reflective of many Olympic structures.
- Not transparent or inclusive of groups at table.
- Ask that you show skepticism and take critical view in whichever way you decide to participate.

5 minute recess.

Dave Tompkins goes home sick. Mike Duncan in the chair

D) President’s Remarks:

- Introduced Michael Carlson, assistant to the President. I wouldn’t survive without him
- Tristan, Ross and I have been working on the MOU and it is finally finished. Thank you all for passing it today in council. Now we get to start with the Lease negotiations.
- Mike and I are working on the video project for orientations and the naming project for consultation.
- One big new thing I am working on is in regards to Athletics and Rec. This was one of my platform points and I am going to be drafting a report similar to the housing report regarding Athletics and Rec.
- Many different student unions have come to visit us these past few weeks. They include UWO, UoS, UBC-O, and ASU (Arkansas State University). It was very interesting to talk to them all and it has become clear that the AMS is a very well structured organization that does amazing things for its students.
- I am working on coordinating all the orientations activities for our exec. I have many speeches to write and we will be out there in full force come the new school year promoting the AMS.
- Media Training has been moved. Joanne sent out a few e-mails. Please, if you want to participate, e-mail Kelli and sign up.
- We only have 8 councilor bios. That is 3 more than last time. That is pathetic. Please send these in to Kelli.
- The exec and I will be conducting mutual reviews of each other the next few weeks. This is more than 1/3 of the way through our term and is definitely time for a formal review.
- I will be taking my vacation sometime in the next couple weeks.

E) Executive Remarks:

Alex Lougheed - VP Academic
- Drafting policy for Privacy committee
- Working on teaching evaluations
- Irving K Barber director search interviews
- Met with Heddy Fry
- Going on holidays

**Chris Diplock - VP Finance**
- Budget going well
- Audit went well
- Snack Attack working on Mediterra
- Impacts Committee is working on getting a PO ready for an energy audit by BC Hydro

**F) Committee Reports:**


**G) Constituency Reports:**

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

**Board of Governors**
- Retreat report. 1 billion $. Fundraising.
- Touring welcome events- GSS, gala
- Sept board- farm, campus planning. Phase 4.
- Senate- lame during summer- grievances with senate is that it is really lame.
- Wants higher lever academic stuff, not just setting course numbers.
- Website will have update.

**Ombudsperson**
- Karen Ko incoming. It was an incredibly rewarding year. I learned a lot. Thanks for assistance.
- My report will be available soon
- Updated students’ rights and responsibilities handbook coming soon.

12. MOVED DAVID KATZ, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT should the SUB Renewal project be required by Partnerships BC to become a Public Private Partnership with a private third party other than the AMS, AMS Council will not approve the expenditure of any fees toward the project.
- Council will not approve expenditure of any funds for P3.
- David Katz- limit what we can do with regards to creative process.

13. MOVED DAVID KATZ, SECONDED JASON PENNER, THIRDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council go in camera.”

… Carried

The meeting went in camera at 7:45 pm
14. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

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- Requires us not to have collected fees- we will have spent money until then.
- Seems wrong to say we would not collect money we would already have collected.

15. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That the word ‘further’ be inserted in Motion 14.”

- Joel Mertens - further could mean 85 million. Not as strong. They can interpret it a little more widely.
- David Katz- AMS council will immediately cease expenditure of any fees towards the project.

16. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That the word ‘further’ be inserted in Motion 14.”

... Carried

17. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

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... Carried

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

18. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Council Minutes dated June 25, 2008
Business Operation Committee minutes dated February 27, 2008
J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

19. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rupi Cheema, Morghain Gibbons and Dusty Chipura (members at large) be appointed to the External Policy Committee."

... Carried

20. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITHS:

"That Mark Gunther (member at large) be appointed to the Code and Policies Committee."

... Carried

21. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chris McCann be appointed to the UBC Informal Learning Space Committee."

... Carried

22. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CLARK FUNNELL:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Karen Ko be appointed AMS Ombudsperson for a term starting August 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009."

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

23. MOVED DAVID KATZ, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, Council approve an amount not to exceed $9,500.00 from the SUB Management Fund for replacing floor in the Art Gallery."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The SUB Management Fund has a current balance of $82,342.97
... Carried
Note: Clark Funnell abstained.

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

24. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITHS:

That the following minutes be accepted as presented.

Student Administrative Commission minutes dated June 23, 2008
... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

P) Discussion Period

25. MOVED DANA SCHINDEL, SECONDED EMILY GRIFFITHS:

“That Council be extended by 30 minutes.”
...Carried

Olympics

Emily- The AMS should oppose the Olympics vs sustainability strategy-
deforestation and creation of large highways. Unjust homeless problem. Sport and
peace not brought together. Bad use of taxpayer money- things that need
investment more than this.
Budget keeps going up for BC taxpayer 400-500$ per taxpayer (five ring circus
movie). Highly opposed to being involved in a way that shows we support O, and
think we should oppose

Dana- education- AMS should get involved and voice opinions and decide what
those are later. Business and professionals have a voice.

Compared to Calgary Olympics- Revitalized city destroyed economically in 1980s-
impact this has are negative, where Calgary positive. We should get involved to see
if there is a ray of light we can salvage from terribly run games over budget taking
away from things could have been done better.

David Katz- 2010 presented tremendous opportunity. AMS businesses will prosper.
Ski cabin rented out, bars full. But comes with responsibility. Other part of city
ignored. Participate with Vanoc, BC, we now contribute money.

Chris Diplock- My view- not opinionated pres Stephen Owen, sort of opinionated
from AMS- Council not enough info. Not going to decide in 20 minutes. I’d like to
refer to external policy committee.

26. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED DAREEN PEETS:
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the External Policy Committee to review Olympic policy.”

Dana- object. The purpose is to advise exec. A tiny committee not enough to satisfy me.

Tahara- I sit on External Policy Committee - I would like to see that happen [referral] after more discussion.

Matthew- I have not done due diligence. We should poll constituents. We don’t have enough info. External Policy Committee should do it.

Rodrigo- Give we time to consult constituents. Get report from committee.

(Discussion on giving External Policy Committee some direction in crafting their review).

Tim- which Olympics?

Claire- Alumni and UBC participating- not make it vs athletes

Clark- regardless of opinion, we need to be involved in some capacity. But involved bad

Chris engineering- we have no clue what our constituents feel. AMS taking a position inappropriate. Approving or disapproving dumb- they’re coming, not going to change. Bring out the good stuff.

Jamil- We’re going to be involved. Have positive impact

27. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED DAREEN PEETS

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… Carried

Resignation

Emily Griffiths (Arts) I am resigning from council. A few things council has done led to this decision: one is denying student court. What happened with the last meeting I was at with the wages - agreeing to pay people under minimum wage- that is appalling- I am attaching my name to council- when I ran I said would represent constituents. I have strong views that go against theirs and can’t deliver opinion I believe in knowing constituents don’t back me up. I am going to come to different committees

Four people going to kill me: Stef, Tristan, Chris … [Blake Frederick interjects: and me!]

Yah. You are gonna kill me- the worst.

Dana Education: It's been great. Council is great. Bye

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

August 20, 2008

S) Adjournment:
T) Social Activity:
   Fireworks
STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES  

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Guests: Mike Silley (Arts member at large), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Kelli Seepaul (Communications manager), Devenne Dregg (Assistant to VP Academic), Mike Brown (Tutoring Assistant), Raj Mathur (Music), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant), Ross Horton (General Manager)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Michael Duncan, Chris Diplock, David Katz and Helaine Boyd be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

1. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Jamil Rhajiak UBC Events ubcevents@ubc.ca
- Will list all events on campus
- Easy to search
- Highlight page
- Lists resources
- Planning guides
- Register at info@events.ubc.ca

Dave Tompkins - i click
- These clickers have great potential
- Electronically record votes
- Approximately $1,800

D) President’s Remarks:

E) Executive Remarks:

VPX Stefanie Ratjen

Federal budget submission:
- Prepared by Blake and Adrienne, different this year, and only one recommendation was allowed. We opted for the tried and tested “dedicated PSE funding transfer.”

U-Pass:
Subsidy- Something that we’ve found out is that this is a highly underused fund, so we are trying to develop some awareness about this. Is intended for students with financial need, and there is an application process, but please tell everyone you know about this fund.

Mailouts- U-Passes were mailed out on the 15th, so they should be in your mailboxes any day now.

External Policy Committee:
- Established municipal election priorities:
  1- Affordable housing
  2- Governance, both at UBC and its relation with the Municipality, as well as issues such as the lack of rep on TransLink
  3- Transit issues, such as transit service, support for the U-Pass program

Actively working with all other Vancouver schools on a collective municipal outreach strategy:
- Municipal Election Coalition is going strong at this point, we are in the process of narrowing down the key points, and coming up with a collective outreach strategy
- In the first week of Sept, City of Vancouver will be doing a voter registration sign up, of note is that if you register municipally, you will also be on the provincial list. Two birds with one stone.
- Looking to develop and outreach strategy

Equity Committee:
- Working with a train the trainer approach, Jacqueline has been amazing in contacting the equity and access and diversity offices to develop the necessary training program. It has been a slower process than expected, and we are working on how we can effectively implement this program as soon as we can.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts:
- Working on Frosh week, orientation week and a new logo

Commerce:
- Frosh on Labour Day
- Having a frosh leader retreat
- Going to a Business School Presidents conference
- There was a break in at the Angus building

Education: N/A

GSS:
- Orientations will happen soon
- Our handbook is finished
- Our magazine will be out Friday
• Lots of events coming up  
  • August 27th Thea’s lounge party  
  • We might be covering part of the patio at Koerner’s Lounge

Human Kinetics:  
• Frosh day  
• Welcome back BBQ  
• Start Up

Pharmacy:  
• Welcome Back BBQ

Science:  
• Ordered balloons  
• Our Frosh sold out in 3 hours 5 minutes  
• 250 people on Frosh waitlist

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

BoG: N/A

Senate:  
• Faculty turnover in one week

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED WILL DAVIS, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:  
   “That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”
   
   Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated July 24, 2008  
   Minutes of the Student Council dated July 9, 2008  
   ... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:  
   “BE IT RESOLVED That Council suspend Section V, Article 12(1) of the Code of Procedure to allow the President to chair the Primary Appointments Committee in place of the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs for the purpose of conducting interviews for positions on Student Court this summer and fall.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

    Andrew Carne: Is this just for Student Court?  
    Mike Duncan: Yes.  
    David Katz: Alex has been extremely impartial.
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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend Code Section 6, Article 4(3)(j). (Note: Requires 2/3rds)

Be it further resolved that the compensation of the Assistant to the President be set at $8320.00 per annum, and applied retroactively to July 9th, 2008 (Note: was $4000.00 per annum).

Be it further resolved that the compensation of the Assistant to the President be retroactively set at $6240.00 for the period between May 1st, 2008 and July 9th, 2008.

Be it further resolved that the compensation of the SAC Vice-Chair be set at $8320.00 per annum, and applied retroactively to May 1st, 2008 (Note: was $6500.00 per annum).

Be it further resolved that the compensation of members of SAC be set at $2080.00 per annum, and applied retroactively to May 1st, 2008 (Note: was $1500.00 per annum).

Be it further resolved that the compensation of the Assistant to the VP Academic be set at $4160.00 per annum, and applied retroactively to June 10th, 2008 (Note: was $2440.00 per annum).

Be it further resolved that the compensation of the SUB Renewal Coordinator be set at $8320.00 per annum (Note: was $7500.00 per annum).

Be it further resolved that the compensation of the Coordinators for the Centre of Academic Engagement be set at $8320.00 per annum (Note: was $7500.00 per annum).”

6. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED DAVID KATZ, THIRDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting go in camera.”

... Carried
The meeting went in camera at 7:20 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 7:45 pm.

7. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK (no objections):

“That Motion 5 be amended by adding the following clause:

‘Be it further resolved that the compensation of the Assistant to the Associate VP Finance be set at $2,080.00 per annum applied retroactively to May 1, 2008.’“

*Note: the compensation is currently $1,500.00 per annum

... Carried

Helaine Boyd: Was this in the budget
Chris Diplock: No, but we have a 5% contingency that covers it
Clark Funnell: How much is this going to cost? Also, we should be aware of the precedent it sets.
Mike Duncan: Yes, it does set a precedent but we feel it’s important to do.
Richelle Schon: Have all the positions been looked at?
Alex Lougheed: Yes.

8. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK (no objections):

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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10. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Compensation Review Committee to have a comprehensive plan to address the AMS’ honoraria before November 30, 2008."

Alex Lougheed: It’s best for the committee to decide the timeline. This should be referred to the committee to come up with a date.
Stefanie Ratjen: Three months is plenty of time for a critical issue.
Tristan Markle: The AMS sees this as a priority.
Mike Duncan: It’s best for the committee to come up with a timeline.
Chris Tarantino: No problem with deadline.
Chris Diplock: Employee view is important as is a first term deadline.
Jason Penner: We need a deadline
Matthew Naylor: It’s not the role of Council to interfere with the committees.

11. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

"That Motion 10 be amended to read:

'BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Compensation Review Committee to have a timeline for a comprehensive plan to address the AMS’ honoraria before the next Council meeting.' "

... Carried

12. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

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... Carried
13. MOVED HELAINE BOYD, SECONDED CHRIS MCCANN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT MIKE SILLEY, ___________________ and ___________________ (at large) be appointed to the Equity Committee.

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“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rob McLean (Council member) be appointed to the Impacts Committee.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT ________________ (Council member) be appointed to the Sexual Assault Support Service Fund Committee.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Andrew Carne (Council member) be appointed to the Communications Planning Group.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jamil Rhajiak (Council member) be appointed to the Aquatic Centre Management Committee.

... Carried

14. MOVED RICHELLE SCHON, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council change Section V, Article 18 of the Code of Procedure be changed to read;

(k) **The Sexual Assault Support Services Fund** shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee. In accordance with the referendum of February 2003, the Fund shall be used to provide sexual assault support services.

On the annual recommendation of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee, Council shall direct a percentage of the money in the Fund to the Sexual Assault Support Centre.

At least eighty percent (80%) **ninety-five percent (95%)** of the money deposited in the Fund each year shall be allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre.

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.

The money in the Fund not allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre shall be transferred to the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund.

Any money collected as a result of the Sexual Assault Support Services referendum or as a result of donations to the Sexual Assault Support Centre or to the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund and not used in a given year shall accumulate and remain in the designated funds of the Society for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

Richelle Schon: 95 % covers the administrative and salary costs.
Stefanie Ratjen: Should the AMS support SASC more?
Richelle Schon: Yes, but this works for now.
Jacqueline Bell: Why can’t SASC have 100%?
Richelle Schon: The Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund is used to help
support events. There has never been an application
process before but we are now putting one together so
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:
O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:
Discrimination and Harassment Policy

R) Next Meeting:
September 10, 2008

S) Adjournment:

T) Social Activity:

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council

Meeting Date: August 20, 2008

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Marie Helene Westgate (Ubyssey-Creative Writing), Stephanie Findlay (Ubyssey-News), Paul Bucci (Ubyssey), Danielle Ghag (Science), Maira Paula Amiama (Arts), Brian Commons (Science), Josh Zukuwich (Science-Math), Anindo Sarker (Arts), Eric Cheng (Science), Pakesh (Science), Alfie Lee (Science), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Robert Lum, Sakae Alford (Photo Soc.), Maria Cirstea (Science), Blake Frederick (AVP External), Mike Kushnir (Damage Control, Radical Beer Faction), Adrien Rahbar (Captain Cool Kat), Elizabeth Locke (Residents Hall Association), Adam Louis (Engineering), Eric (Arts), Mike Silley, Tyler Allison (Radical Beer Faction), Azim Wazeer (Student Senator), Maayan Kreitzman

1. Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

   The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

1. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

   “Be it resolved that Jason Penner, Helaine Boyd, Timothy Chu and Alex Monegro be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

   Point of personal privilege: Helaine Boyd asked for more food.

2. MOVED ____________, SECONDED ________________

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Firstweek/Insider – Michael Duncan

- Michael Duncan:
  o All 25,000 copies of the AMS Insider have been distributed; stock ran out on Tuesday. Another 1,000 copies are coming next week.
  o First Week events (he listed numerous of them) were well attended.
  o The Welcome Back Barbecue sold 10,000 tickets, which is at or above average. It went well.

Agenda amendment-Alcohol Policy

- Mike Kushnir asked about amending the agenda to discuss liquor policy. He referred to a Vancouver Sun article which linked the death of a Burnaby man from drinking to binge drinking by university students. This approach is damaging to the attempt by the Radical Beer Faction to introduce a more liberal (and safer) liquor policy on campus, which the RBF would like the AMS to be on board with.
- Michael Duncan said he’d been interviewed by CTV on this topic. Council could discuss it.
It was agreed to add Alcohol Policy as a Discussion Period topic.

AMS Video

- Council was shown the six-minute YouTube video, “The Bright Daye,” a light-hearted promotional video about the AMS and its services.
- Michael Duncan said the video was less promotional and a little more amusing than he’d expected, but he still recommended it.

D) President’s Remarks (Michael Duncan):

Mike referred Council members to his quarterly report, but highlighted the following points:

- He and Alex Lougheed met with one of the candidates for the University Ombuds position.
- He gave several speeches during First Week, notably one at Gala and one at Imagine.
- He’s arranging a meeting of the student reps on all the athletics committees to discuss the University’s application to join the NCAA (the American athletic association). The presentation on this is being postponed until September 24, just before consultations.

E) Executive Remarks:

Alex Lougheed (VP Academic)

- CRAM (the Canadian Roundtable on Academic Materials), of which he is a member, is a partnership of schools concerned with the cost of academic materials. It has gone public with a website and a set of principles. The media has been contacting him.
- He and Bijan met with the RCMP and UBC to discuss the Police Advisory Committee, focusing primarily Special Occasion Licenses (SOL's). A letter about liquor regulations will be distributed to try to dispel the confusion about this.
- The Campus Planning and Development Committee met and is planning to do research on governance.
- Comp Review was mandated to report back to Council. The committee wants to bring forward changes to its mandate. It plans to review all job descriptions to figure out who does what and to revise the rubric system, which is inadequate.
- He has not yet acted on voting clickers. Maybe for next meeting.

Questions

- Alfie Lee asked about reports that the AMS made an emergency pay raise to its employees, but wondered if this was just to make the AMS look good; he understood that AMS employees were still making only $9 an hour, as opposed to $12 at SFU.
- Alex Lougheed: The $9 is for employees in the outlets; they’re not covered by the Compensation Review Committee, which he chairs; Comp Review
deals with appointees; the other employees are dealt with by BOC (the
Business Operations Committee), chaired by Chris Diplock.
- Chris Diplock asked if the $12 figure at SFU was for regular employees. He
said BOC is doing a survey on how AMS wages compare to those
elsewhere.

Tristan Markle (VP Admin)
- He noted that the meeting was taking place on ancestral, unceded land of
the Musqueam and said those present should comport themselves
appropriately.
- His quarterly report is done and will be sent out soon.
- SUB Renew is going full steam ahead:
  o There’s a new SUB Renew Coordinator, Fiona Hough.
  o Some bottom up planning sessions (groundswell) are in the works, in
    contrast to UBC-style top-down consultations.
  o There will be workshops open to the public at which academic
    experts will be present to discuss the programming phase of the
    project, i.e., what components there should be in the new building.
  o The SUB Renewal Committee is interviewing firms; it has received
    four proposals and will be shortlisting and then choosing one firm.
- He is working with the Impacts Committee to phase out bottled water in line
with the AMS Lighter Footprint Strategy. The aim is to put water fountains
and bottle refilling stations in the basement, and to have an awareness
campaign.
- Vancouver Campus Plan: A UBC steering committee is looking at the next
hundred years of planning; there will be workshops and open houses in
October. People should go to them to advocate for student interests.

Stefanie Ratjen (VP External)
- She apologized for not having her quarterly ready; lots of things have been
going on, but she will have it done by the end of the week.
- Equity Committee:
  o Facilitators/trainers selected and being trained.
  o Goal: by end of year have training in place like Treasurers’
    Orientation; one person from each club would do this training.
  o An RFP for the systemic review has been sent out; she’s determining
    how much it would cost; it looks like between $6,000 and $12,000.
    She’ll have a more comprehensive report at the next meeting.
- External Policy Committee is reviewing the impact of the Olympics.
- Pamphlets on child care, tuition, and the power structure were produced for
Imagine; and she also distributed pamphlets on renters’ rights.
- She’s working on getting more people on the External Commission.
- Elections:
  o Municipal elections November 15
  o Now also a federal election, which will have a big impact on the
    External Office.

Chris Diplock (VP Finance)
- Crazy five days of First Week.
- He apologized for his quarterly being late.
- Off campus students can contact him about opt-outs.
- First Fincom meeting Tuesday; will meet weekly.
- Club budgets are behind schedule, but should be wrapped up by the second or third week.
- He’s talked to UBC’s Geoff Atkins about an energy audit.
- RFP for a waste audit for the ten compost bins; someone will need to maintain them, a busser.
- First eco-friendly day, September 26: local, organic, fair trade.
- First newsletter then and also Farm Ade September 26.
- IPF (the Innovative Projects Fund) is starting up.

Questions
- Azim Wazeer asked about IPF criteria.
- Chris Diplock said he has been looking into IPF history and speaking to UBC’s Anne DeWolfe.

Jacqueline Bell (ECSS)
- The Services ran out of most of their promotional items; they went well.
- Tutoring is starting in Barber, along with online tutoring, and residences tutoring.
- Safewalk and SASC are accepting resumes.
- Minischool registration has started.
- New Services for Students website, providing a map of services, will be up by the end of the month.
- Shine Day on Saturday went very well; they are still counting the money.

F) Committee Reports:
- Michael Duncan: We thought it would be good to hear from all the committee chairs, today if any want to speak, or on September 24 at the next meeting. Some of the Executives are ready to report on their committees.

Oversight Committee
- Clare Benton:
  o Executive interviews are going swimmingly.
  o They are also issuing an RFP to hire a consultant to help with the Student Court inquiry as instructed by Council.

Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee
- Alex Monegro:
  o Not as exciting as he expected because Kelli, as sponsorship officer, is doing a fantastic job, so there’s less for them to do.
  o They will be working on a package of what can be offered to sponsors.
  o Looking at sponsorship in a way that students will value; things other than money.
Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee
- Richelle Schon:
  o They got Code changed to raise the minimum percentage of the fund transferred to the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) to 95% from 80%; this will cover their base operating costs so they know they can run.
  o They’re working on an application form for the initiatives fund, with a September 30 deadline for applications.

Executive Committee
- Michael Duncan:
  o The Executive Committee discusses everything under the sun.
  o It meets weekly.
  o Feel free to talk to us.

Communications Planning Group
- Michael Duncan:
  o Meets biweekly.
  o Projects have included the video, the naming project, the Insider.
  o Arranged to start receiving email addresses for newly admitted students, i.e., first years; within four or five years, will thus have emails for all UBC students, an important communication tool.
  o Working on a map/directory for the SUB, which is a maze; the idea is that people should be able to find AMS services and businesses.
  o Doing promotional material for the businesses.

Questions
- Avneet Johal:
  o Can students opt out of providing their email addresses?
  o Also, can the AMS work with different faculties?
  o And does this apply to transfer students?
- Michael Duncan:
  o The point of the privacy law is that people have to be able to opt out; he’s working with Hong on this. UBC wants us to sign a deal on this.
  o As to faculty-specific emails, the Constituencies in each faculty are part of the AMS, so we must be able to work something out.
- Avneet Johal: Maybe we could go through your database; we don’t need to see the addresses.
- Michael Duncan: Will have to look into that. As to transfer students, he didn’t know.

Primary Appointments Committee
- Alex Lougheed: Appointed lots of people a while ago (Ombudsperson etc.); next up is the Elections Administrator.
**Academic Quality Committee**
- Alex Lougheed: Dormant over the summer. Was meant to oversee the coordinators of the Centre for Academic Engagement, but those positions have not been filled, so he’s reinterpreting the vision of that committee and it will now look at teaching evaluations.

**Campus Planning and Development Committee**
- Alex Lougheed: Not that active over summer.

**Compensation Review Committee**
- Alex Lougheed: Brought motions to adjust salaries last meeting. Embarking on review process.

**Code and Policies Committee**
- Matthew Naylor: At noon the questionnaire on committee reform was finalized.

**Equity Committee**
- Stefanie Ratjen: Volunteer facilitators; RSP.

**Budget Committee**
- Chris Diplock: Met over the summer. In November a mid-year budget review is planned.

**SUB Renewal Committee**
- Tristan Markle: If people want to get involved, there are three subcommittees to serve on.

**Renovations Planning Group**
- Tristan Markle: Projects have included:
  - New furniture for South Alcove.
  - Art Gallery floor.
  - Office for new IT person.
  - Soundproofing of SASC office.

**SAC**
- Tristan Markle: High level review of club problems: too many clubs? A strain on resources? Some say so, but that’s an uninformed view.

Questions
- Alfie Lee asked about UBC’s Student Development Office wanting integration of fundraising.
- Tristan Markle said it was the first he’d heard of this, but it’s something necessary; there is redundancy.

G) Constituency Reports:

**Arts – Avneet Johal:**
- Buchanan undergoing renovation; the AUS is pleased it’s being consulted on such matters as water fountains.
- Imagine – Arts gala showed expectations in our faculty.
- Good town hall session with the Dean.
- First major Frosh event this Friday.
- New website.

**Law – Clare Benton:**
- First year law students entered.
- Barbecues: RCMP checked them, then left.
- Lawyer representing Omar Khadr, the Canadian held at Guantanamo, came to talk.
- The law building may not be torn down soon if ever.

**GSS – Jason Penner:**
- Orientation was successful; information sessions packed; boat cruise.
- Handbook issued with a disclaimer.
- Special General Meeting coming up.

- **David Katz:**
  - Voter registration drive for American students.

- **Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes:**
  - Handbook controversy, covered in Globe and Mail, Province, Ubyssey; most popular handbook ever.

**Regent College – James Matichuk:** Orientation went well.

**Social Work – Brad Olsen:** Orientation. Trying to get more representation.

**Pharmacy – Richelle Schon:**
- Orientation/retreat.
- Changing elections to November.
- Pharmacy Awareness Week in March, connecting to the community.
- U-Pass: seeking eligibility for term when on rotation off campus.

**Commerce – Spenser Rocky:**
- Frosh, two days of activities, agendas flew off shelves (all gone).
- In Business Week now.

**Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith:** Welcome back/frosh.

**Science – Jamil Rhajiak:**
- New website.
- SUS execs information session.
- Planning a meet the dean town hall.
- Frosh went flawlessly; boat cruise.
- 80 students showed up for the first year committee.
Engineering – Chris McCann:
- Frosh went well.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Referendum coming for new building.

Medicine – Francine Ling:
- Welcomed new students, including ones on the satellite campuses (UNBC, UVic; one day there may also be some at UBCO).
- Want to encourage connectivity between the campuses.
- Want to expand their student recreation centre near the VGH.
- Able to get opt-ins for 3rd and 4th year students for U-Pass.

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

Board of Governors - Tim Blair: BoG committees meeting on Thursday.

Senate – Rob McLean: First meeting next week. Almost a brand new Senate.
Turnover for faculty, first time in three years. First student caucus meeting tomorrow.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

3. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Minutes of the Compensation Review Committee dated August 13, 2008
May 28, 2008 Council Minutes (resubmitted with notes)
July 30, 2008 Council minutes
In camera Council minutes July 9, 2008
In camera Council minutes July 30, 2008
Council Minutes dated August 20, 2008
In camera Council minutes August 20, 2008
Quarterly Report - President
Quarterly Report - VP Finance
Quarterly Report - Exec Coordinator Student Services

… Carried
Abstained: Avneet Johal

J) Executive Committee Motions:

4. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Subsidy Review Committee and New Funds’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Tristan Markle:
  o This Code amendment will create a mechanism for distributing SUB Renewal fee subsidies to students in financial need.
  o It will create one committee to handle both U-Pass and SUB Renewal subsidies.
  o Currently there's just two people doing U-Pass; this way there will be two each from SAC and the External office.
  o U-Pass used to be done by a committee, but Councillors weren't showing up, so it was moved to the External Commission.
  o Now it will be a committee again, with a Councillor, but also four others.
  o The U-Pass subsidy form will be used as a template for the SUB Renewal subsidy form.

- Matthew Naylor: One amalgamated form?
- Tristan Markle: Two separate forms, one administered by him, one by Stef.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

"Be it resolved that the AMS adopt the following priority principles for the federal election:

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   Student loan interest rate be reduced to prime
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   A dedicated Post Secondary transfer governed by a Post Secondary Education Act
   Grants without loans

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   Dedicated federal funding for housing
   Federal government to take responsibility for housing

3. Childcare- ‘take responsibility’
   Federal funding for childcare spaces

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Federal funding for mass transit infrastructure serving UBC students
Address problems of ‘dead areas’

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Solve problems of accreditation of foreign training and degrees

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Be it further resolved that an amount up to $10,000 from the External and University Lobbying and Advocacy Fund be authorized for expenditure on a federal election awareness campaign, emphasizing both increasing voter turnout among students, as well as the issues as recommended by the External Policy Committee."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

[Note: The last resolution clause was added at the meeting before debate commenced.]

- Stefanie Ratjen:
  - Federal election a bit of a surprise, given the law setting fixed election terms.
  - The External Policy Committee has come up with issues to focus on, based on existing AMS policy.
  - CASA, our federal representative, is not doing outreach anymore, so is sending no promotional material, unlike other years; they've decided against campaigning, which leaves us on our own, which is unfortunate.
  - Priorities:
    - Education shift, meaning to shift emphasis to postsecondary education by creating a dedicated federal transfer of funds for PSE and a dedicated PSE Act.
    - Grants currently tied to loans; we think this is problematic; they should be separate; students shouldn’t have to take a loan; and there should be more upfront money instead of credits.
    - Other issues not specifically education:
      - Housing: we want more initiatives from the federal government because students are having trouble finding affordable housing.
• Child care: we want more funding and more spaces.
• Transit: emphasis on under-served areas.
• Immigration, brain gain: issue of immigrants whose credentials are not acknowledged; qualified doctors etc. are working at jobs not reflective of their qualifications.
  o Funding: The AMS budget tentatively allocated $7000. In the past spending on federal campaigns has been as high as $29,000, though partly that was for a longer election campaign.
  o In addition to the $7000 already allocated, there’s a request for an additional $10,000 from the External Lobbying Fund.

- Avneet Johal asked about referring to “prime” instead of following the terminology used in the provincial lobbying document last February, which said the rate should be the same as the rate for government borrowing, plus administrative costs. Prime could be higher than that, and could include profit. This moves us away from past policy.

7. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That the word ‘prime’ be removed and replaced by: ‘the government cost of borrowing plus administrative costs’.”

- Matthew Naylor: Government cost is not relevant for federal loans because federal loans are still administered by the banks.
- Chris McCann: This will not make for a catchy slogan, and if it’s a small difference … We want to sell this on bus ads.
- Stefanie Ratjen: We could still come up with a catchy slogan.
- Tahara Bhate: We should fail this amendment and then amend to remove the reference to prime.

8. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That the word ‘prime’ be removed and replaced by: ‘the government cost of borrowing plus administrative costs’.”

...Defeated

9. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That the phrase ‘to prime” be removed.”

- Mitch Wright: Just to say the interest rate should be reduced is not a strong message. If “prime” is in, it's stronger.
- Avneet Johal asked what the policy was. We should follow policy.
- Adrienne Smith said neither references to “prime” nor to the government cost of borrowing are in the policy.

10. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JASON PENNER:
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... Defeated

11. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the words ‘at most’ be inserted before ‘prime’.”

- Avneet Johal: Governments should not be profiting on student loans.
- Tahara Bhate supported the amendment, saying it doesn’t anticipate policy.

12. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds  

... Carried

13. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

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... Carried

Abstained: Avneet Johal

- Alex Monegro: What does the reference to housing mean? Student housing? Housing near campus? In Chilliwack? It’s too broad.
- Stefanie Ratjen: Could specify affordable housing. We want the federal government to take a role.
- Alex Monegro: Why is immigration included? How does that affect our students?
- Spenser Rocky: On housing, the benefit would be for a huge amount of people, but the actual benefit to students would be minimal. It’s not an AMS issue. We should call for more student housing, or loans to students for housing.
- Stefanie Ratjen: If talking to the provincial government, yes, we’d say that, but for the federal government we’re looking to a broader basis. If housing has a general effect, it’s affecting students. It also affects access to UBC. We want to ensure there’s money in the social transfer earmarked for housing.
- Sonia Purewal: Students don’t just live on campus. We’re not just looking for another Gage Tower.
- Timothy Chu: We need to take a step back. Having foreign credentials recognized affects students’ parents and thus affects students’ lives.
- Clark Funnell: Obviously, students are people; we belong to that larger group. But we should focus on the subset of students.
- Matt Naylor: Housing was in our policies last year. Housing is a higher cost than tuition. Immigration and accreditation is also something we should care about; it affects the educational framework of this country.
- Avneet Johal: The housing wording gives us more scope to lobby the provincial government on housing.
- Spenser Rocky: Why don’t we talk about lowering food costs, then? Or having better health care?
- Stefanie Ratjen: For greater flexibility, she’d like to increase the $10,000 in the final clause to $13,000.

14. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That the dollar figure in the final clause be increased from $10,000 to $20,000.”

- Chris Diplock: The lobbying fund is for elections, and the election is only a month away. There won’t be time to come back for more money.
- Matthew Naylor: I don’t think we have the money. The fund will be depleted, and there are three elections coming up over the next eight months. We shouldn’t tie our hands for the provincial campaign, which is much more important.
- Alex Monegro: What was spent before? What will it do now?
- Stefanie Ratjen: It will be for voter outreach initiatives and issue-based campaigning: ads on TV, not that we’re going to focus on that; she’d rather see bus ads. And what we set up now could be a framework for the upcoming municipal election. There is a concern about the provincial campaign; $16,000 is allocated for it in the budget.
- Alex Monegro: What was done in the past?
- Stefanie Ratjen: In past years, there were posters, coverage in the media, campus events with candidates, social events, a beer garden for the federal leaders’ debate. It costs $750 for a quarter page ad, a significant cost. If you want a say in strategy, you can come to the strategy meetings.
- Chris McCann: Over how long period was that $29,000 spent? This is a quick campaign. We’ve got at least two more meetings before the election. You can come with a proposal for more money at a later meeting. He was not a fan of giving extra money just in case.
- Timothy Chu: We shouldn’t spend less money just because it’s a shorter campaign.
- Tahara Bhate said she was wary about going into our funds this much this early, with provincial and municipal elections coming.

15. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

Note; Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

16. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

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... Defeated
- Alex Lougheed asked about including copyright reform as an issue. It has implications for students. Why is it not up there?
- Stefanie Ratjen: The committee didn’t discuss this; discussions were more about general financial issues.

17. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the dollar figure in the final clause be raised from $10,000 to $13,000.”

…No objections

- Matt Naylor: But next time the total amount of money being requested should be on the agenda, along with the current unencumbered balance of the relevant fund.

18. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That the word ‘UBC’ be inserted before the word students.

…No objections

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

Abstained: Freeman Poritz

20. MOVED SONIA PUREWAL, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“Be it resolved that Maria Cirstea and Brian Commons (members at large) be appointed to the Equity Committee.

Be it resolved that Brad Olsen (Council member) be appointed to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee.”

Be it resolved that Rob McLean be appointed to the Student Advisory Committee to Gauge Student Feedback.”

…Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

21. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the allocation of an amount not to exceed $2,500 from CPAC to fund the purchase and security frame installation of a promotional LCD screen in the niche on the main concourse.”

Note: CPAC has an uncommitted balance of $590,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Michael Duncan said he had erred in not sending this motion to the Renovations Planning Group. The money is to purchase a replacement screen for the one that was stolen; we have a hole now where it was. We can send this back to Reno to go through the proper procedure or suspend Code to deal with it now.

22. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the following clause be added:

‘Be it further resolved that Council suspend the Code requiring that CPAC expenditures require prior committee approval.’”

... Carried

- Michael Duncan: The stolen screen was jimmied off after hours. This time the screen will be built into the wall. Nothing is 100%, but thieves would have to remove the wall this time. The money is for securing and purchasing the TV.
- Alex Lougheed: There’s a tradition of electronics being stolen. If it happens again, he’s not voting for it.
- Michael Duncan: It will be secure.
- Avneet Johal: Was this paid for last time from the President’s Fund?
- Chris Diplock: No, it was CPAC then too.

23. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

24. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO

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N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

P) Discussion Period

Liquor Policy

- Mike Kushnir (Radical Beer Faction):
  - The RCMP is stonewalling on liquor issues; they’re not approachable.
  - The RCMP is soliciting noise complaints from homeowners on campus.
  - This is an issue Council needs to discuss.
  - It’s not productive to go against the RCMP; what he’d like is a charter with the UNA and the RCMP, a unified liquor policy, and he’d like the AMS on board.

- Azim Wazeer: The RCMP said it was the UBC Administration that was seeking names of complainants.

- Mike Kushnir: Toope and Sullivan are concerned with our cause; they’re on our side.

- Azim Wazeer: It was UBC Security that was seeking names.

- Alex Lougheed said he’s having his AVP prepare a pamphlet on how to file a complaint against the RCMP.

- Dave Tompkins brought up the current AMS alcohol consumption policy.

- Avneet Johal said the RCMP had been helpful recently and asked what policy the Radical Beer Faction was proposing.

- Mike Kushnir: Our experiences have been much more negative. They don’t have a policy proposal yet; they want to work one out.

- Tyler Allison: The RBF wants a policy involving the AMS, UBC, the UNA, and the RCMP. They’re not asking the RCMP not to uphold the law, just for an understanding that the direction they’re pushing is unsafe and unhealthy. It forces students into residence rooms, unsafe environments. This is about casual social interactions involving alcohol. Let them be in licensed establishments, supervised. Responsible consumption. Don’t force it underground.

- Mike Kushnir: One problem is there’s no city council here.

- Avneet Johal asked about the number of licensed establishments on campus.

- Tyler Allison quoted the RCMP as saying 24, but that’s counting every licensed room in the SUB separately.

- Maayan Kreitzman commended the RBF, saying social and political engagement are connected.

- Andrew Carne wondered if it is legal for the RCMP to solicit complaints, and asked about filing complaints against the RCMP.

- Alex Lougheed said if you write a formal letter to them, they have to respond. Or you can file a complaint with the complaints commissioner.

- Chris McCann: We need to engage with the UNA; we have no ties to them. Most of them probably went to university; they were on campus once as students, but now they’re here on campus asking, “Why are these rowdy teenagers waking up the baby?” We have to show them...
we’re mature. They decided to move into a frat village and then they complain about noise. They did have an event last week; that was nice (free food). It was the first time he saw some community. We have to figure out ways to engage them.

- Mitch Wright asked about the number of incidents of fights, harassment, etc.
- Tyler Allison said that in all his time at the Arts County Fair there was one ambulance transport for a broken arm. Other than that, at all the beer gardens he’d run there’d been zero fights and zero ambulance transports. There was one sexual assault at a Mardi Gras.
- Dave Tompkins: Why aren’t we lobbying for special SOL’s for university meetings? Regular SOL’s are for weddings.
- Tyler Allison: SOL’s are in the Act, and nothing there says that they’re for weddings.
- Bijan Ahmadian: One key issue is the conduct of the RCMP. People should file complaints. And it would be a good idea to get special SOL’s for universities.
- Rob McLean: Ads for new housing at UBC didn’t mention that it would be on campus and near bus routes, or beside a frat house. We should tell UBC. People have been misled.
- Alex Monegro: Where are we going with this? What action are we taking?
- Dave Tompkins: Alex Lougheed is the liaison for us.
- Rob McLean: We could pass a motion.
- Matthew Naylor: If we’re making policy, let’s make it properly.

Social Activity

- Michael Duncan: There’s been a question about the item Social Activity at the end of every Council agenda. It doesn’t really happen, just some of us go to the Pit. Do people want to have non-alcoholic activities?
- Chris Diplock: There could be social activities other than going to the Pit
- Dave Tompkins said this agenda item originated with an attempt to add “boat races” to the agenda; that got changed to “social activity.”

Discussion petered out around 9:30 pm without a formal adjournment.

Q) Submissions:
   Code & Policy Report
   Code amendments - SUB Renew Reimbursement

R) Next Meeting:
   September 24, 2008

S) Adjournment:

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Gary Andraza (VST), Sarah Chung (Ubyssey), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Stephanie Findlay (Ubyssey), Mike Brown (AMS Tutoring), Devenne Drege (AMS Assistant VP Academic), Bensen Lee (Social Work), Jeremy Wood (Arts), Max Unger (Member at Large), Mike Silley (Arts member at large), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Raj Mathur (Music), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Mike Carlson (Assistant to the President), Blake Frederick (AVP External), Darren “it’s my last meeting” Peets, Marie Earl (Alumni Affairs), Neal Yonson (GSS/Athletics), Joanne Pickford (Administrative Assistant), Ross Horton (General Manager), Adrienne Smith (Policy Advisor)

1. Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Jason Penner, Helaine Boyd, Timothy Chu and Rory Green be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

2. MOVED HELAINE BOYD, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

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

E) Executive Remarks:

Jacqueline Bell (ECSS):
• Supporting and meeting Coordinators.
• Speakeasy and Safewalk training went well.
• Minischool registration on-line for the first time this year, and it worked out very well.
• Residence tutoring, engineering tutoring, and tutoring at Irving K. Barber all busy.
• Equity facilitator training is finishing up; workshops maybe next week.

D) President’s Remarks (Mike Duncan):
• Article in Ubyssey about name change: he’s pushing forward on that; a survey is going out.
• Councillor bios: still missing a few; please submit.
• AMS-UBC meetings going well. Byron Braley has left the University; his replacement, Sam Wong, is meeting with us.
• Corporal Worsley has left.
• CPG just met, looked at SUB directories, the name, advertising.
• UBC Campus and Community Planning made a presentation to the Executive on Monday.
• Primary Appointments is working on hiring officers for Student Court. Some awesome applicants. Will be bringing recommendations for Council to approve in two weeks.
• SUB Renew: Working with AMS Affinity Group for an event combined with the AMS Great Trekker Award.
• Five Undergraduate Society presidents attended a meeting to discuss issues; plan to do this every two weeks.

E) Executive Remarks:

Tristan Markle (VP Admin):
• Noted the meeting was taking place on unceded Coast Salish territory.
• Political clubs are excited; working out issues with them.
• Chinese Varsity Club has been in the media over their video, which prompted complaints. CVC has been accommodating, seeking to make amends, issued an apology; we’re focusing on education in this situation; working with the Equity Office.
• It’s important to have grassroots equity representatives to deal with these issues early.
• SUB Renew:
  o We’re within a week of a draft lease. We’re drafting the lease, which we thought was important. UBC is drafting the financing agreement, which is reasonable since they’re doing the financing.
  o We shortlisted for programmer, voted 8-0 n favour of one of the firms, but we’re still negotiating the agreement, so it’s not appropriate to name them yet.
• Working on water fountains in the basement and fixtures for filling water.

Alex Lougheed (VP Academic):
• CRAM went national, but not as smoothly as hoped.
• Working on a pamphlet on how to make complaints against the RCMP.
• Meetings about NCAA and Main Campus Plan.
• Three options on the campus plan (involving capital projects, student housing):
  o centralized, around University Boulevard
  o nodes
  o status quo, expanding towards the farm
• Elections Administrator interviews shortly.
• Teaching evaluations.
• Bookstore Advisory Committee: renting textbooks considered.

Chris Diplock (VP Finance):
• Fincom: Michelle Yuen (AVP Finance) resigned, job posted.
• Impacts: First eco-friendly day tomorrow.
• Waste audit RFP closing Friday; will choose an audit company.
• Discussing an energy audit with Geoff Atkins and the UBC Sustainability Office.
• Still waiting for compost bins.
• BOC:
  o free range eggs in the outlets
  o styrofoam cups being phased out
• FarmAde this Friday: great bands, food.
• IPF:
  o working on advertising it
  o arranging what to send to VP Students
  o November 7 deadline

Stefanie Ratjen (VP External):
• Federal election consuming her life, but also first screening held for Cinema Politica (with Student Environment Centre) last night; free documentary screenings every Tuesday.
• Election:
  o We give a lot of money to our federal lobbying organization, CASA, but they’re not campaigning.
  o Meeting federal candidates.
  o Events: a local candidates’ debate tomorrow.
  o Federal leaders’ debate/Pit night on Thursday.
  o Get out and vote advertising on buses, in Ubyssey, 24 Hours, stickers.
  o Survey to candidates: results in Ubyssey.
  o Voter information on website.
  o Three polling stations on campus (Acadia Park, Place Vanier, Gage).

F) Committee Reports:
  Coordinators and Assistants Appointments Committee (Jacqueline Bell):
  • Everyone is hired.
  
  Campus Safety (Alex Lougheed):
  • Has not met.
  
  Impacts and BOC (Chris Diplock):
  • As in his report.
  
  Campus Events Committee (Jamil Rhajiak)
  • Will meet soon.
  
  Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee (Mitch Wright):
  • Just met.
  • Discussing a non-voting seat on Council for First Year students.
• Discussing using single transferable voting at Council for voting on nominees for positions on committees.

**Voter Funded Media (aka Turbo Democracy) (Matt Naylor):**
• Met once in summer.
• Doesn’t need to meet anymore: Mark Latham is running Voter Funded Media again.

G) **Constituency Reports:**

Arts - Avneet Johal:
• Looking for ways to get first years involved.
• Met the dean about plans for the Buchanan courtyard.
• Buchanan B renovations: hoping to get water fountains and water refilling stations and maybe let students put artwork on walls.

Law – Clare Benton:
• AGM.
• Another $1 million for the Law Building.
• Choosing team for Law Games.

GSS – Marc Faktor:
• Awarded created in honour of Darren Peets.
• November 6 SGM.

- David Katz:
  • Referring to on-line comments by Blake Frederick, he said that outsiders taking positions on GSS internal issues can cause controversy.

Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith:
• Reception with Faculty and Administration.
• Boat cruise.
• HKin Games in Lethbridge.

Science – Jamil Rhajiak:
• First year meetings getting great attendance.
• Getting vending machines.
• Trying to get rid of bottled water.
• A dry retreat at Whistler.

Engineering – Chris McCann:
• Looking into new building.
• Party with RBF October 3.

VST – Rob McRudden:
• Conspiring to bring peace, charity, and the love of Jesus Christ into the world.

Regent – James Matichuk:
• Soul Tech workshop on technology and life.
• Laing lecture will feature an Old Testament scholar.
• Art Gallery exhibit: feminist approach to the Holocaust.

Social Work – Brad Olsen:
• Pub night. Clothing drives.

Library/Archival – Stephen Russo.

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

Board of Governors: N/A

Senate: Rob McLean:
• University Senate is looking into equity policy, following the lead of the AMS.
• Blake Frederick ran for vice-chair of the Senate and did very well, but lost.

AMS Ombudsperson, Karen Ko (read by Alex Lougheed):
The beginning of this term has seen a fair amount of activity in the Ombuds Office. After opening a batch of new cases in the beginning of September, the office has been occupied resolving these new and previously on-going cases. Since the last Council meeting I have closed two cases, one which regarded faculty requirements and another involving Housing and Conferences. Additionally, after working with a client for the past few weeks I have referred the case to the Advocacy Office.

I have continued to work on several other cases, which now involve not only the Disability Resource Centre and Crane Library but the Equity Office as well. Currently the Office is dealing with five open cases. The past few weeks have seen a steady number of drop-in clients who have requested advice and resources regarding a variety of issues. Of these drop-ins I have made a number of referrals to additional services on campus including the Advocacy Office, Student Services and the Equity Office.

C) Presentations to Council:

NCAA Presentation – Marie Earl (Alumni Affairs)

Marie Earl:
• She was tasked with looking into the NCAA issue.
• A review committee was set up.
• Consultations are underway.
• Started with focus groups; now stakeholders (athletes); tomorrow student leaders.
• There’s been a low response from student leaders (Senators, AMS Executives, GSS Executives); have expanded now to contact Constituency presidents.
• We’ve been invited to join NCAA Division 2.
• We have to let the NCAA know our decision by spring, and could have UBC athletes competing by July.
Feedback has been all over the place:
  - coaches are generally favourable
  - student athletes generally favourable
  - faculty members all over the place
  - deans reluctant, saying other things are more important, and there’s a slippery slope to NCAA Division 1, and then balancing athletics and academics might be an issue
  - rank and file faculty are more divided.

Haven’t really addressed the impact on the recreational student athlete.

Questions

Mike Duncan:
  - Focusing on athletes in the consultation is a concern. It seems to be a top down process and it’s not clear how much the broad community has been involved.
  - Fundraising is an issue. With a $75 million target, this will affect non-varsity scholarships and the rest of the university.

Marie Earl: Donors who give to athletics give to athletics plus. There’s a major plan, now in a quiet phase, to raise $1.5 billion. $75 million for athletics is ambitious, but doable.

Mike Duncan: The $1.5 billion is not guaranteed.

Marie Earl: Athletics still wants to raise the money. It would be better in the context of a $1.5 billion campaign. If there’s a link to the NCAA, that’s more attractive to donors.

Chris McCann asked if the alumni have been surveyed.

Marie Earl: We’re just going into the field now.

Tristan Markle asked about the risks involved with joining the NCAA.

Marie Earl:
  - The benefits include strengthening opportunities for student athletes, more financial aid, better competition, keeping athletes in Canada, enhancing student pride, enhancing the profile of UBC.
  - The cons: Pressure to join Division 1(or is that a pro?), though there’s a moratorium on that till 2011; unCanadian to compete in US; effect on competition in Canada if UBC and SFU leave; pressure to win too great in NCAA; increased travel expenses and funding for athletic scholarships; academics set off against athletics; lots of rules.

Tristan Markle asked about the composition of the review committee.

Marie Earl: Two faculty, four students, one alum, one from Athletics.

Stefanie Ratjen raised the issue of the shortfall in government funding and the turn to private sources.

Marie Earl said that might be beyond the scope of her committee. In the long run, it may be advisable to put more emphasis on private philanthropy because it is more secure than government funding. Stanford raised $1 billion from private sources. She also said that on the recreation issue, the aim would be to make funding be for recreational athletes as well.

Jamil Rhajiak noted the lack of pride and spirit at Thunderbird games. He didn’t see the potential NCAA Division 2 schools as increasing school spirit. He’d rather see UBC play UVic or the U of Alberta.
Marie Earl: There are fewer people at our sports events than at high school games in the U.S. She’s personally undecided on whether joining the NCAA is a good way to increase spirit.

Stephen Russo asked about the rationale for joining.

Marie Earl: There’s a philosophical argument that not everyone embraces: education happens outside the classroom, and if we try for the best physics department and the best student government, we should also try for the best performance environment for student athletics. That’s what Athletics says. Schools in Ontario don’t buy this at all.

David Katz: Is it true that the American SAT test will be required to be eligible for the NCAA?

Marie Earl: Yes, and at the student expense.

Lindsey Smith asked about the hockey situation, as there is no hockey in Division 2.

UBC could compete independently but not for a championship.

Lindsey Smith asked about keeping athletes in Canada. By offering them more money?

Marie Earl: Paying their tuition, expenses.

Matthew Naylor wondered about improving engagement through athletics and suggested that athletics might be at the expense of student engagement; he expressed concern about sports being the only thing to unite students.

Marie Earl said she didn’t see us getting to that. The NCAA was interested in UBC because of UBC’s high academic standards.

Rory Green asked about football rules.

Marie Earl: We would have to comply with U.S. rules.

Alex Lougheed said the financial information in the booklet handed out was out of date.

Marie Earl: Yes, it was the latest published data we could get. The average annual cost of a Division 2 sports program would be more like $3.8 million, not the $2.7 in the booklet.

Avneet Johal asked whether students were involved in the focus groups.

Marie Earl: The focus groups were audience specific. One was for students, one for coaches, etc. There were also stakeholder meetings.

Avneet Johal: How were the students chosen?

Neal Yonson: The focus was on the students most affected: the student athletes.

Marie Earl: Blake Frederick was at one session as a student senator.

Avneet Johal: The entire university is a stakeholder. Who are the students on the committee?

Neal Yonson: Two athletes and two who are not.

Mike Duncan:
  - Re costs, he’d like to see the most recent figures.
  - NCAA Division 2 will not bring what Division 1 would bring.
  - What is the best way to get the word out for consultation?

Marie Earl: Flood the website, flood the forms. We’re doing a quantitative count.
Athletics Presentation - Neil Yonson (student member of the University Athletics Council) and Mike Duncan

- Neil Yonson:
  - Students pay almost as much as the general public to use UBC athletic facilities, even though students also pay $207 in mandatory athletics and recreation fees.
  - On top of the $207, students have to pay additional fees for intramurals, the bird coop, etc.
  - Meanwhile Athletics is running a surplus which they are using to fund capital projects, meaning that they are charging students more to build facilities.
  - This year athletic fees and bird coop fees are up, so the surplus is up too.
  - It’s over-priced, a rip-off. There’s also a lack of transparency.
  - At other schools, access to the gym is included in the annual fees, and their annual fees are not higher than ours.
  - The bird coop fee is $248 a year, compared to $67 at UVic.
  - **We need a significant decrease in the bird coop fee.**
  - Students have limited access to facilities; outside groups book, and some weeks in the summer there is not a single hour for students.
  - It seems Athletics would rather keep the War Memorial Gym empty than let students use it.
  - At the Aquatic Centre there is no free access outside of class hours; Athletics tried to shut down the Aquatic Centre gym not so long ago, but had to reverse course after protests.
  - **We need increased access to facilities.**
  - UBC Rec is over-priced: on top of the annual $207 in athletic fees, it costs $85-$175 per team to join; it costs $60 for a Storm the Wall team.
  - **We need lower user fees.**
  - There’s been an increase in fees, but no increase in service. We can’t determine where the money goes: Recreation versus Varsity versus Facilities. The usual figure cited is $4 to Varsity for every $1 to Rec.
  - There are 500 Varsity athletes and 44,000 other students.
  - Capital projects go ahead without consultation.
  - We would like a detailed breakdown of where the money goes.
  - At SFU the annual fee is half ours, and there’s no charge for intramurals or the gym.
  - **We get very low value for our money.**

- Mike Duncan: We want to solicit feedback from students, asking them what improvements they’d like, and we want to prepare a report on the state of athletics and to lobby Athletics and UBC.

- Neal Yonson: UBC Athletics is Number 1 in the country in charging fees. We have the most expensive gym membership fee ($248) and overall students who pay that on top of the mandatory $207 are paying $455.

Questions

- Alex Lougheed asked if Bob Philip, the Director of Athletics at UBC Vancouver, controls UBCO Athletics.
- Marie Earl: No, there’s a close working relationship, but autonomy.
- Alex Lougheed: Have we asked Athletics for a breakdown?
• Mike Duncan: Several times. Sophia Haque (VP Finance, 2006-07) tried; she finally received something but was told she couldn't distribute it.
• Alex Lougheed: We could FOI that. Re the Aquatic Centre, our fee gets us access because we built it.
• Mike Duncan: There's an agreement between us and Athletics which guarantees us free time.
• Neal Yonson: Part of the fee is earmarked for the Aquatic Centre.
• Alex Lougheed: Some UBC students go to SFU to use the gym there because it is free.
• Clare Benton: At Gold's Gym there are no Varsity athletes around. Our services are dominated by Varsity athletes.
• Helaine Boyd asked if we can opt out of the fee.
• Mike Duncan: No.
• Dave Tompkins said he had just been sent a copy of the Athletics budget submitted to the Board of Governors.
• Rob McRudden: The UBCO weight room is just a closet. They shouldn't charge money for it.
• Marc Faktor: At York $10 gives you access to a massive gym.
• Clark Funnell asked whether tracks are all from Athletics.
• Mike Duncan: No, some are from Properties Trust and other sources.
• Darren Peets:
  o There's not much oversight of Athletics; it's an ancillary and only makes annual reports to the Board; there's no student oversight.
  o Governance of Athletics may be the issue to address.
  o Until a few years ago, capital projects were student initiatives paid for by AMS fee increases approved in student referendums. Now there's just an increase in the Athletics and Recreation Fee, and they build whatever Bob wants.
• Blake Frederick: The surplus is a contingency for the Thunderbird Sports Arena, according to Brian Sullivan, but Vanoc and private fundraising are supposed to pay for it.
• Mike Duncan: They plan to fundraise, but if they don't, this money will be used.
• Alex Lougheed: Bob Philip has a five or 20-year plan to expand athletics space by half.
• Neal Yonson: The Field House Tennis Centre. Bob has a wish list. He says Varsity needs more support.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

3. MOVED CLAIRE BENTON, SECONDED JAMIL RHAJIAK:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Council Minutes dated September 10, 2008
Minutes of the Oversight Committee dated June 19, 2008
Minutes of the Oversight Committee dated July 17, 2008.”

... Carried
J) Executive Committee Motions:

4. MOVED JACQUELINE BELL, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the allocation of an amount not to exceed $1,800 from the Student Services Fund to purchase a new server for Tutoring.”

Note: The Social Services Fund currently has an unencumbered balance of $173,345.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jacqueline Bell: The Tutoring server broke, and they’ll need a new one.
- Avneet Johal: Why did it break?
- Jacqueline Bell: It was seven years old.

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6. MOVED JACQUELINE BELL, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the allocation of an amount not to exceed $5,000 from the Student Services Fund to hire an additional math tutor.”

Note: The Social Services Fund currently has an unencumbered balance of $173,345.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jacqueline Bell said there had been so much demand for math tutoring that the lines had been super long. There’s a need for a new tutor, who would work four nights a week.
- Stefanie Ratjen asked what the wage would be.
- Jacqueline Bell: $13/hour for a first year tutor; more for someone with experience.

7. MOVED JACQUELINE BELL, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:
“That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the allocation of an amount not to exceed $5,000 from the Student Services Fund to hire an additional math tutor.”

Note: The Social Services Fund currently has an unencumbered balance of $173,345.

Note: Requires 2/3rds   ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED WILL DAVIS, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That Clark Funnell be appointed to the UBC Teaching Lab Improvement Committee (TLIC).”

... Carried

9. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That Avneet Johal and Jamil Rhajiak (Council members) and Anthony Smith (Student at large) be appointed to the Innovative Project Fund Committee.”

... Carried

10. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Compensation Review Committee the remuneration for the SUB Renewal Coordinator be raised to $12,000 per annum.”

Note: The remuneration was previously set at $7,500.

- Alex Lougheed: This is an Executive Project Officer position, to be renewed annually by Council. Tristan has been having trouble retaining people for it; someone accepted, then dropped it. This doesn’t tie us for the future.
- Tristan Markle: The Sustainability Coordinator has the same compensation.

11. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Compensation Review Committee the remuneration for the SUB Renewal Coordinator be raised to $12,000 per annum.”

Note: The remuneration was previously set at $7,500.   ... Carried
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

12. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, Council approve the expenditure of up to $3,600 to replace the lighting in the corridor by Blue Chip from the SUB Management Fund.”

Note: The SUB Management Fund has a balance of $72,842.

- Chris Diplock:
  - The corridor is very darkly lit; it conforms to the minimum standards set by code, but you can’t see your coffee.
  - BOC and Reno have both looked at it.
  - It will brighten the corridor and bring people in.
  - Budget breakdown: $2000 for new fixtures, $850 for labour, $550 for painting. Plus GST.
- Matthew Naylor: Funding allocations should be on the agenda.
- Avneet Johal: Was the type of light bulb looked at from the point of view of sustainability?
- Chris Diplock: They will be compact fluorescent and of high quality.

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... Carried

P) Discussion Period

Chevron Refinery

- Marc Faktor said he had been approached by an individual looking for student support over a health concern in Burnaby related to a catalytic converter that had exploded near Burrard Inlet, sending silica dust into the air.
- Adrienne Smith said this was the pet project of the Burnaby MP. The Simon Fraser Student Society might also be interested.

L) Committee Motions:

14. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:
"That on the recommendation of the Compensation Review Committee Code Section V, Article 9 be amended to make the following changes:

- The name of the Compensation Review Committee shall be changed to Appointee Resources Committee.
- There shall be four instead of three Council members on it, but no Students at Large (instead of the current two).
- The Human Resources Manager rather than the Policy Advisor shall be the staff member invited to attend meetings.
- The scope of the committee shall be broadened so that it will make recommendations not just concerning financial compensation but "to create, remove or change the terms of employment for persons holding elected or appointed positions in the Society."
- The committee will report by January 30 instead of March 15, and its report will include recommendations for "changes to the terms of employment" for persons in elected and appointed positions (rather than just for financial compensation).

- Alex Lougheed:
  o The mandate of the Compensation Review Committee has been to look at salaries, but there are other issues that need someone to look into, such as: Who creates new jobs? Who has the authority to set hours? The HR Manager wants clarity on these issues.
  o These amendments would broaden the committee’s mandate so that it will deal with terms of employment generally and not just financial compensation, and the name change is to indicate this change in mandate.
  o These changes are coming out of a meeting yesterday of the committee attended by himself and Chris Diplock. The HR Manager has been informed and likes the changes; Chris is on the fence on some of them.

- Chris Diplock: He’s not sure about eliminating Students at Large.

- Stefanie Ratjen: Moving the report date to January 30 puts it during the election campaign. And she wondered about restricting committee composition to Council members since the committee was having trouble getting Council members to attend.

- Alex Lougheed: He thought it inappropriate to have members at large dealing with internal and management-related matters; they lack accountability. It’s a human resources and management function.

- Stefanie Ratjen: But if Council members don’t want to join this committee and there’s interest from a member at large … Also, the HR Manager is here only half the year.

- Alex Lougheed: The rest of the year the committee will meet without the HR Manager.

- Stefanie Ratjen: Maybe the Policy Adviser the rest of the year.

- Avneet Johal: Who was doing this before?

- Alex Lougheed: It used to be only the VP Academic, but now hiring responsibility has been divided up more equally and it’s been rather ad hoc. This would clarify things. Only this committee would have the authority.

- Mike Duncan: No one does this now. It’s ambiguous.
• Andrew Carne suggested the name should include the phrase Human Resources.
• Alex Lougheed: We don’t deal with all human resources.

15. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That the name of the committee be changed to the “People Committee.”

... Defeated

16. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That Motion 14 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee and that the committee report back at the next Council meeting.”

• Avneet Johal: No need for that. There are not that many issues to decide.
• Alex Lougheed: We can reopen the name discussion another time.
• Darren Peets: We have other committees with stupid names.

17. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“That Motion 14 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee and that the committee report back at the next Council meeting.”

... Defeated

Dave Tompkins suggested Council move into Committee of the Whole to examine the proposed amendments.

Suggestions during Committee of the Whole:

• Change the name of the Compensation Review Committee to the Appointee Resource Committee.
• Stefanie Ratjen suggested adding one member at large.
• Mike Duncan said that would be a reduction in the number of members at large on the committee, but it would not deal with the objection that there shouldn’t be any.
• A straw poll on whether to have 4-0 (four Council members and no Students at Large) or 3-2 (three Council and 2 at large) ended in a tie.
• Jacqueline Bell suggested adding the ECSS as a voting member because the committee will deal with the Services.
• It was suggested the ECSS could be added as a non-voting member; the ECSS doesn’t vote on other committees.
• Mike Duncan said staff don’t vote.
• Alex Lougheed said the ECSS should not be on the committee at all.
• Two votes showed support for the ECSS being on the committee as a non-voting, but not a voting member.
• The suggestion that the Policy Advisor be added as a second staff person was defeated.
• A suggestion was made that the General Manager be added. Ross Horton said the General Manager does not interact with these positions. Chris Diplock said the General Manager does deal with employees.
• Sheldon Goldfarb suggested that the Speaker might entertain another motion to refer.

18. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That Motion 14 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee and that the committee report back at the next Council meeting.”

... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

19. TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated August 18, 2008
Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated August 25, 2008
Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated September 2, 2008.”

... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

P) Discussion Period

Name Change – Matt Naylor

• Matt Naylor said he was cross after reading the Ubyssey article saying the AMS was looking into a name change for itself, adding:
  o Council should be consulted before there is a name change.
  o Council didn’t deserve to find out about this through the media.
  o As the Ubyssey said, a name change is a waste of time.
  o Changing our name would remove our heritage and not increase engagement.
  o The AMS at Queen’s has the best engagement in the country.
• Mike Duncan:
  o This has been discussed at CPG (the Communications Planning Group) and at the Executive multiple times.
  o He’s pretty sure he showed Council the questions being sent out to students concerning a name change.
  o There were some errors in the newspaper article on how far we’ve got with the process.
  o The point is not about the name, but about whether students know about us.
  o The aim is to find out if this is a concern to students.
• Matt Naylor: Some CPG members had no idea about this. There are issues about whether Council was consulted properly.
• Chris Diplock: If members didn’t attend CPG meetings, did they try to catch up?
• Matt Naylor: If meetings are scheduled when a member can't attend, that’s not right.
• Chris McCann said he was surprised to see it on the front page of the newspaper. He would definitely have preferred to hear about it beforehand.
• Kelli Seepaul: We have tried to change times to deal with scheduling issues. When we know someone can’t attend at a certain time, we address that.
• Avneet Johal:
  o Matt’s view is understandable.
  o Did the newspaper exaggerate?
  o Was there a lack of communication to Council?
  o It’s important that Mike is speaking to the Ubyssey.
  o The Executive has heard the concern that Council has; both sides understand the importance of getting things out to Council.
  o He was more upset with the Ubyssey saying Council doesn’t do various things that it does do.

20. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL, THIRDED JASON PENNER:

“That the meeting go In Camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 9:27 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:42

21. MOVED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Failed for lack of seconder

22. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“Be it resolved that the AMS recognize the contribution of Darren Peets (aka the Fire Hydrant) to the AMS and the University.”

“Be it further resolved that Michael Duncan buy Darren Peets many, many pitchers of beer.”

... Carried

Abstained: Darren Peets

Q) Submissions:

Quarterly Report - VP Administration

R) Next Meeting:

October 8, 2008

S) Adjournment:
23. MOVED LINDSEY SMITH, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

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Guests: Adrienne Smith (Policy), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Raj Mathur (Music), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Stephanie Findlay (Ubyssey-News), Paul Bucci (Ubyssey), ELR Billingsly (Resource Groups), Ed Durgan, (Friends of the Farm), Mark Bomford (UBC), Sarah Chung (At-large), Gerry McGeough (UBC Campus and Community Planning), Cathy Pasion (Campus and Community Planning), Mike Carlson (AMS President’s Assistant), Neal Yonson (student member of University Athletics Council), Blake Frederick (AVP External)

1. Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Helaine Boyd, Timothy Chu, Joel Mertens, and Michael Duncan were appointed as the Equity Representatives for the meeting.

1. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.”

- Alex Monegro suggested that because of the heavy agenda, it might be advisable simply to pass a motion now to extend the meeting indefinitely rather than waiting until 10 pm, but others thought this unnecessary.

2. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.”

... Withdrawn

2. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO:

That the meeting be extended indefinitely.

3. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

**UBC Farm Presentation – Tristan Markle and Mark Bomford**

- Mark Bomford:
  - There’s always been a farm for teaching and research.
  - It was formerly a large place, but there’s been downsizing.
  - The current version of the farm is the product of student vision and initiative: what was a couple of Agriculture students in 1999, by 2007 had become 41 courses and 2200 students connecting theory and practice.
It is interdisciplinary, not just for agriculture courses. Food is a cross-cutting issue related to sustainability. There are three spheres:
- Students/learning
- Research
- Serving the community

There are a hundred different projects underway; fast growth. The farm is in South Campus and inside what is called Future Housing Reserve. There are 12 hectares of mature forest and 12 hectares of cleared area, including cultivated areas. The Land & Food faculty is recommending 8 hectares for the farm; this after a limited academic and stakeholder consultation and not considering community needs.

4. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

"Whereas the AMS carries an existing policy, passed September 13 2006, outlining the academic and community value of the UBC Farm and resolving ‘that the AMS lobby the University to ensure that the Farm remains an integral learning and community component of the South Campus’; and

Whereas the UBC Farm soils have been improved over decades to make them readily available for cultivation, and any re-location effort would set the Farm back decades; and

Whereas a plurality of ecological niches and services are required for the diversity of the UBC Farm’s research and community programs; and

Whereas the uncertain future of the UBC Farm has impeded internal and external fund-raising initiatives and has hampered the expansion of research and community programs; and

Whereas efforts to secure the future of the UBC Farm exhaust its resources and limit its ability to organize programs or engage in long-term planning; and

Whereas a temporary moratorium on development would only continue this state of uncertainty; and

Whereas the AMS believes that Student Housing and the UBC Farm are mutually reinforcing pillars of the University’s Sustainability Strategy,

Therefore, be it resolved that the UBC Farm land-base, 12 hectares cleared land and surrounding forest buffer, be secured at no less than its current size.

Be it further resolved that the UBC Farm be secured in its current location on South Campus.

Be it further resolved that the AMS call on UBC to immediately secure the future of the UBC Farm by taking the following actions:
a) commit to preserving the Farm in its current location at no less than its current size (12 hectares cleared land and surrounding forest buffer) through the Main Campus Plan

b) commit to changing the Farm’s Official Community Plan (OCP) designation from “Future Housing Reserve” to “The UBC Farm.”

c) facilitate interdisciplinary use of the Farm, as well as dedicating funding, through UBC’s Strategic Planning process and through UBC’s budget process.

Be it further resolved that the AMS oppose in general the concept of trade-off between Student Housing and the UBC Farm as presented in the Vancouver Campus Plan (VCP) process, and oppose in particular housing developments on the UBC Farm as presented in VCP options 1 & 2.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tristan Markle noted the four key points of the resolution part of the motion:
  - That the farm stay the same size (at least 12 hectares)
  - That it stay in its current location
  - That its future be secured through three steps:
    - working through the Main Campus Plan
    - changing the area’s designation
    - strategic planning
  - That the farm and student housing both be recognized as important so that it won’t be necessary to trade off one against the other.

- Alex Monegro asked how seriously moving the farm would set it back.

- Mark Bomford: At least a decade. Original clearing took place 1966-75; no planting could take place till 1976.

- Alec Monegro: Could the most important projects not be done if the farm shrunk to 8 hectares?

- Mark Bomford: There’s a continuum of different uses requiring different sizes; on 8 hectares it’s more difficult to have an integrated farm system.

- Alex Monegro asked about the three most important current farm projects.

- Mark Bomford singled out three of about 100 projects:
  - urban aboriginal kitchen garden project (500 aboriginal residents from the Downtown Eastside come cultivate vegetables; linked to cultural programs);
  - free range poultry research (animal welfare; finding new breeds of outdoor chickens);
  - land and learning project (hundreds of schoolchildren every year).

- Tahara Bhate asked why this is all coming up now. Is there a final plan?

- Tristan Markle: The VCP is coming up in mid-October.

- Tahara Bhate asked if the biosciences reserve was part of the farm.

- Mark Bomford: It’s not part.

- Ed Durgan asked about the source of the antagonism over the farm.

- Mark Bomford cited differences in vision and paradigm, adding:
  - A farm requires an integrated eco-system.
  - Its boundaries are not as clear as for a building.
  - The situation is difficult, messy, and may be difficult to resolve.
There’s been some misrepresentation of the integrated nature of the landscape.

But he wanted to commend UBC for opening up a dialogue.

- Alex Lougheed asked about recent growth.
- Mark Bomford: All numbers are up, including the number of visitors, sales revenue from produce, volunteer commitment. The number of students has risen from 100 in 1999 to 2200 now. The farm has entered public discussion in the last five years.
- Alex Lougheed asked about the current state of affairs.
- Mark Bomford: The uncertainty and contentiousness have done a disservice to the program. It’s undermined efforts to get grants, donations, etc.
- Alex Monegro asked for comparisons with other universities.
- Mark Bomford said there are different types of university farms, those integrating teaching and research and those focusing on just teaching or research. Teaching farms are smaller; research farms larger. UC Santa Cruz is similar to UBC’s farm: some research, mostly teaching, 12 hectares. UC Davis is purely a research farm: 5000 hectares. Yale is just an urban garden: 1 hectare. We want a relevant field scale, replicating how food is grown in the real world. The average farm in the Lower Mainland is 16 hectares.
- Max Unger asked about engaging Metro Vancouver.
- Mark Bomford: The response from the wider community has been overwhelming. The challenge is taking that support (from the agricultural sector, from restaurants) and using it in a respectful way. The idea is to reframe to benefit everybody and reflect all stakeholders’ interests.

5. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the motion be laid on the table.”

... No objections

C) Presentations to Council:

**UBC Public Realm – Gerry McGeough (University Architect) and Cathy Pasion**

[SCD138-09]

- Gerry McGeough:
  - The Board of Governors has tasked them with this project, and it is hoped a final plan can go back to the Board in January.
  - They are seeking AMS participation in two demonstration projects.
  - Public Realm means outdoor spaces, the physical landscape and how it is animated, enhancing our experience.
  - Areas on campus are in appalling condition, needing repair or looking bleak or even being dangerous.
  - Improving the campus is important, given the changing approach to learning: the use of laptops encourages a move out of lecture halls.
  - More public transit use now than before (50% coming by public transit); more walking.
o Need places for relaxation and recreation to create a safe and healthy campus, a mentally healthy campus.

o Students often choose a university based on their impression of the campus.

o Issues being considered:
  ▪ Main Mall and University Boulevard
  ▪ Pedestrian pathways
  ▪ Outdoor informal learning
  ▪ Large commons: the library, SUB North Plaza, Fairview Square
  ▪ Gateways to campus, a sense of arrival lacking now

o Seeking to create a steering committee including an AMS representative.

o Two projects already underway: Buchanan Courtyard and Fairview Square.

Questions

- Mike Duncan suggested having a GSS rep as well as someone from the AMS.
- Blake Frederick asked about cost.
- Gerry McGeough: $35 million. Lean and mean.
- Andrew Carne asked about funding.
- Gerry McGeough: This is being worked on; three sources: IIC (Infrastructure Impact Charge); Development Office fundraising; Endowment requests.
- Andrew Carne asked about the policy on the environment around new buildings.
- Gerry McGeough: Landscape is always the last thing considered. It’s left to contingency funds and then no landscaping gets done. This project is looking to assign a percentage to landscaping.
- Andrew Carne asked about an engineering clause.
- Gerry McGeough mentioned the new Centre for Engineering Design.
- Alex Lougheed asked about Plant Ops and fitting future maintenance into the projects.
- Gerry McGeough said there is an expectation of this for new buildings, though not for old ones. The aim is to involve Plant Ops early and make sure new spaces are easy to maintain.
- Aaron Warbinek noted that in rainy Vancouver people are not actually outside that much with their laptops.
- Gerry McGeough talked about possible rain protection, including pathways close to building edges and extended canopies.
- Aaron Warbinek asked about trolley bus routes.
- Gerry McGeough said that was a separate issue, in the University Boulevard plan.
- Stefanie Ratjen asked about government funding.
- Gerry McGeough: There is enthusiasm in the Development Office. Talk of $10 or $20 million.
- Stefanie Ratjen asked if this initiative would lead to greater reliance on government funding.
• Gerry McGeough said no government funding is being sought for this project.
• Ed Durgan: Campus and Community Planning has consistently misrepresented its intentions and the will of the students. There was strong opinion against the underground bus loop. Students are seen as a non-expert, transient population, so they are not a high priority.
• Gerry McGeough: There’s a challenge concerning the role for the community and the role for experts in planning. The role for experts is to lay out process: take a look at our process. The experts are seeking to find out the core needs and interests of the community.
• Ed Durgan: You would set a precedent if you prioritized student interests.
• Rory Green: Fix the puddles.
• Tristan Markle: There’s a lot of work to be done in the public realm. There are ways to work together.

SUB Renew Consultation Process - Tristan Markle & Bronwyn Jarvis

• Tristan Markle introduced Bronwyn Jarvis, the new SUB Renewal Coordinator, and discussed the project timeline:
  o Last year preliminary work was done with Cannon.
  o Now programming will get underway, working out details of what will go in the new SUB. After that will come the selection of the architects.
  o What goes in the new SUB will be based on what the AMS does now in the old SUB, but may also be more inclusive.
  o We are reaching out to students, including non-SUB users, through various media: the website, a kiosk, open houses by Cornerstone and the AMS, focus groups, forums.
  o There’s an advisory committee of 25 students (representing clubs and other stakeholder groups) advising the SUB Renewal Committee.

Building Programmer – Tristan Markle/Simon Richards

• Tristan Markle introduced Simon Richards from Cornerstone, a company specializing in community consultations, strategic planning, and design. They’ve worked with SFU, BCIT, and other postsecondary institutions.

D) President’s Remarks (Michael Duncan):

• Athletics: The NCAA issue. He’s been getting feedback and is writing a report for Bob Philip of Athletics. He’s sent out a media release, started two Facebook groups, sent information to the Ubyssey. Posters, rave cards, broadcast emails, CiTR public service announcements. NCAA consultation ends this month.
• Donor dinner: The AMS was recognized as the major donor in UBC history.
• Great Trekker is November 4.
• The name survey was sent out to Council, and there was zero response.
**E) Executive Remarks:**

**Stefanie Ratjen – VP External**

- **Cinema Politica:**
  - Is happening, last night was carts of darkness, and we had a great turnout, with the director there for a Q & A. It’s free movies, every Tuesday in the Norm, so tell your friends!
- **Equity Officer Implementation:**
  - RFPs for systemic discrimination have been sent out, based on similar market costs, the review will cost between $8-12 000. Once we have found an appropriate body, we will send this to council for approval.
- **Equity Officer Program**
  - Can’t emphasize how instrumental Jacqueline has been on this. She is amazing, and we are hoping to begin the facilitation sessions by the end of the month.
- **Federal Election Update**
  - Still happening!
  - AMS federal Elections Website is up and running- please check it out!
  - Ad in 24hours- Vancouver Centre debate tomorrow at Emily Carr, please come!
  - Take Posters & buttons!
- **CASA**
  - As our federal lobbying organization over the past several years, there have been a number of concerns regarding our relationship with CASA. These concerns have become even more prominent in the context of the federal elections and how CASA has approached them. In discussions with former VPs External, I feel that it is important to evaluate whether or not the AMS is best served by a CASA membership.
  - Who is interested/available?
  - We will be having an information and discussion session for councillors next on Thursday Oct 16 at 1:30pm. I will send out an email to confirm the room.
- **Municipal Elections are happening equally fast**
  - Hope that you will like the motion coming forward tonight.

**Tristan Markle – VP Admin**

- Most of what he’s been doing is in the motions.
- The project manager process will be coming to the next meeting.

**Chris Diplock – VP Finance**

- FarmAde a success. Not sure how much donated, but it will be the largest ever to the farm.
- AVP interviews; hiring by next week.
- Climate action symposium.
- A procurement officer has been hired to look into local produce purchasing.
- IPF deadline November 7.
Compost bin difficulties, but now there are six new bins in the building.

Helaine Boyd raised a point of personal privilege about food.

**Jacqueline Bell – ECSS**

- Trick or Eat planning is underway (Food Bank food drive for Halloween).
- Still counting money from Shinerama.
- New internships.
- Minischool registration closed: 60 students more than last fall, a big jump.
- Equity facilitator program: close to offering workshops.

**Alex Lougheed – VP Academic**

- OCP
- Comp Review Code changes
- Met UBC’s Janet Teasdale about cancelling first day classes for Imagine.
- Attended University library meeting; discussed whether to make Irving K open 24 hours.
- Elections Administrator interviews taking place.
- Brochure on filing complaints against the RCMP [applause].
- Consultations on campus planning coming up.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**G) Constituency Reports:**

**Arts – Avneet Johal:** Abysmal turnout at elections. Emergency meeting with Dean about SOL’s.

**GSS – Jason Penner:** Second Graduate magazine out.

David Katz sent a note referring to his statement at the last Council meeting about Blake Frederick’s comments about the GSS. This was not meant to embarrass Blake, and he apologized for any embarrassment his statement may have caused, but he wanted to put out a caution to members of the AMS to be wary of entering any charged and emotional issues within the GSS.

- **Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes:** Hiring AVP External.

**Education – Aaron Warbinek:** Just getting organized.

**Commerce – Spenser Rocky:** Golf tournament, career fair. VP elections, 47% and 31% turnout. Constitutional rewrite; referendum in November.

**Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith:** Boat cruise at Halloween.

**Science – Jamil Rhajiak:** Elections: 7.7% turnout. Discussion on how to get AMS discussions out to members.
Engineering – Andrew Carne: Funding of $200,000 to student projects. Still battling to get new building.

Forestry – Alyssa Alidina: Forestry Week two weeks ago.


Pharmacy – Richelle Schon: Elections moved from January to November.

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

Board of Governors - Tim Blair: Board approved the Centre for Interactive Research in Sustainability. The Law building has a shortfall of $45 million. A large funding campaign, of $1 billion, is planned. Thanks to Bijan, there’s a student on the new joint Senate-BoG committee.

Senate - Rob McLean: Senate meeting cancelled for lack of business. Starting Senator office hours. Tables in Constituencies; rotating around campus.

Karen Ko, AMS Ombudsperson (read by Chris Diplock):

Since the last council meeting I have closed one of the more involved cases regarding the Disability Resource Centre and the Equity Office originally opened in the summer. Additionally the office has successfully resolved two cases involving smoking regulations in Residence and faculty requirements. Currently the Office is dealing with three open cases. The last few weeks have seen a consistent number of drop-in clients who have requested advice and resources regarding a variety of issues. Of these drop-ins I have made a number of referrals to additional services on campus including the Advocacy Office, Student Services and the Equity Office.

Furthermore over the past few weeks I have been busy sending out the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook to various offices across campus and working on updating the Ombuds website with this new material.

6. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Timothy Blair (Council member) be appointed to the Premier Undergraduate and Wesbrook Scholar Program Selection Committee.”

Abstained: Tahara Bhate

The Speaker of Council brought the UBC Farm motion back on the table.

7. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO, SECONDED SPENSER ROCKY:

“That the farm motion be amended by adding the following clause:

‘Be it further resolved that the AMS state as its wish that the UBC Farm’s mission be guided by pursuing the cutting edge of land and food systems research.’
• Alex Monegro: The farm is a valuable resource; it has various aspects, but the focus should be on cutting edge research.
• Tristan Markle: That’s important, but it shouldn’t be emphasized at the expense of community engagement. That’s what the University does, and the result is a recommendation to reduce the farm to 8 hectares.
• Alex Monegro: It’s an issue of how to allocate limited resources.

8. MOVED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

“That the amendment be reworded to say ‘the pursuit of cutting edge land and food systems research’.”

… No objections

• Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked about the mission statement of the farm.
• Timothy Blair read from its mission statement that the farm is to serve various groups.
• Tristan Markle: The emphasis should be on an integrated approach, not on research.
• Timothy Blair: Fourteen faculties and schools use the farm, not just Land and Food Systems.
• Matthew Naylor: It’s not the place of the AMS to decide the academic priorities of the University. The proposed rewording is too narrow; that will hurt our lobbying position.
• Avneet Johal: Land and Food Systems research is just one thing the farm should be doing.
• Sonia Purewal: The amendment is like conceding defeat. We should fight for the rest of what the farm does too.
• Spenser Rocky: The spirit of this is that research is taking a back seat and we felt that research was more important than community programs.
• Tahara Bhate: If we say this, it’s equivalent to cutting community programs.

9. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

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… Defeated

11. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:
“That the word ‘onsite’ be added in the fourth whereas clause before ‘research and community programs,’ that ‘Sustainability Strategy’ be put in lower case in the seventh whereas clause, and that in the third resolution clause ‘of 12 hectares’ be used instead of the parenthetical reference.”

... No objections

12. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED TIMOTHY BLAIR:

“That ‘the UBC Farm’ be replaced by ‘Academic Field Facility’ in the third resolution clause.”

- Alex Lougheed: UBC will say, Why is the farm more important than TRIUMF? No other body is singled out this way. We need a new type of designation instead.

13. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That ‘Academic Field Facility’ be amended to read ‘Academic Agricultural Facility’.”

- Andrew Carne: Field sounds like a sports field.
- Tristan Markle: Academic Field Facility is a phrase given us by the farm, though it doesn’t really matter.
- Avneet Johal said “field” is more encompassing.
- Jason Penner: It’s better to be more specific and say Agricultural.

14. MOVED JASON PENNER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

15. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That ‘Academic Field Facility’ be amended to read ‘Academic Agricultural Facility’.”

... Defeated

- Avneet Johal wondered if the change to Academic Field Facility was important.
- Alex Lougheed: We want a high level, abstract designation. It will be more acceptable to UBC and will incorporate both research and community aspects.
- Alex Monegro: Is this so the University can feel they can put more things in it?

16. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED TIMOTHY BLAIR:

“That ‘the UBC Farm’ be replaced by ‘Academic Field Facility’ in the third resolution clause.”

... Carried
17. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the word ‘Strategic’ be changed to ‘Academic’ in the third resolution clause.”

- Alex Lougheed: There is a strategic plan and an academic plan. The academic plan contains details like this. Academic in this context includes research.
- Timothy Blair: Why not say both?

18. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the phrase in the third resolution clause read ‘Strategic and Academic Planning processes’.”

... Carried

19. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the numbers be removed from the fourth resolution clause.”

- Alec Lougheed: The numbers don’t exist yet.

20. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the numbers be removed from the fourth resolution clause.”

... No objections

- Tahara Bhat asked about references to student housing.
- Dave Tompkins: That’s a reference to future plans. One option is student housing.
- Stephen Russo: Shouldn’t we specify ecological sustainability and not just sustainability?
- Tristan Markle: Ecological is what would be understood. Not financial sustainability.
- Matthew Naylor: Even if it is seen as meaning financial sustainability, that doesn’t mean profits. It’s fine to be vague.

21. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“Whereas the AMS carries an existing policy, passed September 13 2006, outlining the academic and community value of the UBC Farm and resolving ‘that the AMS lobby the University to ensure that the Farm remains an integral learning and community component of the South Campus’; and

Whereas the UBC Farm soils have been improved over decades to make them readily available for cultivation, and any re-location effort would set the Farm back decades; and
Whereas a plurality of ecological niches and services are required for the diversity of the UBC Farm’s research and community programs; and

Whereas the uncertain future of the UBC Farm has impeded internal and external fund-raising initiatives and has hampered the expansion of onsite research and community programs; and

Whereas efforts to secure the future of the UBC Farm exhaust its resources and limit its ability to organize programs or engage in long-term planning; and

Whereas a temporary moratorium on development would only continue this state of uncertainty;

Whereas the AMS believes that Student Housing and the UBC Farm are mutually reinforcing pillars of the University’s sustainability strategy;

Therefore, be it resolved that the UBC Farm land-base, 12 hectares cleared land and surrounding forest buffer, be secured at no less than its current size.

Be it further resolved that the UBC Farm be secured in its current location on South Campus.

Be it further resolved that the AMS call on UBC to immediately secure the future of the UBC Farm by taking the following actions:

a) commit to preserving the Farm in its current location at no less than its current size of 12 hectares cleared land and surrounding forest buffer through the Main Campus Plan

b) commit to changing the Farm’s Official Community Plan (OCP) designation from ‘Future Housing Reserve’ to ‘Academic Field Facility’.

c) facilitate interdisciplinary use of the Farm, as well as dedicating funding, through UBC’s Strategic and Academic Planning processes and through UBC’s budget process.

Be it further resolved that the AMS oppose in general the concept of trade-off between Student Housing and the UBC Farm as presented in the Vancouver Campus Plan (VCP) process, and oppose in particular housing developments on the UBC Farm as presented in VCP options.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

22. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD, THIRDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That there be a roll call vote.”
In Favour                      Against                      Abstained

Michael Duncan                Spenser Rocky
Alex Lougheed                  Alex Monegro
Tristan Markle
Stefanie Ratjen
Chris Diplock
Will Davis
Timothy Chu
Matthew Naylor
Mitch Wright
Freeman Poritz
Rory Green
Avneet Johal
Tim Blair
Aaron Warbinek
Andrew Carne
Joel Mertens
Alyssa Alidina
Jason Penner
Rajesh Jampala
Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes
Lindsey Smith
Stephen Russo
Richelle Schon
Jamil Rhajiak
Sonia Purewal
Chris Tarantino
Tahara Bhate
Clark Funnell
Helaine Boyd
Rob McLean

... Carried

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

23. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Code and Policies Minutes dated October 2, 2008 [SCD139-09]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated September 15, 2008.” [SCD140-09]

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:
24. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED SONIA PUREWAL:  

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the SUB Renewal Committee, the contract between Cornerstone Planning Group and the AMS be approved as presented.

“Be it further resolved that Council approve an allocation not to exceed $104,265 from the SUB Renewal Fund for the consulting services of Cornerstone Planning Group.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tristan Markle: Selecting a programmer was a long process; there were many firms. The committee was excited by Cornerstone; they have strategic planning experience, not just technical drawing expertise. They understand student-driven situations.
- Alex Lougheed: How many RFP responses were there?
- Tristan Markle: We identified four possible firms, sent to all four, and they all responded.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

26. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the SUB Renewal Committee, the AMS dedicate $4,075 from the SUB Renewal Fund for the New SUB Project consultation and communication budget.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tristan Markle: It’s a small budget, but it has everything we need: posters, catering for workshops, etc.
- Alex Monegro: Don’t we get $20,000 of Zoom advertising free?
- Kelli Seepaul: We need some of that for the federal election campaign.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

28. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Alex Monegro (Council member) be appointed to a Steering Committee that will provide oversight in the development of a new model of IT delivery and funding at UBC.”

... Carried

29. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN: [SCD142-09]

“Be it resolved that the draft AMS Harassment and Discrimination Policy be adopted as circulated, and that it replace all previous AMS Harassment and Discrimination Policies.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Adrienne Smith: This is the result of several months of hard work, beginning with the Code and Policies Committee. This replaces the three separate harassment policies (one for employees, one for clubs, one for constituencies). The main changes include a shorter time frame for handling complaints, a flushing out of the process for clubs (including a written process, an investigation, and a tribunal of the SAC Vice-Chair, the Ombudsperson, and a Club Executive), a role for Constituency ombudspersons in Constituency complaints, and a change so that unionized employees don’t deal with the Ombudsperson.

- Ross Horton commended Adrienne for her work on this. [Applause.]

- Alex Lougheed: The AMS Ombudsperson will focus on internal AMS matters now that we’re transitioning to a University ombudsoffice for University issues.

- Stefanie Ratjen: The time frame used to be four months, which was problematic for those still in the work environment.

30. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“Be it resolved that the draft AMS Harassment and Discrimination Policy be adopted as circulated, and that it replace all previous AMS Harassment and Discrimination Policies.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried Unanimously

31. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS: [SCD143-09]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Compensation Review Committee’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matthew Naylor:
  - This was referred to the Code and Policies Committee last time.
  - The proposal now is to keep the committee composition the same; it’s HR work, but for positions with authority over students, so it’s appropriate that at large members serve.
  - The ECSS and the HR Manager will both be able to attend; they’re the ones most directly involved.
  - It’s weird that the old policy referred to “elected” positions; that’s been removed; this committee doesn’t deal with the elected Executives.
  - There’s some clarification of issues on Executive Project Officers, removing a conflict with another section of Code.
  - The new name will be Appointments Review Committee, or ARC.
  - This amendment will lead to more effective rubrics.
  - Changing the report date to January 30 makes sense.
  - The committee will deal with terms of employment, not just financial compensation.
  - This does not refer to permanent staff.

32. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Compensation Review Committee’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

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

- Board of Governors – Bijan Ahmadian: Presentation from Bookstore.
  - Financial aid: a challenge meeting Policy 72; have to be eligible for student loans.
  - Campus Security: Integrating more into the community; may take over some of what the RCMP does.

L) Committee Motions:

33. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED RORY GREEN:  [SCD144-09]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes October 2008: Miscellaneous’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matthew Naylor: Various amendments to correct vestigial elements of Code that don’t make sense anymore. We felt we shouldn’t be distributing so
much paper; we have something called the Internet now. Orientations is
gone now.

• Mitch Wright asked about saying the clerk of the court may be a student but
doesn’t have to be. Is it necessary to say it at such length?
• Matthew Naylor: The proposed wording makes the situation clear.

34. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED RORY GREEN:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code
Changes October 2008: Miscellaneous’ and thus amend the Code as
recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

35. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE: [SCD145-09]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the letter of agreement with the Alumni
Association as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Tristan Markle: This was drawn up last year by Sarah Naiman and Jeff
Friedrich. It’s a broad agreement in principle about our two buildings on
University Square. The two spaces should seamlessly grow into each other,
with a link between them.
• Spelling errors were pointed out.

36. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the letter of agreement with the Alumni
Association as presented.”

Be it further resolved that the agreement be checked for spelling errors and the
name be corrected to reflect the current alumni chair.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

37. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Council
appoint the following officers of student court for terms commencing October 9th
2008 and ending April 30th 2009:

Donald McIntyre – Chief Justice
Yichuan Wang – Chief Prosecutor
Rudo Mugwagwa – Court Clerk
Keoni Norgren – Judge
• Mike Duncan: Hayden Hughes’s name is left off; he’s applying for another position.
• Tahara Bhate asked about non-law students being appointed.
• Mike Duncan said only the Chief Justice and one other judge have to be law students.
• Tristan Markle asked about connections to current Councillors.
• Mike Duncan said they were asked in interviews about the recent court case, and they all were oblivious or on the outside. None of them knew anyone personally who was involved in past Student Court proceedings.
• Stefanie Ratjen asked about the number of applicants and the number of women.
• Mike Duncan: Twelve or thirteen applicants?
• Mike Carlson: Actually 25.
• Dave Tompkins: Amy Boultbee used to be on Council.
• Mike Carlson: Only one woman applied who didn’t get a position.
• Alex Lougheed: Were the positions specially advertised in the Faculty of Law?
• Mike Carlson: Yes.

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Rudo Mugwagwa – Court Clerk
Keoni Norgren – Judge
Hillson Tse – Judge
Angus Cheung - Judge
Gavin Hartnett – Alternate Judge
Amy Boultbee – Alternate Judge.”

... Carried

Abstained: Helaine Boyd
Stefanie Ratjen
Tristan Markle

Opposed: Tahara Bhate

39. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:
“Whereas students at UBC on the whole, have the highest cost for access to recreation facilities among major Canadian universities; and

Whereas we do not have accurate information on how the increased cost of joining the NCAA will affect the already expensive recreation on campus; and

Whereas the consultation process has not adequately addressed our membership; and

Whereas there are significant challenges in joining the NCAA,

Therefore be it resolved that AMS Council does not support the University’s move to NCAA division 2,

Be it further resolved that the AMS inform its members of the ongoing consultation, the potential benefits and potential challenges of joining the NCAA.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Mike Duncan: We had a presentation last time. There are serious concerns. We need a motion at this Council meeting because the NCAA consultation will be finished in two weeks.
- Tahara Bhate asked if concerns about an eventual move to Division 1 are part of the motivation for this motion.
- Mike Duncan: There’s a lot more concern about that; it would cost $35 million to join Division 1. This motion doesn’t consider that.
- Chris Diplock: Is this motion coming from the Executive?
- Mike Duncan said it was from him.
- Avneet Johal: Is this forever? Ten years?
- Mike Duncan: Policies are in effect for three years.
- Rob McLean: Would we have to change our name? There’s already a team called Thunderbirds in the NCAA.
- Mike Duncan said he had no idea.
- Mike Duncan distributed pamphlets including feedback forms.
- Sonia Purewal said it was really important to go to the consultation.
- Avneet Johal asked how many Varsity athletes were on Council. The answer was 1 (one). It was noted that that still meant they were over-represented.
- Aaron Warbinek said there was a lack of support for Varsity athletics and at his previous school (Acadia) he hadn’t seen varsity sports do much for school spirit.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

41. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That Maria Cirstea (Student at Large) be appointed to the Prima Facie Establishment Committee.”

... Carried

42. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“Whereas the July 17th, 2008 policy party adopted these principles as AMS priorities for the upcoming municipal elections; and

Whereas other student unions in the Lower mainland are in agreement with these principles,

Therefore be it resolved, on the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, that the AMS adopt the following priority principles for the municipal election:

Transit
• representation for UBC residents in the TransLink governance structure
• increased transit service to UBC for commuter students in general.
• increased late-night bus frequency
• service to ‘dead zones’
• that the TransLink Mayors’ Council hold its subsidiaries financially accountable

Housing
• policy changes to increase access to housing

Governance
• an examination into potential governance structure options for the unincorporated Electoral District A area encompassing UBC

Be it further resolved that the AMS support its allies in the student movement in calling for:
• improved access to Childcare
• environmental improvements
• the Formation of a Municipal Arts Council

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Be it further resolved that the campaign also implement non-costed media such as social networking pages, the AMS website, letters to the editor, UBC Broadcast email, classroom announcements, word-of-mouth and face to face meetings with candidates.

Be it further resolved that AMS staff and officers be directed to make our priorities known to candidates for municipal elections in Vancouver and other municipalities where UBC students live.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Stefanie Ratjen: Several student unions are working together. This comes out of a policy party session. It’s similar to the motion on federal election policy.
• Avneet Johal asked if the housing policy was deliberately vague.
• Stefanie Ratjen: Yes, housing is acknowledged as being in crisis; the aim is to state a general principle; exact policy points can come later.
• Adrienne Smith said that it was inadvisable to add the word “affordable” because that means something specific in the municipal context.
• It was suggested that the phrase “for students” be added; this was accepted without objections.
• Stephen Russo asked if TransLink was also a provincial responsibility.
• Stefanie Ratjen: Yes, it’s interrelated. We’re tailoring our key issues towards the government that has the most influence.

43. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

"Whereas the July 17th, 2008 policy party adopted these principles as AMS priorities for the upcoming municipal elections; and

Whereas other student unions in the Lower mainland are in agreement with these principles,

Therefore be it resolved, on the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, that the AMS adopt the following priority principles for the municipal election:

Transit
• representation for UBC residents in the TransLink governance structure
• increased transit service to UBC for commuter students in general."
• increased late-night bus frequency
• service to ‘dead zones
• that the TransLink Mayors’ Council hold its subsidiaries financially accountable

Housing
• policy changes to increase access to housing for students

Governance
• an examination into potential governance structure options for the unincorporated Electoral District A area encompassing UBC

Be it further resolved that the AMS support its allies in the student movement in calling for:

• improved access to Childcare
• environmental improvements
• the Formation of a Municipal Arts Council

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

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

44. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED SONIA PUREWAL:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group approve the allocation of $10,000 within the CPAC fund to be used at the discretion of the Renovations Planning Group for engineering studies for renovation projects.”

Note: CPAC has a balance of $595,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Tristan Markle explained that this is simply putting money aside in order to have it available for engineering studies that will produce accurate numbers for Council. Setting it aside like this means there will be no need to keep coming to Council to ask for $1,000 to do an engineering study.

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… Carried

46. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the Council meeting be extended indefinitely.”

… No objections

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

47. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated September 8, 2008 [SCD146-09]
Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated September 15, 2008 [SCD-147-09]
Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated September 22, 2008.” [SCD148-09]

• Tahara Bhate asked about the rejection of the Catholic Christian Outreach club.
• Tristan Markle said there was overlapping with another club, and both clubs had the same president. SAC is still looking into it, though.

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Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated September 22, 2008.”

… Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:
49. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group Council approve the expenditure of $52,200 from CPAC for renovations to the Whistler Lodge.”

Note:  CPAC has a current balance of $595,000.

Note:  Requires 2/3rds

- Avneet Johal asked what the relationship was between the AMS and the Whistler Lodge. He was told that the AMS owns it. He then asked who decides policy there.
- Chris Diplock said there is a manager there who reports to Jeffrey Smith, the AMS Facilities Manager. BOC is also involved. If there are issues, they should be brought to BOC.
- Tristan Markle:
  - The AMS owns Whistler Lodge, having expropriated it from the Varsity Outdoors Club. It makes a profit for the AMS and provides reduced rates for students.
  - There were lots of renovations a couple of years ago for a code upgrade and recently $32,000 for the roof etc.
  - Repairs to the hot tub were not completed then; they were more expensive than estimated.
  - The most affordable and effective approach now is to move the hot tub outside; to do that, other renovations have to take place, such as moving the recycling facility and the front office desk (whose current location in any case is problematic).
  - Then there are cabinets which are in bad shape, plus a contingency.
- Mike Duncan asked about a sauna.
- Chris Diplock: That wasn’t discussed. The current hot tub has a crack in it.
- Helaine Boyd asked how many beds there were in the lodge, and was told: 40. She asked about adding beds.
- Dave Tompkins said that would violate the fire code.
- Alex Monegro asked if we spent anything last time on the hot tub. The answer was No.
- Aaron Warbinek asked why the hot tub had cracked and was told it was 30 years old.

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O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
51. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That in accordance with Code Section VI, Article 1(1), Council strike an ad hoc Executive Remuneration Committee to review the remuneration of the AMS Executive and the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, this committee to consist of three (3) non-Executive Council members, two (2) students-at-large, the General Manager (or his designate), and the Policy Adviser.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matthew Naylor: Compared to other student societies, our Executive is among the lowest paid. There’s been no increase in a long time. Regular students can’t afford to be Executives.
- Mike Duncan: This will not affect the current Executives; any increase would only take effect with the next Executive. The last increase was in 2003.
- Matthew Naylor: In Alberta Execs get much more.
- Mike Duncan: The 30 hours a week in Code is a joke; he works 45 hours.
- Stefanie Ratjen: Execs don’t have time to be students; that should be factored in.

52. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

…Carried

Abstained:  Michael Duncan
            Alex Lougheed
            Tristan Markle
            Stefanie Ratjen
            Chris Diplock
            Jacqueline Bell

54. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:
“That Rory Green, Matthew Naylor and Alex Monegro (non Executive Council members) be appointed to the Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee for a term ending March 31, 2009.

... Carried

P) Discussion Period

Athletics – Mike Duncan

- Mike Duncan asked for feedback on the document he circulated concerning demands the AMS planned to make of the Athletics Department.
- Avneet Johal: What we’re doing is appropriate; it’s appropriate to apply pressure rather than just let Athletics run away with the money. If the AMS Executive wants to see where the money goes, there’s obstacle after obstacle. That’s not the way it should be. There should be transparency.
- Neal Yonson: They take advantage of the lack of continuity on the student side. Bob Philip (the Director of Athletics) recently said the athletics fee would not go up 2% a year, but when asked to put that in writing he said, “You just wrote it in your notes.”
- Tahara Bhate asked about the Ubyssey editorial that criticized the AMS for not doing enough.
- Mike Duncan: The funny thing was that we were working on this the very day that editorial appeared.
- Alex Lougheed: Should we push to split the department into two: Varsity and Recreation? With a firewall between their budgets? This might increase administrative costs, but it would also increase transparency.
- Mike Duncan said it was an interesting idea but not his top priority.
- Avneet Johal supported the idea, but said it would cause the collapse of Varsity.
- Alex Lougheed: Why is Varsity more important than Recreation?
- Avneet Johal said he wasn’t saying it was, but he didn’t want Varsity to self-destruct.
- Sonia Purewal: Varsity does need money.
- Clark Funnell: Can’t we just obligate them to spend a certain amount on Recreation?
- Alex Monegro: Our document is pushing to take from Varsity.
- Mike Duncan: That’s not even necessary; they have such a large surplus.
- Helaine Boyd asked about other schools.
- Neal Yonson said the University of Calgary has one fee for Recreation and a separate one for Varsity.
- Helaine Boyd: If students find out how much they’re paying for Varsity, there will be a backlash.
- Sonia Purewal: It’s really difficult for the Varsity teams to get sponsorship.
- Avneet Johal: Maybe don’t separate them entirely; they do so much that is closely linked. But have transparency. Half of some Varsity teams have to pay their own way, but there’s a huge surplus. Is it really poor management? Varsity athletes feel they’re very poor.
- Sonia Purewal: The surplus is earmarked for facilities we don’t know about. It’s not transparent.
• Blake Frederick said he opposed a University-controlled athletics fee. The AMS should advocate that it be a student fee, so we can control it.
• Mitch Wright suggested non-Varsity athletes would like the access Varsity athletes have to facilities.
• Sonia Purewal: Some fees (e.g., the gym) are high. We should get a benefit because we pay the athletics fee.
• Anthony: Is there a new gym being built for Varsity?
• Mike Duncan: Yes.
• Anthony: Then open the other to non-Varsity.

A straw poll on whether to advocate a split between Recreation and Varsity or just more transparency resulted in a close vote.

A question to see how many had sent in NCAA feedback showed that some had.

• Mike Duncan said he thought the AMS was moving in the right direction on this.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

October 22, 2008

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Joe Stott (UBC Campus Planning), Daniel Sirois (UBC Campus Planning), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer) Chad Hyson (UBC Student Development), Alex Terry (UBC Student), Bowinn Ma (member at large), Rakesh Parker (Science), Eric Chung (Science), Tony Nash (UBC Student), Liz Locke (Residents Hall Association), Reid Kaufmann (International Students Association), Devenne Drege (AMS), Jim Balakashin (AMS), Neil Yonson (member at large), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Raj Mathur (Music), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Bahram Norouzi

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Helaine Boyd, Michael Duncan, Timothy Chu, and Chris McCann were appointed the Equity Representatives for the meeting.

1. MOVED MIKE DUNCAN, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

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

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

C) Presentations to Council:

“Get in on the Plan” – Joe Stott (Campus & Community Planning)

- Campus plan.
- Student housing being addressed through the plan.
- Organizing workshops.
- Talking to the campus community; there have already been open houses and workshops, and he would be happy to organize one specifically for Council.
- Themes from earlier phases of consultation include creating a sustainable campus.
- Now in Phase 4, the options review. Phase 5 will be a consultation summary and UBC response to a draft plan. Phase 6 will be going to the Board of Governors.
- Used to be 15,000 parking spots on campus; now less than 10,000 thanks to student support for the U-Pass.
- Looking to a 96% increase in student housing.
- He reviewed the three different options in the proposed plan: traditional campus (distributed single uses), villages in precincts (distributed mixed uses), and centralized mixed uses.

Questions

- Stefanie Ratjen asked what had been the most prominent concerns so far.
- Joe Stott: Mostly the farm. Lots of feedback and debate on the size of the farm. At every workshop there’s been a call for the University to consider UBC Farm a 24-hectare reserve area. There’s also been discussion of mixing uses in buildings and of the hub idea.
- Stefanie Ratjen asked whether AMS policy on the farm had been considered.
- Joe Stott: It’s been brought to our attention.
- Tahara Bhate asked about the turnout at the workshops.
- Joe Stott: Student attendance has been consistent with attendance in the other phases. About half to two-thirds of those attending have been students. There’s been good student turnout. The biggest was 50 people, the first 30.
- Tahara Bhate asked how people heard about the workshops.
- Joe Stott said he hadn’t asked that.
- David Katz: Is it possible for there to be a new plan with a different option, one that includes more farmland?
- Joe Stott: These are development scenarios, not plan-making. We’ve heard in spades about 8 hectares, from a current and future needs study. That’s the Administration’s position to date; it doesn’t mean it can’t change, but we have to present the Administration’s point of view. Messages we hear will be documented and presented to the University Executive and Board of Governors.
- David Katz asked if there were any plans for a new graduate community similar to Green College and St. John’s.
- Joe Stott: That’s not in academic needs to date.
- Alex Lougheed asked for a straw poll to see if Council members want a special Council members workshop. The result indicated there was enough interest for a workshop.
- Alex Monegro: If we’re not satisfied with the draft, how do we express that?
- Joe Stott: Aiming for January. We’re documenting what we hear.
- Tristan Markle spoke of relieving the pressure on the farm and asked what could go in the areas near the farm.
- Joe Stott: That’s uncertain. It’s an issue that has to be addressed. It could mean changing the Official Community Plan.
- Tristan Markle: It could be market housing.
- Joe Stott: Yes, it could.
- Paul Lee asked about comparisons with other universities.
- Joe Stott said he had done some touring of other universities; mixed use is common, especially in the U.S.
- Paul Lee asked if mixed use integrates commuter students.
- Joe Stott: That’s difficult; they don’t stay on campus. There’s a notion that they might linger more if there’s mixed use, but it’s more for those who live on campus. The idea would be to convert commuters into residents.
- Bahram Norouzi asked about keeping student housing affordable in the context of private development.
- Joe Stott: Housing and Conferences currently has a model to make student housing affordable; they are not relying on government funding; public-private partnerships are coming in for this sort of thing. There are a variety of models.
- Bahram Norouzi: Primarily private?
- Joe Stott said he was not suggesting that. There would be a mix; there was not one single way to go ahead.

**Cancelling first day of classes for Imagine Day – Chad Hyson (UBC Student Development)**

- Plan to replace the first day of classes with an orientation/transition/welcome back day.
- Not new; this idea first proposed 12 years ago; suggestion raised again this year; discussions have been taking place at Senate and the Deans Committee; further consultation is going on.
- Issues with the current Imagine Day:
  - Space: no rain plan, hard to find space indoors because classes are going on.
  - Transfer students don’t get classes off, have to attend on their own time or miss class.
  - Lots of walking and waiting.
  - Orientation leaders have to miss classes to do their jobs.
  - Hard to involve faculty, because they’re teaching.
  - Can’t create a welcome back environment.
- If there are no classes for all undergraduates, then there would be a greater involvement of all students; clubs and constituencies could participate more; the day could be redesigned for transfer and mature students.
• The impact of the cancellation would be that there would be one less instructional day, but there would still be more than 60 instructional days.
• Term 1 would still officially start on Imagine Day.
• This is still less orientation time than at Eastern universities.
• There would be no financial impact; there would be no savings; all facilities would still be in use, just not for classes; there would be no impact on the salaries of professors or TA’s.
• There could be a ripple effect on service delivery; Enrolment Services is looking at the effect on Add/Drop deadlines and tuition due dates.
• So far the response has been positive; there have been questions about field courses and concerns that some faculties already have their own orientations.

Questions

• Spenser Rocky: Why was this not introduced when first proposed, twelve years ago?
  Chad Hyson said he hadn’t been here then, but he speculated that there may have been concerns that students wouldn’t show up, but it’s been demonstrated that attendance for these types of events is excellent.
• Bowinn Ma asked about graduate students.
• Chad Hyson: The Dean of Graduate Studies showed interest, but they do their own orientation. We’re still open to the idea if the GSS and the Faculty are interested.
• Andrew Carne: Would there be some new welcome back events for senior students?
• Chad Hyson: The first priority is first years and transfer students, but other things beyond that are being looked at. Sauder is a good example of the direction we’re moving in.
• Kyle Warwick: Our meeting at the AUS on this topic was skeptical and negative: would students show up?
• Chad Hyson: Our experience with Imagine at UBCO is yes. There were similar concerns, but the students do come out. We have to look at what we offer to ensure students do come out.
• Stefanie Ratjen: Many classes on the first day are important, especially for evening classes, and this is disadvantageous for those students, e.g., working people and parents, who are coming to learn and not for orientation activities.
• Chad Hyson: Orientations will replace classes only up to 5 pm to take into consideration classes, notably evening classes, that happen only once a week. As to students with other commitments, mature students: they have a strong need to meet others similar to themselves, and this would allow them to attempt that.
• Sonia Purewal asked if the events would be lecture-based and indoors.
• Chad Hyson: No, the idea would be just to establish a home base for each student.
• Alyssa Alidina: If this goes ahead, can it be reconsidered later?
• Chad Hyson: It would have to go back to Senate if we found it wasn’t working. We should give it a couple of years.
• Neal Yonson asked about moving Imagine Day.
• Chad Hyson: That’s been considered. It could be the Friday before, but that didn’t have much support. Other schools wait till Tuesday. Labour Day traditionally marks the end of summer. Employment, leases, and other commitments may keep people from coming on the Friday. We tried it with transfer students and turnout was poor.
• Chris McCann asked what was blocking the proposal. Was it over moving the day?
• Chad Hyson: It’s not been criticism of the current proposal, just people asking questions.
• Stephen Russo asked about the budget.
• Chad Hyson: That’s tricky. Others, in the individual faculties, contribute. Perhaps $80,000 to $100,000. That’s what Student Development would spend on salaries for 500 orientation leaders, T-shirts, etc.
• Tahara Bhate asked about money for departmental orientations.
- Chad Hyson: It’s a little early to get into that, but if there is need, support will come.
- Mike Kushnir: If students come into a party atmosphere on their first day, and no one is in class, that’s not the best introduction to UBC.
- Chad Hyson: Students are overwhelmed on that day. If there’s a more welcoming environment, more people to give directions, there’s benefit in that.
- Clare Benton mentioned students who are in their first year but not taking first-year courses. They can’t be involved in the current Imagine Day.
- Chad Hyson: We face that with transfer students.
- David Katz asked about consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- Chad Hyson said there had been discussions and some early interest but there were concerns over interaction with their current model.
- Alex Lougheed referred to Varsity athletes skipping out.
- Chad Hyson: Even now Imagine is not mandatory; there will always be groups not attending. He’s worked with Varsity to see how to integrate them.

National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) – Michael Duncan

- The Administration made a presentation to the AMS Executive last week.
- In the past UBC has not ranked well, but we are improving a little bit. Not significantly, though.
- Generally U.S. schools score higher than Canadian.
- UBC students especially wanted an improvement in course instruction.
- First year UBC students wanted a better fit between courses and exams, while fourth-years wanted increased variety.
- Outside the classroom, UBC students wanted improved academic support services, a better social environment, and (for fourth years) more research opportunities.

Questions

- Tristan Markle: The VP Students emphasized the improvement in the NSSE score by UBC, though he couldn’t say what had caused it. Two years ago the results showed there was a lot of work to do. We used that in our lobbying. Saying there’s been improvement can take away from our lobbying.
- Marc Faktor asked if there was data on health.
- Michael Duncan: Apparently not.

D) President’s Remarks, or Mike’s Message (Michael Duncan):

- Using Facebook so much in the Athletics campaign that Facebook killed his account.
- Meeting with Bob Philip of Athletics:
  o He’s interested in giving us a proposal concerning our athletic concerns.
  o He’s concerned about the NCAA motion we passed.
  o There’s been a lot of promotion and discussion on this issue, and it looks like we’ll get something good.
- Great Trekker award is scheduled for November 4; invitations are going out; the recipient has almost been determined. The event will be a joint one with AMSnet: the alumni network of old AMS Executives and Councillors.
- He’s on the UBC Community Working Group; drafting a strategic plan for UBC for the next ten years.
- Jacqueline Bell has resigned as the ECSS; need to find a new person.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP External (Stefanie Ratjen):

- Hiring an Outreach commissioner:
  o Makes more money than me, so get your friends to apply
Deadline is October 29th, which is one week from now.

- **International Students:**
  - Working with AMS Connect, have created an internship. This person will compile a report on what issues are most relevant to International students on campus, and how the AMS could better address these issues.

- **Equity Committee:**
  - Jacqueline and our volunteer facilitators are amazing.
  - Test group tomorrow, and we are hoping to implement the program next week
  - Jacqueline has done an amazing job in her role as service coordinator, and her presence is definitely going to be missed.

- **CASA Discussion session:**
  - Will be talked about later.

- **External Policy Committee:**
  - Working really hard- Olympic Review will be presented on November 19th Council meeting, so be ready!
  - Municipal Campaign gearing up:
    - More issue specific on housing, transit, childcare, and governance
    - Campaign materials are in production and will be ready for distribution shortly
    - Meet Vancouver City Council Candidates forum in the SUB on November 6 & 7th
    - Electoral A debate will happen November 12th

- **Transit Campaign– (Tahara)**
  - Monday open brainstorm session- 4:30, Council Chambers
  - We need more buses, accessible & affordable transit- what are we going to do about it?

**VP Administration (Tristan Markle):**
- We’re on unceded Musqueam First Nations territory; we should be thankful and behave accordingly.
- **SUB consultation starting Monday:**
  - Facebook group, broadcast email, posters, rave cards, ten thematic sessions.
  - 25 targeted consultation sessions with Cornerstone (Constituency presidents, types of clubs)
- **Project managers for the new SUB.**
  - Been trying to hire for several months. This is different from programming. They oversee the budget and scheduling for five years. We’ve received topnotch proposals.
  - Unfortunately, UBC Properties Trust declined to submit.
  - We’ve shortlisted to two firms and are doing interviews.
  - It’s important that the project manager work for us.
- **UBC Farm:**
  - The motion we passed last time has been useful; a petition is to be delivered to President Toope, and there’s talk of sending a delegation.
- **Co-op housing:**
  - We’ve hired someone to look into student-run co-op housing. It’s a challenge. We’re getting an idea of what it is like to build affordable housing on campus.
VP Finance (Chris Diplock):
- Fincom:
  - A few budgets waiting.
  - New AVP Finance, Elisabeth Sadowski.
  - Lots of funds you can apply for.
  - IPF deadline November 7.
  - Met with AJ (Arts), Jamil (Science), and Lindsey (HKin) about credit card payments.
- Impacts:
  - Not doing the presentation scheduled for October.
  - Sitting down with firms doing waste audit, and with consultant and with UBC.
  - Trying to work out agreement with UBC Sustainability Office.
  - Eco-friendly day next Thursday.
- BOC:
  - Looking into how AMS businesses can grow and improve; looking at the AMS business structure.
  - Expanding payment methods: credit, debit.

VP Academic (Alex Lougheed):
- RCMP:
  - Police Advisory Committee meeting to hire a facilitator to work out terms of reference.
  - New corporal taking over from Corporal Worsley; explaining issues to her.
  - Discussions re liquor licences involving Anne DeWolfe, Bijan, and Mike Kushnir.
- Campus Plan: Third workshop was largely on the farm. Other issues too; the process is being extended to deal with those issues.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Engineering – Chris McCann: Closer to referendum on new building. Fundraising campaign (Movember) for men’s health issues, especially prostate cancer; growing moustaches.

Forestry – Alyssa Alidina.

Science – Jamil Rhajiak: AMS stuff on website. MASUSquerade for Halloween. Dry retreat at Lodge. TV’s in Ladha Centre stolen; working to get a better security system.


GSS – Jean-Francois Caron: Special general meeting for bylaw changes.

Law – Clare Benton: Interviews for summer jobs. New Law building over budget; cutting space for undergraduate Law students.


Music – Paul Lee: Free concerts at the Chan.

Library-Archival – Stephen Russo.
Social Work – Brad Olsen: Clothing drive for winter.

Pharmacy – Richelle Schon: Working on U-Pass for 4th-year practicum students; going to recode courses as on-campus; will cost practicum students an extra $60 to $100 in student fees.

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

Senate – Helaine Boyd: Senate meeting cancelled for lack of business. Most committees haven’t met. Planning on buying purple togas to wear at Senate.


Ombuds Office Report to AMS Council (Karen Ko, read by Alex Lougheed):
Over the last few weeks the Ombuds Office has experienced a mid-semester lull. I have opened no new cases and seen a handful of drop-in clients. That being said, I expect the caseload to pick up as students begin to receive marks from midterms and papers.

In the meantime, I have been focusing on reviewing past strategic planning on how to improve the organization structure and effectiveness of the Ombuds Office and developing new plans for making the office’s presence known on campus. Also the office is currently engaged with a member of Faculty of Graduate Studies office regarding a study on how to improve the graduate student experience.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED JEAN-FRANCOIS CARON:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Minutes of Council dated September 24, 2008
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated September 18, 2008 [SCD149-09]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated September 25, 2008 [SCD150-09]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That Rory Green be appointed chair of the Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

4. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated September 29, 2008 [SCD151-09]
• Tahara Bhate asked if the issue between Filmsoc and the Gilbert and Sullivan Society had been resolved.
• Tristan Markle: It has been; it’s not problematic.

5. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated September 29, 2008. [SCD151-08]

... Carried

Abstained: Marc Faktor.

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

6. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Whereas the financial commitment of the AMS to the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is disproportionate to the benefits that the AMS receives; and

Whereas there is a lack of accountability of the central organization to the member councils; and

Whereas the member-driven principle promoted by CASA is suspect in that it is not implemented in any meaningful or productive way, particularly with reference to policy direction and other staff actions; and

Whereas there has been a declining and now non-existent effort on the part of CASA to reach out to, to inform and to mobilize the constituent students of its member associations; and

Whereas CASA consistently misses important opportunities, such as federal elections, to promote an agenda of education among the constituent students of its member associations;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS withdraw from full-member status in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.”

• Matthew Naylor:
  o The AMS is a founding member of CASA.
  o CASA lobbies on behalf of the AMS on postsecondary education (PSE) issues.
  o We withdrew once before in the embezzlement era.
  o CASA is supposed to be member-driven, focusing on PSE, with easy in, easy out rules, and no provincial lobbying.
• Tristan Markle: Why no provincial lobbying?
• Stefanie Ratjen: There were provincial organizations.
• Matthew Naylor: There have been questions about what member-driven means.
• Stefanie Ratjen: There are positive aspects to CASA: the networking. But there are concerns: one school, one vote means our vote comes from the VP External and there is no separate vote for our GSS despite their special priorities.
• Matthew Naylor: The GSS can’t join CASA separately because they’re already represented by the AMS, even though their 9,000 members make them bigger than many CASA members.
• Stefanie Ratjen: We’re concerned about the effectiveness of CASA’s advocacy work. After the June CASA conference, we had issues which we raised in a letter in August. We received a response in September.
• Matthew Naylor: The concerns date back a few years; that’s why the ad hoc Lobbying Review Committee was set up in 2004-05.
• Stefanie Ratjen: We pay the maximum membership fee ($44,500); there are also travel costs and delegate fees, and it seems they’ll be raising the membership fee.
• Matthew Naylor: They no longer do campaigns. And PSE is a provincial responsibility and yet we’re spending more federally than provincially.
• Stefanie Ratjen: CASA ran no campaign in the election.
• Matthew Naylor: There’s a lack of accountability resulting from the elimination of the central board in the recent constitutional changes. Our concerns over that were not discussed. We’ve received lots of calls today from CASA, but little communication before that.
• Michael Duncan: Discussion should come from the members, but staff significantly influence and restrict policy discussions.
• Stefanie Ratjen: The members establish goals and priorities, but the staff put forward policy not approved by the members, for instance on aboriginal education issues.
• Tahara Bhide asked what the rationale was for that.
• Matthew Naylor: They thought they could get more traction on that issue because the aboriginal schools issue was front and centre.
• Stefanie Ratjen: CASA is reducing its outreach to members. No more campaigns. They’ve also discontinued the ambassador network, through which they would send representatives to campus.
• Paul Lee asked about the CFS.
• Adrienne Smith said there had been a pan-Canadian student union, but it fell apart. The CFS then started in the 1980’s. In the 1990’s UBC and five other schools got together to create CASA. CASA did little in the election; they did do a video, bought commercial space, put an ad in Maclean’s, and also Facebook ads. We would still be members of CASA, just associate members paying half the fee. We can still participate in conferences; just we won’t have a vote.
• Michael Duncan: All the Eastern schools team up; AMS priorities almost never get put forward.
• Stefanie Ratjen: After a year, we can stay as an associate member, go back to full membership, or leave altogether. This will give us time to evaluate our lobbying needs.
• Matthew Naylor: Is it fair for the AMS to withdraw unilaterally without informing head office? We think yes. CASA was founded on the easy in, easy out principle. We don’t have a responsibility to CASA; we have a responsibility to our students. CASA has a responsibility to us.

7. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Motion 6 be amended by replacing the resolution clause with the following:

‘Therefore be it resolved that the AMS step down from full member status to associate member status in the Canadian Alliance of Students Association.’ ”

• Avneet Johal suggested saying “move from” instead of “step down from.”

8. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Motion 6 be amended by replacing the resolution clause with the following:

‘Therefore be it resolved that the AMS move from full member status to associate member status in the Canadian Alliance of Students Association.’ ”

… No objections

9. MOVED DAVID KATZ, SECONDED JEAN-FRANCOIS CARON:

“That Motion 6 be amended by adding the following clauses:
‘Be it further resolved that the AMS strike an ad hoc committee to investigate AMS lobbying requirements and strategies for after we depart from CASA and to develop a timeline for the implementation of such things.

‘Be it further resolved that the AMS not complete its withdrawal from CASA until an alternative is implemented.

‘Be it further resolved that this action not be considered an invitation to the CFS and the AMS has no intention of joining the CFS.’ ”

- David Katz: We should think about what to do after we leave. The CFS is predatory and is going to come after us. This amendment sends a warning.
- Matthew Naylor: The CASA motion should stand on its own. This amendment dilutes its strength. We have a committee for this: the External Policy Committee. Also, this presupposes we’re withdrawing from CASA; we don’t necessarily want to do that; we want to re-examine where we’re going. We don’t want to be confrontational; that will hamper our discussions with CASA. And CFS is not that predatory; they have problems of their own, and we’re an unconquerable fortress.
- Alex Monegro: We already have committees like this. Obviously, we’ll look at that.
- Alex Lougheed said he favoured the last amendment clause; he didn’t want to send a message that we might be joining the CFS. He’d much rather we were a maverick school.

10. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the amendment be divided into two sections:

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And

‘Be it further resolved that this action not be considered an invitation to the CFS and the AMS has no intention of joining the CFS.’ ”

… Carried

Discussion on first two amending clauses:

- Tahara Bhate: The idea is not to leave CASA; full membership is not serving us well; associate status may be better for us now. We could return to full member status. This will get CASA to address our concerns. Let’s see the response; then yes, strike a lobbying committee. But right now it’s premature.
- Chris McCann: We don’t need to create a committee; we have a committee. The Ubyssey will laugh at us.

11. MOVED SPENSER ROCKY, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the question be called on the first two clauses.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds. … Carried
12. **MOVED DAVID KATZ, SECONDED JEAN-FRANCOIS CARON:**

“That Motion 5 be amended by adding the following clauses:

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‘Be it further resolved that the AMS not complete its withdrawal from CASA until an alternative is implemented.’” … Defeated

Discussion on the third amending clause:

- Stephen Russo: The AMS could only join CFS by referendum; it would be up to the AMS membership. Do we know what the AMS membership will decide? Also, he objected to calling the CFS predatory.

13. **MOVED MIKE KUSHINER:**

“That the question be called on the third amending clause.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds. … No objections

14. **MOVED DAVID KATZ SECONDED JEAN-FRANCOIS CARON:**

“That Motion 5 be amended by adding the following clause:

‘Be it further resolved that this action not be considered an invitation to the CFS and the AMS has no intention of joining the CFS.’” … Defeated

- Tahara Bhate: With associate status, will we still have full committee rights?
- Stefanie Ratjen said she didn’t know. She had told CASA we’d want to continue an active role. We sit on two committees, but have not always been notified of committee events.
- Tahara Bhate: This would not take effect until the end of the fiscal year. It gives CASA six months. If things get better, we can change.
- Stefanie Ratjen: It’s up to us. There are issues in our letter that need to be actively addressed. What we do is contingent on further action.
- Chris Tarantino asked about the next fee installment.
- Chris Diplock: April. We’ve already paid for this year.
- Matthew Naylor: This will start in the next fiscal year.
- Sonia Purewal: How difficult will it be to get full member status again?
- Stefanie Ratjen said general assembly approval would be required, but she didn’t anticipate any difficulties.

15. **MOVED SPENSER ROCKY:**

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds. … No objections

16. **MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK, THIRDED RORY GREEN:**

“That there be a roll call vote.”
17. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

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Pro: Aaron Warbinek  Andrew Carne  Morgan Hibbert  Alyssa Aldina  David Katz  Jean Francois  Caron  Lindsey Smith  Stephen Russo  Paul Lee  Jamil Rhajiak  Sonia Purewal  Chris Tarantino  Tahara Bhate  Clark Funnell  Helaine Boyd

Con:

Abstn:

... Carried Unanimously

Clark Funnell asked about producing a press release.

P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
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S) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

T) Social Activity:
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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Adrienne Smith (Policy), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Raj Mathur (Music), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Stephanie Findlay (Ubyssey-News), Mike Carlson (AMS President’s Assistant), Chris Sweeney (International Students Association), Lizette Chu (International Students Association), Tara Martellaro (Ubyssey), Cel Rink (Ubyssey), Eric Chiang (Science), Rajesh Parker (Science), Kayleigh McElligott (Africa Canada Accountability Coalition), Tanja Bergen (Africa Canada Accountability Coalition), Annabel Wong (Africa Canada Accountability Coalition), Matt Filipiak (Friends of the UBC Farm), Reid Kaufman (International Students Association)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

1. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Avneet Johal, Tim Chu, and Stefanie Ratjen be appointed as the Equity Representatives for the meeting.”

... Carried

2. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked for permission to film the Farm Presentation.

... No objections

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Seat for International Student on Council - UBC International Students Association (ISA)

- Chris Sweeney of the ISA said they would like a motion to create a permanent, non-voting seat for international students on AMS Council.
- Lizette Chu said she was a non-international student on the ISA executive, the ISA being open to all UBC students.
- Further points made by the ISA reps:
  - The ISA is a club striving to enhance the experience of international students on campus.
  - The number of international students on campus has grown, especially in the last ten years; they now constitute 13.2% of the student population, nearing the goal of 15% set by UBC’s Trek 2010.
  - International students have various issues:
    - Tuition: international students pay more ($20,000); they are not so much opposed to the amount as to the way it is decided on; there’s no consultation as there is for tuition increases for domestic students; they would like a process mirroring the domestic process.
    - Other special needs: childcare, housing; lacking a social network and cultural understanding, some international students end up in unsafe housing
    - They would like the seat to be filled by someone from the ISA; that would be the best route as it is the only club representing the whole international student body; other clubs represent particular aspects of the international student body.
    - The ISA also has good connections with the University’s International House, and they can serve as a liaison between AMS Council and I-House; there is a need for a connection.
Questions

- Clare Benton asked if international students are automatically members of the ISA.
- Chris Sweeney said the ISA is a club that anyone can join; membership is not automatic.
- Kyle Warwick asked if there was any benefit to a non-voting seat since anyone can attend Council meetings anyway.
- Chris Sweeney said there would be a sense of legitimacy from having a seat, and a greater ability to speak.
- Kyle Warwick wondered if this would set a precedent for other demographics, such as the fraternities. They might also want seats. There could be logistical problems.
- Chris Sweeney: There’s a really strong sense of engagement and participation in the international student community. But if any other interest group is able to organize and come to Council to get approval for a non-voting seat and they have this sort of support, they should probably be listened to.
- Chris McCann asked about the current non-voting members of Council.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said they are the Speaker, the Ombudsperson, the ECSS, the representatives from the affiliated colleges (Regent and VST), and a representative from the Alumni Association.
- Chris McCann: How many people belong to the ISA?
- Chris Sweeney: There are 70 members, plus a contact list of over 100.
- Chris McCann: There are responsibilities attached to being a Council member. Will there be someone in the club willing to put in time and not just on international issues?
- Chris Sweeney: Very much so. People want to be involved, engaged. Of course, we will participate in everything this Council does and be present at every meeting. We’ve had someone present unofficially at every meeting recently.
- Mike Kushnir suggested discussing this further in Discussion Period.
- Alex Monegro: Then the ISA reps might have to wait three or four hours until the end of the meeting.
- Chris Sweeney: That’s what we want, to attend the meetings.
- Tristan Markle: How would it be different in Discussion Period?
- Mike Kushnir: That would be a discussion instead of just Questions and Answers.
- Matt Filipiak noted that 25% of graduate students are international students and asked how many grad students are in the ISA.
- Chris Sweeney said he didn’t have the numbers, but he knew of several.
- Avneet Johal: Is there anything you haven’t been able to participate in without a seat?
- Chris Sweeney: It’s the sense of legitimacy and recognition.
- Avneet Johal: Is there anything you would have spoken on?
- Chris Sweeney: No.
- Avneet Johal: Is there anything besides legitimacy?
- Chris Sweeney: A platform to raise issues.
- Tahara Bhate asked how the representative would be elected. From within the club? Would they need to be a member of the club?
- Chris Sweeney: One of our executives could fill the seat, but this is in no way an attempt to monopolize the seat for the ISA. If that doesn’t fit the criteria the AMS wants, we are willing to find the best way to choose a representative.
- Tahara Bhate suggested that some of the issues affecting international students might best be dealt with at the committee level, especially the External Policy Committee, and through the External Office.
- Chris Sweeney: A seat on Council would be a step. The club was founded six years ago. This would be the first step in bringing forward the international voice. It would give us a connection to policy makers.
- Tristan Markle: Three years ago a referendum for a voting seat fell just short of the required 75% majority. This would be the least we could do.
• Richelle Schon asked about the powers of non-voting members and was told that they can sit on committees and stay for the in camera portions of meetings, just not vote.
• Richelle Schon: Why not just give them a voting seat?
• Dave Tompkins: We would have to go to referendum to change the bylaws to do that.
• Chris Sweeney: Also, Council is currently set up by faculty. As an interest group, we are not trying to disrupt the structure of the current AMS Council.
• Avneet Johal: Have you tried using faculty reps to bring points to Council?
• Chris Sweeney: There have been uneven attempts, depending on the faculty. The ISA of Sauder has been successful in the Business faculty, focusing on employment opportunities and in classrooms. Our focus is more in the UBC community, not the classrooms.
• Tim Blair asked about the involvement of International House. Would I-House be an appropriate body to name the representative on Council?
• Chris Sweeney: We’d fully agree with a motion to have I-House fill the seat in an inclusive process. I-House has outlined issues similar to ours. They provide us with resources, rooms, office space.
• Reid Kaufman: I-House would probably contact us to choose someone to fill the seat.
• Dave Tompkins: Is this to be an ISA seat or an international student seat more broadly?
• Chris Sweeney: We’re here for the ISA, but our goal is to ensure representation for international students generally.

UBC Farm Trek

• Tristan Markle: This is following up on the motion Council passed.
• Matt Filipiak: The petition has been wonderful, showing that the students are behind us. There’s been lots of media coverage.
• Tristan Markle: At workshops the message to secure the farm now has been conveyed to the Administration. We’ve met with Stephen Owen and Nancy Knight. There’s been a press conference. We talked to Stephen Toope, who said the message has come through loud and clear. The Metro Vancouver Board was electrifying; it passed a motion calling for a review of the Official Community Plan; they’re on record in support of the farm. This is not a small deal.
• Matt Filipiak: The petition was handed in at UBC’s AGM. There’s been phenomenal community involvement. In the Electoral District A campaign, questions on the farm are raised in debates.
• Mike Duncan: Students have made an impact over the years. There was the Great Trek of 1922; now there can be a Great Farm Trek: a march to the Board of Governors meeting on November 27. Not an in your face thing, but showing the amount of support for the farm at its current size in its current location. It would be a march from the UBC Farm to the Ponderosa building, where the Board of Governors will be meeting; and the AMS would then speak to the Board. This would be not a rally, but a community gathering, a safe, productive event.

Questions

• Stefanie Ratjen: What is needed from Councillors?
• Mike Duncan: Councillor involvement. We want a big turnout at the Trek.
• Matt Filipiak: We’re expecting thousands.
• Rory Green: Members at large?
• Matt Filipiak: Anyone. Not even just students.
• Alex Lougheed asked about contacting the UBC Ceremonies Office.
• Jamil Rhajiak asked about permits.
• Mike Duncan: We’re getting licences. We’re getting going now.
Congo

- Tanja Bergen spoke on behalf of the newly formed Africa Canada Accountability Coalition (ACAC) concerning the situation in the Congo, saying:
  - It’s Africa’s world war.
  - 250,000 people are fleeing.
  - Rape is being used as a weapon of war and terror.
  - The Canadian public knows nothing about this, even though it’s the biggest conflict since World War II.
  - Canada has refused to take an active lead.
  - We as students have a chance to call on our government to act.
  - Students will be shocked by the lack of action by the Canadian government; there’s a systematic lack of attention to these issues, even though Canada is one of the largest foreign investors in the Congo.
  - France and Britain have sent ambassadors.
  - Many UBC students are of African descent or are from Africa.
  - The AMS has a powerful voice, and ACAC would like it to weigh in and support ACAC’s message, asking for:
    - transport aircraft for aid;
    - aid for Doctors without Borders;
    - police officers;
    - political influence.
  - Other groups have already expressed their support.
  - They propose the following draft motion:

  “Whereas the AMS should show solidarity for the UBC African student community during this time of crisis; and

  Whereas the AMS strongly denounces the use of rape as a weapon of war,

  Therefore be it resolved that the AMS endorse the ACAC’s message and embrace their call to action.”

Questions

- Mike Kushnir: Is there a mission statement to back this up?
- Tanja Bergen said their aim is to promote accountable Canadian leadership in Africa.
- Mike Kushnir: In the Congo? Or in Africa generally?
- Tanja Bergen: Right now the Congo.
- Rory Green: How can we get involved?
- Tanja Bergen said they are getting a blog up.
- Kyle Warwick suggested having something from the mission statement or about the Congo in the motion.
- Tanja Bergen: We’re just asking you to call for action from the government.

3. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

  “That the agenda be amended to allow discussion of the proposed motion.”

  …No objections

- Joel Mertens: The motion is very broad; the ACAC message might change with time.
- Tanja Bergen: Any change we do goes back to our member organizations, but our message will stay the same; our message should be clear.
- Sonia Purewal asked about the position of the Canadian government.
- Tanja Bergen: Canada said No to the UN. France has acted. Canada should too. She’s been e-mailing government officials to ask why we said No to the UN. They sent us some information.
4. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED SONIA PUREWAL:

" Whereas the AMS should show solidarity for the UBC African student community during this time of crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); and

Whereas the AMS strongly denounces the use of rape as a weapon of war; and

Whereas the Africa Canada Accountability Coalition’s current mission statement is to ‘promote accountable Canadian Leadership in Africa’ and their current focus is on the conflict in the DRC,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS endorse the ACAC's message and embrace their call to action."

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

- Tahara Bhate asked if there is any action item associated with this motion. Does ACAC want us to give stuff to help them?
- Tanja Bergen said they were just looking for statements of support. Contact information might be useful.

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

D) President’s Remarks, or Mike’s Message (Michael Duncan):

- Read my quarterly report.
- We’re losing our web editor and looking for a new one.
- Still haven’t found a suitable candidate for Elections Administrator. The position posting has been reopened.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP Finance (Chris Diplock):

- Hasn’t submitted his quarterly yet.
- The new AVP is doing a good job.
- IPF closes Friday.
- Impacts:
  - Meeting on Monday: poor showing.
  - Talked to waste consultants, negotiating a contract.
  - Eco-friendly day went well last week.
- BOC: met three HR consultants; strong candidates.
- Budget Committee: Mid-year budget review planned for late November.
VP Administration (Tristan Markle):

- Exciting week: the Metro Vancouver motion supporting the farm.
- SUB negotiating team hit rough waters with UBC over project management:
  - Next Council meeting will see a motion for project management.
  - Properties Trust is the default UBC project management company.
  - We want project managers to report directly to us, and we want an accountable and transparent selection process, the same process as for the programmers.
  - The SUB Renewal Committee has been doing this.
  - UBC, oddly, demanded that Properties Trust be the project manager.
  - We had contacted four firms, including UBC Properties Trust, and received three proposals; Properties Trust did not submit.
  - Then UBC said we had to use Properties Trust.
  - We said that was not an accountable and transparent selection process.

- Mike Duncan: We told them they should review this position of theirs.
- Tristan Markle:
  - Finally they said they’d accept our process. We’re happy. The project manager will report to us. They’ll be accountable to us.
  - There’s also the architect issue; it’s stormy: UBC had an architectural competition for University Boulevard and hired an architect for that project and then said we had to use their architect, but on Friday they became more flexible.
  - UBC also agreed that the SUB project should not be a P3; our Council motion saying that helped.
  - We’re now down to one firm on project management; we’re negotiating with them; they’re phenomenal; they made an incredible proposal, a five-year $1.8 million contract. It will come to the next meeting.
  - Underground bus loop consultation is going on; we need to make sure the loop fits with our building. Everything is ramping up; it looks like things are going well; there are consultations every day.

VP External (Stefanie Ratjen):

- Equity Program:
  - Training has started, with the first workshop on Monday. Response was positive at the session, and I look forward to the continued evolution of this initiative. With Jacqueline gone, this program is taking up a lot of time, and is a part-time job unto its own.
  - If your clubs haven’t signed up yet, space is getting a bit tight, so email me with your name and contact info as soon as possible.

- Cinema Politica
  - Still happening every Tuesday, 7:00 pm, in the Norm theatre. To mark the transgender day of remembrance, on November 18 there will be a double screening of Black and White, and then Red Without Blue.
  - AMS International Student Researcher Internship
  - Hiring for the AMS International Student researcher has been completed- Sneha Sethi will be working in consultation with the International Students Association, International house, to conduct an investigation into issues that disproportionately affect international students, and what the AMS could be doing to better address these concerns.

- Municipal Elections:
  - Vancouver Candidates will be on the concourse tomorrow and Friday so that students will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask them their own questions. They’ll be there from 10-3, so make sure you come by!
Electoral A Debate with Friends of the Farm will be tomorrow, at 7:00 pm, in the SUB Conversation Pit
There will be another one on Wednesday, November 12th, in the Acadia Commonsblock. For those of you on campus, this will be an opportunity to meet the candidates that you can actually vote for.
I have posters to give out, please take a few and put them up in the buildings that you spend the most time in!

Transit Action
On Wednesday, November 12th, we are teaming up with the SFU student society and the Canadian Autoworkers union at the Commercial Drive and Production Way Skytrain stations to promote improving transit service in the upcoming elections.
We are looking for volunteers for this event- It should be a fun morning- we’re hoping to get some media coverage, and will handing out information and buttons to get people informed and in support of improving transit service.

VP Academic (Alex Lougheed):

• UBC Bookstore flew him to Edmonton for the CRAM conference, where they talked to other bookstores, asking them to join CRAM.
• Met the new RCMP corporal; oriented her. Went well. Building positive relationship.
• Campus plan consultations winding up.
• UBC VP Administration and Finance selection committee; he’s one of the AMS reps there.
• Participating in the external review of enrollment.
• Crisis concerning the Elections Administrator: another round of interviews is being scheduled in an attempt to hire.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:


Science – Jamal Rhajiak: Town Hall with Dean went well. More security in Ladha Centre.


Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith: Boat cruise. Administration wants to change name of program, but 60% of students don’t.

Forestry – Alyssa Alidina: Roosters’ run Nov. 19.


GSS – Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Halloween party.

Education – Aaron Warbinek: Back from practicum. Boat cruise.

Pharmacy – Richelle Schon.


VST – Rob McRudden: Public lecture on being a latter-day Deuteronomist.
**Law – Clare Benton:** Sold out Hall party. Considering referendum because of lack of money. Considering amending constitution about electing their representative on Council.

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

**Senate – Helaine Boyd:** Hoping next Senate meeting not cancelled. Hopefully bringing a motion on UBC Farm.

**Board of Governors – Tim Blair:** Committee meetings November 18. New Chancellor being installed November 19.

**Ombudsperson – Karen Ko (read by Alex Lougheed):**

Since the last council meeting, I have opened a new case and am continuing to work with the Faculty of Graduate Studies office on their upcoming student life review. The mid-semester lull the office was experiencing has seemed to cease as cases have recently picked up. The new case I have recently opened concerns student-professor conflict in the Earth and Ocean Science department and is being resolved through direct mediation.

Additionally, I am in the midst of contacting first and second year professors to make announcements in various classes in order to publicize the service before exams. I hope that by making the service more visible students will be more aware of their options and more likely to use the service in the future.

**I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

6. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED MITCH WRIGHT:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Council Minutes dated October 8, 2008.”  

... Carried

**J) Executive Committee Motions:**

**K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:**

**L) Committee Motions:**

7. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That _________ (Council member) be appointed to UBC’s President’s Advisory Committee on Naming Facilities.”

Contested by Alex Lougheed (VP Academic), Avneet Johal (Arts), Andrew Carne (Engineering)

8. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That Avneet Johal (Council member) be appointed to UBC’s President’s Advisory Committee on Naming Facilities.”

... Carried

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

**N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:**
9. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.

Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated October 6, 2008.” ... Carried

10. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Mosarrap Khan and Shawn Stewart be reinstated as members of SAC until May 1, 2009.”

• Tristan Markle: This happens periodically. It’s in our bylaws. If SAC members miss meetings, they lose their positions unless reinstated by Council. Both these SAC members have been away, Mosarrap at a conference, Shawn at meetings.
• Andrew Carne asked if the rule refers to unexcused absences.
• Tristan Markle: It just says if they miss three in a row or five altogether.

11. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Mosarrap Khan and Shawn Stewart be reinstated as members of SAC until May 1, 2009.”

... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

12. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED SONIA PUREWAL:

"That the AMS support the replacing of the first day of Term 1 undergraduate classes with orientation and transition programs."

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

• Alex Lougheed: Last time we had a presentation on this from Chad Hyson.
• Mike Kushnir: The AUS debated this and had mixed views. He was one opposed. First years should see a working campus on their first day. A lot of people will just stay home. There are other better ways to help out transfer students.
• Stefanie Ratjen said she’s not a fan of the proposal because it doesn’t address a lot of considerations:
  o Students currently use the first day of classes to shop around.
  o There’s no guarantee that Withdrawal day will be delayed accordingly.
  o Lots of students are here to learn and may not be interested in Imagine programs; it may have a detrimental effect on their education.
• Chris McCann: The positive impact far outweighs the detrimental effects of students missing the first day of class. Students have every other day of the year to see what campus looks like.
• Andrew Carne: Other schools have a lot longer welcome back events. They build community. We’re missing that. Classes on first day don’t usually do much anyway. We could do events if students were not concerned about missing classes.
• Helaine Boyd: The AUS was divided. It didn’t like the word cancelling; students think they’re losing a day of classes. It’s not like that.

13. MOVED HELAINE BOYD, SECONDED CLARE BENTON

“That the question be called.”

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

• Mitch Wright: Commuters won’t show up. It will be a dead campus. Only the first years will be here.
• Tahara Bhate: Trying out classes can be pushed back. And the new first day, besides having Imagine programs for first years, will have orientation programs for older students; there’s been no opportunity for that before.
• Alyssa Alidina: If lectures are pushed back one day and are not made up, that’s not fair. Tuition won’t change.
• Ed Durgan said he liked the idea of students subverting the power structure a bit through a day like this, which would prompt them to think about what’s happening. But if a day is taken off, does it have to be added at another time?
• Alex Lougheed: No, UBC just has to meet a minimum.
• Kyle Warwick: Actually, the first day of classes for upper levels is substantive. There’s an issue of student engagement in Arts. Cancelling classes means people won’t come.
• Maria Cirstea: During Imagine, she didn’t get to go into buildings to see the working campus; and we would get enough commuters to make it a success.
• Jamil Rhajiak: People are not seeing the potential of what the AMS could do on that day. We could be showing what the AMS does; we need to do more of that. Individual constituencies could do something that day. If we try something bigger, it could give a chance to the farm, the RBF, the DRC to talk to students. If some students don’t show up, that’s a shame, but let’s focus on what we can gain from this.
• Aaron Warbinek: Maybe cut class times in half that day and have orientations for half the day.

14. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds. … Carried

15. MOVED MITCH WRIGHT, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN, THIRDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That there be a roll call vote.” … Carried

16. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED SONIA PUREWAL:

“That the AMS support the replacing of the first day of Term 1 undergraduate classes with orientation and transition programs.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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17. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That Council appoint Lindsey Smith to the Premier & Wesbrook Scholarship Selection Committee.”

… Carried

P) Discussion Period

Oversight Committee: Contract with Complement Communications

18. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED CHRIS TARANTINO:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Oversight Committee, a contract be entered into with Complement Communications to assist in the undertaking of a constructive review of the AMS Student Court and its function within the AMS structure to be presented to Council at a later date.

Be it further resolved that Council approve an allocation not to exceed $6000 from the President's Fund for the consulting services of Complement Communications.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Alex Monegro asked for information about the company.
• Adrienne Smith read from the blurb for the company, adding that James Fletcher has a history with the student movement and has worked for various organizations on the left.
• Alex Monegro said he was uncomfortable not knowing more than the blurb.
• Jamil Rhajiak asked for a CV.
• Dave Tompkins asked if the issue was time-sensitive.
• Clare Benton: We need to move on this now. It’s mostly going to be a second term project anyway.
• Chris McCann: Let’s get on with this.
• Chris Diplock: We sent RFP’s to three places. Bigger firms said that $6,000 is like doing it for free.
• Adrienne Smith: Two other consultants couldn’t meet the deadline. This was the only one that responded.
• Clare Benton: There was a unanimous vote in the committee to go with this firm.
• Alex Monegro said he would like further background. He’d like it to happen too, but it shouldn’t be done by just anyone.
• Spenser Rocky: Why did the committee recommend this person?
• Clare Benton: He addressed all our concerns. Granted, we had no one to compare him with.

19. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK SECONDED CLARE BENTON:

“That Council suspend the relevant section of Code to allow Council to spend money from the President's Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Chris Diplock: We need to suspend Code to allow Council to spend from the President’s Fund, because the fund in Code is supposed to be administered by the Executive, not Council, unless the allocation is over a certain amount.
• Dave Tompkins: You could find somewhere else to take the money from.
• Chris Diplock: It could come from the Services Fund.
• Alex Lougheed spoke against using the President’s Fund, saying it is not appropriate to take money from it. He would like a moratorium on using it.
• Mike Kushnir asked the Executive to indicate whether they were in favour of taking money from the President’s Fund.
• Four of the five Executive members indicated they were in favour.
• Tristan Markle: Council can do this without even suspending Code.
• Dave Tompkins ruled suspending Code would be necessary.

20. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK SECONDED CLARE BENTON:

“That Council suspend the relevant section of Code to allow Council to spend money from the President’s Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

• Mike Duncan said he was concerned there hadn’t been more than one applicant. Student Court is an important issue. If we need to allocate more money, we should do so.
• Stefanie Ratjen: This has come up before. We talked about a governance review back in June. This should be incorporated into an overall governance review.
• Chris McCann said that as far as allocating more money was concerned, it seemed that more established companies would want lots more.
• Clare Benton: We looked at a range of costs. We thought $6,000 seemed appropriate. When we did the CORP Report consultation, that cost $40,000, but that was for a massive overhaul of the whole AMS. This is just to get some insight.
• Alex Monegro said that even if this is time-sensitive he still wasn’t in favour of approving this without knowing much about this person.

21. MOVED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES, SECONDED MIKE KUSHNIR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

22. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED CHRIS TARANTINO:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Oversight Committee, a contract be entered into with Complement Communications to assist in the undertaking of a constructive review of the AMS Student Court and its function within the AMS structure to be presented to Council at a later date.

Be it further resolved that Council approve an allocation not to exceed $6000 from the President’s Fund for the consulting services of Complement Communications.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Abstained: Timothy Chu and Rory Green.

**International Student Seat**

• Mike Duncan:
  o Having a non-voting international student seat is a good idea; there are issues that affect them.
  o If it’s a non-voting seat, that won’t affect our voting structure.
  o He’s concerned about representation and is cool with I-House.
  o He would like all international students to be able to vote for the position.
• Rory Green said she didn’t want to think of the day when there would be no international students on Council. There might be other ways, but she supported this proposal. If other groups want this too, what’s wrong with that?
• Stefanie Ratjen:
  o In all honesty, it should be a voting seat, but a non-voting seat is what they’re asking for.
  o I-House did designate ISA as representative. I-House is operated by the University; ISA is a student group. We have to look to the student group. We work with the University, but we’re autonomous.
  o International students here for four years contribute to student life on campus; lots of things directly affect them that we’re not adequately addressing.
• Reid Kaufman spoke of bridging a gap between international students and Council. He would be fully supportive of I-House running an election. ISA could hold the seat until the end of term.
• Tahara Bhate:
  o A non-voting seat could lead to a voting seat.
  o We’ll likely see other groups: First Nations students, disabled students.
  o There’s a history here. There was a non-voting seat for First Nations students that disappeared because of non-attendance.
  o There’s an issue of double representation if there’s a voting seat; that’s a huge thing.
  o And she’s concerned about the notion that a non-voting seat will lead to addressing issues: Council isn’t where policy is made.
  o We’re all supposed to be responsive to our constituents, who include international students. We’re confessing to a failure of Council if we do this. Just because I’m not an international student doesn’t mean I can’t speak passionately in favour of their needs.
  o A seat would be a last resort.
• Mike Kushnir: We have a responsibility to our constituency first and to international students only secondarily. He didn’t want to get into Balkanization; that’s why it’s not a voting seat. We should strike an ad hoc committee.
• Mitch Wright said the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee (AHRAERC) could look into it.
• Alex Lougheed: That committee said no to this last year.
• Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: It would not be out of line to create an International Students Association to encompass the whole campus. The GSS is about to change its constitution to allow people who feel they’re not represented to apply for a voting seat. He would prefer that this be a voting seat and that there be one for aboriginal students as well.
• Sonia Purewal: If an international student came to me with an issue like visas, I wouldn’t know how to deal with it. I would just refer them to I-House. It makes sense that they have their own seat.
• Kyle Warwick: Double voting is not unheard of. As Constituency reps we represent the international students. We try to do that, but your lived experience affects who you represent. Keeping it non-voting means it won’t disrupt the structure.
• Tim Chu said he’d like to see a voting seat. The AMS has been lobbying for international students, yes, but if they’d been on Council, they might have known. This could be a relay. We do need an international structure. The current system is not working; we need to change it.
• Clare Benton raised the issue of representativeness. There are 70 members in the club, but 5,000 international students, and the non-voting seat could end up going to someone who’s not even one of the 5,000, since there are domestic students in the club.
• Avneet Johal:
  o A set body would be better than a club for choosing.
  o He’s also not for a voting seat; that would mean some people were represented twice.
  o A non-voting representative could raise issues we’re not hearing or understanding; then we could discuss the issues.
  o The AUS has set up an I-House booth in MASS just to talk about visas, permits, housing, etc.; these can be addressed on a Constituency level.
  o He hopes to learn more about international student issues; bring them to Council.
• Tristan Markle: Let's focus on the positive. He would like to see an international student seat as soon as possible. He looked forward to working with them, bridging. It's not a last resort; it's the least we can do. In a similar situation for the alumni seat, we just vote to accept the person recommended by the Alumni Association.
• Jamil Rhajiak: It's great that they want to be involved. He would like to hear their concerns. The system is not broken; we should try harder. With them coming here, we can find out what those issues are; we can bring them forward; he looked forward to working with them in the Faculty of Science.
• Chris McCann:
  o He'd like to work with international students in Engineering to bring their issues forward here.
  o He liked the idea of a non-voting seat; he was concerned about voting seats for the ISA and others.
  o Talk of the system being broken is short-sighted. With the structure as it is, we can work with international students and represent them adequately.
• Lindsey Smith: What if we give them a non-voting seat? They'll take part in discussion and fill seats on committees we can't fill. And then other people may come and give their feedback. She didn't see anything wrong with that.
• James Matichuk: Speaking as a non-voting member, some representation is better than none.
• Alex Lougheed: This requires a bit more deliberation. AHRAERC should discuss it.
• Mike Duncan: ISA didn’t ask for a motion; they wanted us to think about it. We’ll work with them and draft a motion. We can’t give them a voting seat unless we go to referendum.
• Chris Sweeney: Our request has been for a non-voting seat; we’re not trying for a voting seat. International students work at the departmental level, which is great, but we also want to work at the entire UBC level.
• Reid Kaufman: Having a non-voting seat here would streamline the process. There’s a need for representation; this is the quickest way to get that.

23. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS, THIRDED ANDREW CARNE.

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 9:37 pm.

The meeting came out of camera at 9:48 pm.

Q) Submissions:
President’s 3rd Quarterly

R) Next Meeting:
November 19, 2008

S) Adjournment:

24. MOVED ALYSSA ALIDINA, SECONDED ED DURGAN:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.

T) Social Activity:

Alex Lougheed
Vice President, Academic and University Affairs

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A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 pm.

1. MOVED MITCH WRIGHT, SECONDED JOSH WOOD:
   “That Helaine Boyd, Rory Green and Chris McCann be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”
   ... Carried

2. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”
   ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

National Campus and Community Radio Association – Kevin Matthews

- Kevin Matthews:
  o The NCRA represents community and campus radio stations across the country, including 33 campus stations nation-wide and 16 in BC.
  o Community and campus stations get a government mandate but no money, so have to raise money.
  o The NCRA itself needs to raise money and has a national levy program; at the University of Winnipeg, students pay 25 cents each to support it; he’s hoping something similar can happen here.
  o CITR, the UBC campus radio station, may also want to increase its levy.
  o He’s looking for support in principle.

Questions

- Dave Tompkins said a referendum would be required to introduce a fee levy for the NCRA or CITR; it could be held at the same time as the election.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: It doesn’t have to be at the same time as the election.
- Clark Funnell asked about the cost of a referendum.
- Dave Tompkins: They cost $1,000 or $2,000 to administer.
- Kevin Matthews: This could be a fee referendum for money to go directly to the NCRA or it could be a fee increase for CITR and CITR would give some to the NCRA. But Brenda at CITR is not sure this is a good time to ask for more money for CITR.
- Tristan Markle said he’d support a fee referendum, but not with the elections. There’s no time.
- A straw poll showed support for holding a referendum.

SUB Project Management: MHPM – Richard Harris and Guillaume Savard
Richard Harris:
  - MHPM stands for Many Happy Projects Managed.
  - It’s a risk, but they welcome this chance to make this a good experience for the AMS and the students; these are exciting opportunities.
  - In business 18 years.
  - They represent the owners, i.e., in this case the AMS; they level the playing field; they know how things work; they defend the owners’ interests.
  - They’re accountable for being on schedule, within budget, and completing according to scope, but authority rests with the owners; the decisions will remain with you, the students.
  - They’ve done 3500 projects totalling $3.5 billion across Canada and some in the U.S.
  - They have 165 project managers.
  - Recent projects include a retrofit of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa for Public Works Canada; also the Richmond Olympic Skating Oval, the largest venue for the 2010 Olympics, costing $178 million.
  - He’s an engineer and the principal in charge of the company.
  - Guillaume Savard would be the designated manager for this project; he’s the one who designed the Oval.
  - Guillaume has 28 years experience as an architect and engineer, and is LEED-accredited.
  - Content – calendar – cost control.
  - Risk management, quality management.

He showed the master schedule for the project.

Questions

- Chris McCann asked about handling contractor overruns, contractors not following through, etc.
- Richard Harris: It’s a volatile construction market, with financing problems; it’s complex. We’ve seen it all. Some projects go bad; you have to be aware of that. Have to be proactive. These are things we’ll flesh out with you. There are contingencies to protect you and us. On the plus side, this is a very large project. It will get lots of attention and attract the best builders out there. It’s good timing now.
- Mike Kushnir: This project excludes the Alumni Centre, the bus loop, the Aquatic project. How will you make sure all the projects work together?
- Guillaume Savard: There’s big integration going on. Just the money is not integrated.
- Richard Harris: It’s part of our 90-day road map. Some of these projects are further along; we have to catch up.
- Tristan Markle: That’s one reason we want to approve the contract today. We already have meetings set up. If the University wants us to take up part of their budget shortfall for the underground bus loop, that’s not going to happen.
- Josh Wood: How are you paid? Hourly?
- Richard Harris: A fixed fee based on anticipated effort and resources. It’s based on past projects; we then take the risk.
- Alex Lougheed asked about the top three largest projects.
- Guillaume Savard: The Oval at $178 million; that’s the most recent, with many stakeholders. The key was planning. His specialty has been hospitals, in Ottawa and Calgary; also Grande Prairie’s Queen Elizabeth Hospital at $100 million and the Royal Jubilee Hospital at $300 million, a P3.
- Alex Lougheed asked about experience implementing LEED.
• Guillaume Savard said the Oval got LEED silver certification; VANOC decided on that level, and we realized it.
• Richard Harris: We have 40-50 major capital projects in the LEED process, from platinum to just certified. LEED is a tool for achieving sustainability. We believe sustainability is a project imperative; we digest an organization’s sustainability attitude and translate that into the building. That will include LEED, energy conservation, etc., but also beyond LEED: the quality of the environment, the amount of interaction promoted by the building.
• Stephen Russo asked about tightening capital markets.
• Richard Harris: Clients are on hold or in flux because of financing. Your organization is not fully safeguarded, but you’re relatively safe compared to those in the equity market.
• David Nogas asked about guarantees about the completion date.
• Richard Harris: We cannot guarantee at this point. There are many factors involved. When we have our major contractors, then we can set a substantial completion date. Owners impose changes; that can cause delays. It’s complex. We bring a reality check; we help establish realistic goals and schedules, with room for delays.
• David Nogas: Do you waive your fee beyond March 2014?
• Richard Harris: That’s a risk for us, if we go beyond. Our protection is that beyond this window ... We’ve only based fees on that window.
• Richelle Schon asked what happens if the project is delayed.
• Richard Harris: A hiccup or delay can be a full stop, on hold. One scenario is services and fees. Another is we agree to a date when fixed fee terminates, with time and expense thereafter.
• Richelle Schon: Can we go on hold? Is the $2 million fee set?
• Richard Harris: We have to be flexible. We look for the same in return. We’re putting aside some of our senior staff because this is an important project.
• Rob Winson: What are the risks for the AMS?
• Richard Harris: None, limited. The value of the work that we’ve done.
• David Nogas: Beyond reputation, where is your incentive to finish on time?
• Richard Harris: There’s a fixed fee for five and a half years; that’s incentive from a business perspective.

**Studentcare Presentation – Kristin Foster and Sophia Haque**

• Studentcare does program consulting for the Health and Dental Plan, reporting to the AMS via the Health and Dental Plan Committee, and acting an intermediary between the AMS and the insurance company.
• But mostly it administers the plan.
• New this year: no deductibles for drugs (and there’s never been a maximum).
• Vaccinations are covered (unusual in such plans, but needed because academics travel).
• Health practitioners like chiropractors, physiotherapists, naturopaths, dietitians are covered; these are who students tend to use.
• Travel coverage geared to students; trip cancellation insurance, the first of its kind, and there’s a new option to stay in that even if you opt out of the rest of the plan; this is the only plan to allow that.
• Dental networks lower the cost of dental work, saving members $400,000 a year.
• 78% of the students are enrolled; 9% are annual opt-outs; 13% are on permanent opt-out.
• Health claims: 63% drugs, paramedical 21%. Drugs account for $1.3 million from 40,000 claims for 492 categories of drugs; there is widespread drug use at UBC.
• Dental claims: 33% diagnostic, 37% restorative, 30% periodontics.
Questions

- Rob McLean asked about vacation health coverage.
- Kristin Foster said the plan pays a dollar amount over what MSP pays.
- Alex Lougheed asked what percentage make claims.
- Sophia Haque said the numbers aren’t available yet, but even those not claiming are using the plan.
- Alex Lougheed asked about notice and communication.
- Sophia Haque: There are 25 ways we reach out: mailout, emails, our office on campus in the SUB, flyers, posters …
- Sonia Purewal asked if there is a pay direct card.
- Sophia Haque: There is. Mostly students don’t have to see paperwork, except for massage therapy.
- Kristin Foster: Students can get claim cheques direct deposited.
- Tahara Bhaté said she didn’t receive an email this year and forgot to opt out.
- Kristin Foster: We did send one out; we go through the University.
- Helaine Boyd asked if it’s possible to find out how much insurance is left.
- Kristin Foster: Yes, call the centre. We now have annual maximums.
- Mike Kushnir: How aware are students of the plan?
- Kristin Foster: We’re doing a survey, probably in January, asking, Do you know of the plan? Do you use it? In past surveys, awareness was 80%. But there must be some who don’t know. We welcome suggestions about how to let them know.
- Richelle Schon: Do you let students know they’re no longer covered? At the end of the policy year?
- Sophia Haque: Students coming back are still covered through August 31. Something new this year is that graduating students can renew their coverage; they can opt in to continuing coverage; they’re being notified.
- Richelle Schon: Pharmacy students on practicum off campus maybe fell through the cracks.
- Kristin Foster said she would make a mental note to check on them. Those not paying UBC fees pay no fees.
- In response to a question about retroactive reimbursement, Kristin Foster said that if covered, a student can submit a claim up to two months later.
- Rory Green asked about orthopedic visits.
- Kristin Foster: They’ve been covered since maybe 2004.

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the SUB Renewal Committee, approve in principle the contract between the AMS and MHPM.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Council expects to vote on the final contract at the November 29/December 3, 2008 Council meeting.

- Tristan Markle: This is approval in principle. The contract is still with the lawyers, who are working on the language; it’s important that it be airtight. It’s for 5.5 years; they provide continuity on the project; it’s a huge, complicated project.
- Mike Duncan:
The bus loop has been pushed forward, with a completion date now set for 2010, two years earlier than before; we have to catch up now and go more quickly.

- The selection process included interviews and reference checks.
- MHPM was the best: passionate, professional, flexible, with competitive fees of about $30,000 a month.
- There’s no Council meeting till January 14, but it would be good to get MHPM working now.
- The contract’s not ready yet, not final.
- We could have a very short emergency meeting to approve it on December 3, or we could do it at the party on November 29.

- Tristan Markle: We’d have loved to have it ready today, but it’s not, and Council has to approve the final version.
- A straw poll showed that not enough Council members would be attending the party.
- Another suggestion was to meet next Wednesday (November 26).
- Mike Duncan: There’s a slight chance it won’t be ready by then.
- Clark Funnell: Why bother approving in principle?
- Tristan Markle: It means it’s approved, but not the final wording.
- Dave Tompkins: It’s not legally binding, but it indicates good faith.

4. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the SUB Renewal Committee, approve in principle the contract between the AMS and MHPM.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

Note: Council expects to vote on the final contract at the November 29/December 3, 2008 Council meeting.”

… Carried

- A straw poll showed support for a December 3 meeting.
- Mike Duncan: It will be just for this, unless other emergency issues come up.
- Tristan Markle: We’ll need quorum.
- Sonia Purewal: Why not say we’ll meet next Wednesday if the contract is ready?

D) President’s Remarks, or Mike’s Message (Michael Duncan):

- Negotiations with Athletics are going well.
- ECSS interviews going well; hopefully done by the end of the week.
- Great Farm Trek: Late November is too short a time line, and would be taking away from the design workshop. At a planning meeting we held, it seemed to make more sense to do it for the February 5 Board of Governors meeting. That will give us more time to plan.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP Finance (Chris Diplock):

- Staff Christmas party November 29.
- IPF applications closed: received 39. IPF committee to meet.
- AVP Finance doing a great job.
- BOC meeting tomorrow: HR review planned, choosing a consultant firm; also looking at personnel handbooks.
• Impacts: decided on a firm to do the waste audit.
• Eco-friendly days the last Thursday of each month.
• Last year the Exec ran an information session for anyone thinking of running for the Executive. I’m running one for VP Finance next Tuesday.

**VP External (Stefanie Ratjen):**

• Election results:
  o Vancouver Civic Election: Gregor Robertson is the new mayor of Vancouver
  o Electoral Area A Election: Votership more than doubled compared to the last elections (2005).
  o Congratulations must be extended to Maria Harris of the University Endowment Land Ratepayers Association for her success in the Electoral A election.
  o A special mention should go to some candidates that worked very hard in their campaign.

• CASA:
  o Found this out after a call last Friday night: the student society at the University of Fraser Valley is also undertaking a review process regarding their relationship with CASA. In sum, they have similar concerns about the overall value in exchange for their investment and the efficacy of the organization as a whole.

• Other National Organizations:
  o I will be attending a CFS –National conference next week in the hopes of getting a better perspective on how other student organizations operate. This will be a learning experience and I hope we can incorporate some of their best practices into our own review of our organization and our lobbying efforts.

• External Policy Committee:
  o Transit Campaign gearing up--motion later in meeting.

• Equity program:
  o Will be doing some changes to reflect the feedback, although it has been largely positive.
  o All booked up for this term. If you are interested, we will continue with the workshops next term.

• Cinema Politica:
  o Transgender Day of Remembrance is tomorrow, November 20th. Last night Cinema Politica showed two films that highlighted some issues around trans-, intersex, and queer identities, which was very well attended.

• General:
  o Catching up on emails and starting up the planning for strategies geared towards the provincial election next term.

**VP Academic (Alex Lougheed):**

• Further to Chris’s information session on VP Finance, speak to me if interested in taking my job from me.
• Security cameras in SUB: project underway to improve them; there’s already a network in place; there are some privacy concerns.
  o Rob McLean: There are cameras in place? Where?
Alex Lougheed: That’s one of the privacy concerns.
- Getting Tutoring database up to speed.
- On two external review committees.
- Public Realm committee: working group formed.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:


GSS – Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Two vice-presidents resigned. GSS trying to restructure.

Education – Tom Dvorak: Boat cruise cancelled.


Science – Jamal Rhajiak: Meeting SUS clubs, talking about SUS. Looking for ways to reach out to international students.

Engineering – Chris McCann: Referendum on building next week. Offering tutoring to first years; if they still fail, we’ll punch them in the face.

[Objections from other Council members.]

Remembrance being held November 27 for women gunned down at the Ecole Polytechnique. Movember – growing moustaches – donations – for cure of prostate cancer.

Forestry – Angus Cheung: Getting ready for elections. Logger sports. He’s here tonight because others are drunk in Coquitlam.

Music – Jing Yao Yu: Concerts upcoming.


Pharmacy – Richelle Schon: Pharmacy Gala last Friday. Students voting on recoding practicum courses as on campus.


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

Board of Governors – Tim Blair:
- Chancellor installation; excited about new chancellor.
- Tuesday meeting: AMS/GSS/Friends of the Farm presented; went well.
- SUB, along with U-Boulevard and Transit Terminal; the latter to Board 2, but with designs beyond what you expect in Board 2.
- Law Building: reduced the size of the student space; may put that back in, but short of money.
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- Stefanie Ratjen: Re the underground bus terminal, we have policy saying we are not happy with the current plans; how was that reflected in the student reps’ votes?
- Tim Blair: Both student reps voted in favour. It’s not the way to help change the direction of the Board to vote against. His comments were more on how to move forward.
- Tristan Markle: Properties Trust is going ahead without talking to us. We’re talking to the Administration to try to get Properties Trust to come to the table and not go it alone without considering what’s going on top of the bus loop.
- Tim Blair: He’s asking for an update on what meetings have been arranged.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Why vote as you did?
- Tim Blair: The bus terminal is a big concern of mine; I’m not sure Darren always voted against; he certainly brought up concerns, as I have.

Senate – Rob McLean: Awesome meeting, including student-driven initiatives: a notice of motion on the farm.

Ombudsperson – Karen Ko (read by Alex Lougheed):
Since the last Council meeting I have opened one new case and closed and re-opened another. Our newest case concerns conflict between a student and the Faculty of Graduate Studies Awards department and the School of Environmental Health. The second on-going case I am working on deals with student-professor conflict.

As the semester winds down, I am currently working on new promotional efforts for the service and contacting as of yet unresolved cases in the hopes of reaching resolutions before the end of the year.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP Administration (Tristan Markle):
- Quarterly report coming.
- Grad Class Council trying to meet. Reps not showing up. Please make sure your reps come out tomorrow, 5 pm, in Council chambers.
- Programming form, questionnaire, consultation.

G) Constituency Reports:

VST – Rob McRudden: Lectures upcoming.
Regent – James Matichuk: Reading break next week. Dec. 3-4 craft sale. Dec. 6 Christmas party.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:
“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Deputy Ombudsperson’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

- Matthew Naylor: This is to remove the position of Deputy Ombudsperson, a position we no longer have.
- Kyle Warwick asked for further details.
- Matthew Naylor: Our Ombudsperson used to be the only one on campus. Now that there’s going to be a University Ombudsperson, we have less work.
- Kyle Warwick: How will the University’s Ombudsperson differ from ours?
- Alex Lougheed: Our Ombudsperson will deal with club issues and other internal AMS conflicts. The University Ombudsperson will deal with student-prof conflicts and also with student-student conflicts outside the AMS.
- Josh Wood: Other constituencies have ombudspersons.
- Alex Lougheed: Commerce, the GSS, Law.

6. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:


Note: Requires 2/3rds.” … Carried

7. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Personnel Handbooks’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

- Matthew Naylor: This is clarifying the current situation concerning the distribution of the personnel handbooks. The Code says union members don’t get them. In fact, they do get them.

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9. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: Student Court and Conflict of Interest’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

- Matthew Naylor: This is to ensure that the same people don’t hear appeals of their own rulings.
• Sheldon Goldfarb: The Code already ensures that for election appeals, the judge who makes a ruling as chair of an election appeals committee cannot take part in a Student Court hearing of an appeal of such a ruling. But this year we had a situation in which the Chief Justice as chair of an election appeals committee refused to hear an appeal on the grounds that it was submitted too late, but then the same case was submitted to Student Court and the Chief Justice got to rule again.

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11. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Brad Olsen (Council Member) be appointed to the UBC Involuntary Mental Health Leave Committee.” … Carried

12. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Andrew Carne (Council Member) be appointed to the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund Adjudication Committee.” … Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

13. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated October 20, 2008 [SCD -09]
Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated October 27, 2008 [SCD -09]
Student Administrative Commission Minutes dated November 3, 2008 [SCD -09] … Carried

14. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“Whereas transit service has been a concern of students and hence for the AMS for a number of years; and

Whereas transit service was adopted as a priority for the recent municipal campaign; and

Whereas the Transit Forum of October 27th, 2008 was in support of a campaign to raise awareness about transit issues,

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS VP External, in collaboration with the External Policy Committee, run a ‘Transit Campaign’ to raise awareness of students’ concerns with transit;
Be it further resolved that the AMS adopt the following guiding principles of the AMS Transit Campaign:

1) To improve current transit service levels to UBC, with emphasis on reducing the number of bus pass-ups.
2) To make the transit system more responsive to the needs of its ridership

Note: The campaign will be funded by through the existing AMS External Provincial Lobbying Campaign Fund."

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

- Stefanie Ratjen:
  - This is similar to the federal and municipal priorities we approved.
  - Transit is a priority for students.
  - We’ve looked at old complaints going back to 2002; they talk of improving night service, pass-ups: they’re still very much relevant today.

- Tahara Bhate:
  - Why a campaign now?
  - There was an old transit policy in place from 2004 to 2007, but it did not produce a change in service.
  - A lot of other groups are talking about transit, and a campaign now would get greater traction than if we acted alone.
  - If this gets a lot of traction from elsewhere during the provincial election, then we can focus on other issues, such as the cost of education.

- Stefanie Ratjen:
  - We have two goals:
    - A governance issue
    - Making the system more responsive
  - We want to increase service, reduce pass-ups, decrease time, improve night service, and get arrival times that work with the ridership.
  - We want more evidence, better data on pass-ups, etc.

- Tahara Bhate: We want students to fill in information, telling us how many times buses have passed them by. We want other groups to do this too for coalition building.

- Stefanie Ratjen: We’ll have a website by January, ideally.

- Mike Kushnir asked about adding something saying that we’re looking for TransLink to make more efficient uses of resources.

- Tahara Bhate: Our principles are general; we thought we could illuminate that point.

- Kyle Warwick asked about working with the Bus Riders Union, the Simon Fraser Student Society, and other organizations.

- Stefanie Ratjen: Yes, and the Bus Drivers Union. We did some awareness raising with them at the Broadway station. We’re also looking to Langara, Emily Carr, and VCC.

- Josh Wood: How much will this cost?
- Stefanie Ratjen: Probably about $5,000. The most significant cost would be the website.
- Josh Wood: That’s high end: $5,000. What will we get out of it?
- Stefanie Ratjen: Collaborative arrangements; putting transit on the map as a provincial election issue.

- Tahara Bhate: Ideally, the political parties will have to have transit policies to get elected.
- Josh Wood: More than us offering solutions?
- Tristan Markle: So we’re not lobbying TransLink but the parties?
- Tahara Bhate: We’d like to lobby TransLink, but they’re not likely to be responsive. We want the Minister and the NDP to tell TransLink to listen to the students.
• Stefanie Ratjen: That’s why we want data.
• Tristan Markle: We need to distinguish these things. Lobbying political parties and lobbying TransLink have to be done differently.
• Sonia Purewal asked about the type of data.
• Stefanie Ratjen: Pass-ups and other issues that will be on the website.
• Sonia Purewal: For all of Metro Vancouver?
• Stefanie Ratjen: Yes, UBC students live all over. Many come from Richmond on the 480, which is overcrowded.

15. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the word ‘Fund’ be changed to ‘budget line item’ in the Note.”

… No objections

• Alex Lougheed asked for a timeline for using the $5,000.
• Stefanie Ratjen: The $5,000 is for now. If we need more, hopefully funding will be available.
• Alex Lougheed said $5,000 is not enough for the website.
• Stefanie Ratjen: If we need to look at it again, she hoped to be able to do that. This was to start.
• Tahara Bhate: If we spend a lot on a website that no one uses, that would not be fiscally responsible.
• Stephen Russo: Shouldn't we speak together with other groups?
• Stefanie Ratjen: Yes, we're building on that.
• Tim Blair: We're in the premier’s riding. Buses are full when they enter the premier’s riding; the highest concentration of passengers is in the riding of the premier of BC.

16. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds. … No objections

17. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

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

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

18. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That Council adopt the report of the President entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: International Seat on Council’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

- Mike Duncan:
  - Further to our discussion two weeks ago, there was a question of whether the international student representative should be chosen through an election run by I-House or by the AMS Elections Committee.
  - The ISA people would prefer an AMS election, and I agree. It’s not great to have the administration run a student election. Chris Eaton at UBC Enrolment Services is okay with this.
  - The new representative would also liaise with the ISA; the ISA wants to make them an ISA executive member.
- Kyle Warwick: Can we tell if someone is an international student?
- Mike Duncan: Chris Eaton says it can be done.
- Avneet Johal: How would an international student be defined?
- Dave Tompkins: Let Code and Policies come up with a definition.
- Alex Lougheed: This opens the door for other reps from already represented students. It’s different from the Alumni rep, who represents people not otherwise represented on Council. The reps from the colleges also represent people who are not already represented by others. This would be the first.

19. MOVED CHRIS McCANN, SECONDED JOSH WOOD:

“That the question be called.”

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

20. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED STEFANIE RATJEN:

“That Council adopt the report of the President entitled ‘Code Changes 2008: International Seat on Council’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

... Carried

P) Discussion Period

Student Court

- Mike Duncan said he was seeking direction on a submission to Student Court in the new case before them on whether Council has the right to overturn Student Court decisions. This case was submitted to the Court in April, but postponed till now. Groups are allowed to submit opinions to the Court, and he wanted to know whether Council thought the AMS should submit a position and what should the position be.
- Avneet Johal said he was not sure he liked the term “overturn.” What Council did was to not accept the Court’s last ruling. He was okay with creating a document.
• Mike Duncan read out the AMS bylaw on Council’s role in Court rulings and said what Council had done was to fail to “receive” the ruling.
• Chris Diplock: Student Court is doing a review?
• Mike Duncan: Someone submitted a claim asking Student Court whether Council had the right to not receive its ruling.
• Angus Cheung: The hearing is next Tuesday; the Court is looking at the legality of Council not receiving the Court ruling.
• Chris McCann: Should we be issuing any statement? We just authorized a review of Student Court.
• Clark Funnell: Council did believe it had the right to overturn the ruling; there should be a submission.
• Josh Wood: What’s the point of asking Student Court to rule if we can strike down their rulings? If they say we didn’t have the right, and we strike that down.... It seems circular.
• Mike Duncan said he didn’t disagree that it was circular.
• Avneet Johal suggested just submitting the relevant section of Code. What else might it entail?
• Mike Duncan: My view would be: We’re undertaking a review. This is the bylaw that seems to deal with the issue. We don’t necessarily think it’s correct.
• Avneet Johal: That is, we have the right, but perhaps shouldn’t use it?
• Mike Duncan: Yes.
• Matthew Naylor noted that there had been no Prima Facie Committee to send this latest case to the Court, but it should go ahead, and Councillors should make individual submissions if they like. Anything that compromises the legislative power of Council is a problem. He was not sure it was Council’s role as a body to make a submission.
• Mike Kushnir: We’re a student government, a non-profit society. Do other non-profits have these bodies? This could open us up to liability if we have a board of directors, us, and then a super-board of directors not accountable to the students. The current system is not perfect, but there are methods to recall Council members. He didn’t think a change of the status quo was in the best interests of the Society.
• Tristan Markle: Student Council represents the interests of the whole Society. In the last analysis we have to have the ultimate power, but that doesn’t mean we should use that power, especially in an election appeal. I don’t think people have read the whole case; you may see there is a lot behind the case; open up your minds.
• Chris Diplock: What is the objective now?
• Mike Duncan: Should I send a proposal to the Court and what should it contain?

22. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

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

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

January 14, 2008.

S) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 pm.

T) Social Activity:

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Guests: Adrienne Smith (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Mike Carlson (Assistant to the President), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Neal Yonson, Ross Horton (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Stefanie Ratjen and Michael Duncan were appointed the Equity Representatives for the meeting.

1. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

. . . . Carried

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

2. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That Council approve the following minutes:

Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 26, 2008 [SCD -09]
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• Kyle Warwick asked why it took so long for these minutes to come to Council. Minutes should be sent more promptly.
• Mike Duncan said he would ensure that the minutes come more promptly from now on.

3. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

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. . . Carried
L) Committee Motions:

4. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN: [SCD -09]

"Be it resolved that Council appoint MHPM as the Project Managers for the new SUB building, and
Be it further resolved that Council approve the contract between the AMS and MHPM as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tristan Markle:
  - The good news is that there were no problems finalizing the language. The bad news is that you had to come here tonight.
  - Major changes:
    - The AMS has the right to request changes to the primary contract.
    - Fees are to be paid in equal monthly installments, which is good for us if we have to cancel: not a lot is paid up front; there will be 70 installments.
    - Termination: we can terminate at 30 days' notice, which is not very regular for these sorts of contracts.

- Clark Funnell: How many billable hours do we have to pay our lawyers for this?
- Mike Duncan: Some time; he was not sure of the exact amount. It may seem like a lot, but this is for a multi-million-dollar contract; it's important.
- Tristan Markle: Our lawyers drafted the language.

5. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN: [SCD -09]

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

6. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

"Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Sarina Rehal be appointed Elections Administrator for a term commencing November 27, 2008 and ending March 31, 2009."

- Mike Duncan: After a few unsuccessful attempts, the Primary Appointments Committee got more resumés. Sarina will run the election for us.
- Matthew Naylor asked about giving her power to hire the Elections Committee on an interim basis.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said usually Council just appoints the Elections Committee retroactively.
- Matthew Naylor asked if the Elections Administrator would be getting full payment or was her contract pro-rated? She should get full payment.
- Mike Duncan thought she would, but Chris Diplock thought she wouldn’t.
- Matthew Naylor suggested backdating the Elections Administrator's position to April 1, 2008 to ensure she received full payment; he didn’t want to run into issues with the Elections Administrator.
- A phone call was received from Alex Lougheed saying the Elections Administrator is to be paid the full amount. A contract will be signed after Council approves the appointment.
7. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

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... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Business Operations Committee – HR Review

- Chris Diplock:
  - Coming in January, a new project from BOC, with a formal presentation and a request for funding. Part will be commencing now.
  - There are areas in the businesses that need improvement: in communications, job descriptions, training.
  - An RFP went out, and three responses came in; BOC chose one.
  - They’re going to meet with senior management, middle management, supervisors, assistant supervisors, line staff, and focus groups, and get back to us in February with recommendations on structure, communications, job descriptions, training – possibly, he didn’t want to jump the gun. They’ll come back to BOC and identify problems, and BOC will direct them what to pursue.
  - The businesses have room in their budgets to pay the initial costs, then Council in January can okay going further after hearing more details.
  - This is just a heads-up.
  - It’s important to have Council support.
- Marc Faktor asked the name of the consultant group.
- Chris Diplock: The Hay Group.
- Dave Tompkins: Was this budgeted for?
- Chris Diplock: No, but there's money because of the great performance by the businesses this year.
- Mike Duncan: So it doesn’t have to go to Council?
- Chris Diplock: It doesn’t for much of this.

Transit Campaign

- Stefanie Ratjen announced that further to the transit motion passed last time, an RFP has been sent out.

8. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council go in camera.”

... Carried

S) Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm when quorum was lost.

T) Social Activity:

Alex Lougheed, 
Vice-President, Academic and University Affairs

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Guests: Mike Brown (AMS Tutoring), Devenne Drege (AVP Academic), Edward Minett (School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture), Paul Korczyk, Barbara Crocker (UBC Student Financial Assistance) Deborah Robinson (UBC Student Financial Assistance), Katarina Ergic (Ubyssey), Tara Martellaro (Ubyssey), Anne DeWolfe (UBC VP Students Office), Sarina Rehal (AMS Elections Administrator), Mitch Wright (VFM Administrator Elections Committee), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Steph Findlay (Ubyssey), Kalyeena Makortoff (Ubyssey), Adrienne Smith (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Emily Griffiths, Carolina Guimarães (AMS Sustainability Coordinator), Ale Coates (Vice Chair, SAC), Tom Dvorak, Max Unger (Member at large), Neal Yonson, Ross Horton (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

1. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:
   “That Helaine Boyd, Rory Green, Tim Chu and Avneet Johal be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.“ . . . Carried

2. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.” . . . Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

▸ AMS Elections Update: Sarina Rehal, Elections Administrator [SCD181 -09]

- Sarina Rehal reported that the elections were underway, debates were booked, and a timeline had been established. She was hoping the debates would bring a lot of attention to the elections. Things were in the works to implement the new voting system; she had various plans for that, none of them 100% guaranteed.

▸ Annual Student Financial Assistance Report - Deborah Robinson, Associate Registrar, and Barbara Crocker, Associate Director of Enrolment Services [SCD182 -09]

- Deborah Robinson reported on bursaries and other support, not including merit-based awards, and showed information on student loans and bursaries.
- Tristan Markle asked about the AMS bursary; Deborah Robinson said she could get that information.
- Deborah Robinson:

Number of applications
  - Slightly less money this year; slightly fewer students asking for assistance.
  - This is province-wide; the province received 14,000 fewer applications than in the previous year, because there was a good economy last year; they’re looking to see what happens next year.
  - It’s hard to know why applications are down; it’s hard to access people who don’t apply.

Unmet need
  - UBC is committed to filling the gap between what the province loans out and what students need for all regular undergraduate programs. For other programs (for
faculties above the base tuition level, e.g. Dentistry), where there is a deductible, students have to access other sources or their own funds.
- UBC will ensure access to other money, e.g., the banks, and not just for tuition expenses, but for the cost of attendance.
- Faculties have to take some responsibility for funding.

**Amount of awards**
- The average amount of awards went up; there were fewer students, but with greater need.

**Notification**
- The University is now able to notify as early as October, to let students know if they are eligible for bursaries, so that if they are not eligible, they can come in for an appointment to discuss their situation.

**Government**
- Government loans do not fill all need.
- BC has the lowest proportion of grants in the country.
- High need students are not getting their needs met.

**UBC’s plans**
- UBC is looking for new ways to give money to students.
- UBC is concerned that student loan applications, assessments, etc. get done too late for students to make good financial plans.
- Student assistance is not equitable across the country; different provincial governments make different decisions about what they will fund.

**Questions**
- Paul Lee asked about the government making profits on student loans.
- Deborah Robinson: They don’t. They subsidize the interest rate while the student is in school, and students have a high rate of repayment.
- Stefanie Ratjen: The government should not be making profits off student loans.
- Deborah Robinson: UBC wants the government to recognize all need. The University also would like:
  - Up front grants, which make continuing in programs more likely; people are dropping out in third year; the government used to do up front grants;
  - Earlier application information.
  - Increased assistance in high cost programs: how many low income students can enter such programs, considering the high debt load ($250,000 at the end of the Dentistry program)? And if a student has a high loan, they can’t afford to quit; also, their debt load may affect how they practise their profession; they won’t be able to practise law in the Downtown Eastside.
  - Lower interest rates; they are lower elsewhere in the country; BC is not matching that.
- She added that UBC is planning new initiatives, including:
  - putting money towards the principal owed;
  - creating 10 needs-based, renewable entrance awards that will continue after first year;
  - increasing the level of entrance scholarships;
  - providing more scholarships with higher value;
  - providing funding for volunteer, exchange, and internship appointments;
  - providing funding for all those in exchange programs;
  - expanding Work Study into the summer.
- Brad Olson asked about unmet need for those in unusual categories, e.g., students with children.
- Deborah Robinson: We do provide for students with children; if there is unmet need for a large family, awards can go as high as $35,000.
• Dave Tompkins: But if they’re not eligible...
• Deborah Robinson: If they have maxed out, we can use discretion. Work Study is now for all students, not just those with loans.
• Tahara Bhate asked about students who feel they’ve been assessed unfairly.
• Deborah Robinson: There is emergency assistance, e.g., for people who couldn’t anticipate a change in their circumstances, such as a flooded apartment forcing them to move.
• Tahara Bhate: The AMS is opposed to the calculation of parental contribution. Do you see a problem? Do you advocate?
• Deborah Robinson: There have been changes to parental contribution rules because people like us said the old levels were unrealistic. We do advocate. We’d like to acknowledge more needs, e.g., the cost of books, cost of living, the fact that costs are different in different places.
• Emily Griffiths: How much is merit-based?
• Barbara Crocker: $1.5 million.
• Deborah Robinson: The vast majority of dollars goes to needs based awards. Often the discussion is about how much we can reduce the value of merit-based awards.
• Marc Faktor asked if the rules for emergency assistance were different for international students.
• Deborah Robinson: No, not for emergency assistance.
• Rob McLean: How are you dealing with the writing down of the endowment?
• Deborah Robinson: The Financial Assistance office anticipated this; it has always been conservative about spending; we’re not in as bad a deficit situation as others.
• Barbara Crocker: We’re not as badly off as we could have been. We could lose 20-40% of the endowment.
• Deborah Robinson: This will not affect the amount of money available to students; money will be obtained elsewhere.
• Barbara Crocker was confident students would not notice a big change.
• Deborah Robinson: The biggest shift will probably be for merit-based awards.
• Barbara Crocker: Some universities are not going to give out awards this year; it’s not too bad here.
• Kyle Warwick asked about progress on the new initiatives.
• Deborah Robinson: On institution-funded initiatives, we have the money and are quite far along. In putting money towards loans, we are also far along. On advocacy we keep plugging.
• Paul Lee said there were problems for students doing double majors; they have less time to work.
• Deborah Robinson: But you get a double major. We can’t make time for students.
• Blake Frederick: The provincial and federal governments do make money off loans. He wondered why the Financial Assistance Office exists, because the cost of education is a serious barrier; students with low income have difficulty accessing higher education. He questioned the numbers provided, saying that from the GPOF only 25% of award money goes to needs-based awards, while 75% goes to merit-based awards.
• Deborah Robinson: That doesn’t sound right to me.
• Blake Frederick: How can those numbers be justified?
• Deborah Robinson said she would have to look at the numbers; she wasn’t sure she agreed with them. As to the reason the office exists, it’s not just for access for low income students. We do all sorts of things for those who are here anyway. We are concerned about those in the lowest income levels, and often they are not there to apply to university; they dropped out earlier; we’d like to work with students as early as Grade 7. To ensure access, you have to start earlier.
• Alex Lougheed: The Work Learn program does not apply for international graduate students.
Deborah Robinson: Work Learn is the Work Study equivalent for international students, but only for undergraduates because the funding comes from an undergraduate source. You could advocate that it be extended.

Alex Lougheed noted the recognition accompanying merit awards and suggested not getting rid of them even if the amount of money accompanying them had to be reduced to zero.

Deborah Robinson said there were discussions of making non-monetary awards for merit, perhaps a place in residence.

Stephen Russo asked about the history of meeting the gap left by unmet need.

Deborah Robinson: It goes back a long way, but it began to be enforced after 2002, when tuition increases were allowed again.

Stephen Russo said education needed to be looked at again, given the current economic collapse and bailouts. Living on credit had been called into question. Will the jobs be there after graduation? Is it time to start thinking of postsecondary education as part of the infrastructure of society, something to be regulated, with tuition frozen?

Deborah Robinson: The funding has to be there, or quality goes away.

Tristan Markle: UBC spends a lot of effort on fundraising. How would you compare the amount of resources, in terms of staff and money, for lobbying versus fundraising?

Deborah Robinson: We have to fundraise and do advocacy. She was doing advocacy all the time, writing briefing notes, writing to government.

Tristan Markle: There’s no dedicated funding for advocacy.

Deborah Robinson: Lots of us do it as part of our jobs, and there’s the VP External.

Avneet Johal noted that doing a double major doesn’t mean taking more courses.

Sonia Purewal asked about merit versus need.

Deborah Robinson: We don’t know who might be getting merit awards from elsewhere; we can’t force them to tell us.

Helaine Boyd said the discrepancy in the numbers provided by Blake and by the Financial Assistance Office could be explained by noting that Blake’s figures included graduate awards. She also asked about assistance for students doing less than a full course load.

Deborah Robinson: We’ve looked at this and also at summer students. We’re trying to get it down to 24 credits from 27.

Chris McCann asked about guaranteeing housing as a merit-based award and for transfer students.

Deborah Robinson: There’s not enough housing to go around. It’s a University decision: who is the most vulnerable? A 17-year-old leaving home for the first time. We provide for incoming students and for emergency situations.

Clare Benton said some scholarships used to include parking spaces.

Deborah Robinson: We don’t do parking; we’re sustainable now. We used to do all these things; housing was another.

Kyle Warwick: The plan to reach students in Grade 7: is that ongoing or proposed?

Deborah Robinson: Both; it requires working with other groups.

Elections Update: Chris Diplock

Chris Diplock noted that there may be difficulties implementing the Condorcet voting system and asked if Council can do something in case Condorcet can’t happen.

Sarina Rehal said the elections will be on-line; it’s just a question of whether they’re Condorcet or not.

Mike Kushnir: It would be unfair to candidates to change the rules of the game now.

It was also noted that not using Condorcet would violate Code.

Matthew Naylor: It would be preferable to use the voting system we spent so much time to introduce. Perhaps we can authorize the Elections Committee to make a decision on their own.
• Blake Frederick: Condorcet was put into Code ten months ago. Why should it take longer than that to implement it?
• Alex Lougheed: Lack of foresight? If you’re asking whose responsibility it is, I’m probably the best person to point a finger at.
• Chris Diplock: If we can’t get Condorcet working by Sunday night, we should give the Elections Committee authority to switch away from Condorcet.
• Sarina Rehal said it was best to try to get Condorcet working; otherwise the same thing would probably happen next year. She said to give her until Monday.
• Michael Duncan: Condorcet may or may not work. On-line voting needs to happen. On-line voting is a priority. We can leave it to the Elections Committee to decide on Condorcet.

3. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the agenda be amended to deal with the election matter now.”

... Carried

4. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

"Be it resolved that Council grant the Elections Committee the authority to decide if they are to implement Condorcet voting or first-past-the-post, and

Be it further resolved that the relevant sections of Code be suspended for the 2009 election."

5. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN:

“That Motion 4 be laid on the table.”

... No objections

D) President's Remarks (Mike’s Message, Michael Duncan):
• In Ecuador on vacation - met Stephanie from the Ubyssey, convinced was being followed.
• Working on Farm Trek - Board meeting decision February 5.
• Working on SUB Renewal with Tristan ongoing.
• Athletics - pool now free at all times for all students.
• Other athletic stuff still being negotiated.
• Annual Report coming soon.
• Aquatic Centre Management Committee - in negotiations with UNA.
• Student Court – Case of whether Council allowed to overturn election decisions. Work is still being done on the wording of the Court ruling. Then Council can decide whether to accept the results.
• University appointing random students to sit on committees hiring the Registrar and the University Librarian, when they should be AMS reps.

Questions
• Kyle Warwick: What did Student Court decide?
• Michael Duncan: Let me get the wording for next time.

E) Executive Remarks:

Vice-President Academic and University Affairs (Alex Lougheed):
• At CRAM meeting on academic materials.
• Appointed to sit on UNA governance committee
• Sent out email about student evaluation of teaching; more faculties getting on board.
• Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund adjudication process.
• Student housing demand survey.
Executive Coordinator of Student Services (Emily LaFlamme):
- Rehiring in Advocacy Office.
- Working with SASC to continue funding process for their office.
- Other services working smoothly.

Vice-President Administration (Tristan Markle):
- Programming for new SUB: First cut sent out with evaluation form. Looking for feedback. Can eventually send this to the architects.
- Bus Terminal:
  - Board of Governors approved Board 2 for the terminal and asked UBC Properties Trust to coordinate.
  - Properties Trust wants columns done by February to accommodate TransLink.
  - We need to feed them information on our building: will it be concrete? geothermal? will the columns have to be beefed up?
  - So we need architects by March to do preliminary schematics.
- Architects:
  - We’ve sent out a request for expressions of interest and received replies from 21 architects.
  - UBC opposed this; they want us to use their architects for University Boulevard.
  - We’ve said all along we want our own architects.
  - Next step is to shortlist and get down to five architects, hopefully by next Council meeting; then an RFP.
  - But first we need an agreement with UBC.
  - We’re trying to get Properties Trust to hold off on designing the bus terminal roof.

Vice-President Finance (Chris Diplock):
- Submitted his overdue third quarterly.
- New AVP, Elisabeth Sadowski, and Fincom to focus on AMS Link and its new purpose.
- He encouraged people to apply for various AMS funds.
- Jim, the Business Operations Coordinator, did promotion last year and is now working on signage.
- IPF Committee met and reviewed all applications, and will be contacting applicants by the end of the week.
- He’s on a committee recommending to the province alumni members to be appointed to the Board of Governors.

Vice-President External (Stefanie Ratjen):
- We are on unceded Musqueam territory, and should give thanks and respect for the ability to be here.
- She was in Calgary for part of the break, Vancouver for the other part.

Transit Campaign
- Website applications received, delayed timeline
- Have hired a successful applicant, and we are now proceeding with the web development initiatives
- February launch, and we will have a simple transit survey on the AMS website in the meantime
- Developing survey
- Posters
- More buttons

U-Pass
Term 2 start up, Blake has been dealing with any questions for incoming students, etc

Tuition Brochures
- Hiring of an outreach commissioner
• Relevant to the earlier presentation

**Equity Program**
• Looking at how this program can be institutionalized,
• motion to hire will be coming forward next meeting

**Olympics Review**
• is ongoing
• Motion coming forward next meeting too

**International students**
• consultation happening in two weeks, will send out details

**Childcare**
• Meetings with the campus groups are ongoing, are working to find common

**Cinema Politica**
• Scheduling being worked out for this upcoming term

6. **MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:**

"Be it resolved that should the Elections Administrator be unable by Tuesday, January 20, 2009 to implement an online system of Condorcet voting of a quality acceptable to the Elections Committee, the Elections Committee shall have the authority at its discretion to waive the following sections of Code:

Article 7 (5) concerning Condorcet voting, and
Article 1 (5) (1) concerning rule changes close to campaign period.

Be it resolved further that the Elections Committee should report its decision on this matter at the next meeting of Council."

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

• Alex Lougheed said it was more important for the elections to use Condorcet than for them to be on-line, so he was against this motion. The switch to on-line voting had had a negligible effect on turnout.
• Chris Diplock: Even if Alex is right, Condorcet is complicated and new.
• Avneet Johal: Council had lengthy discussions and decided that Condorcet was a better system.

7. **MOVED CHRIS MCCANN:**

"That the question be called."

... No objections

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

Noted: Against: Abstained:

Alex Lougheed  Alex Monegro
Mike Kushnir  Tristan Markle
Tahara Bhat  Tim Chu
Matthew Naylor  Sonia Purewal

F) Committee Reports:

• Impacts Committee [SCD183 09]
  Chris Diplock and Carolina Guimarães reported on sustainability:
  • Five areas: Food & Beverage, materials, energy, transportation, curriculum.
  • First year implementing the Sustainability Strategy.
  • Achievements:
    o Take-out containers available for $7 purchase.
    o Compostable cups.
    o Post-consumer/recycled napkins.
    o Newsletter.
    o Eco-friendly days.
    o Emails to staff.
    o Every outlet has a sustainability officer, and clubs have been asked to appoint one.
    o Composting bins in SUB: still some problems, disappearing bins; working with an AgSci prof.
  • In progress:
    o Material exchange program.
    o Electronic waste disposal.
    o Analyzing SUB building material disposal
    o Comparing manuals.
    o Drinking fountains to eliminate bottled water; also bottled water refilling stations.
    o New signs.
  • Not done:
    o Residence lobbying.
  • UBC Food Services ahead of us in some ways; we follow some of their leads.
  • Energy audit got off to rocky start. UBC was keen, but BC Hydro turned down our proposal; we’re resubmitting.
  • Energy awareness signs on office doors: some resistance.
  • Participation in Senate on curriculum issues.

Questions

• Alex Lougheed mentioned a UBC website that monitors energy.
• Carolina Guimarães: We can’t afford it.
• Chris Diplock: The information is available elsewhere.

• Budget Committee
  Chris Diplock: Planning mid-year budget review.
Executive Remuneration Committee
Rory Green: Presenting next time.

Oversight Committee
Clare Benton:
• Executive interviews.
• Student Court project:
  o Trying to contact past judges.
  o Presentation January 28.
  o Motion February 11.

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Avneet Johal (AJ)
Variety of events happening:
  • Food Fair
  • Open Mike night
  • Art Showcase
  • Meet the Dean Session
  • Movie Night
  • Mardi Gras - Friday Jan 17, 2009
• Career Fair
• Live in for Literacy – he’ll be living in the library for 9 days to raise funds for libraries in India.

Law – Clare Benton
• Grades and formal on Friday
• Short $38.5 million for new law building; discussing $1,000 student fee to help pay for it.

Music – Paul Lee
• T-shirt sales
• Formal coming up

GSS – Marc Faktor
• January Orientations
• Valentine Party Friday Feb 13 2009
• Professional Development and workshops - Delicious and iGoogle
• March 5 and 6 Student Con Multidisciplinary Research Conference

Social Work - Brad Olson
• Practicum conference across Canada
• 4th year on practicums
• Social event Friday

Commerce – Alex Monegro
• Having their elections at same time as AMS
• Enterprise coming up.

Education – Aaron Warbinek
• Half on practicum

Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith
• Scholarships selected
• Faculty went ahead with name change despite student opposition
Science - Jamil Rhajiak
- First year dance
- Science Week – January 26 – 30: James Randy keynote speaker
- Cold Fusion
- Jello Wrestling – challenging EUS
- No more bottled water - now have filtration system
- Dean holding lunches with SUS students who may not be involved

Engineering – Chris McCann
- Jello wrestling – challenging SUS
- E – week after Science Week
- Passed referendum for fee increase
- Writing policy for new scholarship for endowment
- Holding blood drive

Pharmacy - Bonnie Wong
- U-Pass vote passed; 4th-year practicum students voted to use U-Pass

Regent: College – James Matichuk
- New exhibit - Vancouver project - 6 artists at UBC in summer
- Classes restarted

Library and Archival Studies – Stephen Russo
- Sitting in on interviews for University Librarian
- Digital records
- Orientation week

Medicine - Francine Ling
- 4th years going into residency
- Have new student space
- Video conferencing update
- Formal coming up - Med Ball
- Medical games – UBC in top 3

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

Senate – Rob McLean
- Senate approved the cancellation of classes on the first day next September, except for Law, Medicine, and grad students, and for classes after 5 pm
- New Degree - Bachelor of Science in Applied Biology

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

9. MOVED LINDSEY SMITH, SECONDED ROB MCLEAN:

"That the following minutes be approved as presented.

Minutes of Student Council dated October 22, 2008. [SCD184 -09]
Minutes of Student Council dated November 5, 2008. [SCD185 -09]
Minutes of Student Council dated November 19, 2008. [SCD186 -09]
Minutes of Student Council dated December 3, 2008. [SCD187 -09]
Minutes of the Ad Hoc Sub Renewal Committee dated October 27, 2008 [SCD188 -09]
Minutes of the Ad Hoc Sub Renewal Committee dated November 17, 2008 [SCD189 -09]
Minutes of the Ad Hoc Sub Renewal Committee dated December 1, 2008 [SCD190 -09]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated December 3, 2008. [SCD191 -09]
K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

10. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture from $50 to $350 starting in Winter Session 2009/10, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

- Alex Lougheed: They voted in a referendum, which passed, and fulfilled all the requirements.
- Kyle Warwick: What’s the increase for?
- Edward Minett: It’s an IT fee to cover a deficit in the IT budget and create a buffer for the future. It’s being passed on to the School.
- Chris McCann: We should take note of all the stuff students are paying for that the University should be paying for.

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... Carried

12. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Sean Heisler as the Student Senate Representative for the Faculty of Applied Science and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

- Chris McCann: The sitting senator went to India. We called for applications for a replacement. Four applied. Sean Heisler was the clear frontrunner. He’s enthusiastic.

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14. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in the Faculty of Applied Science from $42 to $57 starting in Winter Session 2009/10, and further increase the levy to $70 in 2010/11, and to $90 in 2011/12, this increase to be conditional upon the Engineering Undergraduate Society and the Faculty of Applied Science reaching an agreement as to the
terms of the Faculty’s financial contribution through fundraising for the construction of a new Engineering Student Center.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Vice-President Finance to send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

Note: After 2011/12, $50 of the fee levy shall increase in each school year in accordance with the rate of inflation determined by the Canadian Consumer Price Index.

- Chris McCann: This is for a new building. The referendum passed with 17% turnout and a majority of 75%.
- Questions were raised about the wording; the motion should specify Engineering students, as opposed to other students in Applied Science (e.g., Nursing students).

15. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Motion 14 be laid on the table.” . . . Carried

L) Committee Motions:

16. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, appoint Joel Stephanson, Chief Returning Officer; Lena Gerber, Events officer; Jini Wang, Promotions Officer; Mitch Wright, VFM Administrator; to the Elections Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2009.”

- Alex Lougheed: Mitch Wright has resigned from Council, so his appointment is in accordance with the rules.
- Chris Diplock: How many members of the committee attended the interviews?
- Rory Green: Two or three plus Alex.

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. . . Carried

18. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SEONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That Council appoint Mike Kushnir (Council Member) to the Executive Remuneration Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Mike Kushnir (Council Member) to the Ad Hoc Representation & Engagement Reform Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Jamil Rhajiak as chair of the Ad Hoc Representation & Engagement Reform Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Kyle Warwick (Council Member) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

“That Council appoint Kyle Warwick (Council Member) to the Academic Quality Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”
“That Council appoint Tristan Markle (Council Member) to the CiTR Board of Directors for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

Note: Must be a Canadian Citizen.

That Rory Green (Council Member) be appointed to the Impacts Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.

That Lindsey Smith (Council Member) be appointed to the ad hoc Sub Renewal Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2009.”

19. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for Engineering students in the Faculty of Applied Science from $42 to $57 starting in Winter Session 2009/10, and further increase the levy to $70 in 2010/11, and to $90 in 2011/12, this increase to be conditional upon the Engineering Undergraduate Society and the Faculty of Applied Science reaching an agreement as to the terms of the Faculty’s financial contribution through fundraising for the construction of a new Engineering Student Center.

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... Carried

20. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That Council adopt the report of the Business Operations Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Business Operations Committee’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Diplock: This is for continuity and to create a more defined purpose for BOC in relation to management. These things were not written down before. Requiring approval for renovations costing more than $25,000 seems reasonable seeing as we’re a student society.

21. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

22. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED CHRIS MCCANN:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented.
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated November 12, 2008 [SCD196 -09]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated November 17, 2008 [SCD197 -09]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated November 24, 2008 [SCD198 -09]

... Carried

Q) Submissions:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the AMS Foundation [SCD199 -09]
Informal Student Council Meeting with CASA: Notes [SCD200 -09]
Bus Terminal Consultation/Liaison Meeting # 1, dated December 12, 2008 [SCD201 -09]
Bus Terminal Consultation/Liaison Process Structural Design Review Meeting, dated December 18, 2008 [SCD202 -09]
Bus Terminal Consultation/Liaison Meeting # 2, dated January 6, 2009 [SCD203 -09]
AMS - Transit Terminal Meeting # 1 dated November 21, 2008 [SCD204 -09]
AMS SUB Renewal Project Meeting # 1, dated November 24, 2008 [SCD205 -09]
AMS SUB Renewal Project Team Meeting # 2, dated December 8, 2008 [SCD206 -09]
AMS SUB Renewal Project Team Meeting # 3, dated January 5, 2008 [SCD207 -09]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on January 28th, 2009 at 6:00 pm in SUB Room 206 (Council Chambers).

S) Adjournment:

23. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Alex Lougheed
Vice-President, Academic and University Affairs

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Geoff Costeloe (Incoming Senate Rep), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Stephanie Findlay (Ubyssey), Jeremy Wood (Arts), James Fletcher (Guest Consultant), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Liz Locke (Residence Hall Association), Mike Carlson (President’s Assistant), Rakesh Parkar (Science), Eric Chiang (Science), Raj Mathur (Music), Brian Sullivan (VP Students Office), Jeremy Ingoldby (DAP)

2. Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That Timothy Chu, Rory Green, Helaine Boyd, Spenser Rocky and Michael Duncan be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.

... Carried

Discussion and acceptance of changes to the agenda.

2. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

3. Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

Student Court Consultant Report – James Fletcher, Complement Communications

- James Fletcher:
  - Spoke to past and present members of AMS Council and Student Court.
  - Looked at other student unions and other comparable organizations (trade unions, strata councils, professional associations), but mostly at student unions at large universities.
  - Student courts elsewhere primarily deal with election appeals, and if there’s not a student court there is some other appeal process.
  - The AMS is unique in having a court that rewrites referendum questions.
  - The AMS is also unique in having a court whose rulings are not final and binding, though Brock has an appeals committee that makes non-binding recommendations to Council.
  - The AMS student court has gone through periods of dormancy and periods of activity.
  - One option would be to get rid of Student Court, since the AMS has been able to get by for years at a time without a court.
Two kinds of cases predominate at the AMS court: electoral cases and constitutional cases; there haven’t been any meaningful disciplinary cases for years.

Bylaw 21 says the court is the final interpreter of the AMS constitution, bylaws, and code; the court can also exercise disciplinary power subject to the University Act, the Society Act, the constitution and bylaws; beyond those things the court is not limited.

Bylaw 21 also says the court cannot fetter Council’s handling of funds, carving out one area the court is limited in, suggesting that it is not limited in other areas.

The court can declare an action void, and there is no limitation on that power.

Then there’s the confusing section – Bylaw 21(2)(k) – which says court judgments do not become binding until received by a resolution of Council.

The term used is receive, not accept or adopt; it’s just receiving the judgment, something the AMS does all the time: you receive something, then you decide on it later; receiving is just for the information of the assembly.

The Election Administrator’s report is simply received and takes effect without a resolution; it doesn’t make sense that an appeal of an Election Administrator’s decision should be handled differently than the decision itself.

In his view 21(2)(k) was meant mostly to set the effective date; the intent was not to deny decisions from coming into effect, but simply to specify when they come into effect.

If Council thinks the court’s scope is overly broad, then it should amend Bylaws and Code.

If you ask the court something, you should abide by its decision.

You can limit the court’s authority if you think it is straying beyond its mandate.

Three directions or options:

- Option 1: Court decisions are final; the court retains authority on disciplinary, electoral, and constitutional questions; it no longer writes referendum questions.
- Option 2: Get rid of Student Court. Let an Electoral Appeals Committee handle appeals (but not draft referendum questions). There are few disciplinary cases, so there shouldn’t be a problem with that.
- Option 3 (his recommended one, the first two being a bit too extreme): Narrow the scope of the court to election appeals and disciplinary cases. Also the $10 fine should be removed; it’s not useful, bringing the court into disrepute, but without any positive result; students can be consulted on what penalties might be effective. Also, you may want to reconsider having judges primarily from the Law school. And Student Court should be required to follow precedent. Code can be amended to require this.

Clare Benton suggested sending these suggestions to a joint meeting of the Oversight Committee and the Code and Policies Committee, with something to come back to Council.
• Avneet Johal: What if there’s a completely incompetent ruling? If Council is bound, but Council’s mandate is to act for the interests of students, for constituents, what then?
  
• James Fletcher: This is why it’s necessary to constrain the mandate of the court to keep it out of policy-making areas, to keep it from infringing on the political role of Council, from treading on the authority of Council.
  
• Avneet Johal: But accept bad rulings within those boundaries?
  
• James Fletcher: Within boundaries, yes.
  
• Dave Tompkins: Could there be some mechanism to go back to the court?
  
• Matthew Naylor: We did that on the membership issue and didn’t like the second ruling either, and still rejected it.
  
• Mike Kushnir: There’s only one board of directors in societies. Having two bodies making decisions can lead to liability problems.
  
• James Fletcher: You’re an unusual society; most societies do not have a judicial branch; they’re peculiar to student unions. As to legal liability, you should consult your legal counsel and be guided by them. Rulings of Student Court are subject to the law of Canada and rulings by a real court. If your lawyer tells you you can’t proceed in a certain direction because it is illegal, you’re bound by that. There’s an AMS example of a Student Court ruling one way and the AMS getting legal advice to go in a different way.
  
• Mike Kushnir: If someone sued the society, would a provincial court look at our court rulings or the actions of Council?
  
• James Fletcher: They would look at court rulings, but they will be bound by the laws of Canada.
  
• Andrew Carne: How many cases do courts at other schools hear?
  
• James Fletcher: Some are busy, some not so much.
  
• Andrew Carne: They’re primarily for elections?
  
• James Fletcher: By far that is the most frequent sort of case.
  
• Andrew Carne: And the penalties elsewhere?
  
• James Fletcher: Most courts don’t have penalties laid out in bylaws.
  
• Michael Duncan asked about having an appellate court.
  
• James Fletcher: You could have one, but that wouldn’t fundamentally change the situation. Council would then be dealing with the rulings of the appellate court instead of the lower court.
  
• Stephen Russo said Option 2 (abolishing the court) seemed the most logical choice. Why recommend Option 3?
  
• James Fletcher: The reason why some student societies have student courts is to insulate Council from the politics surrounding election appeals. These are highly personal/political issues.
  
• Kyle Warwick: You’re recommending amending our bylaws, but to amend bylaws requires a referendum with a difficult quorum to meet, though the U-Pass has been helpful in that.
  
• James Fletcher: It’s always difficult to get quorum to a general meeting unless there is something really compelling. He heard the concern about the capacity to amend the bylaws. You may have to look at interim options, through Code, which you can amend.
  
• Spenser Rocky asked about the current system of election appeals.
  
• Sheldon Goldfarb explained that an appeal of a ruling by the Elections Administrator or the Elections Committee goes to an Elections Appeal
Committee chaired by the Chief Justice of the Student Court or by another judge designated by the Chief Justice. An Elections Appeal Committee also has two other members, one named by the Elections Committee and one by the complainant. After the Elections Appeal Committee rules, there can be a further appeal to the Student Court.

**Bus Terminal and New SUB consultation update Tristan Markle/Bronwyn Jarvis**

- Tristan Markle:
  o In November UBC decided to move forward with the bus terminal using old drawings based on the previous state of the University Boulevard project. We were concerned. There’s a need to coordinate the top with the bottom, the new SUB with the terminal underneath.
  o The November 28 Board of Governors meeting heard a brief from the AMS and ordered the UBC executive to “consult” with the AMS; we would have preferred “coordinate.”
  o There were December and January meetings involving UBC Properties Trust, Plant Ops, Campus Planning, our structural engineer, and UBC’s structural engineer.
  o By going forward with the bus terminal, UBC is driving the timeline; they want to start construction immediately, though the station doesn’t have final approval. They want to begin construction by August.
  o If we send out RFP’s for an architect immediately, it will still take six months to get a schematic design so we can tell the bus terminal people where our columns have to be. We’re trying to catch up; this has caused some concern in the University.
  o We want access from the terminal to the SUB; the University may not allow this. This and other things are needed in the next couple of weeks.
  o There’s not a lot of time for us to let them know what we need before they start doing their designs.
  o Maybe they can postpone final plans for the top of the terminal; that would be the best case.
  o UBC is mad that we sent out requests for expressions of interest from architects in December, but we really needed to do it in September if we wanted to be ready.
  o UBC asked us not to send out the requests for expressions of interest; we did it anyway. The architects’ association posted it; they thought it was a good one.
  o We had 21 applicants who were examined and scored by a committee. There were 7 successful firms; the top 7 were clearly above the rest. Big firms.
- Bronwyn Jarvis said she was assuming we can move forward and explained the current state of things:
  o Cornerstone synthesized a draft program for the new building and produced a first official draft.
  o Seeking more feedback.
  o Displays in Main Concourse.
- Aiming for consensus rather than tradeoffs.
- April: hoping for revised program.
- Sending out RFP’s to the architects in February.
- Displays and campaign to let students know the firms and the proposals.
- Then students will vote; it’s not clear how much should depend on the student vote.
- Then negotiation on a price.

3. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED CHRIS MCCANN, THIRDLED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

... Carried

The meeting went in camera” at 7:13 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 7:47 pm.

**University Update – Brian Sullivan, UBC VP Students**

- Saying he was here to present the University Administration’s point of view and to give a brief update on negotiations on the “exciting new SUB project,” Brian Sullivan made the following points:
  - Following the July Memorandum of Understanding the parties were encouraged by the Board of Governors and Student Council to go as fast as possible.
  - In November we reported significant progress, but were not yet ready to table anything.
  - Since mid-December negotiations have broken off.
  - There are a number of drafts in various states.
  - There is tremendous goodwill to see this project realized.
  - We’ve hit some serious speed bumps at the moment; we’re at an impasse; but he is convinced there is a way forward. We need fresh thinking.
  - Late in November UBC expressed serious concern about its role in the management of the project.
  - It’s a partnership and a student-driven project.
  - It’s also going to happen in the context of University Square in relation to the underground transit terminal.
  - We expected this to emerge as a joint project, not the usual University project.
  - We understand the dollars, resolve, and determination from the students, but it was not expected that the University would not have a role in the project.
  - It was understood that the AMS would want a project manager, but comprehensive project management by the AMS is at variance with the University’s expectation.
  - As long as we haven’t reached an agreement, management is almost exclusively with the AMS.
The MoU said there would be an AMS-designated architect. UBC’s hope was that the already designated architects for the University Square would be chosen.

It turned out not to be that way. The AMS sent out requests for expressions of interest. It was his understanding that the University’s architects are not still standing in that process.

The University has no control over the architect and no control of the project; this is an inadequate level of University participation in a large, complex signature project, a legacy, a hallmark.

Until we agree on who is to manage the project, it cannot be the AMS unilaterally saying this is how it will be.

The University saw no point in continuing negotiations; this continues to be the Administration’s view.

What has occurred is continuing discussion around the transit terminal to ensure the sphere of activity is not unduly constrained by the transit terminal.

Construction is expected to begin in September.

This is too important a project to let it come apart, and he is sure we can find a way through; we’re in a difficult spot; he’s glad the AMS executive is keeping some channels open.

Something needs to shift a little to get us out of our stuckness.

Questions

- Michael Duncan: What are the issues around UBC not waiting on the bus loop piece? We feel we’re being pushed forward by the pressure of the bus loop. Why not pull back and give us time to work things out?
- Brian Sullivan: When the AMS went to referendum, it knew the schedule for the bus loop. That’s not a surprise. There is a letter out there about it. The Board of Governors has an agreement with TransLink which calls for construction by September 2010. Technically, most people believe the kind of elements can be accomplished. Things can be accommodated. The Board of Governors is reluctant to delay because of commitments to TransLink and the temporary nature of the current bus loop and the belief that things can be done sequentially. And the Board is aware this will mean an open pit during the Olympics.
- Michael Duncan: Initially, at the time of the MoU, the timing for the transit terminal was different.
- Brian Sullivan: It was even earlier.
- Tristan Markle: Later.
- Chris Diplock: This invitation to you to speak here is a gesture of our willingness to be open. Will we have the same opportunity to speak to the Board of Governors?
- Brian Sullivan: Your president has asked. The Board accepts presentations at committee. In view of the importance of this, my private urging is that you ask for an opportunity to present. It’s usually a 30-second report. He would be happy to facilitate.
- Chris Diplock: So there is an opportunity?
- Brian Sullivan: I’d like to think so.
- Alex Monegro: What is the University looking for?
- Brian Sullivan:
There’s project management, architect selection, and the user committee.

For a project of this scope, we want a share in the management. Use our architect and your project manager, or your architect under our management (probably through UBC Properties Trust).

These are not just concerns; there is a determination to get the best value; the University has lots of experience in this.

We don’t seem to be getting traction on the management issues; until there’s agreement on these things, there’s no point to filling in points of agreement.

Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: The University has trouble trusting the process students have put in place for the project.

Brian Sullivan: The level of mutual trust is not high. The AMS has some suspicions. He is a strong advocate of student-driven processes, but this is a project on the Square in the context of the University, and the University is on the hook for $100 million in maintenance. We don’t see that asking for joint management bespeaks a lack of trust in the students. We are for a collaborative process.

Fee waiver presentation – Michael Duncan

We’ve been approached by DAP (Diploma in Accounting) students, who are not members of the Commerce Undergraduate Society but are AMS members, and who would like to get the U-Pass and the Health and Dental Plan, which they currently do not get because they have been exempted from AMS fees.

This is the latest example of a group seeking our services. In the days before U-Pass and the Health and Dental Plan, this didn’t come up, but now that we offer services like this, people want to be our members.

Actually, last year’s bylaw revisions made almost every UBC student an AMS member, but the revisions also gave Council the power to exempt members from the AMS fee.

But it’s all a bit ad hoc, so we’d like to make the process more systematic.

There are three options:

Maintain the ad hoc status quo, which however means the Code and Policies Committee repeatedly goes over the same ground to determine whether a group should be exempt and should be allowed to opt in to our services.

Make everyone pay the fee, which is more straightforward, but raises certain difficulties; e.g., the upper level Medical students were exempted by a 1966 referendum.

Develop some principles in the Code to provide guidance on waiving fees and allowing students to opt in to services.

Executive Remuneration – Rory Green

Every five years or so (in 1999, 2004, and now) Council has a remuneration committee look at Executive pay.
• Executives are supposed to work on average 35 hours a week [laughter]. If that were the actual work week, the hourly rate would be on par with other schools, but at other schools Executives tend to work more hours.
• Here Executive schedules vary, but most say they work more than 35 hours.
• We want the best possible people doing Executive jobs. If the jobs are not well paid, we won’t attract the best. We don't want people not to run because they can’t afford it.
• On the other hand, we don’t want to pay too much because it would demoralize volunteers and other staff.
• The committee is thinking of recommending that the number of hours go to 40 and that pay go up 16 percent.
• Feedback would be appreciated.

Questions
• Jamil Rhajiak: Does this take into account the new SUB process?
• Rory Green: No.
• Spenser Rocky asked if cost of living research had been done.
• Rory Green: No, but you can suggest this.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

L) Committee Motions:

4. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED BRAD OLSON:

“Whereas the AMS Council has heard the report on the question of Student Court from the consultant hired to investigate the issue; and

Whereas the consultant has made some recommendations;

Therefore be it resolved that the issue of Student Court be referred to a joint meeting of the Code and Policy and Oversight committees, to be held on February 4th, 2009; with direction to bring relevant recommendations to AMS Council.”

... Carried

Noted:
In Favour  Opposed  Abstained
Alex Monegro  Matthew Naylor  Avneet Johal
Andrew Carne  Clare Benton  Guillaume Houle
Chris Diplock  Ignacio Rodriguez  Kyle Warwick
Chris McCann  Mattias Berge
Clark Funnell  Helaine Boyd  Jamil Rhajiak
Joel Mertens  Joel Mertens  Joel Mertens
Lindsey Smith  Lindsey Smith  Lindsey Smith
Martin Lewinsky  Martin Lewinsky  Martin Lewinsky
Michael Duncan  Michael Duncan  Michael Duncan
J) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK: [SCD210-09]

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Equity Coordinator’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Stefanie Ratjen:
  - Last year a review of systemic discrimination led to the creation of an equity committee, which recommended having equity officers at AMS events, a program initiated by Jacqueline Bell, the former ECSS, and myself. We developed a training program and were developing a framework for equity officers. We presented workshops to 70 clubs last term.
  - That program took 15-20 hours a week of my time, which is not sustainable; the VP External cannot dedicate that much time.
  - So this is a proposal to create a position to run the equity officer program and also to analyze systemic discrimination within the AMS (the analysis of systemic discrimination could not be implemented this year because of various issues).

- Avneet Johal asked about the systemic discrimination analysis.

- Stefanie Ratjen:
  - That stemmed from a Council motion proposed by Stephanie Ryan. Saadia Rai, the Safety Coordinator, put out an RFP but without a price range, and got responses that were too expensive ($25,000) and others that were inadequate. That will be one of the jobs for the new Equity Coordinator.
  - We have a Safety Coordinator dealing with physical safety and campus security and also doing equity-related things. They’re doing 20 hours a week and can’t fulfill all their duties. Our aim is to separate the two: one to work on physical safety and security, and one on environmental, equity issues.

- Kyle Warwick: This is just a discussion of the best way to implement programs we support. We can’t expect the VP External to do it all.

- Alex Monegro: It’s a bit vague what we’re looking at.

- Stefanie Ratjen: Last year a report led to the creation of the Sustainability Coordinator position. It’s a different process this time. There are issues. We don’t know exactly what they are or how to address them. We need a research project to find out and to implement the old mandate Council gave.
The understanding is that this will be a 20-hour position with compensation at a rate comparable to other Coordinators.

6. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

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8. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held in the Conversation Pit at 12 noon on February 26, 2009.”

- Chris McCann asked about scheduling the meeting in the Conversation Pit, saying that showed we were not aiming at high attendance. We should at least be aiming for quorum. Why don’t we hold it in a larger venue?
- Michael Duncan: We could plan to make it a large event, but to set it in a large location and not plan … If you want to have it in a larger venue, you have to have promotion and money and direction.
- Stefanie Ratjen: The AGM is under-utilized; that’s a historical tradition. At SFU there are attempts to make quorum. It may not be feasible here on less than a month’s notice, but we should do outreach of this sort. She supported Chris McCann’s intent.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: The bylaw revisions reduced quorum for general meetings to 2% of the student population, which would mean about 900 students.
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- Alex Monegro: Can Shea or Kelli go crazy and get an event done?
- Michael Duncan: We can try. There’s less than a month and given other things that are going on …
- Alex Monegro: What other things?
- Michael Duncan: The Great Farm Trek. Block Party.
- Clare Benton: If proposing bylaw changes, we have to do it by referendum or at a general meeting. Are we going to wait a year?
- Andrew Carne: Where has the meeting been in the past?
- Michael Duncan: It’s been for AMS hacks in the Conversation Pit or the South Alcove. We get election debate size turnout.
- Andrew Carne: This is an opportunity. As long as it doesn't completely ruin other plans, we can at least publicize it.
- There were questions about whether any room in the SUB could hold quorum. The Ballroom comes closest, but is still not large enough.
- Tim Chu: The AMS is stuck in a mindset of: We’re not going to get it, so we won’t even try.

The question was called and the motion seemed to carry, but there was confusion over what was being voted on, and the Speaker allowed reconsideration of the motion.

- Chris McCann suggested amending the motion to change the location to the Norm Theatre.
- Dave Tompkins suggested simply deleting the phrase “in the Conversation Pit.”
- Michael Duncan suggested moving the time to 12:30 to make it more convenient for those with lunch breaks starting them.
- Matthew Naylor said that didn’t matter because we have to wait half an hour to see if there’s quorum anyway.
- Andrew Carne asked if there was funding to promote a meeting in a bigger venue.
- Michael Duncan: We are running low from the President’s Fund and the Executive’s special projects fund, but yes.

9. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED CHRIS MCCANN:

“That Motion 8 be amended to add the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that Council allocate up to $2,000 for promotion from the President’s Fund for the AGM at the discretion of the Executive.’ “

10. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That Motion 9 be amended by deleting the phrase ‘for promotion’.”

- Iggy Rodriguez: We don’t need that much for promotion; we could spend it on other things to do with the AGM.
- Rory Green: We don’t need $2,000.
- Alex Monegro: We need someone other than an AMS staff member like Kelli to hand out leaflets.
- Mike Kushnir: Council shouldn’t be discussing these details.
11. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

12. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

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Abstained: Avneet Johal, Mike Kushnir

- It was agreed to alter the time for the AGM to 12:10 and to delete reference to location.

15. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

16. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held at 12:10 pm on February 26, 2009.

Be it further resolved that Council allocate up to $2,000 from the President’s Fund for the AGM at the discretion of the Executive.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
Opposed: Michael Duncan
Abstained: Avneet Johal

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

17. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED RORY GREEN: [SCD2111-09]

"Whereas the AMS Council referred the question of the Olympics to the External Policy Committee; and

Whereas the External Policy committee conducted a review and found that:

• The lasting impacts of similar international events tended to be more negative than positive; and
• The impacts of the Games on Housing disadvantages renters, many of whom are students; and
• Transportation concerns associated with the Games have yet to be adequately addressed; and
• There is much to be done to uphold VANOC’s environmental commitments; and
• There are serious concerns about the impact the Games security and policing initiatives will have on civil liberties; and
• Cost overruns associated with the Games are troubling and will especially impact students and younger persons;
• The impact on UBC in terms of financial cost overruns, class cancellations, bus service changes and security barriers, as well as the lack of consultations about these, are troubling.

Whereas the External Policy Committee recommends:

• that Council adopt a policy stating the AMS’s dissatisfaction with UBC’s lack of consultation with students, as well as the lack of transparency of the decision-making process, regarding the Olympics.
• that the AMS strongly pressure UBC to consult with students meaningfully on all decisions that cause large scale impacts on the campus.
• that the AMS undertake an awareness campaign and support other UBC student initiatives that inform students of the impacts that the Olympics will have on the campus and the Vancouver area before, during, and after the Games.

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS adopt the recommendations of the External Policy Committee as policy of the society."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Stefanie Ratjen: The External Policy Committee looked into issues the AMS should be aware of. This was a collaborative effort by the committee. Blake Frederick compiled the data.
- Clare Benton expressed concern that an awareness campaign would turn into an anti-Olympics campaign. We are a school that has lots of athletes. There’s a fine line between pointing out negative impacts and not supporting our students.
- Stefanie Ratjen: This came up at committee. There were varied views on the committee. Some people, like Varsity athletes, have felt the positive impacts of Olympics, but housing, transit, etc. are going to have a significant impact on students. This is not really pro or anti the Games themselves.
- Jamil Rhajiak asked about consultation with UBC’s Olympic Secretariat.
- Stefanie Ratjen: Both Blake and I have been in touch. We now have a seat on the committee, but this is only since October. Plans for the Olympics have been underway for years, so this is a concern. We’ve been trying to find out what’s happening. We’re seeking a researched analysis. We want to use this report to go back to the appropriate bodies.
- Mike Kushnir expressed concern that the wording about negative impacts was too strong.
- Dave Tompkins noted that the motion just says this is what the External Policy Committee found.
- Mike Kushnir withdrew his objection.
- Tim Chu: The committee felt this was an appropriate motion. We recognized that the Olympics are coming; it’s pointless to be anti-Olympics. This is just to make students aware about the impacts.
- Matthew Naylor asked about oversight and funding for the initiative.
- Stefanie Ratjen: It’s been left broad since her term is ending and she wanted to leave it open for the incoming Executive. The motion doesn’t say anything about resources. If a full-scale campaign is wanted, it will probably come back to Council.
- Avneet Johal found the motion too anti-Olympic and wondered if that was not the intent. He wanted to add something to say we support the Olympics. This motion does not take into account any of the intangible impacts that make the Olympics so great, the showcasing of Vancouver, the bringing together of the human race. The report is too negative.
- Stefanie Ratjen: We stayed away from whether the Olympics are good or bad. We looked at impacts. She wasn’t sure about adding an addendum for or against.
- Avneet Johal: But people will read into this motion that the AMS is opposed to the Olympics.
- Stefanie Ratjen: Whether or not you’re for or against, there’s significant impacts on students.
- Dave Tompkins asked Avneet Johal if he had an amendment to propose.
- Avneet Johal said he didn’t know where to start in amending.
- Alex Monegro questioned the second recommendation about strongly pressuring the University. It’s very general, not specifically about the Olympics.
- Stefanie Ratjen: We need an action point. The intent is to acknowledge concerns and address them with the appropriate body. It also alludes to the fact that students have not been adequately consulted.
- Guillaume Houle said he couldn’t see how this was not the AMS stating its position on the Olympics.
- Chris Diplock: The whole committee did research. We shouldn’t be afraid to take positions. His concern was whether this would address what will happen on an ongoing basis, or is the research stopping?
• Stefanie Ratjen said lots of information has recently come out. She hoped there would be ongoing research.
• Stephen Russo said he tended not to agree that the Olympics promotes one consciousness, but that's a separate issue. This is about the impacts on students.
• Joel Mertens: All the information in this report is just saying we’re unhappy the University didn’t consult us and it’s pressure to get them to consult us; and we’re pushing on lots of things, creating an awareness campaign to let students know.

18. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

• Jamil Rhajiak said he found the second recommendation too vague; it should be related to the Olympics. Also, we now have a spot on the committee; it’s not useful to dwell on the past.
• Stefanie Ratjen: Having a seat is a positive step forward. This report led to realizing there’s lots of information that’s still not available. Lots more work needs to be done, so we need to continue to pressure.
• Jamil Rhajiak: What reasons have been given for not releasing information?
• Stefanie Ratjen: Security.
• Kyle Warwick suggested adopting the recommendations and dropping the preamble.
• Avneet Johal said he supported raising awareness, but he didn’t support the lack of positives in the report, the positives of Calgary and Montreal. This motion should just be about the awareness campaign; there’s too much going on in it.

19. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That the motion be referred back to the External Policy Committee.”

20. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

21. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That the motion be referred back to the External Policy Committee.” ... Carried

Noted

In Favour  Against
Guillaume Houle   Stefanie Ratjen
Kyle Warwick     Mike Kushnir
22. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED RORY GREEN:

“Whereas the AMS Council referred the question of the Olympics to the External Policy Committee; and

Whereas the External Policy committee conducted a review and found that:

- The lasting impacts of similar international events tended to be more negative than positive; and
- The impacts of the Games on Housing disadvantages renters, many of whom are students; and
- Transportation concerns associated with the Games have yet to be adequately addressed; and
- There is much to be done to uphold VANOC’s environmental commitments; and
- There are serious concerns about the impact the Games security and policing initiatives will have on civil liberties: and
- Cost overruns associated with the Games are troubling and will especially impact students and younger persons;
- The impact on UBC in terms of financial cost overruns, class cancellations, bus service changes and security barriers, as well as the lack of consultations about these, are troubling.

Whereas the External Policy Committee recommends:

- that Council adopt a policy stating the AMS’s dissatisfaction with UBC’s lack of consultation with students, as well as the lack of transparency of the decision-making process, regarding the Olympics.
- that the AMS strongly pressure UBC to consult with students meaningfully on all decisions that cause large scale impacts on the campus.
- that the AMS undertake an awareness campaign and support other UBC student initiatives that inform students of the impacts that the Olympics will have on the campus and the Vancouver area before, during, and after the Games.

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS adopt the recommendations of the External Policy Committee as policy of the society.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Referred to committee

23. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Jamil Rhajiak (Council member) be appointed to the UBC Student Development Awards Committee.”

… Carried
24. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

“That _________ (Council member) be appointed to the UBC Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC).”

Nominees: Stefanie Ratjen (VP External), Mike Kushnir (Arts), Tahara Bhate (Science), Andrew Carne (Engineering)

25. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

“That _________ (Council member) be appointed to the UBC Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC).”

... Laid on the table

26. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.”

... Carried

Abstained: Clare Benton

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

27. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED JAMIL RHAJIAK:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 27, 2008 [SCD212-09]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Comm. dated Dec. 1, 2008 [SCD213-09]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Comm. dated Jan. 12, 2009." [SCD214-09]

... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

28. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“Whereas Council on September 15, 2004 passed a motion resolving that every third Council meeting be followed by a Pit Appreciation Night in which Council members would receive preferential access to the Pit Pub at the end of that night’s Council meeting; and

Whereas the Business Operations Committee and management have implemented a change in the Pit’s door policy so that absolutely no one will be allowed in the back door and there will be no preferential treatment given to anyone at any entrance to the Pit; and
Whereas for the sake of fairness this rule should apply to everybody,

Therefore, be it resolved that Council rescind the motion of September 15, 2004 and order that there be no preferential access to the Pit for Council members or anyone else."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Alex Monegro: Councillors are not paid. Taking this away means taking away one of their few perks.
- Rory Green said she didn’t run to get things like this; she ran to represent people.
- Chris Diplock: People will be mad at their bosses, given the crackdown on anyone getting in, if Councillors can still get in.
- Kyle Warwick: There are two valid arguments here. One is about treating everyone fairly; the other is about rewarding people for participation.
- Avneet Johal said he was deeply saddened if there are people who feel they get no other reward than getting into the Pit. He sits here because he cares about the University and the students. He was surprised that people here, especially a presidential candidate, would speak this way.

Alex Monegro raised a point of personal privilege, which was upheld by the Speaker. Avneet Johal apologized.

- Avneet Johal added that he didn’t actually see any problem with Councillors getting preferential treatment.
- Paul Lee asked how bad the line-up is and was told he wouldn’t get in.

29. MOVED PAUL LEE, SECONDED MIKE KUSHNIR:

“That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

- Questions were raised about the rule in the old motion that preferential treatment be granted only every three meetings.
- Michael Duncan said this had changed over the years. It had become every second meeting, and this year it’s been every meeting.

30. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

31. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED TIM CHU, THRIRDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That there be a roll call vote.”

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The Speaker noted that the old motion allowed preferential treatment only every third meeting.

32. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

“That ______ (Council member) be appointed to the UBC Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC).”

Nominees: Stefanie Ratjen (VP External), Mike Kushnir (Arts), Tahara Bhate (Science), Andrew Carne (Engineering)

Tie on first vote between Stefanie Ratjen and Tahara Bhate
Second vote winner: Tahara Bhate

33. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

“That Tahara Bhate (Council member) be appointed to the UBC Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC).”

... Carried
34. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That AMS Council direct the VP External Affairs to present Council with an update on spending related to all funds allocated for the Federal and Municipal election campaigns.”

- Chris McCann: In the interest of accountability, he would like to see an update.
- Stefanie Ratjen said she has the information and can get it to Council right away. She wished it hadn’t been brought as a motion; a private heads-up would have sufficed.
- Dave Tompkins said bringing the information to the next meeting would be fine.

35. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That AMS Council direct the VP External Affairs to present Council with an update on spending related to all funds allocated for the Federal and Municipal election campaigns.”

... Carried

36. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS: [SCD215-09]

“Be it resolved that Council accept the judgment of the Student Court as presented.”

On the suggestion of Rob McRudden, it was agreed to revise the motion to read “receive” rather than “accept” in order to comply with the language of the Bylaws.

- Clare Benton: This Student Court case is an extension of last year’s case of Crompton versus the Elections Administrator.
- Tristan Markle: This is specifically speaking about election appeals.
- Michael Duncan: For non-election appeals, the rule still applies.
- Chris Diplock: If we accept this, we can just amend Code.
- Michael Duncan: This ruling came in before Christmas, but it needed some wording changes.
- Rob McRudden: If we vote this through, it will have serious implications for the future exercise of power by AMS Council.
- Tristan Markle: In elections, the highest court of appeal should not be Student Council because then you could do what you like in an election and Council could just overrule any objection.
- Mike Kushnir: The timing is unfortunate. We need reform and clarity. If we accept this, his concern is about the Court stepping into policy-making, the Court setting policy, which is what Council should do. This has turned into two warring camps.
- Kyle Warwick said he didn’t feel he could make an informed choice; there’s potential for binding Council if this is accepted.
- Clare Benton: It doesn’t really bind us to anything except saying that the Court has the final say in elections.
- Rob McRudden: Can we receive it but have it not be binding?
• Dave Tompkins: That could be messy.
• Rob McRudden: Then vote against it because it could bind us.
• Andrew Carne: Our independent consultant said to stop disapproving. If we disapprove, why did we hire him?
• Alex Monegro: People are concerned that there be no power to deal with a Student Court ruling. We can’t amend our structure for this election.
• Kyle Warwick said he was not that concerned about future precedent.

37. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That Motion 35 be postponed until the next Council meeting.”

• Dave Tompkins: Appeals won’t be settled by then.
• Mike Kushnir: We should consider the report before dealing with this.
• Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: What’s the problem with accepting this? We would be rejecting a clear ruling that makes a lot of sense: setting a precedent that Council does not have the power to not receive Student Court decisions.
• Mike Kushnir: Deliberative bodies are never bound by precedent. There’s still bad blood over what happened last year. This has nothing to do with condoning last year’s behaviour, cheating or not cheating. We shouldn’t let the Court set policy.
• Tristan Markle said he didn’t mind postponing it. He wants people to read it and consider what the highest body on election appeals should be.
• Andrew Carne: The only thing it binds us to is to do a review of the Code.

38. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE:

“That Motion 35 be postponed until the next Council meeting.”

... Defeated

39. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS

“Be it resolved that Council receive the judgment of the Student Court as presented.”

... Carried

In favour: Andrew Carne, Joel Mertens, Tim Chu, Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes
Opposed: Matthew Naylor
Abstained: Mattias Berg, Guillaume Houle, Kyle Warwick

P) Discussion Period

Fee waivers

• Michael Duncan reviewed the problems and options.
• Jeremy Ingoldby:
  o DAP students are upset that they can’t have the U-Pass and the Health and Dental Plan.
We are AMS members.
We’d like to opt in, ideally following the precedent set by the medical students to opt in individually.
There’s a wide variety within the DAP program; some are full-time, some part-time.
The AMS should be fair to all its members, including those not heading towards bachelor’s degrees.

- Chris Diplock said he favoured Option 3 (developing principles to guide future waivers and opt-ins).
- Michael Duncan: Council can decide on this now or refer to committee; he wanted to get Council’s feelings.
- Matthew Naylor: The medical students are not a precedent for the DAP students. They had a campus-wide referendum exempting them. That said, he was not opposed to charging fees to the DAP students, but in a past survey 51% of DAP students said they would not find AMS services useful. It should not be an à la carte system; we have to be very careful. Is there new data on the DAP students?
- Clare Benton: Medical students and DAP students are not the same. The medical students are never on campus; the DAP students are all on campus at least a couple of times a week. We have to look at individual cases; they’re different.
- Matthew Naylor: It would be an oversimplification to charge everyone the fee. It needs to be determined on a case by case basis.
- Paul Lee spoke of differentiating the medical school from other faculties and applying AMS fees to all of DAP.
- Jeremy Ingoldby: This is not just a DAP issue; there are other programs.
- Andrew Carne: We should codify exceptions according to principles such as:
  - Those who are off campus for an entire term or more should not pay.
  - The rest, if spending time on campus, have to pay.
- Jamil Rhajiak: We have to serve students. Our constituents change. Option 2 (charging everyone the fee) is not a good idea. Option 3 (developing principles) is the best, the most flexible.
- Tim Chu: All AMS members, on campus or not, should be able to opt in.
- Jeremy Ingoldby said he was familiar with the 2005 survey, but wondered about the sample size.
- Andrew Carne: There should be individual opt-ins.

In a straw vote, Option 3 (developing principles) was favoured, and it was said that this should go to a committee.

**Gifts for Councillors**
- Michael Duncan and Chris Diplock asked Council members what gift they would like. In past years, there have been sweaters and hoodies.
- Alex Monegro: Earlier it was suggested that giving Council members something was inequitable; now there’s talk of giving something to them to show appreciation. We’re contradicting ourselves.
- Council members voted for hoodies with zippers.
Great Trekker

- Michael Duncan said there is no official process for choosing the Great Trekker recipient. Currently, the VP External and/or the President take part, with the assistance of the Alumni Association, but looking to the future he would be interested in feedback about the process.
- This year’s winner is Freda Pagani of the UBC Sustainability Office.

D) President's Remarks (Mike’s Message, Michael Duncan):
- Great Trekker February 9, along with All-Presidents Dinner.
- Received proposed changes from Athletics.

E) Executive Remarks:

Vice-President Finance (Chris Diplock):
- Fincom has identified priorities for AMS Link.
- The Budget Committee will be reporting by the end of his term.
- Impacts is resubmitting to BC Hydro by the end of February.
- The HR review is almost done.

Vice-President Administration (Tristan Markle):
- Green building committee meeting.
- Finishing the program for the new SUB.

Vice-President External (Stefanie Ratjen):
- First international student forum.
- Equity Coordinator.
- Cinema Politica.
- Research re transit campaign.
- Government review: federal budget, infrastructure at universities and colleges, looking for funding for grad students.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Avneet Johal (AJ): Arts Week went really well. Last Lecture coming.

Law – Clare Benton: Elections in two weeks. Trying to amend constitution for an aboriginal position.

Engineering – Chris McCann – Engineering Week next week.

Science – Jamil Rhajiak – Upcoming events.

Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith.

Forestry – Martin Lewinsky: Senior formal party: Spruce Up.


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

Board of Governors – Bijan Ahmadian: University stance on the SUB can be seen in the Board documents.

Senate – Helaine Boyd: Her last meeting. Joint Senate-BoG committee was rejected because we wanted another student senator on it. The 2010 exams will be affected by the Olympics and will run late unless the University decides to hold exams on Sundays or more in the evenings or in sports facilities. Three candidates to be the new UBC Librarian.

40. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED TRISTAN MARKLE, THIRDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the meeting go in camera.” … Carried

The meeting went in camera” at 11:43 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 12:03 am.

Sheldon Goldfarb read out the section of Code under which Council members can be reimbursed for cab fare for rides home from Council meetings that go past midnight.

41. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That Council authorize reimbursement for cab fare.” … Carried

Q) Submissions:
Olympic Report
Councillor of the Year nomination form

R) Next Meeting:
February 11, 2009

S) Adjournment:

42. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” … Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 am.

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Andre Gagne (student), Alex Leckie (concerned student), Megan Stewart (Ubyssey), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Stephanie Findlay (Ubyssey), Neil Yonson (Athletics Rep), Mitch Wright (Voter Funded Media), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Kelli Seepaul (Communications), Blake Frederick (AVP External), Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes (UBC Student Media), Thato Makfolae (Student), Avandi Wallace (Student), Jeremy Wood (Arts), Joanne Pickford (AMS Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That Rory Green, Aaron Warbinek and Chris Diplock be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

2. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR , SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

Noted: In Favour Opposed Abstained
Andrew Carne
Alex Lougheed
Matthew Naylor

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Athletics Presentation – Neal Yonson and Michael Duncan:

- The Aquatic Centre is now free at all times for students.
- Fees for Intramural teams, including Storm the Wall, are down to between $5 and $10 per team member, a two-thirds decrease from three years ago (which includes a previous decrease negotiated by former AMS VP Finance, Sophia Haque).
- Free public skating for students at the new Thunderbird Arena, with a drop-in cost of $2 for other sports, and this may go lower.
- Bird Coop memberships are down to $25 a term from $148.
- With all these price reductions, the capacity issue has been raised, but a capacity issue would be better than students not being able to afford to use the facilities.
• If student use shows need for more facilities, some more rooms can be opened for gym or recreation use.
• These new, lower fees will be frozen for the next three years; that is, they can’t go up, though they could still go down more.
• UBC Athletics has been charging more than anywhere else in Canada; they need to put more of their money towards the students. They will pay for these price reductions out of their surpluses; it won’t come out of the Varsity budget.
• Miscellaneous things agreed to by Athletics:
  o Day lockers at SRC now free.
  o Meetings will be minuted.
  o We are now being told that Athletics will be meeting to discuss what they can do for students.
• However, even after all these new discounts, the UBC program is still the most expensive in the country.

Questions
• Alex Lougheed asked about changing the terms of the University Athletic Council.
• Michael Duncan: We asked for more control and transparency, but got no traction on that or on other issues. We’re working on the tennis centre.
• Neal Yonson: We may have to FOI their budgets.

Federal and Municipal Election Budgets – Stefanie Ratjen (VP External)
• Stefanie Ratjen said that she had been asked last time for the budgets and has now circulated them.

Questions
• Avneet Johal asked about the meaning of labour costs in the federal campaign.
• Stefanie Ratjen: We have to register as an official lobby organization and account for all expenditures, including labour costs.
• Avneet Johal: This just means a percentage of your salary?
• Stefanie Ratjen: Exactly. We didn’t have to do this for the municipal campaign.
• Avneet Johal: Do we know how many students voted?
• Stefanie Ratjen: We don’t have that.
• Rory Green asked about the best and worst expenditures.
• Stefanie Ratjen: Bus ads generated a lot of publicity. It was also effective going to the offices of the candidates, but that was zero cost, except for producing lobbying documents. And buttons: people really like buttons.

D) President’s Remarks (Mike’s Message, Michael Duncan):
• We should congratulate Neal Yonson for the fine work he did on Athletics.
• The Great Trekker award went to Freda Pagani; the dinner went well.
• Still some things left to do, and hopefully he’ll be able to transition as soon as
the election issues are sorted out.

E) Executive Remarks:

**VP Academic (Alex Lougheed):**
- He signed on in support of the Faculty Association’s intervention on the proposed University privacy policy.
- Working with student senators on the Credit D/Fail system and hoping for implementation next year.

**VP Finance (Chris Diplock):**
- Working with the incoming VP Finance.
- AMS Link: Trouble with accessing account balances online.
- New style lid in compost system.
- Looking for members for committee on sustainability in the curriculum.
- BOC: Hay group HR review.

**VP Administration (Tristan Markle):**
- We should recognize that we’re holding this meeting on the ancestral lands of the Musqueam.
- New SUB:
  - RFP to seven architectural firms.
  - Facilities program complete, being sent out this week.
  - Have to meet with UBC to negotiate management.
  - Meeting with Partnership BC on February 23.
  - Properties Trust meetings about the bus terminal: they’re considering direct access to our building from the terminal. TransLink is finally doing the ridership survey we’ve been asking for; the terminal will probably have to be redesigned or scrapped.

**VP External (Stefanie Ratjen):**
- Reworked the Olympic report at committee.
- Childcare: working with other stakeholders re upcoming election.
- Instituting the Equity Officer program.
- Transition.
- International student forum coming up.
- Cinema Politica: 80 or so at each screening. Next screening on sustainability.

**Executive Coordinator of Student Services (Emily Laflamme):**
- Connect workshop on how to get involved in the AMS; over 40 attended; developing website.
- Team building.
- Food Bank: working with external community.
• Minischool courses started; had to drop two singing courses, but over 400 registered, exceeding goals.
• Safewalk: Hiring new female walkers.
• Interviewed for Advocacy position, and hired Jeremy Jaud.

Mike’s Message, one more point:

o Ross Horton’s one-year anniversary is today.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:


Law – Clare Benton: UBC beat UVic in a moot. Party with medical students. New building may be built this summer. Still waiting to hear back from the SLFS about the RCMP and liquor licences.

Pharmacy – Proxy for Bonnie Wong: UBC won trophy. Fundraising run/walk to raise money for HIV. White crosses in front of David Lam.

GSS – Marc Faktor: Elections. Faculty announced positive changes to PhD funding. Bowling night.

Education – Aaron Warbinek: Conference. Piping in building needs to be replaced. Everyone on practicum.

Engineering – Chris McCann: Engineering Week was great save for one incident; it’s hoped that will be treated in the spirit of the actions. Engineers also won a trophy, from UVic.

Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith: Career Fair. Name change discussions with Administration. Could become School of Kinesiology.

Commerce – Spenser Rocky: New CUS president. UBC second in Enterprise. A combined Engineering/Science group won $10,000 to start a business.

Science – Jamil Rhajiak: Constitutional changes. Salsa night. Coordinating lunches for students not involved in SUS.

Forestry – Angus Cheung: Settling in. Liquor licenses maxing out.


Arts – AJ: Two more points: Pre-Valentine’s event. New computers in Meekison lounge.

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

Board of Governors – Tim Blair: Council better informed than the Board on SUB Renew issues. Effect of endowment losses on students: spending down 3-5%, will have an impact on scholarships; perhaps $10 million less available.

    Rob McLean: Most of the effect will be on merit-based scholarships, not on needs-based awards.

Senate – Rob McLean: Two victories:
    o Doubled student representation on a new committee.
    o Sent an unsatisfactory report on cultural diversity and engagement back to committee.

    Need more people to fill vacant Senate seats.
    Attended meeting on governance and service, and pushed for more student involvement.

Ombudsperson – Karen Ko (read by Alex Lougheed):

    Since the last Council meeting, the office has continued to see an increased level of cases. In the last few weeks I have opened five new cases and continued to work alongside SAC Vice-Chair Ale Coates to resolve a major ongoing case regarding a complaint launched against one AMS Club by another last term.

    Of the five newly opened cases since the last Council meeting I have successfully closed two and referred one to Advocacy. These cases reflect the diversity of issues brought to the Ombuds Office. I have closed two cases, one which involved UBC Housing and Conferences, the other dealt with registration conflict within the Sauder Business School. Of the two cases I am currently handling, on top of the on-going case from last term, I am working with a student to file a complaint against AMS Security and Pit Pub and investigating insurance policy for a graduate student injured while in the field.

F) Committee Reports:

    Events Committee: Jamil Rhajiak: Looking at Block Party on last day of classes.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

3. MOVED ALEX MONEGRO, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

    “That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

    Minutes of Student Council January 14, 2009
Minutes of Student Council January 28, 2009
In Camera Minutes of Student Council January 28, 2009
SUB Renewal Committee Minutes January 12, 2009
Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2009
Oversight Committee Minutes October 28, 2008
Oversight Committee Minutes January 14, 2009.”

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

4. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee the following amendment be made to the Section VI, Article 1(3) of the Code of Procedure:

‘Each Executive member shall work, on average, no less than thirty (30) forty (40) hours per week.’

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Rory Green: The current Executives report working these hours (40, rather than 30) on average. No one else provided feedback.
- Stefanie Ratjen said that based on her workload she was in favour, though if 40 hours is expected of an Executive, then having a full course load, or any course load, is difficult.
- Mike Kushnir said it was symbolic.

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Noted: In Favour Opposed Abstained
Tahara Bhati                           Timothy Chu
Andrew Carne                           Alex Monegro
Chris Diplock
Michael Duncan
Rory Green
Guillaume Houle
6. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED: JOEL MERTENS:

“That on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee Council make a salary adjustment from $20,931 per annum to $25,000 per annum for each Executive member, effective at the 2009 turnover.”

- Rory Green said she’d received no feedback on this proposal.
- Alex Lougheed: This is very important. This year a member of the Executive had to take a second job over the summer.
- Lindsey Smith asked for the hourly rate.
- Rory Green: $12, on par with most student societies.

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Andrew Carne Alex Monegro
Will Davis Crystal Hon (proxy for K. Warwick)
Michael Duncan
Rory Green
Guillaume Houle
Alex Lougheed
Matthew Naylor
Aaron Warbinek

8. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Be it resolved that the Ad-Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee (AHERC) remain sitting until Executive turnover 2010;

Be it further resolved that Executive members and the ECSS submit no less than 20 weekly timesheets throughout their term to the AHERC Chair in order to facilitate further remuneration adjustments;

Be it further resolved that the AHERC conduct a more comprehensive review before Executive turnover 2010;

Be it further resolved that the AHERC chair submit a continuity report to their successor.”
• Rory Green: The committee didn’t get a chance to look at everything it would have liked to; it didn’t have enough information, and basically had to stick to the status quo. So they would like the committee to continue and produce a report, and they would like to gather timesheets from the Executive, not for disciplinary purposes, but just so the committee can be sure it has accurate information.
• Chris Diplock: Who would keep track?
• Rory Green: The chair of the committee.

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Rory Green
Guillaume Houle
Alex Lougheed
Alex Monegro
Matthew Naylor
Lindsey Smith
Aaron Warbinek

10. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“Whereas, in the interest of attracting talented candidates to the position of Executive Coordinator of Student Services (ECSS); and

Whereas the ECSS works a similar amount and has similar responsibilities as the other Executive members; and

Whereas Council gave the ECSS a 5% raise on March 28, 2007 in order to improve the equitability of their salary in comparison to the other Executive members,

Therefore be it resolved that the ECSS have their salary increased from $19,601.40 per annum to $23,412 per annum effective at ECSS turnover.”
• Rory Green: It’s not cool to look at how much the Executive gets without looking at the ECSS. We want the best possible people for the ECSS. The 5% gap between the Executive and the ECSS is maintaining the status quo.
• Chris Diplock asked why the ECSS should be paid less and suggested that be looked at.
• Andrew Carne asked what hours the ECSS was supposed to work.
• Michael Duncan said there has been discussion of the ECSS position; it’s difficult for a student, both in the time required and the type of work, managing others. Two of our past ECSS’s left the position. There may be changes coming.
• Sheldon Goldfarb said Code currently stipulates 30 hours for the ECSS.
• Chris Diplock: If that’s bumped up to 40 hours, the ECSS would be making more than the rest of the Executive.
• Clare Benton: Why not change the hours of the ECSS?
• Michael Duncan: The previous ECSS was hard pressed to get things done in less than 30 hours.

11. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Motion 10 be amended to add the following provision:

‘Be it further resolved that changes be made to Section VI, Article 4 (3)(g)(x) of the Code of Procedure to increase the hours of the ECSS to, on average, no less than forty (40) hours per week.’

Noted: In Favour Opposed Abstained
Tahara Bhate
Andrew Carne
Guillaume Houle
Paul Lee
Matthew Naylor
Crystal Hon (Proxy for Kyle Warwick)

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13. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“Whereas the AMS Council referred the question of the Olympics to the External Policy Committee; and

Whereas the External Policy committee conducted a review which resulted in the report The 2010 Winter Olympics: Community, Student and Campus Impacts; and

Whereas the report makes no value judgment about the Games; and

Whereas the External Policy Committee recommends:

- that Council adopt a policy stating the AMS’s dissatisfaction with UBC’s lack of consultation with students, as well as the lack of transparency of the decision-making process, regarding the Olympics;
- that the AMS strongly pressure UBC to consult with students meaningfully on all Olympics-related decisions that cause wide scale impacts on the campus;
- that the AMS undertake an awareness campaign and support other UBC student initiatives that inform students of the impacts that the Olympics will have on the campus and the Vancouver area before, during, and after the Games.

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS adopt the recommendations of the External Policy Committee as policy of the Society.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Stefanie Ratjen: The report was presented last time. Issues were raised. She asked for email submissions and held an open External Policy Committee meeting which led to editing of the report. There are changes from last time in the Whereas clauses and any value judgment was taken out of the motion.
- Dave Tompkins: But what we received from the committee has not changed?
- Avneet Johal: The report itself has changed too.
14. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Motion 13 be amended so that the final recommendation reads:

- ‘that the AMS undertake an awareness campaign and support other UBC student initiatives that inform students of the <positive and negative> impacts that the Olympics will have on the campus and the Vancouver area before, during, and after the Games.’ ”

- Tahara Bhate said she understood the aim of the amendment, but the idea from the report is how things such as closing Wesbrook Mall will affect students. The committee has gone to some lengths to deal with the objection that the report seemed anti-Olympic. This amendment would change the spirit of the motion.

15. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

16. MOVED CHRIS MCCANN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

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... Defeated

Noted: In Favour: Opposed: Abstained:
Aaron Warbinek Guillaume Houle Avneet Johal
Mike Kushnir Alex Lougheed Matthew Naylor
Stephen Russo

17. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED MIKE KUSHNIR:

“That Motion 13 and the report of the committee be amended so that the final recommendation reads:

- ‘that the AMS undertake an awareness campaign and support other UBC student initiatives that inform(s) students of the impacts that the Olympics will have on the campus and the Vancouver area before, during, and after the Games.’ ”
• Clare Benton: The current wording makes it look like the AMS will support any student initiative.
• Stefanie Ratjen: It is broad. We don’t know what the campaign will look like. Lots of initiatives are going on around the campaign, for instance from fraternities and sororities. The idea is to work in collaboration.
• Chris Diplock: if someone is for the Olympics and someone else is against, then there would be a Yes/No clash.
• Stefanie Ratjen: We would have to take that up at that point.
• Avneet Johal: The current wording creates an obligation for the AMS to support any other initiative, even if it does not fit in with AMS views. It is in our best interests not to commit ourselves like this. We can still collaborate.
• Paul Lee: Supporting any initiative is a problem, but supporting the spirit of collaboration is fine.
• Tahara Bhate: A different amendment could say that Council would consider supporting other initiatives, retaining some discretion.

18. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

19. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED MIKE KUSHNIR:

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... Defeated

Noted: In Favour Opposed Abstained
Guillaume Houle Clare Benton Chris McCann
Matthew Naylor Michael Duncan
Alex Lougheed
Stefanie Ratjen
Aaron Warbinek

20. MOVED CLARE BENTON:

“That Motion 13 and the report of the committee be amended so that the final recommendation reads:
- ‘that the AMS undertake an awareness campaign and support other UBC student initiatives, as approved by Council,> that inform students of the impacts that the Olympics will have on the campus and the Vancouver area before, during, and after the Games.’

And be it further resolved that the resolution clause of the motion be amended to read:

‘Therefore be it resolved that the AMS adopt the recommendations of the External Policy Committee, as amended,> as policy of the society.’ "

… No objections

21. MOVED STEFANIE RATJEN, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

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Therefore be it resolved that the AMS adopt the recommendations of the External Policy Committee, as amended, as policy of the Society.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

Noted: In Favour Opposed Abstained
Clare Benton
Tahara Bhate
Andrew Carne
Tim Chu
Will Davis
Michael Duncan
Guillaume Houle
Mike Kushnir
Alex Lougheed
Chris McCann
Joel Mertens
Matthew Naylor
Stefanie Ratjen
Stephen Russo

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

22. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Finance Commission Minutes dated January 28, 2009.”

... Carried

Noted: In Favour Opposed Abstained
Tahara Bhate Alex Lougheed
Michael Duncan
Matthew Naylor
Aaron Warbinek

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

23. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ROB MCLEAN:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

SUB Project Meeting Minutes # 4 dated January 19, 2009
SUB Project Meeting Minutes # 5 dated February 2, 2009 (with roadmap).”

... Carried

Noted: In Favour Opposed Abstained
Guillaume Houle
Chris McCann
Matthew Naylor

L) Committee Motions:

24. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:

“That upon the recommendation of the Appointee Resources Committee the compensation of the Equity and Harassment Coordinator be set at $11.54 per hour.”

- Alex Lougheed: ARC met, though it lacked quorum, and it settled on this hourly rate, which works out to $12,000 a year, on par with the Service Coordinators. It’s more than the Safety Coordinator because this position will be coordinating a large number of volunteers.

25. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED CHRIS DIPLOCK:
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... Carried

Noted: In Favour Opposed Abstained
Tahara Bhate Guillaume Houle
Michael Duncan
Rory Green
Alex Lougheed
Matthew Naylor
Stefanie Ratjen
Aaron Warbinek

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

26. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to review and report on the following:

a) AMS Fee Waivers and Exemption Principles
b) Council voting and clickers
c) Possibly using a Condorcet or Single Transferable Vote system for Committee elections.

- Matthew Naylor: Clickers are the coolest thing for democracy; they can improve transparency. Council also wanted a committee to develop principles for fee waivers. Code and Policies is the kind of committee where these sorts of things are discussed. We’re also meeting on committee reform.

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... Carried

Noted: In Favour Opposed Abstained

P) Discussion Period
Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
   February 25, 2009
   AGM February 26, 2009

S) Adjournment:

28. MOVED ROB MCLEAN, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

   “That the meeting be adjourned.”

   ... Carried

   The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

T) Social Activity:
# The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Crystal Hon (incoming VP Administration), Blake Frederick (incoming President), Emily Griffiths (incoming Student Legal Fund), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Tom Lamb (Cognitive Systems), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Steph Findlay (Ubyssey), Gerald Dew (Ubyssey), Mitch Wright (outgoing VFM Administrator), Sarina Rehal (Elections Administrator), Maria Cirstea (student at large), Carolee Changfoot (member at large), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Adrienne Smith (Policy Advisor), Mike Carlson (President’s Assistant), Carolina Guimarães (Sustainability), Neal Yonson (Athletics), Johannes Rebane (incoming VP Academic), Raj Mathur (Music)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm.

1. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Timothy Chu, Rory Green and Chris Diplock be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

2. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Elections Administrator’s Report – Sarina Rehal:

The Elections Administrator presented her report on the elections, including the results, and made the following points:

- There were 6493 votes cast [applause], 6027 of them on line.
- Condorcet rankings were used for Executive elections; first past the post for Board of Governors and SLFS.
- She provided an explanation of the online voting system.
- There was a problem with the time limit on voting: students could be logged out before completing their vote. (They could log back in, but it was confusing; there should be more time to complete one’s vote.)
- Twenty eligible students were at first not able to vote because the Registrar’s Office was missing some student numbers; that got fixed.
- An old server was used; probably a more stable server should be used next time.
- The online voting program is now the property of the AMS; the programmer handed over the rights. So now we have a permanent program for voting.
• The main online voting problem was integrating with CWL, dealing with security issues, getting permissions.
• The AMS has no list of members, making it a problem to determine eligible voters.
• The international seat election:
  o no guidelines; it was decided to require 20 nominators instead of the 50 for Executives; she didn't want an impediment.
  o There was little promotion, and she had to extend the deadline.
  o Because there couldn’t be an online system just for international students, there was just paper voting.
  o There was a delay in releasing the results because of privacy issues raised by the Registrar’s Office in Brock Hall.
• Code requires information sessions in November; Council should hold one even if there is no EA; this is important for those who don’t how the AMS works.
• Paper voting was expensive (poll clerks, printing) and labour intensive, much more so than electronic voting; next year's Elections Committee may want to look at how much paper should be part of the process.
• The SUB niche and Koerner Library got the highest amount of paper votes; there should have been more promotion at Totem and Vanier.
• The debates were hit and miss, some well attended, some less so.
• Tabling, providing information in person, was effective; the banners were great; Facebook advertising was used; the VFM was great; it helped promote the election, as did the candidates, who in promoting their own campaigns promoted the elections generally.
• The slate clause in Code is something to look into.
• The 24-hour ruling requirement is beneficial in forcing the committee to address issues immediately, but for big things it was not always possible for the whole committee to meet and discuss.
• For minor, recurring infractions, the Elections Committee should set out the consequences in the Candidates’ Handbook to clear up grey areas; and there should be a list of past infractions.
• Procedure for infractions: should infractions be publicized in the media? should the committee issue a public statement? contact the complainant? The Elections Committee should decide this ahead of time.
• The Elections Committee was not hired till the All-Candidates Meeting and had to learn as they went along.
• She’d had an amazing committee, especially Mitch Wright, the VFM Coordinator, who pitched in to do PR work because there was no PR person hired this year.
• She’s preparing a detailed transition report; she had to learn a lot, so she wants to create an AMS How-To guide.
• On-line vote counts were steady from Thursday morning through Monday night.

Questions

• Nazanin Moghadami asked about the definition of international student. There seemed to be confusion over whether to include exchange students, refugee students, etc.
• Sarina Rehal: This was defined when the seat was created.
• Michael Duncan: It can be changed.
• Nazanin Moghadami: The delay in releasing results wasn’t because of Brock Hall; they were waiting to hear from the AMS Elections office. It was not a privacy issue; it was the definition issue.
• Sarina Rehal: It was a privacy issue.
• Kyle Warwick asked about reports that it had been impossible to vote No in the Ubyssey elections.
• Sarina Rehal: It was definitely not impossible; No votes were cast.
• Paul Lee: Can Constituencies make use of the new voting system?
• Sarina Rehal: Of course, but you’ll have to make an agreement with the AMS. It’s easy to use.
• Emily Griffiths: The SLFS elections were really ambiguous; there was no handbook until halfway through and then it came from another candidate, as if he were in charge. There needs to be more information from the AMS and a more neutral third party running things.
• James Matichuk: There was no table for voting at Regent; they are AMS members, but it’s hard to encourage AMS involvement if this happens.
• Sarina Rehal: It was a communications issue. She will put the needed information in the transition report.

Waste Audit – Chris Diplock and Carolina Guimarães:

• Funding agreement with UBC Sustainability Office.
• MJ Waste Solutions and My Green Workplace.
• Discussions with senior managers about waste; also with the Proctor.
• Types of waste: paper, glass, metal, plastic, food, textiles, wood, hazardous materials.
• Food is 39% of the waste; next is plastic at 23%.
• Waste diversion: 76% (quite good).
• Net carbon savings: 603 (pretty good). Still want to do better.
• Follow-up audit planned.
• Should appoint a Waste Reduction Coordinator and create a Green Procurement Policy.
• Still a styrofoam problem. Looking into alternative materials.
• Problem with disposal of electronic equipment. Usually given to charity, but not clear what they do with it.

Questions
• Jamil Rhajiak asked about summer numbers.
• Chris Diplock: There’s variation during the year.
• Max Unger asked about the proportion of waste created by AMS businesses, as opposed to what individual students throw out.
• Chris Diplock said those numbers are not yet available, but he could look into it.
• Carolina Guimarães: There’s variation by location.
• Jamil Rhajiak: Will the Waste Coordinator be a student?
• Carolina Guimarães: That hasn’t been thought about fully.
Hay Group Report – Chris Diplock:

The Hay Group did an organizational review, which included the following points focusing on the Food & Beverage department:

- There’s a positive relationship with the students.
- Sustainability initiatives are being pursued.
- Catering has grown substantially, causing stresses.
- Training is difficult at the beginning of term.
- Raises are infrequent.
- There’s a lack of co-operation between outlets for hiring.
- No formal job descriptions.
- Lack of organizational awareness.
- Few social events.
- Student Council does not have a good understanding of the businesses and makes unreasonable demands.
- Cash registers are not standardized.
- Still paper-based.
- Not enough delivery vehicles.
- Recommendations:
  - Add an HR position.
  - Redesign the organizational structure.
  - Clarify roles through job descriptions
  - Pursue team building (Chris said this is really important).

Questions

- Avneet Johal: What kind of requests has Council been making that are difficult?
- Ross Horton: Things to do with sustainability initiatives. Three new ones were introduced in September, the busiest time of the year.
- Guillaume Houle asked about the report’s reference to the costs of the recommendations.
- Ross Horton: That would be Hay’s charge for doing these things.
- Max Unger asked if the recommendations to do with space had been passed on to Cornerstone for consideration in the plans of the new building.
- Chris Diplock said he thought this had been communicated.

3. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

“That Council strike an ad hoc Human Resources Position Committee to be composed of the following:

1) the current incoming President, who shall be chair;
2) the current incoming Vice-President Finance, who in the absence of an incoming President shall be chair;
3) the current outgoing Vice-President Finance;
4) the current outgoing President;
5) the General Manager, who shall be non-voting;
6) the Treasurer/Controller, who shall be non-voting; and
7) one (1) member of Council.
Be it further resolved that the committee:

1) draft a job description for a new full-time Human Resources Manager;
2) recommend a salary level for this manager to the General Manager;
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4) make a recommendation to Council on the amount to be allocated to such a recruiting firm if the committee determines that it would be appropriate to engage one;
5) make any other recommendations on Human Resources staffing as it deems desirable; and
6) report back to Council by the end of March/09.

Be it further resolved that when reporting back to Council the committee set a deadline for hiring the new full-time Human Resources Manager and that it then conduct the hiring process, with the assistance of the recruiting firm if it has been deemed appropriate to engage such a firm.

Note: The Human Resources Position Committee shall, at the end of the hiring process, make a recommendation of a candidate to Council, and Council shall make the actual appointment of the full-time Human Resources Manager.”

- Chris Diplock:
  o HR before 2007 was done by the General Manager and the President.
  o From 2007-09 there’s been a part-time HR position specifically to work with student government services.
  o Now there’s a possibility of a full-time HR position.
  o In student government (the Student Services etc.) there are 10 full-time and about 150 part-time employees (Safewalkers etc.); overall there are about 100 full-time and 500 part-time employees.
  o Comp Review needs full-time support.
  o The ECSS needs formal support; the help provided last year by the part-time HR person was a huge contribution.
  o There’s a clear need for a full-time HR manager.
- Avneet Johal: Two of the committee members are no longer in their elected terms; are you good with that?
- Chris Diplock: Yes.

4. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Motion 3 be amended to make the positions for the outgoing VP Finance and the outgoing President non-voting.”

… No objections

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… Carried

6. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN

“That Nazanin Moghadami (Councillor) be appointed to the ad hoc Human Resources Position Committee.”

… Carried

C) Presentations to Council:

Oversight Committee – Clare Benton:

• The committee interviewed the AMS Executives to ask how things are going, what their goals have been, and how their positions might be improved.
• One problem is the 60% course load that has to be maintained for student loan eligibility; the AMS Executives work a lot; it’s full-time employment. To do a course load on top of that is difficult. The committee suggests that AMS Executives be called full-time regardless of the number of classes they choose to
take, in order to let them balance AMS and school work. This would have to go through Senate.

- Training is limited now (media relations, positive space); there should be more training in management and communications/teamwork; training in how to chair a meeting, negotiation skills, delegating; and more interpersonal training.
- For the Executives, and Council too, team building is important.
- There’s a need to coordinate goals.
- More social relationship is needed with the Executive and Council.
  - Mike Kushnir asked if a Code change or formal agreement between the Executives is needed on goals.
  - Clare Benton said it would probably be more informal.
- The committee suggests creating a VP Student Life position for outreach to students and to increase the size of the Executive so that each Executive would have to do less.
- The VP Admin could then look just at the new SUB, a huge priority now, and be freed of other responsibilities.
- A consultant might be hired or a review might be done; other student unions’ portfolios could be looked at.
  - Rory Green said this could be coordinated with what the Executive Remuneration Committee has already done.
- More resources needed, e.g., templates for such things as RFP’s and processes for doing them. All Executives should have an assistant, as the President and VP Academic do now.
- The Executive Projects position should be filled and used to save the Executives’ time.
- Mechanisms should be put in place to ensure accountability, e.g., submitting quarterly reports on time. Oversight could play this role.

Questions
- Chris Diplock asked about codifying these suggestions.
- Clare Benton: These are more suggestions for the next Executive; Oversight is planning a meeting with the new Executive before the committee’s term ends.
- Tristan Markle suggested using and updating the Strategic Framework.
- Clare Benton said the framework had not been very helpful; something more is needed.

D) President’s Remarks (Mike’s Message, Michael Duncan):

For his final message, Mike impersonated Alex Lougheed and talked about installing clocks showing the time at both UBC campuses.

E) Executive Remarks:

The Executives all took turns impersonating each other for their final remarks:
- Chris Diplock did Mike, and talked of scuba diving and spending 25 hours at a SUB Renewal meeting today.
- Stefanie spoke as Emily.
- Alex spoke as Tristan about P3’s, the farm, the SUB, and the bus loop.
• Emily, speaking as Stefanie, spoke of being on unceded Musqueam land and mentioned the transit campaign.
• Tristan, as Chris Diplock, spoke of getting up at 5 am to jog, swim, and sign cheques, signing 800 in 15 minutes. He also pumped iron and had the biggest muscles on the Executive, to compensate for his gentleness. This was all by 5:30 am. Then he did more biking and signed some more cheques; he has devised a contraption that’s attached to his bike that signs the cheques while he pedals.

F) Committee Reports:
Code and Policies Committee – Matt Naylor:
• Moving along with the fee waiver/membership issue.
• Clickers and camera surveillance looked at.
• In accordance with the Code requirement that the committee review internal policies every three years, the committee had looked at the Safety Policy and felt it was good.
• On committee reform, the committee has come up with a proposal that will drastically reduce the number of committees, though there will be ad hoc subcommittees; it will also change how motions come to Council; there will be public consultation in a week or two, and then to Code for approval.

G) Constituency Reports:
Some of the Constituencies impersonated each other. Engineering spoke as Arts and said Arts is broke. There were also some serious reports:


Commerce – Spenser Rocky: New team elected.

Music – Paul Lee: Bake sale.


Pharmacy – Bonnie Wong: Pharmacy Awareness Week.

Regent – James Matichuk: Workshops.

Social Work – Brad Olson: Bake sale too. And a new Executive.

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

Senate Report: N/A

BoG Report: N/A
Ombudsperson Report: Karen Ko (read by Alex Lougheed):

Since the last council meeting, the Ombuds Office has been relatively quiet due to reading week and an ongoing medical issue which I have been dealing with. In the last few weeks I have continued to work with SAC Vice-Chair Ale Coates to resolve a major ongoing case regarding a complaint launched against one AMS Club by another last term.

Returning to work after a short absence due to a serious medical issue, I am still in the process of sorting out my caseload. The office is currently working on three other on-going cases which are quite diverse and representative of the types of issues affecting UBC students. I am still working with a student to file a complaint against AMS Security and Pit Pub, investigating insurance policy for a graduate student injured while in the field and helping a student navigate a plagiarism accusation launched earlier in the term.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

7. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

AMS Council Minutes dated February 11, 2009
Minutes of the Appointee Resources Committee dated February 11, 2009
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated January 19, 2009
Minutes of the Code & Policies Committee dated Feb 10, 2009
MHPM Meeting minutes dated February 16, 2009
Business Operations Committee Minutes dated November 6, 2008.”

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED TRISTAN MARKLE, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

“That on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, Council approve an expenditure of $11,107 from CPAC for water fountain upgrades and installation.

Note: CPAC has a balance of $376,389.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tristan Markle: This has been a long time in the making. Two new water fountains will be installed in the basement, and there will be six water refilling stations. Currently, there are four water fountains on the top floor and two on the main floor, with none in the basement. The idea is to allow the phasing out of bottled water.
- Jamil Rhajiak: This is just for cold water?
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10. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED RORY GREEN:

“That Council adopt the report of the Impacts Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Impacts Committee’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Diplock: The MoU and the LoA were circulated; they concern joint funding on a waste audit and for a fruit procurement officer. Impacts gave him a mandate to negotiate, and part of the agreement is to incorporate parts of the agreement into the Code.
- Tahara Bhate: The funding is just till 2009-10, one time, whereas the Code is yearly.
- Chris Diplock: Who knew a financial crisis would come? Originally, they said no problem, but then their budget got cut. The way they worded it is so the Sustainability Office will have the responsibility. It’s not what it looks like.

11. MOVED CHRIS DIPLOCK, SECONDED RORY GREEN:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds
... Carried

- Chris Diplock announced that the University’s presidential advisory committee on sustainability in the curriculum is looking for members.

12. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:


Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Alex Lougheed: This policy was first thought of after a request was made to view security tapes from the Pit Pub. The question was, Can we show the tapes? At the same time there was a move to revamp the camera system in the SUB. He had some Orwellian concerns about all this, and the proposed policy will change
large parts of the status quo; it would remove viewing access from some managers.

- Chris Diplock asked for more details.
- Alex Lougheed said he’d been concerned about the move to expand the camera system.
- Ross Horton noted that the expansion had been approved by Council.
- Alex Lougheed: It had been approved in the budget, but there had been no student input on implementation. He had worked on this with the Privacy Officer and the Code and Policies Committee. Some of the full-time staff are not aware of these new proposals, so it could be tabled.
- Chris Diplock asked about the 15-day limit on keeping tapes.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said that’s what the Security Manager suggested.
- Guillaume Houle asked about non-disclosure requirements for Security Office staff and anyone else who has access.
- Alex Lougheed: Anything would be in contracts or in this policy. The motion could be laid on the table now to correct this.

13. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Motion 12 be laid on the table.”

... No objections

14. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Roll Call Voting in the Clicker Era’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matthew Naylor: Clickers will allow the roll call story to come to fruition. We didn’t want roll call voting before because, although it provided accountability, it took forever. But now it can be easily done. We want to be accountable, and the clicker system allows it. It will be clear in the minutes how each Council member voted on each motion.
- Dave Tompkins: This would include calling the question? Everything?
- Matthew Naylor: Yes.
- Dave Tompkins: And the two-thirds vote to not hold a roll call would not be a roll call vote itself?
- Michael Duncan: In the case of a computer crash, we can suspend Code.

15. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

16. MOVED SONIA PUREWAL, SECONDED RORY GREEN:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated January 26, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated February 2, 2009.”

... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

17. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the President entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: SASSF’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Michael Duncan:
  - Currently, there’s a double process for approving the budget for SASC (the Sexual Assault Services Centre); it goes through the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee first and then to the Budget Committee.
  - Also, there’s a problem with SASC coordinators being on the SASSF Committee, where they should be to advise on sexual assault support service projects, because the committee decides on the SASC budget, creating a conflict of interest.
  - The plan is to guarantee 95% of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund to SASC and to send the other 5% to the SASSF Committee for projects.
  - If SASC needs more, the Budget Committee can allocate them more.
  - We also think both SASC Co-Coordinators should be on the committee, and that means reducing the number of Council members by one to keep the committee at ten, in line with the Code rule against committees with more than ten members.

- Alex Lougheed: The Budget Committee could allocate money from elsewhere to SASC?
- Michael Duncan: Yes.
- Alex Lougheed: That’s against the principle we followed this year, restricting SASC to SASSF money, and historically that’s how it’s been done.
- Chris Diplock: The former ECSS told the Executive that SASC funding should go up, but there are no plans for a referendum now to increase the fund.
- Michael Duncan: It’s important that SASC be funded appropriately, but that doesn’t mean money can’t come from elsewhere, just as we used money from CPAC for SUB Renew.
• Avneet Johal: How else could we do it?
• Alex Lougheed: Council could as a one-off allocate funds from elsewhere.
• Chris Diplock: There are only a certain number of replenishing funds. We can’t pull money from trees. We’ll need a referendum eventually, but something is needed now.
• Avneet Johal: This should be passed on to the new Executive.
• Alex Lougheed: It would be more transparent to ask for specific funding for sexual assault rather than taking it out of general service funds.

18. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Motion 17 be amended to add the following:

‘Be it further resolved that Council direct the 2009/10 Executive to investigate the possibility of holding a referendum to increase the SASSF.’ ”

... No objections

19. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the President entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: SASSF’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

‘Be it further resolved that Council direct the 2009/10 Executive to investigate the possibility of holding a referendum to increase the SASSF.’ ”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried Unanimously

20. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:


Note: Requires 2/3rds

21. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Motion 20 be postponed to the next Council meeting.”

• Alex Lougheed: We need more time to work out the details and speak to full-time staff. But we need to make sure it still gets done.

22. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Motion 20 be postponed to the next Council meeting.”

... Carried
Councillor of the Year Award given jointly to Clare Benton (Law) and Rory Green (Arts)

Executive goodbyes

P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:  
   BC Budget – AMS Analysis

R) Next Meeting:  
   AGM February 26, 2009  
   Council March 11, 2009

S) Adjournment:

23. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED CHRIS MCCANN:  

   “Be it resolved that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned.”

   ... Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Neil Yonson (student), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Stephanie Findlay (Ubyssey), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Dia Montgomery (incoming Law Rep), Guillaume Savard (MHPM), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Kelli Seepaul (Communications), Devenne Drege (AMS), Jennifer Yiu (SUS), Carolee Changfoot (Arts), Mike Carlson (AMS President’s Assistant), Ignacio Rodriguez (SUS), Stephanie Ryan, Raj Mathur (Music), Alex Monegro (Commerce)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm.

1. MOVED JAMES MATICHUK, SECONDED CHRIS MCCANN:

   “That Rory Green, Timothy Chu, and Aaron Warbinek be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight's meeting.”

   ... Carried

2. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   ... Carried

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

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

   "That Council on the recommendation of the SUB Renewal Committee approve the expenditure of no more than $12,000 from the SUB Renewal Fund for the purposes of Pre-Design Cost Estimation Services for the New SUB Project Program."

   Note: The SUB Renewal Fund has a balance of $634,000

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   - Crystal Hon: Costs have to be estimated at every stage of the SUB project. At later stages, this would be done by a firm hired by the architects; we don’t yet have an architect, so we’re doing the hiring ourselves. We sent out invitations to three firms, and are going to go with Spiegel Skillen.
   - Geoff Costelloe: What is the money for?
   - Crystal Hon: To figure out how much the project will cost.
   - Tahara Bhate asked about the cost of using this firm as opposed to the others.
   - Crystal Hon: One of the others didn’t submit.
   - Guillaume Savard said this was a standard amount.
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D) President’s Remarks (Blake’s Broadcast, Blake Frederick):

- One day transition.
- Thanked both Mikes and the staff.
- Great Farm Trek – April 7th starts at the SUB at 3:30pm.
- It’s the 46th anniversary of the Third Great Trek (March 11, 1963) for better university funding.
- Trying to set a new tone for Council: deadlines should be respected. Agenda items are due at noon on Friday.
  - Out of respect for Councillors who have to read documents
  - Chance to consult with constituents
  - Moving Council into the public realm. We want to be proactive in informing students what’s on the agenda for Council.
- The Executive had an orientation/team building session on Bowen Island. It was tremendously successful; we made a lot of progress with respect to team building and goal setting.
- SUB Renew negotiations are being restarted: meeting with Brian Sullivan.
- Building relationships with other groups off and on campus.
- ECSS will be joining us this week
- Trying to address Olympics concerns:
  - Meeting with Michelle Aucoin.
- Hunger strike with Mike, Adrienne, Ale, Tristan.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP Administration (Crystal Hon):
- Transition.
- SUB negotiations.
- SAC commissioner postings up this week.

VP Finance (Tom Dvorak):
- Executive retreat.
- Alumni meeting.
- Cheques.
- Fincom.
VP Academic (Johannes Rebane)
- Committees, UNA, UBC Sustainability Committee.
- Save internationalism in the curriculum.
- Joint RCMP-student liquor policy.
- Hiring.
- U-Town, University branding.
- ECSS interviews.

VP External (Timothy Chu)
- Orientation.
- TransLink Service Review Committee.
- Transit campaign; survey; people waited in line to fill it out. Compiling data.
- Revitalizing the External Commission. AVP. Hiring for the provincial election campaign.
- Fruitful meeting with the Olympic Secretariat.
- Provincial election May 12; talking to other PSE institutions about what to do.
- Save the Farm.

Johannes Rebane
- An additional, personal note: He is one of nine people taking part in Five Days for the Homeless, living as homeless people next week, sleeping outside the UBC Bookstore. Others are welcome to come by. The Dean of Arts will be joining them.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:


Law – Clare Benton – Law Revue was great. Trike race coming up. Ian Hanamansing speaking. Law student referendum for higher fees: going up by $684 so the students can donate $5 million to the new Law School.

GSS – Marc Faktor – New executive. A good time for AMS Executive to meet them would be at the AGM.

Music – Paul Lee – Bake sale. T-shirt sale.

International Students - Nazanin Moghadami – International Week next week.

Engineering – Chris McCann – Presidential elections. Pie in the Face annual charity fundraiser (for the CKNW Orphans Fund).


Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith – Looking for a student development officer. A small Last Lecture, following the Arts model. Grad formal.
Science – Jamil Rhajiak – Elections. Praised all the constituencies taking part in the Inter-Faculty Cup competition for making it happen.

Education – Aaron Warbinek – Students on practicum.

Commerce – Chad Embree - Constitutional change, elections, Meet the Dean, hiring for Exec positions.

Regent – James Matichuk – Community events, elections.

Forestry – Martin Lewinsky – Grad fundraiser at Pit.

Pharmacy – Bonnie Wong – Pharmacy Awareness Week went well. Walk and run fundraising event.

Adrienne Smith made an announcement about the requirements for Constituencies under the new electoral law.

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

Board of Governors – n/a

Senate – Geoff Costelloe:
- Senate meetings are too short (the last one was 45 minutes); there’s a move to encourage more discussion.
- Credit/D/Fail system (a pass-fail system for electives) is going to the March meeting after being in the works for four years.
  - Avneet Johal: Will there still be a grade that grad schools can access?
  - Geoff Costelloe: Other schools work that out; he may give a presentation with more details later.
- **Alex Lougheed**: Only two people ran for the five at large student Senate seats this year. It will be up to AMS Council to appoint three senators.

Karen Ko, Ombudsperson (read by Johannes Rehane):

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new executive team to Council; I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months. Since the last Council meeting, the Ombuds Office has been quite active. There has been a flurry of new cases and inquiries in the last few weeks. Also, Ale Coates (SAC Vice-Chair) and I have continued to work on resolving a major ongoing case regarding a complaint launched against one AMS Club by another last term.

In addition to the aforementioned ongoing case, I have opened five new cases and continued to work on the four open cases currently being dealt with by the office. Of the new cases I have recently opened two are appeals to UBC Housing and
Conferences, one concerns enrolment and withdrawal issues, one is related to the U-Pass exemption process and another concerns the recent AMS election.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

5. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Minutes dated February 27, 2009
Minutes of the SUB Renewal Project Team meeting dated March 2, 2009
Minutes of the Joint Oversight/Code and Policy Committee meeting dated February 4, 2009”
Student Council Minutes dated February 25, 2009
Appointments Review Committee Minutes dated March 11, 2009

... Carried

C) Presentations to Council:

Committee Reform – Matthew Naylor:
- The last major overhaul of the AMS structure stemmed from the CORP report of 1994.
- Spencer Keys attempted committee reform earlier in this decade.
- Currently we have 25 committees and planning groups; three have been added since the current committee reform process started a couple of months ago. The need for reform is clear.
- The aim is a working internal structure for the AMS.
- He’s asking for approval in principle so the Code and Policies Committee can start drafting Code amendments.
- Currently we have many small committees. His proposal is that we move to five large committees with broad mandates, with Councillors as chairs of these committees; this would mean more work for these committee chairs, perhaps as much as for AVP’s, and these chairs should be paid as much as AVP’s.
- The committees would be permanent; there would be no ad hoc committees; no issue should have to go to an ad hoc committee; there should already be a standing committee it can go to.
- There will be more work for AMS members at large, serving more meaningfully.
- Council could drive the agenda more under this system; currently there is a lot of Executive centralization; this could alleviate that.
- Committee mandates should not be coterminous with Executive portfolios; we don’t want a committee that looks like it is overseeing one of the Executives; there should be no External Affairs Committee in tandem with a VP External.
- The new motion flow proposal is that motions would flow from the five committees to an Agenda Committee made up of the five chairs and chaired by the President.
  - Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Could a member at large get a motion on the agenda?
  - Matthew Naylor: They could bring it to the Agenda Committee, which would refer it to the appropriate committee.
- Matthew Naylor: The five committees would be:
o Education: quality of education, which is more of an issue these days; academic quality, University relations.
o Procedures: Code and Bylaws, the internal rules of the AMS.
o Student Life: Events and Services: The AMS doesn’t do enough of this; setting up this committee would be a great step. Also concerned with creating a supportive environment on campus.
o Operations: Business, Fees, Budgets, Clubs.
o Community Relations: Board of Governors, the UNA, development, advocacy and campaigns, CASA and lobbying.
  ▪ Kyle Warwick: The Education Committee seems coterminous with the VP Academic.
  ▪ Matthew Naylor: The VP Academic portfolio is gigantic.
  ▪ Maria Cirstea: How many on each committee?
  ▪ Matthew Naylor: Twelve to 18 people.
  ▪ Rory Green: Will there be subcommittees? Will they be chaired? Will their chairs be paid? Also, how many committees would each Councillor serve on? And Executives?
  ▪ Matthew Naylor: Re subcommittees, kind of. Not official, more unofficial working groups with no binding power, no chair; a point person named. There will be two Executives on each committee, but who the Executives are on any one committee can be changed at whim.

• Matthew Naylor: Besides the Big 5 committees, there will be the Agenda Committee, an Extraordinary Hiring Committee (for the General Manager, the current HR Manager hiring, etc.), and the Elections Committee.
• He hopes to do more consultation and bring amendments to the April 1 meeting.
• Under the new plan Executives and Councillors will no longer be able to force things onto the agenda and will not be allowed to move things from the floor. Will people be comfortable with that?

Questions
• Avneet Johal: If something came up during a Council meeting, could it be moved from the floor?
• Matthew Naylor: Council could by a 2/3rds resolution amend the agenda.
• Clare Benton asked about the Oversight Committee.
• Matthew Naylor said some of its powers would go to the Agenda Committee; it would handle oversight matters with the President not attending.
• Marc Faktor asked about data on committees.
• Matthew Naylor: Currently, committees are ineffective, too small, irregular. Some committees never meet.
• Max Unger: Will there be no need for ad hocs?
• Matthew Naylor: No.
• Max Unger: What about SUB Renew? It has three-hour meetings.
• Matthew Naylor: The current SUB Renew Committee is a special case outside the scope of committee reform. It might continue, but in future cases of this sort, the Operations Committee would handle the issue.
• Johannes Rebane asked about time commitment.
• Matthew Naylor: The chairs will have the same time commitment as AVP’s: 20 hours. Ordinary members will have the same commitment as now.
• Johannes Rebane: What is that?
• Matthew Naylor: It’s unclear.
• Timothy Chu: How will you address the exclusivity of committee selection? The GSS currently gets shunted onto committees. And what about Equity?
• Matthew Naylor: Equity will be part of the Student Life Committee. As to committee appointments, we’re looking into STV recommendations.

6. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MIKE KUSHNIR:

“Be it resolved that Council accept the Committee Reform motion as presented in principle, and direct the Code and Policies Committee to draft appropriate amendments to the Code of Procedure.”

• Rory Green said she likes streamlining. Some committees do nothing; others do a lot. This would level the playing field.
• Dave Tompkins: If you pass this motion, the aim is that you will appoint to the new committees. If the actual Code changes fail, then we would revert to the old committees.
• Geoff Costelloe: This is similar to how things are done at Senate. It streamlines things, leads to consistency. The committees are broad enough that they always have things to do.
• James Matichuk: This looks like it will be much more efficient, but some of the things that would fall under Student Life might be better handled by a smaller group.
• Matthew Naylor said he envisioned discretionary power for the committees to allow them to set up such smaller groups, working groups.
• Sonia Purewal asked about oversight of the committee chairs.
• Matthew Naylor: Oversight will be performed by their own committee; committee members will be responsible for holding chairs accountable.
• Blake Frederick expressed concern. The Executive would not be able to bring things as a committee to Council. Yes, the Executive should not be running the show; it should be Council, but when there’s a short deadline, going through the committee process is a concern. Such a structure might lead to less work because the committees will be so large. How can a 15-member committee be productive, especially for intensive things like the budget?
• Matthew Naylor: The Budget Committee is in Bylaws; it can’t change so quickly; it will have to be made a subgroup of the Operations Committee. The new system won’t make us do less; it will be more free flowing. And if there’s an emergency, something from the Executive could go on.
• Blake Frederick said he was in support of committee reform and he did like the general structure, but he hadn’t had a chance to read the full report; it only arrived yesterday.
• Kyle Warwick asked about the current requirement that Councillors sit on two committees.
• Matthew Naylor: That will probably get reduced to one.
• Kyle Warwick asked if the chairs would be chosen as they are now, and Matthew Naylor said yes.
• Michael Duncan suggested a longer speaking time might be needed for candidates for committee chair positions.
• Matthew Naylor: More diligence would probably be done; that can be hammered out. He liked the idea of a more thorough vetting.
• Michael Duncan asked who had been consulted on the plan.
• Matthew Naylor said questionnaires had been sent out, though the response had not been as good as he had hoped. A couple of people, e.g. Colin Simkus, attended committee meetings. There had been a couple of meetings with individual stakeholders, such as staff.
• Michael Duncan said he had not been consulted. He said there should be more consultation. He expressed concern about the size of committees and was also concerned about approving tonight’s motion-in-principle. It was too early for that, just after the report presentation. There needs to be more consultation.
• Stephanie Ryan suggested there should still be the power to raise issues from the floor.
• Brad Olson spoke in favour of being able to bring motions from the floor. Council seemed intimidating when he was just a student; it would be good to not have to go through a whole bureaucracy to get a motion on the agenda. The Agenda Committee could stonewall; there would be more democracy if motions could come from the floor.
• Johannes Rebane expressed concern about the size of the workload for the committees; he was not sure the structure was conducive to getting things done. Agendas would get very big for each committee. The system would also discourage students with time to sit once a month on a low intensity committee, but not enough time for the commitment envisaged for these new big committees. As to the subcommittees, aren’t those really just ad hoc committees?
• Tahara Bhate: The current committee structure doesn’t work. It discourages involvement. She could understand the hesitation over increasing the size and responsibilities of committees. It’s not certain to work, but either we try it or we just stick with what we have. Students not wanting to get that involved could attend a working group. She’d still like the power to move motions from the floor, and if two Councillors want to bring a motions, they should be able to. She asked about the number of students at large and how many committees they would be allowed to serve on.
• Matthew Naylor: About four students at large per committee, and only one committee each.
• Avneet Johal: How does this plan compare to other universities?
• Matthew Naylor said it was a hard question to answer briefly. Some have large numbers of committees, but we have the most. A lot have a set number of committees, usually under 10. The plan is most similar to the University of Calgary, though they tie their committees to Executives.
• Avneet Johal: No ad hoc committees at all? Could there not arise an issue that would need an ad hoc committee?
• Matthew Naylor: Council maintains the power to do what it wants. It would be ideal to send everything to one of the five committees, but Council could do something else.
• Clare Benton said there’d be no way for a Council member to take on the amount of work being envisaged for one of these new committee chair positions.
• Joel Mertens: It would be a big responsibility, and Council members don’t have lots of extra time. Also, if we want 8 Councillors on each 12-member committee, that’s 40 Councillors, and we don’t have 40 Councillors. Also, how would the schedule work? Would it be evenings? AMS staff sit on committees now and provide input, but how would they attend in the evening?
- Matthew Naylor: We wouldn’t want the staff coming to committees. They would interface more with subgroups. We can work on the number of Council members on the committees; it’s not a hard and fast rule; it’s not decided yet.
- Mike Kushnir asked if the Executive Committee would be considered a committee.
- Matthew Naylor: It’s a different type of committee.
- Mike Kushnir: Because you could rectify the problem Blake raised if the Executive was another committee with power to put motions forward.
- Matthew Naylor: We could look at that in the consultation process.
- Max Unger: Could members at large be committee chairs?
- Matthew Naylor: No.
- Max Unger: We have a lot of committees now, a fractured system; we’re at one extreme. This new plan seems way in the other direction. Is there a middle ground, something more flexible?
- Matthew Naylor: The committee considered that, but decided not to go that way.
- Brad Olson: How will Council know what’s going on with the big committees and the small working groups?
- Matthew Naylor: The working group will send minutes to the committee, and the committee will send minutes, documents, etc. to Council.
- Blake Frederick returned to the issue of staff involvement on committees. A lot of the functions of committees now would be impossible for staff to do at committees.
- Matthew Naylor: Committee meetings are not supposed to be the place where details are worked out. That should be in the subgroups, with staff. Staff have been decently pleased with the idea, as long as there is some connection with staff.

- Matthew Naylor:
  - The plan would mean removing power from the Executive. One of the strengths of the AMS Executive is that it is powerful, but it’s insanely powerful. When he was on the Executive, there was little oversight, only a nascent system; he could get away with a lot.
  - The two councillor thing and from the floor: he was not set against that; details could be worked out.
  - As to consultations, he did send out questionnaires, to last year’s Executive twice.
  - The idea is not to take away work from the Executive, but to make sure Council is driving the agenda. There would still be a powerful Executive as the public face of the AMS.
  - The proposal will facilitate having documents go through a committee before coming to Council.
  - He would like approval in principle to pursue the plan further.
- Marc Faktor: This is a shot in the dark, a huge undertaking. The AMS is working well now; if we take this step, then we’re committing ourselves.
- Dave Tompkins: Approving in principle gives Code and Policies the power to go ahead, but Council makes the ultimate decision by a 2/3rds vote. It’s sending a signal, but it’s not the final word.
- Maria Cirstea: Going from 25 to 5 committees sounds like a big change, but there will be subcommittees, so won’t it be the same thing?
Matthew Naylor: The system we have wouldn’t be bad if it worked as it’s supposed to. A huge amount of committees don’t meet.

Matthew Naylor: Paying chairs would be a way to make sure committee chairs can do the work.

Sheldon Goldfarb asked about commissions.

Matthew Naylor: SAC remains, but the other three are dead.

Adrienne Smith asked about responsibility for clubs being assigned to the Operations Committee when currently SAC has that responsibility.

Matthew Naylor: SAC is in the Bylaws, but its responsibilities can be adjusted. Further details on this can be worked out.

Ben Cappellacci wondered if this proposal was a flexible model for the future. He suggested it was not suitable for the long term, that it would not be able to handle new things.

7. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

Kyle Warwick: If we follow this structure, it will take a long time to get a motion to Council. From the Agenda Committee to one of the big committees to a subgroup, then the committee again, and the Agenda Committee, and finally Council. But it’s true the committee system is not working well. Three committees he’s on aren’t working at all; the other is borderline.

Tom Dvorak: We put in a ton of time on these committees out of interest in what a specific committee focuses on. If we package a whole bunch of baggage into a single committee, that will reduce Councillor engagement.

8. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR:

“That Motion 6 be amended by adding the following clause:

’Be it further resolved that Council direct the Committee to address all of the concerns raised in the debate.’ ”

... No objections

Rory Green said she didn’t agree that people wouldn’t sign up for broad mandate committees.

Chris McCann: This is more a consultation session. Concerns would be better heard at a Code and Policies meeting. There should be wider consultation.

Matthew Naylor: Consultation will be important over the next two weeks, but if this doesn’t pass, committee reform dies tonight. The committee has done a lot of research; it’s not fair to tell it to do something different. If you like the basic few large committees system, vote yes. If no, that’s the end of it.
9. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MIKE KUSHNIR:

"Be it resolved that Council accept the Committee Reform motion as presented in principle, and direct the Code and Policies Committee to draft appropriate amendments to the Code of Procedure.

'Be it further resolved that Council direct the Committee to address all of the concerns raised in the debate.' "

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

10. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED MIKE KUSHNIR:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve an expenditure of $6000 + 10% contingency from CPAC for wayfinding.”

Note: The current balance in CPAC is $365,282.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Blake Frederick: There was a project a few years ago to improve directions in the SUB, but since then there’s been a budget shortfall.
- Kelli Seepaul: We had some money, but are $6000 short. We purchased frames for wayfinding, hired contractors, and took down the old directories.
- Ben Cappellacci asked for further details about the initiative.
- Blake Frederick said it was to make sure people can find their way around in SUB. This is to replace outdated directories at either entrance of SUB, to inform people where to go and how to find things. They are metal directories that need to be mounted.
- Guillaume Houle: $6000 is a lot of money for signs. He’d like to see an estimate.
- Avneet Johal: Is it possible for Councillors to review expenditures?
- Kelli Seepaul: Michael Kingsmill got estimates from contractors; that’s the amount. She said she could send it out.
- Geoff Costelloe asked about adding directories for other UBC buildings and then getting UBC to pay.
- Kelli Seepaul: That would be a whole new project.
- Jamil Rhajiak: This is just in the entranceways?
- Kelli Seepaul: It’s replacing the old wooden ones that are there
- Jamil Rhajiak suggested adding bulletin boards.
- Kelli Seepaul: There was some talk of that, but it was decided not to.
- Nazanin Moghadami: This is for directions around campus?
- Kelli Seepaul: It’s for SUB: clubs, offices, etc.
- Nazanin Moghadami: Will there be flexibility?
- Kelli Seepaul: Inside there will be paper that’s easy to change. This expenditure is just for the frames.
- Mike Kushnir: You want to keep this sort of thing clear of bulletin boards.
11. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED MIKE KUSHNIR:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

12. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED PAUL LEE:

“That on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee and the Oversight Committee, Council approve the proposed Bylaw changes contained in the report ‘Bylaw Changes- Student Court Consultant’s Recommendations,’ such changes to be submitted to the membership at a later date in a referendum to be called in accordance with a future Council motion.”

- Clare Benton: The Student Court changes are in five parts to make more sense.
- Last May or June Oversight hired a consultant who reported to Council on the Court in January. Tonight’s changes are the result of two joint meetings of Oversight and Code and Policies and other members of Council and members at large, based on the consultant’s recommendations.
- The proposed Bylaw changes, if approved, can be voted on next time there’s a referendum or at a general meeting. The last Bylaw changes went through at the time of a U-Pass referendum. We may have to wait two years, until the next U-Pass referendum. We’re leaving it to Council to go ahead when it thinks appropriate. The Bylaw changes, even if approved tonight, will not take effect yet.
- She went through the Bylaw changes based on the consultant’s recommendations, including one making Court judgments binding when sent to Council, without Council having to vote on them.
- Kyle Warwick asked about liability issues that might arise because under the Society Act Council is the AMS Board of Directors.
- Clare Benton said she was not versed enough in the Society Act, but if anyone invoked outside legislation, that would not play well on campus.
- Blake Frederick: The Executive has set a goal of making quorum at the annual general meeting. We don’t necessarily have to wait two years for a referendum.

13. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That Motion 12 be amended to add the phrase ‘or general meeting,’ so that the motion reads:
“That on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee and the Oversight Committee, Council approve the proposed Bylaw changes contained in the report ‘Bylaw Changes- Student Court Consultant’s Recommendations,’ such changes to be submitted to the membership at a later date in a referendum or general meeting to be called in accordance with a future Council motion.”

... No objections

- Mike Kushnir: We only got this proposal two and a half hours before Council. These are really serious matters. We should have more time to study the proposed changes.
- Dave Tompkins: In theory a future Council could rescind this.

14. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

“That the Student Court motions be postponed to the next meeting.”

- Clare Benton: How will this be brought forward? Who will bring it?
- Dave Tompkins: This is up to Council; it can do it either now or next time.
- Clare Benton: How will that work? Few people at the next meeting will have been at the committee meetings. She will no longer be on Council and was not sure she could even attend the next meeting.
- Avneet Johal said he appreciated the concern about the submission of the proposal so close to the meeting, but Clare was going through each change.

15. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

“That the Student Court motions be postponed to the next meeting.”

... Defeated

- Clare Benton: Another change in the first Bylaw proposal is that reference cases would not happen anymore.

16. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED PAUL LEE:

“That on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee and the Oversight Committee, Council approve the proposed Bylaw changes contained in the report ‘Bylaw Changes- Student Court Consultant’s Recommendations,’ such changes to be submitted to the membership at a later date in a referendum or general meeting to be called in accordance with a future Council motion.”

... Carried

17. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee and the Oversight Committee, Council approve the proposed Bylaw changes contained in the report ‘Bylaw Changes - Student Court Committee Suggestions,’ such changes to be submitted to the membership at a later date in a referendum or general meeting to be called in accordance with a future Council motion.”

... Carried
18. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the joint report of the Code and Policies Committee and the Oversight Committee entitled ‘Code Changes- Student Court Consultant’s Recommendations’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

19. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the joint report of the Code and Policies Committee and the Oversight Committee entitled ‘Code Changes- Student Court Committee Suggestions’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

- Clare Benton: These changes follow on from removing the Court’s power to rewrite referendum questions. The Court will now just vet questions to make sure they follow a prescribed format.
  - Dave Tompkins: Where’s the format?
  - Clare Benton: It’s still to be defined. The issue has been referred to Code and Policies.
- Clare Benton: There was some contention over the orientation idea in these Code changes. One view was that the Court doesn’t properly understand the AMS, so they should be given context. Others said it was more important to keep the Court at arm’s length.
- Dia Montgomery said the second sentence in the first proposed new guiding principle was problematic. It says the Court shall interpret the Constitution, Code, and Bylaws “as written and in no other way,” but how feasible or realistic is that? People interpret statutes in different ways.
- Clare Benton: This statement already exists; we were just moving it into a new context. The intent is to stop the Court from reading in things that aren’t there and to make sure it sticks to what is in the Code, Bylaws, and Constitution. We don’t want Law students bringing in outside legal notions that don’t really apply.
- Dia Montgomery suggested saying nothing shall be read in or omitted.
- Tahara Bhate said that would be confusing to non-Law students.
- Clare Benton: It’s difficult to avoid legalese.
- Dia Montgomery suggested the phrase “without omission or addition.”
- Tahara Bhate: It’s principles, not words that are the problem here.

20. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the motion be laid on the table.”

... No objections
21. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Council approve in principle the joint report of the Code and Policies Committee and the Oversight Committee entitled ‘Prospective Code Changes Re Student Court with a view to amending the Code as indicated in the report once the relevant Bylaw changes have been approved.”

... Carried

22. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Timothy Chu and Bijan Ahmadian (Councillors or members at large) be appointed to the University Ombudsperson Advisory Committee.”

- Blake Frederick said he had sat on this committee. After students put pressure on, the University agreed to hire an ombudsperson. This committee had advised on the hiring. Now that the University Ombudsperson has been hired, this committee’s role will be one of supporting and overseeing the new ombudsperson.
- Rory Green asked about the difference between the University Ombudsperson and the AMS Ombudsperson.
- Blake Frederick: The AMS position will be scaled down; it will be more for internal AMS matters.
- Adrienne Smith: The AMS Ombudsperson also has responsibilities under the AMS harassment policy, and they’re in the Bylaws. They’re not going anywhere.

23. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Timothy Chu and Bijan Ahmadian (Councillors or members at large) be appointed to the University Ombudsperson Advisory Committee.”

... Carried

24. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee (AHERC) Council increase the ECSS pay to $25,000/year, effective at the 2009 turnover.

Be it further resolved that the ECSS submit no fewer than 20 weekly timesheets to the AHERC Chair.”

- Rory Green: By increasing the hours for the ECSS to 40, we in effect reduced their hourly wage, so now we’re raising it up. Past and current Executives say the ECSS works as hard or harder than Execs, so should get the same pay, which is what this proposal does.
- Ross Horton: The current rate meant the ECSS would get less, on an hourly basis, than the Service Coordinators reporting to them.
- Blake Frederick: We’ve decided on an ECSS, and will be making them an offer tomorrow.
25. MOVED RORY GREEN, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

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... Carried

26. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That the composition of the ad hoc SUB Renewal Committee be altered by adding the President and opening it up to students at large, so that the composition shall be:

a) the Vice-President Administration, who shall be chair;
b) **the President**;
c) two (2) current members of Council;
d) two (2) current members of Council or students at large who shall remain on the committee indefinitely, whether or not they remain members of Council or students;
e) the General Manager, who shall be non-voting;
f) the Facilities and Retail Services Manager, who shall be non-voting; and
g) the Designer, who shall be non-voting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Crystal Hon: We need the President on this. Last year’s president, Michael Duncan was on it, but just because he was a lifetime member. And we want to open the lifetime seats to students at large.
- Joel Mertens: What happens if one of those lifetime members graduates?
- Crystal Hon: You’re making a commitment to stay on the committee.
- It was also noted that the lifetime members can resign; that’s what has happened now, which is why there’s a vacancy to fill.

27. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

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f) the Facilities and Retail Services Manager, who shall be non-voting; and
g) the Designer, who shall be non-voting.”
28. MOVED TIM CHU, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That __________ (Councillor or member at large) be appointed to the permanent seat on the Ad Hoc SUB Renewal Committee.”

- Blake Frederick: This is one of the most intense time commitments you could look for: four hours just of meetings. The ideal candidate will have enthusiasm, passion for student experience, an interest in development, the ability to fulfill a four-year commitment, and no conflict of interest.

- Nominees: Guillaume Houle (Arts), Tom Dvorak (VP Finance)

29. MOVED TIM CHU, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Guillaume Houle (Councillor or member at large) be appointed to the permanent seat on the Ad Hoc SUB Renewal Committee.”

... Carried

30. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“Whereas the AMS decided to step down to associate status in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations; and

Whereas the external office is beginning a process of assessing the society’s lobbying needs; and

Whereas the office has compiled a list of historical and recent problems with CASA;

Therefore be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the External Policy Committee, the AMS send a letter to CASA outlining these concerns, and giving them an opportunity to respond.”

- Timothy Chu:
  - Bishop’s recently decided to drop down, and Dalhousie too.
  - We’ve told CASA our concerns before informally; this will be a formal letter.
  - There’s a CASA conference this month; we’ll evaluate.
- Rob McRudden: What are the concerns?
- Timothy Chu: He’ll be working on this tomorrow, but it’s over things like the full-time staff taking too much of a policy role.
- Aaron Warbinek: Did we not go over this a while ago?
- Timothy Chu: We did a letter before dropping down to associate status. This is after.
31. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR, THIRDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

... Carried

The meeting went in camera at 9:30 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:37 pm.

32. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

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... Carried

33. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

“Be it resolved that the AMS adopt the following priority principles for the provincial election:

**Post Secondary Policy**
- Student loan interest rate be reduced to at most prime
- Up front funding not tax credits
- A dedicated Post Secondary transfer governed by a Post Secondary Education Act
- Grants without loans
- Improved access

**Housing**
- Dedicated provincial funding for housing
- Policy changes to increase access to housing for students

**Childcare**
- Provincial funding for childcare spaces

**Transit**
- Provincial funding for mass transit infrastructure serving UBC students
- increased late-night bus frequency
• service to ‘dead zones
• U Pass for all students

**Governance**

• Representation for UBC residents in the TransLink governance structure
• An elected Board of Governors with more proportionate student representation
• An examination into potential governance structure options for the unincorporated Electoral District A area encompassing UBC

Be it further resolved that the AMS dedicate $30,000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund to an AMS publicity campaign conducted by the external policy committee for the provincial election emphasizing both increased voter turnout among UBC students as well as the issues as recommended by the external policy committee.

Be it further resolved that the campaign also implement non-costed media such as social networking pages, the AMS website, letters to the editor, UBC Broadcast email, classroom announcements, word-of-mouth and face to face meetings with candidates.

Be it further resolved that AMS staff and officers be directed to make our priorities known to candidates for municipal elections in Vancouver and other municipalities where UBC students live.

*Note: The External Lobbying Fund has a balance of $16,769.22*

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• It was noted that there is not enough money in the Lobbying Fund to give $30,000 to the campaign.

34. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That the Motion 33 be amended to change the amount taken from the Lobbying Fund from $30,000 to $15,000.”

... No objections

• Timothy Chu:
  o These are our principles. We’ll be going to the candidates and asking them to take stands on these issues.
  o We’re developing a pledge supporting Postsecondary Education and will ask candidates to sign. We’ll publicize who does and who does not, and for those who are elected who have signed, we will work to hold them to it.
  o On April 6-8, we’ve arranged for Elections BC and candidates and other groups to come to the South Side Lounge.
  o We’re trying to register voters and trying to make sure that students go vote.
  o There will be a web page, videos, etc.
• Geoff Costelloe asked if any further expenses are expected for the Lobbying Fund.
• Dave Tompkins: Lobby Day? That was very expensive.
• Adrienne Smith: Very expensive, but this year we are doing individual meetings rather than a Lobby Day in Victoria.
• Geoff Costelloe: Is it our role to get students to vote? Why are we doing that instead of focusing on campus life?
• Timothy Chu: We represent 45,000 students; we’re political but non-partisan. We are making sure students go vote and are informed of the issues. Voter turnout for youth is consistently low. We’re concerned about the low turnout for youth.
• Rory Green: Is $15,000 enough? Provincial elections are one of the most important elections. Postsecondary education is a provincial issue. For the federal election we had $20,000; this is more important.
• Tom Dvorak: There’s still $9,000 left in the External budget, so really it’s $24,000 altogether.
• Adrienne Smith: Jess Klug spent $31,000 in the provincial campaign in 2005.
• Avneet Johal asked if it would be beneficial to increase the amount.
• Timothy Chu said he thought he had $13,000, not $9,000, in the External budget, so it would be useful to have more. He’s planning a more grassroots style campaign, and not lots of media ads, but bus ads are effective and they cost $4,000. Ads in Metro or 24 Hours cost $4,000. If Council wants to give more money, it would help him avoid having to budget.
• Kyle Warwick: This is fundamental; it’s not an area to skimp. That there have been three elections in one fiscal year is unfortunate, but more money is needed.

35. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That Motion 33 be amended to add $15,000 from the President’s Fund to the $15,000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund.”

• Tom Dvorak: The President’s Fund has $277,000 plus. He added that the original projected expenditure for this campaign was $16,000.
• Chris McCann expressed concern about being free with money. The VP External says if we give him more money he won’t have to budget. There are three more Council meetings before the election. The VP External can come back for more later.
• Geoff Costelloe: It’s dangerous to be moving money around just because some think it’s an important issue, and he wasn’t sure how important it was. He suggested getting a budget for $15,000 and seeing what else was needed.
• Kyle Warwick: It was $32,000 last time; the federal election cost $20,000, and this is more important. The lobbying budget is spent carefully. Tim is part of the External Office; they provided accounting.
• Mike Kushnir: Maybe Tim misspoke. He wasn’t implying that he would have carte blanche to do whatever he wants; what he meant is that he won’t have to skimp; of course he’ll budget.
• Tahara Bhate: We still haven’t costed the plan. It’s not a carte blanche. But she was opposed to taking the money from the President’s Fund; the point was to use that fund for extraordinary expenses. There must be somewhere else we can take it from.
• Timothy Chu said he did have a concrete plan, but not having to think about budgets would mean he could do more. The election laws require two separate campaigns; the STV campaign has to be separate from the election campaign, so there’s two sets of posters, stickers, ads, two campaigns.
• Avneet Johal: It is not Arts’ view that the VP External should be directed to spend freely; he should budget prudently. But we want an increase so that Tim can have more to work with. We want him to work as effectively as possible. If he doesn’t use some money, leave it in the budget.

36. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

37. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That Motion 33 be amended to add $15,000 from the President’s Fund to the $15,000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund.”

... Carried

• Chris McCann: It’s frustrating that we can’t see where the money is going.
• Jamil Rhajiak: What type of campaign did Jess Klug run?
• Adrienne Smith: Jess had a website and newspaper ads; those are very expensive; they can be $4,000 each.
• Ben Cappellacci: There’s value in knowing where the money is going. We have enough time to evaluate. We should take a step back and vote later.
• Paul Lee: Do we want to spend on ads?
• Tom Dvorak: If we approve without seeing budgets, we are giving carte blanche. We should see a detailed budget for $30,000.

38. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED JAMIL RHAJIAK:

“That the motion be postponed to the next meeting.”

• Matthew Naylor: The provincial election is bearing down on us like an anvil.

The Speaker asked if there were any objections to extending the meeting by one hour (to 11:10 pm).

... No objections

• Matthew Naylor: We need to buy air time now. Tim needs the money now. There’s an AMS precedent of authorizing money and asking for a report later. He wasn’t even sure $30,000 was enough.
• Avneet Johal said he wants Tim to be able to make a plan today. Of course he will be accountable and prudent; this is just replenishing a fund that’s been depleted.
• Tom Dvorak: Approving any money without a budget is giving carte blanche. We don’t know where this money is going. The External Office is not yet sure.
• Rory Green: We can always ask Tim to present a budget next time.
• Aaron Warbinek: The election is coming on us. Tim has to know how much he has to spend.
• Mike Kushnir: We don’t want a lack of transparency, but this is an extraordinary case.
• Timothy Chu: We can’t postpone. Air space is almost gone. Especially because of the new election law, unions, the teachers, business groups are going to start buying this space in the next week or so. And ads need to be done four weeks in advance. Time is of the essence.
• Tahara Bhate agreed that there’s a need to figure this out now. She suggested failing the motion to postpone with a condition. The spending is going to come through the External Policy Committee; there will be accountability there. Come to that meeting.

39. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

40. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED JAMIL RAHIJAK:

“That the motion be postponed to the next meeting.”

... Defeated

• Guillaume Houle: This is our chance to make an impact.

41. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

• Mike Kushnir suggested amending the motion to make the second $15,000 conditional upon the presentation of a budget.
• The Speaker ruled this out of order.
• Geoff Costelloe expressed concern that AMS money might be distributed to other institutions we are working with. He also asked if there is an oversight committee to make sure things are non-partisan.
• Dave Tompkins said there is no such oversight committee.
• Tahara Bhide: Nothing partisan will go through.
• Matthew Naylor asked Timothy Chu what the money is for with other schools.
• Timothy Chu said he was going to approach other schools and ask if they’re interested in sharing costs to buy media. The more schools the better; it will save money.
42. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED GEOFF COSTELLOE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

- Tom Dvorak said he realized the urgency to act soon to be effective. Tim has $9,000 he can spend tomorrow without asking us. He can use the $9,000 for two weeks and then have further funds approved in two weeks.
- Ben Cappellacci: There are signs here of inadequate preparation. It’s rushed. The money won’t be spent well.
- Joel Mertens: Not everything is ready; there’s a meeting on Friday. He didn’t see why the full money was needed now; he said there should be a report later.
- Mike Kushnir: About $8,000 of the $9,000 has already been spent on ads. The $9,000 is not sufficient. We should perhaps require Tim to submit a budget for the next meeting.

43. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

“That the motion be amended by adding a clause directing the VP External to present a detailed budget for the campaign at the next Council meeting.”

- Geoff Costelloe: A budget after you’ve bought something is a receipt. You can’t get the money back.

44. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

45. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

“That the motion be amended by adding a clause directing the VP External to present a detailed budget for the campaign at the next Council meeting.”

... Defeated

- Adrienne Smith: From a staff perspective, whatever the dollar amount, people will work with it. It would be helpful to those drafting the materials to have the principles approved. We need to draft based on the principles.

46. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That the motion be divided.”

- Blake Frederick: In line with what Adrienne said, we can vote on the principles separately; otherwise they may not be able to move forward for two weeks.
• Avneet Johal was against dividing. The principles are useless without the substance, the money.
• Jamil Rhajiak: If the staff have the ability to draft and create images, even if there’s no money, does that help?
• Timothy Chu: Without money what’s the point of designing a bus ad? We can’t go forward like that; it would be wasting staff time.
• Jamil Rhajiak: Having all the content approved would not help?
• Timothy Chu: No. We have to book the ads first.
• Kelli Seepaul: It’s hard to say yes or no on this. Having the designer do something that doesn’t get approved later would be a waste of resources.
• The Speaker interrupted to say that motions to divide are not actually debatable.

47. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That the motion be divided.” ... Defeated

• Jamil Rhajiak: Is $24,000 enough?
• Adrienne Smith: The federal campaign cost $22,000. We may lose or have to scale back part of the campaign. The focus will be on grassroots campaigning until after April 8, but then we will need expensive ad campaigns.
• Alex Monegro: What ads do we need to book right now?
• Kelli Seepaul: A 24 Hours ad and a transit ad are already booked. Any big media need to be booked now.
• Alex Monegro: How much do they cost?
• Kelli Seepaul and Adrienne Smith said the ads were $4,000 each, as was the website. The total would get to $20,000.
• Alex Monegro: If Council agrees that those are important, it could approve those and they could be booked. Later Council could pass a full budget.
• Kelli Seepaul: There’s also the production of materials, production time.
• Alex Monegro: Are there any other major projects that the Designer has to address?
• Kelli Seepaul: Events Department, Block Party, the whole society. The plan was to have the Designer do everything in the next week.
• Paul Lee: Do you physically need the money now?
• Timothy Chu: You can’t book without money. Some places require down payment.
• Aaron Warbinek: Can we give $15,000 now and $15,000 after a budget?

48. MOVED MIKE KUSHNIR:

“That there be a 5 minute recess.” ... Defeated

49. MOVED AARON WARBINEK, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That Council reconsider its decision to allocate $15,000 from the President’s Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Timothy Chu said that if given only $15,000, he would only spend $15,000.
• Tahara Bhaté: We can’t give more halfway through; it wouldn’t be planned for.

50. MOVED LINDSEY SMITH, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: requires 2/3rds

... Carried

51. MOVED AARON WARBINEK, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That Council reconsider its decision to allocate $15,000 from the President’s Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

52. MOVED WILL DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: requires 2/3rds

... Carried

53. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED AARON WARBINEK:

“Be it resolved that the AMS adopt the following priority principles for the provincial election:

**Post Secondary Policy**
- Student loan interest rate be reduced to at most prime
- Up front funding not tax credits
- A dedicated Post Secondary transfer governed by a Post Secondary Education Act
- Grants without loans
- Improved access

**Housing**
- Dedicated provincial funding for housing
- Policy changes to increase access to housing for students

**Childcare**
- Provincial funding for childcare spaces

**Transit**
- Provincial funding for mass transit infrastructure serving UBC students
- Increased late-night bus frequency
- Service to ‘dead zones
- U Pass for all students
Governance

- Representation for UBC residents in the TransLink governance structure
- An elected Board of Governors with more proportionate student representation
- An examination into potential governance structure options for the unincorporated Electoral District A area encompassing UBC

Be it further resolved that the AMS dedicate $15,000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund and $15,000 from the President’s Fund to an AMS publicity campaign conducted by the external policy committee for the provincial election emphasizing both increased voter turnout among UBC students as well as the issues as recommended by the external policy committee.

Be it further resolved that the campaign also implement non-costed media such as social networking pages, the AMS website, letters to the editor, UBC Broadcast email, classroom announcements, word-of-mouth and face to face meetings with candidates.

Be it further resolved that AMS staff and officers be directed to make our priorities known to candidates for municipal elections in Vancouver and other municipalities where UBC students live.

*Note: The External Lobbying Fund has a balance of $16,769.22

Note: Requires 2/3rds

54. MOVED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council be extended by one hour.”

... No objections

55. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the joint report of the Code and Policies Committee and the Oversight Committee entitled ‘Code Changes- Student Court Committee Suggestions’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

55. MOVED CLARE BENTON:

“That the Code amendment concerning the first proposed new guiding principle for Student Court be changed to replace the sentence ‘The Court shall interpret the Constitution, Code, and Bylaws as written and in no other way’ with ‘The Court shall interpret the Constitution, Code, and Bylaws without addition to or omission of any language set out within them.’ “

... Carried
56. MOVED CLARE BENTON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the amended joint report of the Code and Policies Committee and the Oversight Committee entitled ‘Code Changes- Student Court Committee Suggestions’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

56. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED RORY GREEN:

“That the motion be changed to say that the Sustainability Coordinator will work on average no less than 30 hours a week

... No objections

58. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED RORY GREEN:

“The position of Business Promotions Coordinator be created for the 2009/10 year on a trial basis, on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee, with the average expected weekly hours set at 20 and the remuneration set at $12,000 and that this position replace the current Business Operations Coordinator.

Be it further resolved that the Sustainability Coordinator work on average no less than 30 hours a week from May 4, 2009 to Aug 28, 2009 and be remunerated $14,000 during their term.

Be it further resolved that the relevant sections of Code be amended accordingly.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

13. MOVED CHAD EMBREE, SECONDED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That Council approve the following minutes as presented:

Student Administrative Commission dated February 9, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated February 23, 2009.” ... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

P) Discussion Period

Straw Polls on Committee Reform:

Do Councillors want 2 Councillors to be able to put motions directly onto the agenda? Yes (9-6, with 5 unsure).

Do Councillors want to meet one-on-one with a Code and Policies member? Five said yes.

Q) Submissions:
Feedback form for the Executive Remuneration Committee
Executive Remuneration Chair transition report
Provincial Priorities

R) Next Meetings:
March 25, 2009
April 1, 2009

S) Adjournment:

59. MOVED AARON WARWICK, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 pm.

T) Social Activity:
### The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council

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V7: Wayfinding
V8: Postpone to next meeting
V9: Bylaw changes part I
V10: bylaw changes II
V11: Code Changes I
V12: Code Part III
V13: Approve Ombuds Rep
V14: Increase salary
V15: change composition
V16: Move Into Camera
V17: Send Letter to CASA
V18: Call To Question
V19: Amendment
V20: Postponement
V21: Call To Question
V22: Call To Question
V23: Amendment
V24: Motion To Divide
V25: 5 min. recess
V26: Call To Question
V27: To Reconsider: in favour is to reconsider (delete
the $15k)
V28: main motion: in favour of $15k + 15k +
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V29: extend council
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A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

   “That Rory Green, Timothy Chu and Avneet Johal be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

   ... Carried

2. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   ... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Credit/D/F Proposal – Geoff Costeloe:

- A dramatic academic change that’s been worked on for four years.
- This will allow students to take courses on a Pass/Fail basis so that students can explore courses and not have to worry that the results will affect their GPA.
- Students will be able to take up to 12 credits of electives as Credit/D/Fail over the course of their degree; only 6 in any one session.
- If you receive less than 50%, then you will receive a Fail; between 50 and 55% you will receive a D; above 55% you will receive a Credit; but the course will never count in your GPA even if you get a D or an F.
- However, if you need the credit, you have to pass the course.
- There will be a grade from the prof in all these courses, so it will be possible to revert to the grade if the student and the Dean agree; this would be in cases where the student changes programs.
- Tuition will not be affected, but there may be an effect on scholarships, bursaries, etc.
- This will protect students who want to take risks by taking courses in a new area.
• McGill and Harvard do this, though in a slightly different way.
• Not all the details are ready, so this won’t begin in September 2009; not till September 2010.
• The Student Senate Caucus pushed for this.

Questions
• Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Will this be retroactive?
• Geoff Costeloe: That’s probably not possible. You won’t be able to go back over your four years, picking and choosing.
• Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: If you prove the course is outside your degree …
• Geoff Costeloe: It can’t be done for past courses; this is going to be a big deal for the future.
• Avneet Johal: Will grad schools have access to the actual grades? Also, if you switch programs and can see the grade and then you switch back, what happens?
• Geoff Costeloe: We can’t control how grad schools will interpret transcripts. Is UBC looking into releasing the grades?
• Blake Frederick: No, they will not be released.
• Geoff Costeloe: As to switching programs and switching again, you would not be able to revert back.

3. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That AMS Council support the Credit/D/F motion as submitted to Senate on March 25th, 2009.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Kyle Warwick asked if there were ways to see the mark.
• Geoff Costeloe: No, unless you’re switching programs and you and the Dean agree. We don’t want kids looking at a grade and saying, No, keep it Pass-Fail.
• Tahara Bhate asked about the need to use one’s top 27 credits for GPA calculation.
• Alex Lougheed: Credit/D/Fail courses are not included in the weighted average. You should probably still talk to the Awards Office, though, because you’ll probably still need to take 27 non-Pass/Fail credits.
• Joel Mertens asked about taking courses outside your program.
• Geoff Costeloe: If they’re towards your degree but outside your program, you’ll still max out at 12 credits.
• Johannes Rebane asked if certain courses were ineligible.
• Geoff Costeloe: The director of a program can exempt the program from the Credit/D/Fail system, and there will be programs that don’t accept it. Medicine, obviously.
• Guillaume Houle asked about retroactivity.
• Geoff Costeloe: This was discussed, but the answer was No. Every fourth year student would be asking.
• Guillaume Houle: Why won’t it be working by this September?
• Geoff Costeloe: The faculty need to consult. Transcripts will have to be modified through Senate. Academic advisors have not yet been informed.
• Nazanin Moghadami said she understood students will not be able to switch back and forth, but what if they make a change before the Withdraw date?
  Geoff Costeloe: If it’s before that date, they can change as much as they want.
• Brad Olson: Social Work already has Pass/Fail courses.
• Mona Maghsoodi said she didn’t see this system as encouraging students to go for an A. Perhaps let students declare halfway through a course after exploring.
  Geoff Costeloe: Some opponents of this have been saying students will use this to be lazy and just aim for a 55. It’s not about that; it’s to explore.
• Mona Maghsoodi said it could be for students who tried to get an A but couldn’t; they could be allowed to switch.
  Geoff Costeloe: We can’t let this be strategic. Senators would oppose that. Student Senators are a small minority in the Senate.
• Blake Frederick: The idea that student motivation will be affected is a faculty concern. We had this researched, and the finding is that motivation is not affected.
• Emily Laflamme asked about the effect on assignments and feedback.
  Geoff Costeloe: Pros will not know who is doing Credit/D/Fail; you will get your assignments and midterms back with marks. Just at the end on the transcript there will be no grade. You might have a good idea how you’re doing.
• Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked how the system worked in Social Work.
• Brad Olson: Everyone really likes it. You can get engaged in a class, but not worry about the teacher as much; you can explore.
• Pavani Gunadasa asked if program changes were the only way to reverse a declaration of Credit/D/Fail.
  Geoff Costeloe: There may be others, but you won’t be able to just go in and say reverse my standing.
• Pavani Gunadasa: Without changing programs, a student may decide to apply to med school and need an actual grade.
  Geoff Costeloe: That may be one of the ways, but it could be you’d be out of luck and have to retake the course.
• Hannes Dempewolf said the system worked well when she was an undergraduate at Cornell.
• Alex Lougheed said the grade could be uncloaked if the student changes programs and the Dean and student agree; the grade could also be revealed if there is an appeal or as required by law; also for technical purposes for SIS maintenance. Otherwise, no.

4. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections
5. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That AMS Council support the Credit/D/F motion as submitted to Senate on March 25th, 2009.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried Unanimously

**Public Private Partnership (P3) Presentation – Crystal Hon:**

- The SUB project is going through a screening by Partnerships BC to see if it should be a P3.
- P3’s enable costs to come off the government’s books, but they also may result in increased costs and reduce transparency.
- Any project using more than $50 million in public funds must undergo a P3 screen, and since the University is doing the financing, it’s their money (public money) that’s being spent; technically, it’s not the AMS’s $85 million.
- An early P3 screen produced a result saying that the project would benefit from being a P3, but further information is needed.
- We think the score we got on the preliminary screen was too high; they scored us at 38; we think we’re only 17; a score of 25 or more means going to a full P3 screen.
- We think that becoming a P3 will jeopardize our student-driven project; we would get less say in the design, and we’d have a third party operating in our commercial space after the completion of the project, which wouldn’t work for us because we need the revenue.
- We’re reviewing the preliminary screen for factual errors.
- We’re meeting with UBC on our common concerns.
- We’re hoping to get a lower score.

**D) President’s Remarks (Blake’s Broadcast, Blake Frederick):**

- **Working on improving the online communications of the AMS:**
  - Twitter
  - Facebook
  - Executive Blog
  - Website traffic up over 125%
  - Looking at sending the Council agenda to more student groups, not just Council members

- **Building relationships**
  - Went to the GSS AGM
  - Made contact with UBCSUO and hoping to meet their executive in the summer
  - Speaking with ISA about tuition increases
  - Presenting to the Simon Fraser Student Society
  - Spoke to Emily Carr and VCC regarding U Pass
  - Met student union people from UVic, Vancouver Island University
- Working with student unions and university administrators on student loans; lobbying to get interest rate lowered and to have no interest charged in the grace period after graduation

- CASA Conference
  - Tim and I cancelled our trip to the lobbying portion of the conference
  - The CASA lobby document was not in line with AMS federal priorities, and it seemed like a waste of time and money to attend for ten days
  - Leaving for AGM portion of the CASA conference tomorrow – hoping to get AMS priorities into CASA

- Tuition Consultation
  - UBC emailed us to ask what sort of consultation we’d like on tuition, which is strange because the tuition increase is already on the agenda for the next Board of Governors meeting
  - The AMS, the GSS, the ISA, and UBCSUO have put forward a proposal to the Administration; we’re waiting to hear back.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP Finance (Tom Dvorak):

- Spent time on research into IT systems, HR roles, and executive search firms.
- Extending Health and Dental coverage to Midwifery students.
- Figuring out how the businesses operate.
- Walter Gage fund applications.

VP Admin (Crystal Hon):

- Working on the P3 process.
- Club executive orientations.

VP Academic (Johannes Rebane):

- New UBC committee on sustainability and academic strategy.
- Working on liquor policy with the RCMP.
- Looking for more resources on TA training.
- Housing report, survey.
- Homeless campaign raised $15,000.

VP External (Timothy Chu):

- We should recognize that we’re on unceded Coast Salish territory and act accordingly.
- Provincial election underway:
  - petition going to the Constituencies
Executive Coordinator of Student Services (Pavani Gunadasa):

Hi, I’m Pavani Gunadasa, the Executive Coordinator of Student Services. I am fairly new to the AMS political sphere. My involvement with the AMS has mainly been through my role with AMS Security and as an executive of the UBC Sri Lankan Society. Outside of the AMS, I have been very involved with coordinating humanitarian and community service efforts. This year, I hope to bring my experience in employee and volunteer management, program and event planning, diplomacy and advocacy to the role of the ECSS. These past few days I’ve been getting to know everyone, networking and familiarizing myself with the student services.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

- **Law – Dia Montgomery** – Vote underway on increasing Law student fees $700 to help pay for new building.
- **Commerce** – Hired and transitioned Executive and all service positions. Conferences.
- **Science – Sonia Purewal** – New executive. Indexing SUS fees to CPI.
- **Human Kinetics – Lindsey Smith** – Elections, referendum.
- **International Students – Nazanin Moghadami** – Town Hall for international students with VP Students Office about tuition fees.
- **Arts – Avneet Johal** – Elections continuing until April 3. Referendum to increase fees. Last Lecture will feature the individual who traded a paper clip for a house.
- **Forestry – Martin Lewinsky** – End of year party.
- **Social Work – Brad Olson** – Graduation.
- **Pharmacy – Bonnie Wong.**
- **Music – Paul Lee** (report read out later by Blake): Barbecue and performance April 8. Chan Centre concert.
H) Board of Governors, Senate Reports:

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

3. MOVED DIA MONTGOMERY, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Committee dated March 4, 2009
Student Council Minutes dated March 11, 2009.”

... Carried

H) Ombudsperson Report:

Ombuds Office Report – Karen Ko, AMS Ombudsperson (read by Johannes Rebane):

Since the last Council meeting, the Ombuds Office has continued to be quite active working on the five recently opened cases mentioned at the last Council meeting. Also, Ale Coates (SAC Vice-Chair) and I have continued to work on resolving a major ongoing case regarding a complaint launched against one AMS Club by another last term.

I have also recently opened a new case concerning a conflict between a faculty advisor and graduate student. The current crop of open cases are quite diverse and reflect the range of issues affecting students at UBC. The range of cases includes disputes with UBC Housing, plagiarism accusations and academic standing conflicts.

C) Presentations to Council:

Farm Trek Presentation – Michael Duncan:

- Mix-up re funding, so there’s a funding request to Council.
- The Trek, which is meant to save the UBC Farm, will go from SUB past the Board of Governors meeting to the farm.
- There is Council policy in place to secure the farm at its current size and location.
- Working with the RCMP, Campus Security, Plant Ops, the Department of Highways, the UNA, the UEL.
- There will be presentations on video from David Suzuki and Gregor Robertson. Also Joyce Murray.
  - Adrienne Smith: The Premier may also attend.
- Budget issues:
  - Last year’s Executive didn’t get a budget through for the Trek; this year’s Executive has spent its discretionary budget, so this needs to come to Council.
  - Money will go for a model barn built in the SUB, buses, parking, tents, newspaper ads, posters, rave cards, ads on Storm the Wall, bands, volunteer appreciation.
Safewalk will provide marshals.
- There will be an aboriginal welcome.
- Expenses are $15,871; $5,000 has been obtained from IPF, so there’s a current need of $10,871, or about $11,000.
- The motion on the agenda should be changed from $7,000 to $11,000.

J) Executive Committee Motions:

4. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council approve $11,000 to be spent from the President’s Fund on the Great Farm Trek.”

Note: The President’s Fund has a balance of $122,701.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Bruce Krayenhoff: Why do we need the RCMP?
- Michael Duncan: To ensure safety. The RCMP has been very helpful; they’re not trying to stop us.
- Avneet Johal asked about other funding.
- Michael Duncan said they had planned to use funding from the Executive’s special projects fund or the President’s Fund.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes asked for details about the march and the Board of Governors session.
- Michael Duncan: The event’s at 3:30, with the actual march beginning at 4:15. We will go past the Board of Governors meeting. We’re not going to be doing much at the Board of Governors; we don’t want the Board hijacking the event; we will send a delegation in to ask them to join us. We’re not attacking the Board; we’re trying to get to the farm. At 5:30 at the farm there will be presentations, food, celebrities.
- Guillaume Houle: Why the extra $4000?
- Michael Duncan: We changed our food plans; we’ll be giving out food instead of selling it, and there were other things we hadn’t thought of originally.
- Blake Frederick: What sort of resources and participation would you like from Council?
- Michael Duncan: First get out the word. Second, we’re looking for a volunteer coordinator, and also if you can volunteer on the day of.
- Dave Tompkins: Hasn’t the farm already been saved?
- Michael Duncan: No, the Board said yes, but only if it meets needs.

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

“Whereas there will be a BC-STV referendum on May 12, 2009;

Whereas the last BC-STV referendum in 2005 failed despite receiving 58% of support from British Columbians; and

Whereas the BC-STV Referendum is a non-partisan issue;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS endorse BC-STV for the May 12, 2009 Referendum.”

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- Bruce Krayenhoff said the proposed new voting system might increase student turnout and spoke of the flaws in the current voting system and referred to the Citizens’ Assembly that recommended STV in 2005, adding:
  - First Past the Post results in half the vote being thrown out; those voters’ votes don’t count.
  - The current system skews results and leads to confrontational, negative politics, along with big policy swings.
  - The proposed system of larger ridings with multiple MLA’s would increase co-operation.
  - The ranked ballot system would offer greater choice and thus increase turnout.

- Matthew Naylor: Is this an issue that affects students? I don’t see how it does that. Also, right now we have access to an MLA; would we get that under the new system? In any case, this motion doesn’t fulfill the mission statement of the AMS, and it will detract from our advocacy of education issues during the campaign; we do not have a large budget, and we have to make sure every dollar is spent on education issues: fair tuition, an increase in the quality of education, better transit.

- Rob McRudden: This is outside the scope of our mandate.

- Jeremy Ingoldby: There would be an increase in student voting; providing more choice would encourage students to vote.

- Tahara Bhate said she was not sure what this motion was asking the AMS to do. To devote resources? If we have limited lobbying time, we shouldn’t spend it on things covered by other individuals.

- Bruce Krayenhoff: The AMS is already planning to do some education work on this, but it’s difficult without an endorsement. And yes, the hope is that the AMS will put some resources into this.

- Tahara Bhate said she is not in favour of spending any resources on this.
• Kyle Warwick said that as an individual he supported STV, but as a director of the Society and a representative of the AUS...
• Dave Tompkins: Things like this have come up before.
• Kyle Warwick said that he was concerned about trying to increase funding for the AMS election campaign. He remembered what it was like trying to increase the election budget at a previous Council meeting; it had been as difficult as pulling nails out of a burning fire.
• Bruce Krayenhoff: Under STV, with six MLA’s there’d be a greater chance of finding one to have a long-term lobbying relationship with. STV is supported by the vast majority of youth; polls at UBC say 80%.
• Guillaume Houle said the case for supporting this would be stronger if it could be shown that STV would result in government action on student issues.
• Timothy Chu said some of the financial resources from the campaign are going into the STV referendum. The law requires us to separate the referendum from the election. We have a duty to increase awareness of these issues, but in terms of lobbying time with politicians, it’s not a good use of our time to be asking them about STV. PSE is top of the list. He said he supported STV individually, but there’s a lack of middle ground.
• Matthew Naylor said he had no problem with educating about STV, but he didn’t think the AMS could legitimately take a stance.
• Kyle Warwick: I’m not clear about what Tim said, that there’s no problem with education, but a problem with taking one side?
• Bruce Krayenhoff: The Citizens Assembly is in favour of this. When people are informed, support goes up.
• Hannes Dempewolf: Is there anyone here who can argue against BC-STV itself?
• Adrienne Smith: This system is confusing. I don’t get it. I oppose it.
• Matthew Naylor: The arguments against it are:
  o It de-links constituents from MLA’s.
  o The whole philosophy of Westminster is about bringing people together to speak to the Crown as a body.
  o Some people don’t think partisanship is bad.
  o It is confusing, or can be.
  o There are other proportional systems that some prefer.
• An international student said the system would allow for diversity.

7. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL, SECONDED RODRIGO FERRARI NUNES:

  “Whereas there will be a BC-STV referendum on May 12, 2009;

  Whereas the last BC-STV referendum in 2005 failed despite receiving 58% of support from British Columbians; and

  Whereas the BC-STV Referendum is a non-partisan issue;

  BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS endorse BC-STV for the May 12, 2009 Referendum.”
8. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED LINDSEY SMITH:

"That on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee, the Government and Media Commissioner, the commissioners on the University Commission, and the Transit and U-Pass Commissioner be paid $10.00 per hour."

- Timothy Chu noted the large number of emails the U-Pass Commissioner receives in a day (10) and the fact that it's hard for the Government and Media Commissioner to stay on top of the news. Commissioners' wages used to be less than a living wage, some being only $8.65 an hour, which is not acceptable: students have bills to pay.
- It was noted that the last compensation review didn’t mention the commissioners on the University Commission; they are now to be paid at the same standard as the External Commission.
- Andrew Carne asked about hours.
- Johannes Rebane: Five hours a week, something decided on by ARC.
- Timothy Chu: Ten hours a week for the External Commissioners to help out on the election campaign.
- Kyle Warwick asked about the change of direction from AVP’s back to Commissions.
- Johannes Rebane said the University Commission itself is not being revived, just the positions within it. The positions already exist, but it’s not efficient to create an actual Commission.
- Matthew Naylor: Will there be overlap with the directors of the Centre for Academic Excellence?
- Johannes Rebane: Those positions are not being hired this year.

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... Carried Unanimously

C) Presentations to Council:

*Human Resources Presentation – Tom Dvorak*

- Historically HR was done by the General Manager and the President, until two years ago, when the part-time HR Manager position was created.
- We have a greater need, it turns out.
- The Hay Group did a report and said they could implement their recommendations for $58,000. Their first recommendation was to hire a full-time HR professional, and Council established a committee to look into this.
• This new HR person would work on the hiring cycle, including exit feedback; be a staff liaison and a union liaison person; work on job descriptions, team building, development-training-coaching; ensure compliance with all relevant laws; and liaise with other student unions (corporate linkage).
• We have a unique environment in which there is annual turnover of our board of directors while the staff stays on.
• We want to develop an HR team.
• We’re seeking someone experienced (5-10 years), with formal training, non-profit experience, and union experience.
• We looked at two executive search firms, one of whom helped us find Ross.

10. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK, THIRDED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 8:37 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 8:55 pm.

11. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Position Committee, Council approve up to $25,000 for an executive search firm to be used in the hiring of the HR Director, funding to come from the President’s Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The President’s Fund has a balance of $111,701.

• Lindsey Smith asked about the bids from the two firms.
• Tom Dvorak: One would cost $25,000, the other $13,000 to $18,000. We’re not necessarily going with the higher firm.
• Clark Funnell asked about the value of using a firm.
• Ross Horton: It’s worth a fair bit; you get better qualified candidates.
• Tahara Bhate asked about topping up the President’s Fund.
• Tom Dvorak: We had $300,000 for topping up last year; it doesn’t necessarily all go to the President’s Fund. We topped off other funds, and the remainder went to the President’s Fund: $100,000.
• Johannes Rebane asked whether there’d been an quantitative analysis of how much this would save us.
• Tom Dvorak: Haven’t done that; it’s hard to do. There is a lot of cost-benefit across the board.
• Lindsey Smith asked about turnover, the new fiscal year, and increasing the President’s Fund.
• Tom Dvorak: We’ll have $111,701 to top up with then.

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... Carried

13. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the committee appointment motions be omnibused.”

... No objections

14. MOVED WILL DAVIS, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Business Operations Committee: __________, __________, __________, and __________ (Councilors), and __________ (member at large).

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Appointments Review Committee: __________, __________, __________, and __________ (Councilors), and __________ (member at large).

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Budget Committee: __________, __________ (members at large), __________, __________, and __________ (Councilors).

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Primary Appointments Committee: __________, __________, __________, __________ (Councillors), and Lindsey Smith, __________, and __________ (members at large).

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Coordinators Appointment Committee: Ekatrina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Luke Luukkanen (Councillors), and __________, and __________ (members at large).

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Commissioners Appointment Committee: __________, __________, and __________ (Councillors), and __________, and __________ (members at large).

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Assistants Appointment Committee. __________, __________, __________, and __________ (Councilors), and __________, and __________ (members at large)."

15. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:
That the following be added at the end of the appointments motion:

“That all appointments be for a term commencing immediately and ending May 6, 2009.”

- Matthew Naylor: Arts and Science haven’t turned over yet. To appoint Budget and BOC members without Arts and Science Councillors being able to hold office is unfair.
- Tom Dvorak: This is appropriate for the hiring committees; their work should be done by May. But it’s not appropriate for the Budget Committee; a lot of work will be lost if the committee turns over midway through.

16. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the following be added at the end of each committee appointment:

“That all appointments be for a term commencing immediately and ending May 6, 2009.”

... Carried

17. MOVED LINDSEY SMITH:

“That all Councillors who will have their terms ending before the next Council meeting be treated as members at large for the committee appointments and that the appropriate section of Code be suspended for these appointments.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

18. MOVED WILL DAVIS, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Business Operations Committee Tahara Bhate, Ekatrina Dovjenko, Clark Funnell and Guillaume Houle, (Councilors), Haafiz Dossa (member at large).

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Appointments Review Committee: Timothy Chu, Ekatrina Dovjenko and Andrew Carne (Councilors).”

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to Budget Committee: Ben Capalachi, Klazina van den Berg, (active members of the Society appointed by Council each of whom is not a member of Council or the Student Administrative Commission, Laura Sylvester, Sonia Purewal, (Councilors).

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Primary Appointments Committee: Tom Dvorak, Luke Luukkonen, Avneet Johal, Andrew Carne, and Crystal Hon (Councilors), and Lindsey Smith (member at large).”

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Coordinators Appointments Committee: Ekatrina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, and Luke Luukkonen (Councilors).”
“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Commissioners Appointment Committee: Will Davis and Rob McRudden (Councillors).”

“BE IT RESOLVED That Council appoint the following to the Assistants Appointments Committee: Geoff Costeloe and Martin Lewinsky (Councillors).”

... Carried

19. “BE IT RESOLVED THAT all appointments be for a term commencing immediately and ending May 6, 2009.”

... Carried

20. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Kyle Warwick be appointed to the Communications Working Group (University Committee).

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

21. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED DIA MONTGOMERY:

“That Council approve the following minutes as presented:"

Student Administrative Commission dated March 2, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated March 9, 2009

... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

22. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“Whereas there are three UBC Senate seats that are currently vacant; and

Whereas UBC students are largely uninformed about the duties of the UBC Senate, its responsibilities, importance and scope; and

Whereas all students have the right to be informed of the importance of the UBC Senate, and on why, how and when to run for the UBC Senate;

Therefore be it resolved that AMS Council direct the Elections Committee to hold by-elections open to all students for the three vacant Senate seats, such by-elections to take place in time for new senators to take their seats at the May 13 meeting of Senate.

Be it further resolved that the AMS send an email to all its constituents informing them of the by-elections.
Be it further resolved that Council direct the UBC Student Senators from this year and last to produce a reader friendly booklet highlighting: 1. Reasons to run for Senate that first year students can relate to; 2. how and when to run for the Student Senator positions; 3. a collection of experiences previous Senators feel should be shared with students.

Be it further resolved that that Council put forward the names of the winners of the by-elections as its recommended appointees to fill the vacant Senate seats.

Be it further resolved that the following section of Code concerning Senate vacancies be suspended: Section IV, Article 6(3). ‘… where a Student Senator’s seat at large becomes vacant in mid-term, Council shall require Senate Caucus to interview and present one or more appropriate nominations to Council for written recommendation to the Senate.’ “

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Blake Frederick:
- This is a redrafted version of the motion from Rodrigo that appeared on the agenda. The new version leaves the running of the by-elections to the Elections Committee.
- Only two people ran for the five at large student senator seats, so there are three vacancies. These were all offered to last year’s Senate reps, all of whom declined, mostly because of discomfort over non-elected seats.
- Normally, we would ask Senate Caucus for recommendations and send those to Senate.
- This motion suspends Code to open up the seats to general election; Council would appoint the three winners.
- There are considerations concerning resources, money, and timing, and the fact that we already have a procedure in place for filling the vacancies.

Kyle Warwick asked when the election would take place and whether the Elections Committee would be available.

Blake Frederick said the Elections Committee is still in place.

Kyle Warwick said he was skeptical there’d be any turnout.

Matthew Naylor: I’m a fan of elections. I think they’re a lot of fun. But they’re not for everyone, and this is an interesting opportunity to engage members at large without having to go through an election. Someone thought about this: the people who drew up the Senate regulations, the people who wrote Code; let’s use those powers.

Geoff Costeloe:
- I accepted one of the five seats. Something has to be done.
- The original motion was almost insulting, but I like the reader friendly booklet idea; Senate will do that.
- There’s no time for fair elections now.
- I’m not totally comfortable with the Student Senate Caucus doing the choosing; it would be fairer to do it at AMS Council.

Avneet Johal said he quite liked the idea of Council appointing. He didn’t see why first-year students were being singled out as the audience for the booklet.
23. MOVED AVNEET JOHAL:

“That Motion 14 be amended by changing ‘first year students’ to ‘UBC student’ in the resolution clause about the reader friendly booklet.”

… No objections

- Johannes Rebane: There’s Code in place to deal with this situation; there’s no reason to do anything else.
- Tahara Bhaté: If we appoint the senators, I’d love to see the editorials. But to force people to campaign during exams would discourage the most academically motivated individuals from running.
- Clark Funnell: We should publicize this as an opportunity, but not have elections.
- Guillaume Houle: We came in prepared for one motion, but the motion presented is different. I hate to see these last minute changes; they change the motion.
- Blake Frederick: If Council decides to fail this, then efforts will be made to advertise that the seats are open to students. That would be the middle ground: committing ourselves to promoting that the seats are open.

24. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

- Matthew Naylor: What if the Senate Caucus has no list for us?
- Dave Tompkins: AMS Council could give a list to the Senate Caucus and have them send it back to us.
- Geoff Costeloe: The Senate Caucus is not a committee of the AMS; it cannot be directed by the AMS.
- Dave Tompkins: Has Senate Caucus discussed it?
- Geoff Costeloe: We haven’t really talked about it. It’s new to me that the Caucus does this. We’ll do whatever works best.

25. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That Council be extended for ten minutes.”

… No objections

26. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:
Minutes of the 2009 AMS Annual General Meeting
Way Finding Budget Breakdown

R) Next Meeting:
May 6, 2009

S) Adjournment:

27. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 pm.

T) Social Activity:
V1: equity reps
V2: approve agenda
V3: Approval
V4: Approve Minutes
V5: Call To Question
V6: Approve in Principle
V7: Wayfinding
V8: Postpone to next meeting
V9: Bylaw changes part I
V10: bylaw changes II
V11: Code Changes I
V12: Code Part III
V13: Approve Ombuds Rep
V14: Increase salary
V15: change composition
V16: Move Into Camera
V17: Send Letter to CASA
V18: Call To Question
V19: Amendment
V20: Postponement
V21: Call To Question
V22: Call To Question
V23: Amendment
V24: Motion To Divide
V25: 5 min. recess
V26: Call To Question
V27: To Reconsider: in favour is to reconsider (delete the $15k)
V28: main motion: in favour of $15k + 15k + principles
V29: extend council
V30: Code Change II
V31: minutes
V32: new position + increase salary
V33: adjournment

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A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm.

1. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That Council appoint Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for a term beginning May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010."

- Guillaume Houle asked about the process.
- Johannes Rebane: It went through the Primary Appointments Committee. We called for applications; there were two applicants; we hired Dave.

2. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

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... Carried

For (20): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Heather Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Johannes Rebane, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Lin Watt, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Aaron Sihota
4. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

5. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion suspending Code to allow Justin Yang to sit on Council temporarily.”

... No objections

6. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion prohibiting the distribution of the report card on the provincial election.”

... Carried

For (16): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhat, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Guillaume Houle, Heather Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Luke Luukkonen, Madeline Schaefer, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Against (3): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea)

Abstained: Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Johannes Rebane, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester

7. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That the agenda be amended to add an appointment motion for the External Policy Committee.”

... No objections

8. MOVED TOM DVORAK , SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (18): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Heather Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Luke Luukkonen, Johannes Rebane, Madeline Schaefer, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

9. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That Council suspend Section 10, Article 4 and all other relevant sections of Code to allow Justin Yang to sit as a Science rep for the duration of the meeting.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tahara Bhate: Justin was elected as a Science Councillor representing SUS on Council, but has yet to take his seat. He has also just been hired as Minischool Coordinator, so will be stepping down from Council as required by Code, but SUS would like to fill his seat for this meeting. He could send a proxy if he were still considered the Science rep, so this motion will suspend Code to allow him to continue for this one meeting as the rep. He himself will not sit or vote; we have a proxy ready for him. We will be appointing a new Council rep for subsequent meetings, so this is only for this meeting.
- Tom Dvorak: Can’t we just appoint the new Science rep now?
- Tahara Bhate: SUS Council has to meet to choose them.

10. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

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Abstained: Tony Yang

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

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks (Blake’s Broadcast, Blake Frederick):

- Whistler Orientation May 15.
- Last year Council passed a motion opposing UBC’s entry into the NCAA; I’m happy to announce that the University has decided not to go forward with the application for this year, though it may in future years. President Toope said Council’s motion was instrumental in the decision.
- Meeting Administration folks; if you have a particular issue to raise, let me know.
- Farm Trek and the Block Party were raging successes:
  - There were over 2000 at Farm Trek; there was a tree planting ceremony; and a sign was put up by President Toope, which was a symbolic statement that the farm has a place on campus.
  - The Block Party was bigger and better than last year.
• Two new positions have been hired: Assistant to the President (Katie Berezan) and Executive Projects Assistant (Jeff Geng); they will be working with the Executive.
• Trying to recognize students and staff:
  o There was a student staff appreciation lunch for outgoing student staff.
  o The Executive recognized administrative professionals day.
  o Council sweatshirts are ready to be picked up.
  o Hiring an HR person soon to focus more on making students and staff feel appreciated.
• SUB Project: Negotiations coming along, though not as quickly as we’d like. The University is hesitant to budge, but SUB will be built.
• Restructuring Imagine; he’s been at meetings. It’s going to be for all students now, not just first years, and our aim is to make sure that every student knows what the AMS is and has an opportunity to get involved. We’re working to get the AMS involved in Imagine.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP Finance (Tom Dvorak):

• Has hired four new staff: Business Promotions Coordinator to work on marketing the businesses; AVP Finance; a Financial Orientations Coordinator; and the Sustainability Coordinator.
• For the new HR person, looking at renovations because need to build a new office.
• Block Party revenue up; expenses up too, but we’re trying to make it a good event, especially in its first few years.
• There was a bit of an issue with the University collecting fees for us, but that’s been resolved.
• New accounting software.
• Renovations at Blue Chip are causing a temporary shutdown in order to install ice wells for chilled drinks, so you won’t have to go to Starbucks in the summer.

VP Administration (Crystal Hon):

• SUB Project: Good feedback on program survey, asking students what they want to see in the new SUB, and what they don’t like; it will be on the website soon.
• Hiring too: all the SAC commissioners, and they’ve all started work; if anyone has ideas for special projects, let me know.
• Water fountains: Bottle filling stations coming this month; phasing out bottled water at our outlets.
• Hired the Equity and Diversity Coordinator.

VP Academic (Johannes Rebane):

• ARC: Working out when to do the Compensation Review; trying to develop which positions are paid in which pay scale.
- RCMP: Meeting about the Olympics and the security blockade. Also about liquor policy; improving the distribution of SOL’s.
- Working with the UNA on a noise bylaw; they had no complaints about the Block Party.
- Meeting with Provost and the TA union about TA training; student needs should be expressed.
- Hired an assistant (Eunice); she’s been working on the Whistler Orientation.
- Asking the U of A about TLEF.
- NSSE meeting.

**VP External (Timothy Chu):**

- Campaigners at Block Party stamped people’s hands with “Vote in May 12 election.”
- Handed out 4000 rave cards, 500 posters, and 2000 buttons for the election; registered 500 new voters; got some media attention.
- TransLink AGM May 12.
- Residential Tenancy Act applies on campus to non-residences, e.g., the fraternities and sororities; they’re private residences.
- Olympics: meeting cancelled.

**ECSS (Pavani Gunadasa):**

- Hired Service Coordinators; hoping to move forward with Assistant Coordinators.
- Services review (learning about structure and mandate of each service): looking into how to go forward with it.
- Liaising on campus about mental health; going to be an important theme across campus this year.
- LEAP: working with UBC, connecting students with virtual and physical learning resources.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**G) Constituency Reports:**

**Arts – Guillaume Houle** – Last Lecture was a great success. First Great Arts Send-off; grad dinner; great speakers. Buchanan courtyard renovations.

**Commerce – Laura Sylvester** – Looking at internal HR practices and our events. Rewrote our constitution and now implementing it.

**GSS – Luke Luukonen** – New name and logo, including the word Vancouver to distinguish from UBCO. New Executive, new hiring. SUB survey: asking grad students what they want.


**Engineering – Lin Watt** – (in rhyme): Retreat, frosh day.


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

Board of Governors – Bijan Ahmadian – Tuition fee increase: 2% for domestic and 5% for international students. Requests to government for funding. Got some, seeking more.

Senate – Geoff Costeloe – New strategic plan, the next Trek 2010. Turnover, setting up committees. Talking of reinstating the noon hour break (suspended because of space issues during renovations).

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

11. MOVED LUKE LUUKKONEN, SECONDED MIKE SILLEY:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of AMS Council dated March 25, 2009 [with correction: changing Clark Funnell to Laura Sylvester as BOC member] [SCD259-09]
Finance Committee Minutes dated March 11, 2009 [SCD260-09]
Finance Committee Minutes dated March 25, 2009 [SCD261-09]
SUB Renewal Committee minutes dated April 6, 2009.” [SCD262-09]
... Carried

For (25): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Sam Law, Luke Luuukkanen, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Matthew Naylor

J) Executive Committee Motions:

12. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to review the sections of Code that place restrictions on holding more than one AMS position at a time, including but not limited to the section prohibiting Service Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators from holding other AMS positions.

Note: Code currently has restrictions affecting the following AMS positions: Service Coordinators, Co-Coordinators, and Assistant Coordinators, Speaker of Council,
Ombudsperson, Elections Committee members, Student Court judges and other Court officers, Executive Project Officers, Councillors, and Commissioners."

- Blake Frederick: This is an issue that arose during hiring. In Code, if you hold certain positions you can't hold other positions. Sometimes the reason is obvious. But the case that came up was for someone applying for the Business Promotions Coordinator position, who also applied to be the Assistant Coordinator of Tutoring. They were the most qualified candidate for both; there was a desire to hire them for both; but Code bars them from holding both.

- Luke Luukonen: Are we asking the committee to look at this particular situation or at things in general?

- Dave Tompkins: The motion says it's general. It will come back to Council if there are any changes.

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

14. GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED CAROLEE CHANGFOOT:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Azim Wazeer, Joel Mertens, and Josh Sealy as student representatives at large, and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

- Geoff Costeloe: Last Council meeting responsibility for finding representatives was given to the Student Senate Caucus. We had a meeting, interviewed people; sixteen showed up; the candidates were very qualified. We whittled it down to three, and are happy with the three. We need to pass this, or it will hold up the caucus.
• Guillaume Houle: When was this done? During a certain event?
• Geoff Costeloe: It being during exams, if they couldn’t come, we allowed them to send in; actually 12 showed up and 4 sent in applications. There was no event; it was during exams.
• Tahara Bhate said she had some concerns. The process leaves the Student Senate Caucus and Council open to criticism, not over how the three were picked, but over the advertising beforehand. People were not made aware. We were supposed to be promoting this, but she didn’t receive any notification. If we are ever in this situation again, we have to make sure as Council that we do due diligence and stay on top of the process so that everyone knows and has an equal chance to apply.
• Kyle Warwick asked for bios.
• Geoff Costeloe: Two are here tonight: Azim and Joel. Azim has been a senator in the past.
• Azim Wazeer’s: Former senator, former president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, former member of AMS Budget Committee, BOC, and other AMS committees; fourth year CUS.
• Joel Mertens: Involved on AMS Council last year, on EUS executive, on the executive of the Chemical and Biological Engineering Club. A couple of things on campus need to be addressed. Senate is a good place for that.
• Geoff Costeloe: Josh Sealy is in third year math and has not been involved in AMS Council. He played this up as an advantage; he’s an outsider with a new perspective. He’s been a Residence Adviser at Vanier and won at a national debate tournament. We thought it was good to recommend two insiders and one outsider.
• Aaron Sihota asked about minutes.
• Geoff Costeloe: There were no minutes, just notes; it was interviews.
• Laura Sylvester asked about at large seats at Senate.
• Geoff Costeloe: It means any UBC student could fill them, and we had people from all over, including a PhD student.

15. GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED CAROLEE CHANGFOOT:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Azim Wazeer, Joel Mertens, and Josh Sealy as student representatives at large, and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

... Carried

For (30): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Heather Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang
The Speaker asked Council if there were any objections to having Joel Mertens assume the empty AMS Council Senate seat. (The Student Senate Caucus had already chosen him as the second Council Senator.)

... No objections

16. MOVED AARON SIHOTA, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to index the fee levy for students in Science to the core Canadian Consumer Price Index starting in Winter Session 2009/10, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

- Aaron Sihota: Inflation erodes the value of the SUS fee; since 2003, SUS has lost $10,000 in purchasing power. The referendum passed a fee alteration that will index the SUS fee to core CPI; the vote was 480 for and 225 against; and the quorum requirement of 10% was met. Science will be the first Constituency to index its fees to CPI.
- Timothy Chu asked how well SUS was doing financially. He wasn’t sure they needed indexing.
- Aaron Sihota: Last year we added new events, adding to our expenses. We managed to accommodate, but next year we won’t have as big a surplus.
- Andrew Carne: Have you figured out how the indexing will be done?
- Aaron Sihota: Calculated in January or September; working with the AMS Treasurer-Controller. In time for September to incorporate it into the budget.
- Kyle Warwick: This clearly passed at referendum; it should be a rubber stamp.
- Avneet Johal asked about the use of the word “core.”
- Dave Tompkins asked what the referendum question said.
- Aaron Sihota: It didn’t include “core.”
- Dave Tompkins: What does the AMS use?
- Tom Dvorak: We use a special CPI for the health and dental fee. Core CPI removes volatile indicators.
- Dave Tompkins expressed concern about changing from the language of the referendum.
- Avneet Johal: And regular CPI and core CPI are not exactly the same.
- Dave Tompkins suggested removing “core.”
- Bijan Ahmadian asked if other faculties are planning to do this.
- Dave Tompkins: The AMS indexes for the health and dental fee; the GSS does it too.
- Bijan Ahmadian said he was comfortable adding “core” because in principle that was what students were voting for.
- Tom Dvorak: We have to pick one CPI. Who should do that? Our Council? Or our Treasurer-Controller, or our VP Finance? A decision has to be made.
- Tahara Bhate: Will this result in significantly higher costs for students?
- Joel Mertens: In the wording of the referendum, as an example you mention a 24-cent increase. What CPI did you use there?
- Aaron Sihota said he didn’t think it was core CPI; it probably included the volatile indicators.
17. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (27): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara B Kate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

18. MOVED AARON SIHOTA SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of [SCD263-09] the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to index the fee levy for students in Science to the core Canadian Consumer Price Index starting in Winter Session 2009/10, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

… Carried

For (24): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara B Kate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Timothy Chu, Elena Kusaka, Lin Watt

L) Committee Motions:

Members of the Executive made brief presentations on the various committees to be filled later in the meeting, including the University’s new I.K. Barber Stewardship Committee, which is looking into the problem of vandalism and into how to create a better environment in the Barber Centre.

19. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That Duncan McHugh and Aaron Nakama (community members) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors for a term ending March 31, 2010.

“That _________ and _________ (Council members) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors for a term ending March 31, 2010.”
Note: Must be Canadian citizens.
Note: the VP Finance is automatically on the Board.

- Duncan McHugh noted that CiTR had voluntarily adopted Femcon rules; Cancon (Canadian content) rules require that 35% of the music on the station be Canadian; Femcon is a similar system for female artists.
- Tom Dvorak noted that Aaron Nakama is a former CiTR station manager.

Nominees for the Council spots:
- Bijan Ahmadian (Board of Governors)
- Madeleine Schaefer (Engineering)
- Tahara Bhate (Science)
- Mike Silley (Arts)

20. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That Duncan McHugh and Aaron Nakama (community members) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors for a term ending March 31, 2010.

That Tahara Bhate and Bijan Ahmadian (Council members) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors for a term ending March 31, 2010.”

Note: Must be Canadian citizens.
Note: the VP Finance is automatically on the Board.

... Carried

For (29): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Heather Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea)

Against (12): Andrew Carne, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Lin Watt, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea), Tony Yang

21. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the agenda be amended to discuss the Arts County Fair motion now.”

... Carried

For (17): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Heath Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick

Against (12): Andrew Carne, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Lin Watt, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea), Tony Yang
Abstained: Sam Law, Jimmy Yan

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

22. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That AMS Council repay $35,062.04 to the AUS to cover the accumulated debt from Arts County Fair.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Avneet Johal presented a history of Arts County Fair:
  - A hugely anticipated event, not just at UBC but throughout Vancouver.
  - An estimated 160,000 attended over the 16 years.

- Avneet Johal then discussed the debt:
  - A small debt for 16 years, and it’s a debt after sending profits to charities.
  - Less debt than the Welcome Back Barbecue.
  - UBC students are proud of ACF.
  - The AMS should thank the AUS (the Arts Undergraduate Society), not push it to pay.
  - The AUS has worked hard to pay off this debt.
  - Last year Chris Diplock (VP Finance) asked if the AUS could pay; I said yes, if we slashed almost everything else in the budget.
  - The debt has affected AUS clubs.
  - Clubs are the first point of contact for many students with the AMS; they join a club, then move on to work with the AUS, and then the AMS.
  - The AUS has the lowest fee of the major Constituencies; there was an attempt to raise that fee, but there was a lack of money to run a campaign for it.
  - There’s a precedent issue here; it’s dangerous not to forgive this debt, because then the message is: If you go above and beyond and unite the campus and the city for 16 years and have financially incredible results and then you have a couple of down years and a bit of a debt, then you’re on your own, and the AMS will not support you.
  - The AUS should be able to offer services; next year’s AUS executive won’t have any connection to Arts County Fair, and yet will be burdened by the debt.
  - The AMS has millions and millions of dollars; it would barely make a difference in the AMS budget.

- Tom Dvorak:
  - During the AMS elections, candidates were asked to support this motion. We were told that the debt situation was unfair, that it had crippled the AUS, that the AUS was unable to run events. These seemed compelling arguments. My heart went out to them; I signed the pledge.
  - But the current account balance of the AUS is $74,000. Through cutting budgets and programs, they went from a $10,000 debt to
$74,000 in the black, running a surplus of $85,000. This is not an undergraduate society that desperately needs money.

- Andrew Carne:
  - Not impressed with tactics used in the AMS election and not sure about some of the things said tonight.
  - It’s a bad precedent if we do pay off the debt; the message then is: No matter what a Constituency does, Mother AMS will cover your mistakes. In future, some other Constituency might hold a badly planned event and we’ll have to bail them out.
  - The EUS lost $37,000 on an event. Did we come to the AMS? No, we ate it. Our event, our responsibility. We cut back.

- Tyler Allison said he was a member of the last ACF executive and was in the room when the decision was made not to continue. He added:
  - ACF was a campus institution, the largest outdoor benefit concert not only in Canada but in North America.
  - These sorts of events don’t make profits, and under the SOL system, we couldn’t budget to make a profit.
  - Sprouts has also been bailed out, at this same time, to the tune of $40,000 or $50,000.
  - Should the AUS have to pay the debt back?
  - By ACF 16, the ACF-AUS connection was minimal; ACF was a separate account on the AMS books; startup costs came from the AUS, but after that, when making money, that wasn’t the AUS.
  - There was a debt of $60,000.
  - The talent budget was $80,000 in expenses, not counting field rental, beer, etc.
  - It was not a poorly planned event.
  - Covering the debt would not set a bad precedent.
  - It has to be seen in context.

- Joel Mertens:
  - Large outdoor events don’t make money? The music industry wouldn’t do outdoor concerts if that was true.
  - Where does the $35,000 figure come from if the debt was $60,000?
  - If the AUS does get the money, where will it go?

- Avneet Johal:
  - The $35,000 is from the motion on March 26, 2008 that failed at Council. At that date, that was the amount left to pay.
  - We would use it now to restore or increase funding to the clubs, and also for services and events.

- There was discussion about where the money could come from, and it was agreed to amend the motion to specify the President’s Fund.

- Kyle Warwick: The appearance of a surplus this year is meaningless because we cut essential operations. Our clubs are struggling. The $35,000 can get us back on our feet. It will enable us to have a referendum to get more stable funding.

- Avneet Johal:
  - Last year the AUS VP Finance struggled with the AMS VP Finance. We were told that money would be taken from here, here, here; on such and such a date, the AMS would take this money. We felt run over by the AMS.
If we had been able to repay in installments … but instead the AMS unfairly compromised the budget of the AUS. Not that the AUS deserves special treatment or that the ACF was such an important event, but this was not handled properly.

- Jeremy McElroy said he was on the ACF team, adding:
  - There was a demographic change at UBC; it became harder to get UBC student support; that’s what put us in this place today.
  - We didn’t find out that the AMS had other plans; we were told after the fact; the Arts account was frozen without us being told; funds were taken.
  - We do have cheques waiting to clear; perhaps $30,000 or so; so the current surplus is misleading.
  - The current AMS Executive signed the pledge during the campaign; it affected the results; the presidential race was decided by 41 votes after one candidate signed and the other did not.

- Sam Law asked what charities the ACF supported.
- Tyler Allison: Muscular Dystrophy (the Variety Club); in earlier years, charities fighting cancer and liver disease.
- Sam Law: Why wasn’t the debt paid off before donations were made to these charities?
- Dave Tompkins: Specific amounts were pledged to the charities.
- Bijan Ahmadian: How is there a difficult financial situation, given the $85,000 surplus?
- Avneet Johal: Much of that surplus has been spent, e.g., on the Last Lecture. There’s perhaps $30,000 left. We have two major events left; we won’t be able to pay.
- Bijan Ahmadian: We’re making an exception for the ACF. I did sign the pledge; the right thing to do would be to stick with my pledge. The ACF was an institution.
- Avneet Johal:
  - The precedent is good. If someone else runs a positive event for 20 years and then comes for help, I’m all for that.
  - As to the pledge approach in the AMS elections, our students wanted to know who to vote for; the idea was to find out which candidates would be serving the needs of Arts. It was a positive moment when candidates came forward and signed the pledge.

- Geoff Costeloe commented that the Arts reps were not listening to questions, and asked what Arts was doing to make sure this didn’t happen again. Will the AUS be raising its fees? Will there be a return of Arts County Fair?
- Avneet Johal: As to a return of ACF, I leave that to the current AUS executive. We did try to run a referendum to raise fees, but we didn’t have the funds to do it. But yes, we plan a referendum.
- Geoff Costeloe expressed concern about pillaging the President’s Fund. He was not sure this use of the money was benefiting students.
- Tom Dvorak: The President’s Fund is for extenuating circumstances, for initiatives that don’t fit our other pre-set funds. There’s no bailout fund.
- Matthew Naylor: This is a principled decision. It’s allowing adequate funding of an undergraduate society. It does not set a precedent; deliberative bodies don’t really do that; we’re not a court, we’re a Council. Each situation needs
to be considered in context. Arts should be starting from a level playing field.

- Lin Watt:
  - Thanks to the AUS for taking on that loss.
  - At Council we have to do what's best for students; if you think this is good for students, vote for it; but don't vote yes just because you signed a piece of paper.
  - It seems the AUS has $30,000 left and will be getting $135,000 in student fees; you've already absorbed the cost; $30,000 seems a reasonable amount to handle the summer until fees come in.

- Neal Yonson said he didn't like the suggestion that if the AMS didn't do this, the AUS was being pushed. He asked if the AUS had applied for a loan.

- Avneet Johal: We took a loan, not for that amount; it's not still in place.

- Neal Yonson said this was not a great use of the President’s Fund and asked how the ACF was run.

- Jeremy McElroy: The idea was that revenue would cover things.

- Neal Yonson: There was enough capital to pay up front?

- Jeremy McElroy: Yes.

- Aaron Sihota asked how much AUS money is allocated to clubs and how much was slashed. He also said SUS ran a referendum on only $500.

- Avneet Johal:
  - It varies year to year. We reduced the amount per club.
  - A lot of clubs are having difficulties; this money would go to replenish their funding.
  - AUS executives have paid for things up front and are waiting to be reimbursed.
  - It's not a case of the AUS having already absorbed it, gotten through, and starting afresh; the effects are still being felt.

- Tahara Bhate asked if the money taken from the AUS can be given back.

- Tom Dvorak explained the system of loans; it just means allowing clubs to go into deficit, and now the money is going to taking the AUS out of deficit.

- Dave Tompkins: It's not a budget line that could be reversed.

- Kristian Arciaga: Club executives have been complaining about how restrictive their budgets were. It was our call at the AUS to cut club funding, of course, but the ACF was a university event. Pay this, and you will be ushering in a new era of campus unity; if we can get this closed, we can work with other Constituencies.

- Carolee Changfoot: It's unfair to new students coming in to have to deal with this old debt.

- Jeremy Wood: Now that students are not able to go to Arts County Fair, UBC’s Maclean’s ranking has fallen. This request amounts to $2500 per ACF. If the AUS had asked for $2500 each year, I can't see how that would have been defeated.

23. MOVED JEREMY WOOD, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
For (19): Tahara B hate, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Guillaume Houle, Heather Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Against (8): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Tom Dvorak, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Johannes Rebane, Aaron Sihota, Lin Watt

24. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That AMS Council repay $35,062.04 from the President’s Fund to the AUS to cover the accumulated debt from Arts County Fair.”

Note: The President’s Fund has an unallocated balance of $111,701.

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

For (23): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara B hate, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Heather Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Against (7): Andrew Carne, Tom Dvorak, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Madeline Schaefer, Lin Watt

L) Committee Motions:

25. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Crystal Hon and Kyle Warwick be appointed to the Irving K. Barber Library Stewardship Committee for a term ending March 31, 2010.”

“That Tahara B hate, Lin Watt and Bijan Ahmadian be appointed to the UBC Lasting Education Achieved & Demonstrated (LEAD) committee.”

... Carried

For (22): Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Heather Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara B hate
26. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“Be it resolved that the following be appointed to the Oversight Committee for a term ending March 31, 2010:

Jimmy Yan, Joel Mertens, Laura Sylvester, Kyle Warwick and Tony Yang (non-Executive members of Council).

“Be it further resolved that Kyle Warwick chair the committee.”

Note: Members of the Executive, being in a conflict of interest on this matter, shall abstain from voting on the appointment of members of the Oversight Committee.

For (18): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Guillaume Houle, Heather Kharouba (proxy for Hannes Dempewolf), Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Timothy Chu, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Sam Law

… Carried

27. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED EKATRINA DOVJENKO:

“That Council expand the size of the Ad Hoc External Policy Committee to include five (5) Council positions.”

- Laura Sylvester: It’s important that committees be set to manageable size.
- Tahara Bhate: There’s been a problem with attendance at this committee. Let’s try expanding to five and compare with last year.
- Blake Frederick: If Council members don’t show up, it’s reasonable to seek to remove them.
- Tom Dvorak: This will create an even number on the committee.
- Andrew Carne: External policy is something people can become polarized about; there are quite a few main viewpoints. Having more people will get a better overview of the viewpoints.

28. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED EKATRINA DOVJENKO:

“That Council expand the size of the Ad Hoc External Policy Committee to include five (5) Council positions.”

… Carried

For (14): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan
Against (4): Tom Dvorak, Johannes Rebane, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester

Abstained: Timothy Chu, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Lin Watt, Tony Yang

29. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That the following be appointed to the specified AMS committee for a term effective immediately and ending March 31, 2010:

**Ad Hoc External Policy Committee**: Matthew Naylor (Arts), Ekatrina Dovjenko (Commerce), Tahara Bhate (Science), Kyle Warwick (Arts) (Council members), Kiranpreet Dhillon and Ignacio Rodriguez (at large).

**Budget Committee**: Kyle Warwick (Arts), ______________________, ___________ (Councillors) Ben Cappellacci, Klazina van den Berg (members at large).

*Note: Also sitting on this committee:
- VP Academic who shall be chair
- the VP Finance

**Appointments Review Committee**: Ekaterina Dovjenko (Commerce), Timothy Chu (VP External), Aaron Sihota (Science) (members of Council) ____________

“THAT ______________ shall be chair.”

*Note: Also sitting on this committee:
the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs
the Vice-President Finance also sit on this committee

**The Business Operations Committee**: Guillaume Houle (Arts), Aaron Sihota (Science), Joel Mertens (Senate), and Laura Silvester (Commerce) (members of Council), Haafiz Dossa (student at large).

[Haafiz Dossa defeated Tagg Jefferson for the at large position.]

*Note: Also sitting on this committee:
- the Vice-President Finance, who shall be Chair;
- the Vice-President Administration;
- one (1) member from the Finance Commission, appointed by the Finance Commission;
- the Sustainability Coordinator; and
- the General Manager, who shall be non-voting.

**Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee**: Elena Kusaka and Pavani Gunadasa (members of Council).
[Pavani Gunadasa (ECSS) and Elena Kusaka (Arts) defeated Madeleine Schaefer (Engineering) and Fraser Young (HKin) for the two positions]

"THAT Pavani Gunadasa shall be chair."

Note: Also sitting on this committee:
- the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs;
- a representative from Safewalk appointed by Safewalk;
- a representative from Speakeasy appointed by Speakeasy;
- two (2) representatives from the Sexual Assault Support Centre appointed by the Centre,
- a representative from the Allies Student Resource Group appointed by the Group;
- a representative from the Women’s Centre appointed by the Centre; and
- the Safety Coordinator.

**Code & Policies Committee:** Andrew Carne (Engineering), Tahara Bhate (Science), Matthew Naylor (Arts) and Blake Frederick (President) (members of Council), Jeremy Wood and Emily Griffiths (students at large).

[Tom Dvorak (VP Finance) ran unsuccessfully for one of the Council spots.]

"THAT Andrew Carne shall be chair."

[Andrew Carne (Engineering) defeated Blake Frederick (President) after Matthew Naylor (Arts) withdrew, throwing his support to Andrew and saying the chair should not be an Executive.]

Note: Also sitting on this committee:
- one (1) member of the Executive Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee

**Campus Safety Committee:** Fraser Young (HKin) and Mike Silley (Arts) (members of Council).

"THAT Johannes Rebane shall be chair."

Note: Also sitting on this committee:
- the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs, who shall be Chair;
- the Executive Coordinator of Student Services;
- the Safety Coordinator;
- one (1) representative of the UBC Greek System, appointed by the Inter-Fraternity Council and the Pan-Hellenic Council;
- one (1) representative of the Inter-Residence Council, appointed by the Inter-Residence Council;
- one (1) representative each from the Women’s Centre, Colour Connected and Pride UBC, appointed by each of the aforementioned Resource Groups;
- the SUB Security Supervisor; and
- one (1) representative of the Food and Beverage Department, appointed by the Food and Beverage Department.
Impacts Committee: Hannes Dempewolf (GSS), Madeleine Schaefer (Engineering) and Kyle Warwick (Arts) (members of Council).

“THAT Tom Dvorak shall be chair.”

Note: Also sitting on this committee:
- the Vice-President Finance;
- the Vice-President Administration;
- the Sustainability Coordinator;
- one (1) representative of the Student Environment Centre;
- one (1) representative of the Social Justice Centre; and
- one (1) representative of the Food Co-op.

Campus Events Committee: Fraser Young (HKin), Carolee Changfoot (Arts) and Tony Yang (GSS) (members of Council).

“THAT Carolee Changfoot shall be chair.”

Note: Also sitting on this committee:
- the Executive Coordinator of Student Services;
- the Sustainability Coordinator;
- the Social Coordinator (or equivalent) of each Constituency.

Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee: Madeleine Schaefer (Engineering), Tony Yang (GSS) and ________________, (members of Council), Tagg Jefferson and _________________ (students at large).

“THAT Tom Dvorak shall be chair.”

Note: Also sitting on this committee:
- the Vice-President Finance;
- the Executive Coordinator of Student Services;
- the member of the Finance Commission whose portfolio includes fundraising; and
- the General Manager, who shall be non-voting;

Campus Planning and Development Committee: Jeremy McElroy (Arts) and Andrew Carne (Engineering) (members of Council), Pierce Nettling, _______ and ________ (students at large).

Running unsuccessfully for this committee: Ekatrina Dovjenko (Commerce).

“THAT Bijan Ahmadian (Board of Governors) shall be chair.”

Note: Also sitting on this committee:
- the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs;
- the Vice-President External Affairs;
- one (1) student representative on the Board of Governors; and
- an appropriate commissioner from the University Commission or an appropriate
assistant to the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs, who shall be non-voting.

30. MOVED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council be extended by one hour.”

... No objections

**Academic Quality Committee:** Tahara Bhate (Science) and Lin Watt (Engineering) (members of Council).

Running unsuccessfully for this committee: Mike Silley (Arts), Hannes Dempewolf

“THAT Lin Watt shall be chair.”

*Note:* Also sitting on this committee:
(a) the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs; and
(b) three (3) Student Senators, as appointed by the Student Senate Caucus.

**Subsidy Review Committee:** Mike Silley (member of Council)

*Note:* Also sitting on this committee:
- the Vice-President Administration, who shall be chair;
- the Vice-President External Affairs;
- the SAC Vice-Chair;
- the Vice-Chair of the External Commission; and

**Communications Planning Group:** Andrew Carne (Engineering) and Matthew Naylor (Arts) (members of Council)

*Note:* Also sitting on this committee:
- the President, who shall be Chair;
- the Vice-President Administration;
- the Sustainability Coordinator;
- the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, who shall be non-voting;
- the General Manager, who shall be non-voting; and
- the Communications Manager, who shall be non-voting.

**Renovations Planning Group:** Andrew Carne (Engineering), Jimmy Yan (Science) and Carolee Changfoot (Arts) (Council members).

*Note:* Also sitting on this committee:
- the Vice-President Administration, who shall be Chair;
- the Vice-President Finance;
- one (1) member each from SAC and the Finance Commission, appointed by the respective Commissions;
- the Sustainability Coordinator;
- the General Manager, who shall be non-voting;
- the Facilities Development Manager, who shall be non-voting; and
- the Designer, who shall be non-voting.

**Ad Hoc SUB Renewal Committee**: Jeremy McElroy (Arts), Luke Luukkonen (GSS) (Council members)

*Note: Also sitting on this committee:*
- Permanent members Guillaume Houle and Mike Duncan
- The VP Administration (Chair)
- the President
- non-voting people: the GM, Facilities and Retail Services Mgr, and Designer

**AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee**: Matthew Naylor (Arts) (Council member).

*Note: Also sitting on this committee:*
- The President
- VP Finance
- The GSS names its own members.

**Ad Hoc Equity Committee**: Geoff Costeloe (Senate), Timothy Chu (VP External) and Ekatrina Dovjenko (Commerce) (Council members)

“THAT Timothy Chu shall be chair.”

*Note: Also sitting on this committee:*
- the ECSS
- Safety Coordinator

**Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee**: Aaron Sihota (Science), Jimmy Yan (Science) and ___________________________ (Council members), ___________________________. ___________________________ (members at large).

“THAT Aaron Sihota shall be chair.”

*Note: Also sitting on this committee:*
- the General Manager
- the Policy Advisor

... Carried

For (23): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang
31. MOVED CRYSTAL HON SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“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, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010:

SAC Member: Elin Tayyar
Bookings Commissioner: David Le
Buildings Commissioner: Kyle Lai
Special Projects Commissioner: Cindy Zhan
Art Gallery Commissioner: Jeremy Jaud
Club Commissioner: Elaine Chin
Administrative Commissioner: Sima Shoker.”

- Crystal Hon: Lots of good people to choose from. Millions of applicants.
- Andrew Carne: How many actually?
- Crystal Hon: Two people for some positions; some positions had more.

32. MOVED CRYSTAL HON SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

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... Carried

For (20): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Mike Silley

33. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED CRYSTAL HON:


Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tom Dvorak reviewed the numbers in the preliminary budget, noting that it is by no means the final budget, and adding:
It was an outstanding year for the businesses, especially Catering, which made a $1.16 million net contribution, which however may go down because of restructuring at the University (combining Food Services with Housing and Conferences).

- Adding an HR person and an IT person.
- Increasing staff wages.
- Investment rates have dropped 70%, but we are protected by being in long-term investments.
- Surpluses get added to our funds.
- Expenditures are for the most part status quo.

- Andrew Carne asked if the student fees listed are based on projections for next year.
- Tom Dvorak: Yes.
- Timothy Chu asked if there is a problem with a non-profit organization showing a profit or surpluses.
- Tom Dvorak: It's all right within reason and if the surpluses are returned to the Society through the funds.
- Blake Frederick congratulated the Communications Manager (Kelli Seepaul) for bringing in more sponsorship revenue than had been budgeted for. He also thanked the General Manager (Ross Horton) for the numbers produced this past year. Ross said he would pass that along to the management team, saying they're the ones doing the work.

34. MOVED TOM Dvorak, SECONDED CRYSTAL HON:

“That Council approve the 2009/2010 preliminary budget as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (20): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Madeline Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Against (5): Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Matthew Naylor, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick

35. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Code Sections X, Article 4(2) and VI, Article 3(7)(e) be suspended to allow Mike Brown to hold the position of Tutoring Assistant Coordinator while also serving as the Business Promotions Coordinator.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Blake Frederick: This is to allow the Business Promotions Coordinator to also be the Tutoring Assistant Coordinator. He didn’t see any good reason to forbid this; he didn’t see a conflict of interest.
• Matthew Naylor: Was there quorum at the Appointments Committee meetings?
• Pavani Gunadasa: The Coordinators Appointments meeting did not have quorum.

36. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds
... Carried

For (17): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhaté, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Mike Silley, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (1): Matthew Naylor

Abstained: Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Kyle Warwick, Tony Yang

37. MOVED CRYSTAL HON SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, $21,900 be spent from CPAC for upgrades to the Whistler cabin.”

Be it further resolved that $16,000 be spent from CPAC for upgrades to the Services lobby area.”

Note: The CPAC Fund has a balance of $661,845.47.

• Crystal Hon:
  o The Whistler renovations are to replace cracked bunk beds to combat bed lice; also for new carpeting and a closet.
  o In the Services area, the odd open area is being transformed into an office; also in the Events office, a wall is being put up to divide it into two. The Catering Manager and her assistant will go there; the new HR Manager will go to the Catering Manager’s current office; the Events Manager will go to Jane Barry’s office in the Services area, and Jane Barry will go to the new office in the Services area.
• Jeremy McElroy asked for a further explanation of the various locations, which Crystal Hon provided.
• Bijan Ahmadian asked about bed lice.
• Dave Tompkins said he presumed this was pre-emptive.
• Crystal Hon: Yes, there isn’t any bed lice now; this is just to prevent it.
• Guillaume Houle asked about the timeline.
• Crystal Hon said the work would begin immediately, this month.

38. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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... Carried

For (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Lin Watt

39. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Appointments Review Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: VP Admin Assistant’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Crystal Hon: With the SUB Project, and with Equity, there’s more work to do; she needs additional assistance. Essentially, this will be the same as the assistant to the VP Academic.

40. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Appointments Review Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: VP Admin Assistant’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (15): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Matthew Naylor, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick
41. MOVED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council be extended indefinitely.” … No objections

42. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED EKATRINA DOVJENKO:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee Council set the following pay rates:

1. Equity and Diversity Coordinator – $9.62/hr
2. Assistant to VP Admin - $8/hr
3. Executive Projects Assistant –$8/hr
4. Internship Coordinator (AMS Connect Assistant Coordinator) – $10.23/hr
5. Campus Development Commissioner –$8/hr
6. First Year Seminar Commissioner - $8/hr
7. International Students Commissioner - $8/hr
8. Childcare Commissioner - $8/hr
9. Olympics Commissioner - $8/hr
10. AVP External - $10,380 per annum.”

Note: The AVP External rate is a temporary increase from the AVP rate of $9,000, owing to an increase in hours over the summer (from 20 to 30 hours a week).

- Johannes Rebane explained the proposed increases; the Equity Coordinator would be getting the same as the Safety Coordinator; the VP Admin’s assistant would be getting the same as the VP Academic’s assistant. The AVP External would be getting something similar to the Sustainability Coordinator.
- Andrew Carne: The Assistant Coordinator for AMS Connect will get more than a Coordinator (the Equity Coordinator); why is that?
- Johannes Rebane: The Equity Coordinator is not a full coordinator.
- Andrew Carne: Sounds like a nomenclature problem.
- Johannes Rebane: ARC will be looking at all of this.
- Andrew Carne asked about the increase for the AVP External.
- Timothy Chu: This is for preparation work in the summer, on the assumption that there will be a federal election. Also, there’s work with the GSS on a childcare conference.
- Elena Kusaka asked about the Childcare Commissioner.
- Timothy Chu: Childcare is under both Academic and External; we’re lobbying the government for more funding and lobbying the University to provide more spaces.
- Elena Kusaka said the Childcare Commissioner should have a higher wage.
- Johannes Rebane: Typically, commissioners get $8 an hour. ARC is looking into this.
- Jeremy McElroy asked if these were wage or salary positions; do the people get less if they work less and vice versa?
- Johannes Rebane: No.
• Dave Tompkins: So it’s salary.
• Guillaume Houle said he’d rather see the AVP’s salary increased after the summer and paid retroactively if they did indeed work more.

43. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the motion be amended to change the AVP External’s salary to $9,000 per annum and to delete the note about it being a temporary increase for the summer.”

• Timothy Chu: We wanted to find the most qualified candidate, and for the summer people want full-time. Also, things need to be done in the summer; it would free up his time.
• Andrew Carne: Is this for the person already in the position or for future years?
• Timothy Chu: This is temporary, for this year.
• Andrew Carne said he was not comfortable with upping pay after hiring.
• Blake Frederick said this sort of detailed debate would be more appropriate at the committee level. Council should trust these committees to have the debates. This is not the best use of Council’s time.
• Guillaume Houle: Until a federal election is called, I don’t see the need.
• Joel Mertens: The AVP position ends in May?
• Timothy Chu: On May 15. Once this is approved, there will be job applications.

44. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

45. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the motion be amended to change the AVP External’s salary to $9,000 per annum and to delete the note about it being a temporary increase for the summer.”

… Defeated

For (7): Bijan Ahmadian, Carolee Changfoot, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick

Against (13): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Will Davis, Lin Watt

46. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
47. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED EKATRINA DOVJENKO:

"Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee Council set the following pay rates:

11. Equity and Diversity Coordinator – $9.62/hr  
12. Assistant to VP Admin - $8/hr  
13. Executive Projects Assistant – $8/hr  
14. Internship Coordinator (AMS Connect Assistant Coordinator) – $10.23/hr  
15. Campus Development Commissioner – $8/hr  
16. First Year Seminar Commissioner - $8/hr  
17. International Students Commissioner - $8/hr  
18. Childcare Commissioner - $8/hr  
19. Olympics Commissioner - $8/hr  
20. AVP External - $10,380 per annum."

Note: The AVP External rate is a temporary increase from the AVP rate of $9,000, owing to an increase in hours over the summer (from 20 to 30 hours a week).

... Carried

For (17): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Against (6): Carolee Changfoot, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

48. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

"That AMS Council direct the President to cease and desist any imposition of deadlines regarding the submission of motions above and beyond what is specifically enumerated in the AMS Code of Procedure, Bylaws and Constitution."

- Matthew Naylor said the Friday deadline being set by the President for Council’s agenda was too much in advance of the meetings. The Monday deadline in Code made it easier for Council members to create motions for the agenda and consult with their constituents. If we want a change, the issue should be referred to the Code and Policies Committee instead of there being an arbitrary imposition of a new rule.
• Blake Frederick said he was more than happy to follow Council direction and set deadlines at Council's pleasure. His intention had been to have a preliminary agenda go out on Friday so that Council members would have the weekend to consult and read. He said he was confused by this motion; he had never denied a motion; it was always a preliminary agenda on Friday and another on Monday. Perhaps a Code amendment would be best. He felt slighted by the motion since it directs him to follow Code, which he is already doing.

• Kyle Warwick: This is not saying Blake didn’t act in good faith. It was probably the wrong way to go about it. Some people had the impression that there was an absolute deadline of Friday that had been imposed arbitrarily.

• Tom Dvorak said it was helpful to have a forward deadline. It gave more time to consult constituents and read documents.

• Andrew Carne: Would this motion prevent a preliminary agenda? He was happy to see what was ready on Friday and get the rest on Monday.

• Joel Mertens said he liked the earlier agenda. He had the weekend to read it and extra opportunity to consult with constituents.

• Johannes Rebane: If there’s a soft deadline on Friday and another one on Monday, people will wait till Monday. It’s better to have a hard deadline. In the past, Constituencies complained about Monday as not a long enough time.

• Matthew Naylor: The motion is not meant to prevent a preliminary agenda. What’s been said is that Friday was the deadline.

• Blake Frederick: One challenge is that the Code says materials should be submitted 72 hours in advance, which means some time on Sunday, when he’s not in the office. Code and Policies should look at that. The substance of this motion is saying he should follow Code, which he already does.

• Kyle Warwick said he knew of one case of ambiguity. Why not make it a hundred percent clear as this motion does? It’s not an insult.

49. MOVED LIN WATT:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

50. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That AMS Council direct the President to cease and desist any imposition of deadlines regarding the submission of motions above and beyond what is specifically enumerated in the AMS Code of Procedure, Bylaws and Constitution.”

… Defeated

For (3): Matthew Naylor, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Against (15): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Mike Silley, Lin Watt
Abstained: Elena Kusaka, Tony Yang

P) Discussion Period

51. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

"Whereas the literature being distributed by the VP External Office has not been subject to review by the External Policy Committee or by any members of Council, and;

Whereas some of material is contrary to or not supported by current AMS policy, and was not part of the provincial election policy approved by Council and;

Whereas several Councillors have expressed concern that some of the material could be seen as partisan, and wish the AMS to remain explicitly non-partisan;

Be it resolved that AMS Council direct the External Office not to distribute and to cease to make available both online and on hard copy, the provincial campaign material entitled 'Report Card: An analysis of the various parties' platforms'; and

Be it further resolved that Council direct the VP External to remove any print ads that call for lower tuition, as well as any mention of it online, and to cease pursuing tuition decrease as an objective for this election; and

Be it further resolved that Council not permit the External Office to distribute any new publications pertaining to the provincial election without the prior approval of the External Policy Committee."

- Tahara Bhate:
  o Campaign material has gone out without Council oversight.
  o Angry constituents have been asking what’s on these signs.
  o What’s in the campaign material is not AMS policy and not part of the priorities that were passed by Council for the election.
  o The result will be a squandering of resources.
  o The report card can be read as partisan and as an endorsement of the NDP. To maintain our tradition of being non-partisan, it should be withdrawn.
  o Further materials should go through the External Policy Committee.
  o We don’t want any damage done to our lobbying position and reputation.

- Bijan Ahmadian questioned the accuracy of material dealing with the Board of Governors. Members of the Board are not just picked by the government; the government follows recommendations from the Board. Inaccurate information undermines our lobbying capacity.

- Matthew Naylor: The AMS has always been strong through lobbying on issues, not on parties. By talking about parties, we jeopardize our position. I don’t think everything has been reported to its fullness in this report card; I think we can do better.

- Timothy Chu:
  o My understanding was that the Policy Committee directed policy and did not micromanage such things as the colour of posters, but I’m willing to bring anything to the External Policy Committee.
The materials were not meant to be partisan but political; the intent of the report card was to inform students of the parties’ platforms.

As to the Board of Governors, to get into Board meetings you need a ticket and there are only 15 tickets; it shouldn’t be like this. Yes, there is screening of Board members, but who are they accountable to?

Removing ads calling for lower tuition – don’t students want lower tuition? We have to respect the policy in place, but …

I was elected with the strongest mandate of the Executive on a platform calling for lower tuition.

Council should take a serious look at whether they’re representing students. I think I am.

Jeremy McElroy: It’s entirely inappropriate to adjudicate the parties; our job is to encourage students to vote, not to actively take a stance.

Tom Dvorak: The External portfolio should reflect the mandate of the society.

52. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Defeated

For (10): Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Joel Mertens, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Against (9): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Lin Watt

Guillaume Houle: This is slanted like the Olympic report. The report card should have just said what each party said they will do: no marks, no grades. I’m not happy to see this sort of thing again.

Andrew Carne: Why is the AMS pushing for a reduction in tuition? That was never approved by Council; it’s not standing policy of the AMS. And this is the key position in our election materials.

Kyle Warwick: Sometimes it’s appropriate to say this is good or this is bad; that would be political but not partisan. But when you explicitly say the government is a failure and they deserve a big F, any reasonable person will see that as partisan.

Bijan Ahmadian:

Tim was elected with a mandate, but students also elected the rest of this Council.

Tim should have more respect for the policy.

If you feel you have an unresolvable conflict between the policy and your mandate, then one solution is to resign.

The AMS Policy Analyst is currently on leave to work for the NDP. Coupled with this report card, it looks like the AMS is saying the NDP should be elected. That’s inappropriate.
•Dave Tompkins: Everyone has the right to take time off and do what they want. It’s Tim who is the agent of the Society.

•Joel Mertens: Except for the section on education, the campaign materials actually follow the provincial lobbying priorities Council endorsed. There’s nothing in the lobbying priorities about reducing tuition, but the rest is in line. Just the education section should be redone.

•Tahara Bhate:
  o I have the utmost respect for the ability of Tim to discharge his duties and for his intelligence, but it was disingenuous of him to suggest that we want to micromanage his ad campaign.
  o We’re not upset about the colour purple; we’re upset about major statements Tim is making.
  o We have specific policies calling for such things as a 2% cap on tuition increases.
  o To say that if we’re not supporting lower tuition we’re not supporting our students’ interests is insulting.
  o The report card is not conducive to what the AMS is trying to do; we could just present what the parties are doing and saying.

•Matthew Naylor:
  o We did not elect a VP External and his policies; we elected a VP External to carry out the policies of Council and not to sneak his own policies in the back door.
  o In November 2007 Council approved tuition policies including opposition to "any tuition increase that is in excess of the British Columbia Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), whichever is lesser," that is, any increase greater than 2%.
  o We also called for the provincial regulation of tuition fees.
  o Those are our policies, and we should have stuck to them.
  o When I was VP External, it wrenched me to have to carry out some policies criticizing parties I supported, but I did it because it was my job.
  o Partisanship or the appearance of it jeopardizes our lobbying position.

53. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE, SECONDED JEREMY McELROY:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Carried

For (20): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

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For (16): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhaté, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Guillaume Houle, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (3): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Elena Kusaka

Abstained: Joel Mertens, Mike Silley, Tony Yang

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting: May 27, 2009

S) Adjournment:

55. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

"That the meeting be adjourned."

For (11): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhaté, Andrew Carne, Tom Dvorak, Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang), Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (1): Mike Silley

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:08 am.

T) Social Activity:
V1: Appointment of Speaker
V2: Appointment of Equity Reps
V3: Amend Agenda for Report Card
V4: Approve Agenda
V5: Suspend Code - Justin Yang
V6: approve minutes
V7: Code & Policy Review Restrictions
V8: Senate Appointments
V9: Call To Question
V10: Science CPI adjustment
V11: CITR Appointments
V12: Amend Agenda for ACF Now
V13: Call To Question
V14: Main ACF Motion
V15: 2 University Appointments
V16: Oversight Cte.
V17: Change size of External Policy Cte.
V18: Main Committee Appointments
V19: SAC Appointments
V20: Preliminary Budget
V21: Suspend Code - Mike Brown
V22: Renovations
V23: VP Admin Code Changes
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V25: Setting ARC Rates
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| Blake Frederick      | Y | Y | N |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Johannes Rebane      | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Crystal Hon          | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | A | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N |
| Timothy Chu          | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N |
| Tom Dvorak           | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | A | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Will A               | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Guillaume Houle      | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | N | A | Y | A | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Matthew Naylor       | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | A | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N |
| Carolee Changfoot    | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N |
| Kyle Warwick         | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | A | Y | A | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N |
| Mike Silley          | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | N | Y | A | Y | N | N | N | Y | A | N |
| Jeremy McElroy       | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N |
| Elena Kusaka         | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | N | A | Y | A | N | Y | A | N | Y | A | N | Y | A | N | N |
| Mike Duncan          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Bijan Ahmadian       | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Laura Silvester      | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Ekaterina Dovjenko   | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Aaron Warbinek       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Lin Watt             | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | A | Y | N | A | Y | Y | Y |
| Andrew Carne         | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Madeline Schaefer    | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Martin Lewynsky      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Luke Luukkonen       | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Mrigank Sharma       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Tony Yang                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Heather Kharouba (proxy for           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Hannes Dempewolf                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mona Maghsoodi                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Helen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young)     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| UNASSIGNED                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Dia Montgomery                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Stephen Russo                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Francine Ling                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sam Law                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Bonnie Wong                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Lindsay Clark                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Aaron Shota                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Jimmy Yan                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Jeremy Wood (proxy for Maria Cirstea)  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Tahara Bhate                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Iggy Rodriguez (proxy for Justin Yang) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Geoff Costeloe                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Joel Mertens                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Eric Zhang                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Kelli Seepaul (Communications), Joanne Pickford (AMS Administrative Assistant), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Samantha Jung (Ubyssey), Darren Peets (some guy), Omid Javadi (Alumnus),

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

“That Dia Montgomery, Maria Cirstea and Timothy Chu be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

For (19): Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Madeleine Schaefer, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka), Tony Yang

Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian

2. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED DIA MONTGOMERY:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

For (25): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Campus & Community Planning – Nancy Knight:

- UBC Campus Plan (for the academic parts of campus).
- Phase 5 of 6.
- Not much increase expected in student population, but a shift from undergraduate to graduate; there may be 51,980 students by 2017.
• Adding 1 million square feet of floor space, including student housing, over next 20 years.
• Sustainability a bigger issue now than in last campus plan (1992).
• Also emphasis on communication between professors and students.
• New strategic plan underway for academic activities of the University.
• Themes: using land base more effectively, sustainability, social vitality, reducing greenhouse gases (mandated to become carbon neutral).
• Aiming to make the big small, improve belongingness; it's too anonymous now. Create a more memorable sense of place, reflecting the West Coast setting.
• Creating vibrant campus life.
• People need to shop too; there will be more independent living here.
• Also revealing academic and research activities; current buildings are too anonymous; you can't tell what's inside them.
• Key directions: sustainability, land use and transportation, buildings and infrastructure, landscape; accommodating academic projects through infill.
• Various known academic projects, also other possibilities, another 4 million square feet.
• Long term, 40% buffer.
• Student housing in hubs closer to classrooms but not right in the academic core, mixed with childcare, recreation, food services; also some full meal plan residences and student family housing, perhaps college style like Green College, which is good for bonding.
• Public realm plans: protecting green spaces, preserving pedestrian paths on Main Mall and University Boulevard; a pedestrian core, trying to give pedestrians more and more priority.
• Coordinated capital planning for the hubs (housing, athletics, etc. together).
• Infrastructure corridors, heat exchange, sustainability.
• For proposed new academic facilities, faculties granted a proposed new site will keep it for five years, not 20 years, before it returns to the pool.

Questions

• Kyle Warwick: How does this plan work with University Boulevard and the new SUB?
• Nancy Knight: It's quite complementary; it's a good fit. The University Boulevard area is changing to accommodate the new SUB. The amount of housing in this area is constrained.
• Michael Duncan asked about the infill procedure.
• Nancy Knight: It's a positive story. The VP Finance and the VP Students have formed a working group to finance the first tranche of addition student housing. First there will be infill at Totem, creating 500 beds; the first year guarantee is driving this. Hope to approve this at the Board retreat.
• Blake Frederick said he was confused about the housing numbers: 50% providing space, a 35% target …
• Nancy Knight: It's 25%. A committee is doing a review to determine student demand and make forecasts. The target is for that. The Board is very committed to more student housing on campus.
• Blake Frederick asked about a tie between childcare and the numbers for family housing.
• Nancy Knight: There’s not a specific tie. This plan doesn’t fully describe childcare, just the childcare spots in the hubs; there are 500 in Acadia now; this would be 125-150. You guys are also thinking about space in the new SUB building and we’re thinking about the old SUB building. Not all the childcare numbers are here.
• Andrew Carne asked about consultations and whether existing buildings would be removed.
• Nancy Knight: Mostly these developments will be on parking lots. Some involve moving facilities. The SALA building expansion has complicated connections.
• Andrew Carne: Last time we were shown multiple options; has a decision been made? Mixed-use versus traditional-separate.
• Nancy Knight: It depends on the hub. The armoury site by Music: there’s an interest in combining creative arts with housing. It depends on funding. It would be good to have some combined academic and housing; they could share heat: academic by day, housing at night.
• Andrew Carne: Is the funding for Housing or for the University?
• Nancy Knight: Housing is an ancillary; it generally funds itself. A review of ancillaries is underway; some may cease to be ancillaries.
• Darren Peets asked about old trees near Ponderosa; they will be built around, not over?
• Nancy Knight: Yes.
• Dia Montgomery: What is infill?
• Nancy Knight: It means finding spaces between buildings, using land that doesn’t have lots of value from a park perspective; it will mean reducing walking times between classes. Hubs will do that.
• Jeremy McElroy: Is the move from undergraduate to graduate a prediction or a goal?
• Nancy Knight: It’s a goal of the provost’s office.
• Aaron Sihota asked about the needs of commuter students and about providing them with hostel-style accommodation.
• Nancy Knight: The Board of Governors is paying towards the new SUB, which is seen as important to commuter students. There is also a commitment to more social space, though it is a challenge to convince the government that students learn in different ways now. The aim is to create informal learning space.
• Aaron Sihota: And hostels?
• Nancy Knight: To sleep over? Good point. She will bring it up.
• Johannes Rebane asked about East Mall, University Boulevard, and the renewal of older buildings.
• Nancy Knight:
  o Car traffic on East Mall and University Boulevard is a challenge. Some say that turning left at that corner creates an unnecessary conflict. The latest idea is not to allow it, making it more pedestrian, but that’s not good for the Bookstore, and it hurts dropoff traffic for the Aquatic Centre. TransLink has been musing about putting a grade level UBC Line into that area; I’ve told them the students won’t like that.
  o As to renewing older buildings, UBC Renew has $60 million matched by the government to upgrade older buildings on campus, e.g., Chemistry,
where it was done well: labs were upgraded. Buchanan is an architecturally significant complex being renewed under UBC Renew.

- Johannes Rebane: What does Campus Planning define as the centre of campus?
- Nancy Knight: Main Mall is the traditional centre. Old plans designed the campus to look like the nave of a church, centred in the north; that was the core, but when the campus grew Main Mall became the centre. Now it's shifting again.
- Jimmy Yan asked about connecting the southern part with the traditional part of campus.
- Nancy Knight: Good point; not sure we've nailed it. Shuttle and TransLink bus service to the Triumf and NRC research precinct would make them feel more connected. Part of it is improving design. Perhaps an extended greenway from Main Mall for cycling or walking.
- Dave Tompkins suggested a moving, airport-style walkway.
- Nancy Knight: There are no escalators on this campus.

3. “That question period be extended.”

... Defeated

For (10): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Johannes Rebane, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Against (11): Bijan Ahmadian, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Guillaume Houle, Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka), Tony Yang

Abstained: Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Joel Mertens, Madeleine Schaefer

**Whistler Orientation Weekend – Johannes Rebane**

- Lots of fun, including a SUB model building competition.
- Strategic planning session on University affairs, external affairs, internal affairs, and student involvement.
- In past years much got done at these weekends, but whatever was done stayed in Whistler and nothing was done here afterwards. The aim is to change that this year.
- Issues include the housing lottery, learning vs. research, the Olympics, transit, CASA vs. CFS, composting and recycling, increasing club regulation, AMS-Greek ties, AMS presence at Imagine.
- We want tangible ideas that can be brought to committees. The issues come up year after year; we want to move forward. Maybe read over the points in this presentation and for next meeting come up with issues we can grasp.
Blake Frederick: Come to the next meeting with an idea of what you want committees to accomplish, so we can assign work.

D) President's Remarks, or Blake’s Broadcast (Blake Frederick):

- Thanks to Johannes and those who organized WOW.
- Going to look for more opportunities for Councillors to interact.
- Met SFU executives; they’re interested in working together.
- His assistant is compiling a contact list of every student union across the country; he will contact as many as possible to build relationships.
- Working on the Insider with Kelli.
- Olympics meeting with the RCMP, Vanoc, stakeholders. Interesting stuff about the transportation plan for the Olympics, rerouting traffic. That was put off to a separate meeting; he asked to be part of that, and was rejected, which was upsetting. Michelle Aucoin said she didn’t trust the AMS to maintain confidentiality. This is disappointing, since we passed a resolution asking to be more involved. She said students do not need to be part of the process because they can’t affect the decision. He’s going to work with upper level administrators to resolve this. He will tell them we’re unhappy to be left out.
- We have new ideas to move SUB negotiations forward; we’re also trying to make the P3 issue go away.
- UBC has produced a housing needs assessment.
- The provincial Information and Privacy Commissioner has ruled that Properties Trust is public and accountable. UBC is appealing the decision. He implored them not to, but they said no. They also said no to having a student representative on Properties Trust. We could seek intervener status in the case; he’s not sure that’s a good idea, but we will push in some way for this.
- CASA strategy conference in June in Calgary. Tim and I will raise some concerns, as in the past.

Questions
- Tahara Bhate asked about rumours that some academic buildings will be closed down for the Olympics.
- Johannes and Blake said they were not aware of that. Blake said he will inquire.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP External (Timothy Chu):

- Hiring commissioners.
- CBC story about some students selling U-Passes on Craigslist; 30 out of 70,000. UBC students should maintain the integrity of the program.
- U-Pass subsidies available; the deadline is coming up; 123 applications have been received this year so far.

VP Administration (Crystal Hon):

- We’ve sent UBC our program for the new SUB; they’ve got back to us with problems and concerns.
- Hired a new SUB Coordinator and extended the contract for the old one to ensure continuity.
• SAC has held two meetings and is looking for new projects. If you have any ideas, let us know.
• The water fountains are up. The UBC Sustainability Office paid for most; we paid for installing one; they paid for upgrading existing ones.

VP Academic (Johannes Rebane):
• He was quoted on binge drinking in the media. Supposedly UBC is doing very well in combating drinking on campus.
• Liquor policy; SOL inconsistencies.
• Discussing LEAD initiative with UBC.
• Hired Ian Turner from the Ubyssey as his AVP. Ian has signed a non-disclosure agreement.

VP Finance (Tom Dvorak):
• His AVP is fantastic; she’s got funding applications set up on line.
• $40,000 is being put into the Student Initiatives Fund by Budget Committee.
• Aquasoc is a little in debt; we’re exploring how to address that.
• For the new HR position, an executive search firm has been hired; hopefully we’ll have an HR Manager by mid-August or September.
• Been in touch with the Alumni Association; they have a new 10-year plan.
• The joy of budgeting.
• Discovered a structural deficit in past budgets which may necessitate some cuts.
• Budget Committee has approved allocation of surpluses, mostly to SUB Renew.

ECSS (Pavani Gunadasa, read by Blake):
• Core team finally assembled for the Services.
• Orienting the Coordinators.
• Building closer ties with UBC Student Services.
• Advocacy running smoothly; has ten cases.
• Minischool is doing registration for summer courses.
• Shinerama is organizing.
• Connect is seeing an increased demand for volunteer opportunities.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Commerce – Laura Sylvester: Budgeting. Events evaluations.

Science – Jimmy Yan: Finished hiring. Committee for orientations. Interim seat being held by Iggy Rodriguez; by-election in the fall.


Engineering – Madeleine Schaefer: Location for frosh retreat (delivered poetically: a haiku?).
Law – Dia Montgomery: Oversold convocation tickets. New summer courses. Could be getting $33 million from the government for the new Law building; if so, will be tearing down the old one.


Regent College – Eduardo Sasso: Pre-school, taking it easy.


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

Board of Governors: First meeting tomorrow. Fundraising campaign. Infrastructure, public realm.

Senate – Joel Mertens: Summer break, no more Senate meetings till September. Filled student seats on committees. Last meeting saw a presentation on UBC’s aboriginal strategic plan. The Thursday noon hour break is going to be reinstated for next year.

Ombudsperson – Hayden Hughes: 7 cases on such things as plagiarism, admissions, and housing.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

4. MOVED JUSTIN MCELROY, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

AMS Student Council minutes dated May 6, 2009.”

... Carried

For (28): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhat, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:
5. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That Council approve the Memorandum of Agreement (Financing Contributions) with the University concerning the new student facility to be partially funded by the Engineering Undergraduate Society.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Andrew Carne: The EUS is looking to build a new building. They had a referendum which passed with one condition, that a financing agreement be reached. This is the agreement. It needs AMS approval because the EUS is not a legal entity.

6. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (29): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkanen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Maria Cirstea

L) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That the composition of the ad hoc Human Resources Position Committee be altered by removing the outgoing President and the outgoing Vice-President Finance, by adding one member at large, and by transferring the duties of chair from the President to the Vice-President Finance, so that its composition shall now be as follows:

1) the Vice-President Finance, who shall be chair;
2) the President,
3) the General Manager, who shall be non-voting;
4) the Treasurer/Controller, who shall be non-voting;
5) one (1) member of Council; and
6) one (1) member at large.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Tom Dvorak: The committee was set up in the transitional period, with two outgoing Executives on it, but they’re not attending now.

8. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

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6) one (1) member at large.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

For (27): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Against (1): Mike Duncan

Abstained: Mike Silley

9. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED CRYSTAL HON:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee the compensation of the SAC Vice-Chair be increased to $10,400 per annum, and applied retroactively to May 1, 2009 (Note: Based on an increase in hours to 25 a week at $8 per hour for 12 months. Previous salary was $8320 per annum).

Be it further resolved that the compensation of the SAC Clubs Commissioner be set at $4160 per annum, based on 10 hours a week at $8 per hour for 12 months (Note: Previous salary was $2080 per annum based on 5 hours a week).

Be it further resolved that for the 2009-10 term only, the SAC Clubs Commissioner be paid $5720 for the 11-month period beginning June 1, 2009, based on 15 hours a week at $8 per hour for 11 months (Note: Extra hours are to create a Clubs Governance Manual).
Be it further resolved that the compensation of the SAC Art Gallery Commissioner be set at $4160 per annum, applied retroactively to May 1, 2009, based on 10 hours a week at $8 per hour for 12 months (Note: Previous salary was $2080, based on 5 hours a week).

- Crystal Hon: The idea is to increase the hours for these positions, so we have to increase the pay too, or else we would be paying less than minimum wage. Also, for this year only, the Clubs Commissioner is going to create a governance manual, which is supposed to be done, but which has never been done, so this is a once-time thing.
- Ekatarina Dovjenko said she was on ARC herself but was uneasy with the motion; there’s no objective measure of the hours, no timesheets. Why did last year’s Vice-Chair have to work so much; did she have to pick up the slack for her commissioners? Maybe we need to look more holistically at all the commissioners rather than just the few here. She didn’t think enough research had gone into these positions, especially since this is not just a once-time increase.
- Crystal Hon:
  - The Vice-Chair’s hours increased so they can make sure others are doing their job. Last year’s Vice-Chair said she actually worked 40 hours. We don’t have timesheets; we’re talking of doing that. The problem was that the Vice-Chair was there a lot more than she was paid for.
  - The Clubs Commissioner has to oversee more than 300 clubs; 5 hours is not enough; even 10 hours may not be enough.
  - The Art Gallery Commissioner is a very independent job; last year’s said he actually worked 30 hours a week.
- Tom Dvorak: We don’t have the timesheets, but these are permanent changes. Perhaps we should put in a sunset clause, keep timesheets, and reassess.

10. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Motion 9 be amended to add the following clause:

‘Be it further resolved that these changes only be valid until April 30, 2010, after which these positions shall revert to their previous compensation and hour levels.’

- Blake Frederick said he saw nothing wrong with reviewing yearly; in fact, that should be done for all student government positions, and we should recommend to ARC to have timesheets in place so they can do a review.

11. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Motion 9 be amended to add the following clause:

‘Be it further resolved that these changes only be valid until April 30, 2010, after which these positions shall revert to their previous compensation and hour levels.’

... Carried
For (24): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang

Abstained: Timothy Chu, Crystal Hon, Joel Mertens

- Alex Lougheed: Was the possibility considered of increasing one person’s hours instead of three?
- Crystal Hon: They’re all very different jobs.
- Johannes Rebane: We are already undertaking a review. This will lead to a new points system and a new compensation report, and that point we’ll be able to re-evaluate every single position in the AMS.
- Tom Dvorak: We are hiring a full-time HR Manager; we’ll have more resources.

12. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED CRYSTAL HON:

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… Carried

For (27): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka), Jimmy Yan, Tony Yang
Abstained: Crystal Hon

Guillaume Houle raised a point of personal privilege, asking for ice cream.
Tom Dvorak: We’re in a budget crunch.

13. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE, SECONDED BIJAN AMANDIAN:

“That the agenda be amended to put forward a motion for ice cream.”

… Defeated

For (8): Bijan Ahmadian, Mike Duncan, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Iggy Rodriguez, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Jimmy Yan

Against (17): Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Madeleine Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Timothy Chu, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka), Tony Yang

14. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That the term of the 2008-2009 SUB Renewal Coordinator be extended until July 24th 2009.”

- Crystal Hon: We’ve hired a new coordinator, but there’s a lot of work, and the old coordinator can stay on a bit longer, which would be invaluable.
- Dia Montgomery: Do you need two months?
- Crystal Hon: Yes, there’s lots of work; this is a big project.
- Dia Montgomery asked about changing the date of the position permanently.
- Crystal Hon: It changes every year; she wasn’t comfortable imposing this for the future.
- Madeleine Schaefer asked about the number of hours.
- Crystal Hon: 20 hours per week.

15. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That the term of the 2008-2009 SUB Renewal Coordinator be extended until July 24th 2009.”

… Carried

For (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Iggy Rodriguez, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka)
Against (1): Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Crystal Hon, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor)

16. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED WILL GALLEGO:

“That Code Section VI, Article 3(7)(a) be suspended to allow there to be two SUB Renewal Coordinators for the SUB Renewal Executive Project until July 24, 2009.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Crystal Hon: The position is really an Executive Project Officer, and Code says one officer directs each Executive Project.

17. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED WILL GALLEGO:

“That Code Section VI, Article 3(7)(a) be suspended to allow there to be two SUB Renewal Coordinators for the SUB Renewal Executive Project until July 24, 2009.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (25): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Crystal Hon

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

18. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED WILL GALLEGO:

“That Council approve the following minutes as presented:

Student Administrative Commission dated, March 16, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated, March 23, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated, March 30, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated, April 6, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated, April 20, 2009.”

- Tahara Bhate expressed concern that some of these date back to early March.

19. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED WILL GALLEGO:
“That Council approve the following minutes as presented:

Student Administrative Commission dated, March 16, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated, March 23, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated, March 30, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated, April 6, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated, April 20, 2009.”

For (23): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Laura Silvester

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

20. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to review Code Section IX A (Electoral Procedures) and recommend changes no later than July 29, 2009.”

- Blake Frederick:
  - It’s a good idea to look at our electoral procedures, given that there have been some problems in the past. This is not telling the committee to recommend changes, but to review such things as the slate rule and the appeals process.
  - It would probably be good to have this open to broad consultation.
  - Now is timely because we want to have an Elections Committee hired as soon as possible, and we need to have whatever rules we decide on in place so they can run the election appropriately.
- Andrew Carne: Broad consultation will be hard, especially in the summer. It’s not that crucial to have it in place before the Elections Committee. If we hire them first, they can help with the changes.
- Hayden Hughes: It’s extremely important that we get the regulatory framework in place before the committee is hired.
- Laura Sylvester: Elections are important. There’s already an AMS/Commerce conflict in dates. People around this table need to know what’s going on.
- Bijan Ahmadian: The motion doesn’t actually require consultation.
- Dave Tompkins: It’s clear to the chair.
- Blake Frederick: It should be noted in the minutes.

21. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:
“That Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to review Code Section IX A (Electoral Procedures) and recommend changes no later than July 29, 2009.”

… Carried

For (25): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Tony Lam (proxy for Luke Luukkonen), Sam Law, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

22. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That the following committee positions be filled for a period ending March 31, 2010:

Human Resources Position Committee: Hayden Hughes (member of Council), Alex Monegro (student at large).

[Hayden Hughes won over Bijan Ahmadian for the Council position, and Alex Monegro over Vincent Tse.]

Budget Committee: Dia Montgomery, Joel Mertens (Councillors).

Appointments Review Committee: Pelican Mann, Vincent Tse (students at large).

[Samatha Jo ran unsuccessfully for the student at large position]

Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee: Kyle Warwick, (member of Council), ________________ (student at large).

Campus Planning and Development Committee: Alex Lougheed and Jack Hind Smith (students at large).

[Running unsuccessfully for these two positions: Samantha Jo, Katherine, Carolyn]

Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee: ________________________________ (Council member) Shaun Zhang (student at large).

... Carried

For (23): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego
Abstained: Joel Mertens

P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
June 17, 2009

S) Adjournment:

23. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED DIA MONTGOMERY:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Defeated

For (6): Hannes Dempewolf, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Mike Silley, Jimmy Yan

Against (12): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Madeleine Schaefer

24. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED MADELEINE SCHAEFER, THIRDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 8:35 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 8:47.

25. MOVED MADELEINE SCHAEFER, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

T) Social Activity:
STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Samantha Jung (Ubyssey), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Neal Yonson (Student), Justin McElroy (Student), Justin Yang (Minischool), Geoff Cox (Student), Bronwyn Jarvis (SUB Renew Coordinator)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

1. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That Madeleine Schaefer and Thato Makgolane be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

For: (17): Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Asrai Ord (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Aaron Sihota, Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian

2. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

For (23): Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Asrai Ord (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Mrigank Sharma, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Aaron Sihota, Kyle Warwick

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

C) Presentations to Council:

CASA Conferences Report Back – Blake Frederick and Timothy Chu

- Timothy Chu:
  o He and Blake attended two recent CASA conferences: one on policy and strategy and one a combined lobbying conference and AGM (the two were combined this year because of the election).
  o CASA has 24 member schools representing 300,000 students.
○ We didn't go to the lobbying part of the combined conference, because we felt the conference priorities were not necessarily in line with what the AMS is advocating; also there was the cost of staying for two full weeks at $250 a night in an Ottawa hotel, plus delegate fees; also our provincial election was underway.

○ We did attend the AGM part of that conference (the second week).

○ CASA and the AMS have a somewhat rocky relationship; issues include the voting structure, whether CASA is member driven or not, and unwarranted influence by CASA in internal AMS issues.

○ Only two BC schools are in CASA, and we're both associate members, paying half fees, with no vote.

○ Most members are from the Atlantic region.

○ The voting structure is one member, one vote. We represent 45,000 students but only get one vote. The structure is a disadvantage to large schools.

○ As a full member, we would pay $45,000 in member fees, plus $20,000 or so in conference fees. As an associate member, we pay half the membership fee.

○ CASA has increased fees 40% recently despite opposition from the AMS.

○ Postsecondary education is a provincial issue, though the federal government does have a role to play, so CASA doesn't actually deal with PSE issues such as childcare, transit, and funding.

○ There's no provincial wing of CASA in BC, unlike the situation in Ontario and Atlantic Canada.

○ There has been conflict between our priorities and theirs.

○ The AMS feels the full-time CASA staff has an inappropriate level of influence.

○ There are structural concerns; one is that there are currently two constitutions, one that is officially registered and a working document that's not yet registered.

○ There's a concentration of power in three governance officers.

○ CASA eliminated its Board of Directors (and is now thinking of bringing it back).

○ CASA interfered with the AMS by contacting Councillors and candidates in AMS elections; when we moved to associate membership, they emailed our Councillors directly and made constant, aggressive phone calls.

○ CASA got rid of its outreach program, so is not known in public.

○ Do we need CASA? We run our election campaigns with no help from CASA; we do our own lobbying.

• Blake Frederick, on the AGM conference:
  ○ The budget was presented at the last minute, and there was no debate over line items.
  ○ CASA generates profits from its conference fees; he suggested doing something with the surplus, but they decided not to.
  ○ More time was spent on discussing the cellphone plan than on member relations.
  ○ There are organizational problems:
    • documents were not available in advance;
    • no minutes were being taken;
    • bilingualism was not available for francophone delegates;
• there was confusion over the agenda.
  o The cost was high, both because of high delegate fees and because of the decision to use an expensive hotel.
  o Motions to amend the voting structure to give fairer representation to larger schools like UBC failed.

• Blake Frederick, on the Policy and Strategy Conference:
  o Organizational problems again; the agenda was ready in advance, but then it got rearranged by the staff, creating confusion; there was also confusion over the constitution and bylaws.
  o The staff set the agenda, decided on the presentations, set the tone; the staff had a great deal of influence.
  o Procedures for policy development were confusing.
  o There was discussion but no shaping of policy by workshops; the workshops simply handed topics to the Policy Committee, with the understanding that staff would draft the actual policies.
  o The AMS brought forward six motions:
    • record minutes and put them on the website: that passed, which was a good step towards transparency and accountability;
    • voting structure reform: defeated;
    • motion asking CASA to retract and apologize for claiming sole credit for getting the government to act on deferred maintenance: that did pass;
    • motion to allocate the budget surplus; two AMS suggestions on what to do with the money were not accepted; it was just put in a fund;
    • shorter conferences: defeated;
    • review structure for systemic discrimination: defeated.

• Timothy Chu:
  o We’ve consistently brought up concerns; they’ve made some responses.
  o We asked for equity training; that was implemented, but it’s not been adequate.
  o They’re looking to re-examine their General Assembly structure and bring back the Board of Directors, which is great, but the situation is confusing now.
  o They did pass certain AMS motions, but there are unaddressed concerns over the voting structure, excessive staff influence, and the rejection of AMS issues and initiatives, such as childcare.

• Geoff Costeloe: The time for the presentation has been exceeded.
• Dave Tompkins asked the presenters to wrap up.
• Timothy Chu: Our options include sending them another letter, ending our membership, or calling a meeting.

3. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That the CASA discussion be held now.”

... Carried
For (24): Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Asrai Ord (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Mrigank Sharma, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Regina Tay (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Kyle Warwick

Against (1): Madeleine Schaefer

Abstained: Blake Frederick

P) Discussion Period

CASA

- Tom Dvorak said he had just seen a letter from CASA dated April 28 addressing all these concerns. He thought it would be relevant for Councillors to see it and discuss it at a future date.
- Kyle Warwick said he was perplexed that the rest of the Executive had not been told earlier of this letter. But as to the actual concerns, he wondered why CASA had chosen an expensive hotel.
- Blake Frederick: It's close to Parliament.
- Kyle Warwick said he would have thought the Atlantic schools would want to work with us.
- Blake Frederick: Some don't have information.
- Kyle Warwick: Probably we should have a meeting, the third option. It's a good job by the AMS to have raised these issues; if we leave, it will mean CASA will go downhill.
- Alex Lougheed: What next?
- Blake Frederick: That's up to you.
- Alex Lougheed: What role is there for our External Policy Committee?
- Timothy Chu said he'd thought of going there, but since we're paying so much, and this is a big issue, he thought a consensus within Council was needed.
- Geoff Costeloe: The message is that CASA isn't very good. Are we getting anything positive out of it? Should we cut our losses and pull out?
- Blake Frederick: Certainly, there are some benefits. Whether it's worth $70,000, that's up to Council. One of the greatest benefits is interacting with other student union executives. CASA does lobbying; presumably they have some successes. Why we're still a member, that's for you guys to decide. It's not that they're not doing anything useful, but is it useful enough? My opinion is that it's not; the AMS does everything CASA does, and does it better.
- Andrew Carne: Do any of the other schools have concerns?
- Blake Frederick: Yes, but we're the instigator. No one else speaks up till we do. The organization is in a lot of respects broken. It's as if it's up to the AMS to fix it. On voting Western had a big issue too.
- Andrew: Could the responses from CASA be circulated to Council?
- Timothy Chu: Yes.
• Iggy Rodriguez asked about the two constitutions; is it simply that a new constitution has been passed but not yet submitted?
• Blake Frederick: Industry Canada rejected the new constitution, saying the Board of Directors can't be the same as the General Assembly; CASA has been operating under an illegal constitution, something I objected to strongly.
• Iggy Rodriguez: When we chose not to attend the lobbying conference, did we lose out by not having a voice there?
• Blake Frederick: Not at all. We would have been lobbying on priorities handed out to us.
• Iggy Rodriguez: CASA's mandate is federal; is it fair to say there's a big difference between their lobbying priorities and ours? Ours are provincial.
• Jeremy McElroy asked if Blake and Tim had had any fun at all at the conferences.
• Blake Frederick: Yes, I did.
• Jeremy McElroy: Were other schools as concerned as us? Who is CASA? It's member-driven, but it's not? So it's the staff? Is there an Executive at our beck and call?
• Blake Frederick: It's not all bad, but overall it's bad: unproductive and inefficient. Not too much is accomplished at the conferences. The rest of the time it's just five staff members in Ottawa; they lobby and have staff meetings. It's extremely unclear what they do day to day. Between conferences the members are not active.
• Adrienne Smith: Constitutional changes abolished some of the officer positions that could have been approached. There are fewer than before, and they don't really run CASA. You could approach them.
• Bijan Ahmadian:
  o It's obvious that the presentation addresses one side; it would be appropriate to see the response letters so we can ask better questions.
  o It's a concern that some Executives didn't see the responses; sometimes it seems as if a little information hoarding is taking place. I would encourage Executives to share information with each other and with Council.
  o In reality, the federal government gives a lot of funding to postsecondary education; it's important to lobby the federal government.
  o As to staff, that's an issue in the AMS too. Executives rely on staff; that's not unusual. We have to look at both sides of the issue.
  o As to equity and charges of sexual harassment, that's very serious. I'd like to see the context. There's lots of sex at student conferences; it's important to look at the context.
  o This organization is not working like a team, so trying to focus on getting more voting power is not the way to go; it has to be working more as a team; we need to be part of a team.
• Elena Kusaka raised a point of personal privilege, saying that sexual harassment is not about sex; it's about power.
• Adrienne Smith: It was not an incident of sexual harassment; it was two incidents of sexual assault.
• Johannes Rebane questioned the figure of $70,000 that had been mentioned. We're paying $22,500 as a membership fee, and it's maybe up to $34,000 with travel. Where does the higher figure come from? As to CASA contacting
candidates during the executive elections, it was to correct misstatements in the campaign.

- Joel Mertens: Are these systemic problems or just ebbs and flows?
- Dave Tompkins: Ebbs and flows would be a fair characterization.
- Timothy Chu: This goes back to 2004. Last year there were problems. It's been frustrating. There have been emails to Executives; he received one of them. There are real concerns.
- Tom Dvorak: Historically, CASA makes presentations to Councils once or twice a year. Not here for some reason.
- Dave Tompkins: Biennially on average.
- Tom Dvorak: There are two sides to this. It would be good to hear CASA's side, to write them and perhaps meet.
- Blake Frederick: CASA flew five of its members here last year when we expressed concerns. This is not a one side or the other; this is just a report on the conferences. A debate on what to do about CASA is intended to occur.
- Timothy Chu said he wanted to ask Council what to do next. Should we have a meeting?
- Geoff Costeloe: There's some confusion within the Executive over documents floating around. It would be nice to have a unified group of documents all at once. It's not appropriate that half have documents and half don't. We should consider all the documents before we give advice.
- Kyle Warwick: We still could say we think there should be a meeting.
- Bijan Ahmadian: Given how serious this is, it's appropriate to invite CASA, if we get to the point of deciding whether to pull out of CASA.
- Timothy Chu said he would send out all the documents. Take time to look at them, and maybe in a couple of weeks there can be some sort of meeting.

Post BC Elections Report – Timothy Chu

- Timothy Chu:
  - Election timing was bad: April 8 was the end of classes, and in March there'd been the Executive transition.
  - There were new rules this time: Bill 42, requiring registration and authorization for expenditures.
  - This was also the same time as our transit campaign and as the undergraduate society elections.
  - Another problem was having to run two campaigns, one for the election itself and one on the referendum question; it was a strain on me.
  - The results mean there are a lot of people in the cabinet and shadow cabinet from the GVRD, which is good for us.
  - What the AMS did:
    - Posters, rave cards, buttons.
    - Registered 500 voters, which led to two articles in 24 Hours.
    - Five 24 Hours ads, which were effective.
    - Bus ads, which were less effective.
    - Voter mobilization week.
    - After April 8, we were found more on the website and Facebook.
  - Out of $30,000 authorized by Council and $9,000 already in his budget, he spent $36,273.
- Next: lobbying, attacking the newly elected MLA's.
- And for next time, the federal election, he has already prepared a budget.

Questions

- Bijan Ahmadian asked if there was any idea how many people we reached beyond the 500 we registered.
- Timothy Chu said he'd asked for a breakdown of the youth turnout; stats will be available in November. We probably reached quite a bit; we were handing out a thousand rave cards a day.
- Jeremy McElroy: Do we have numbers on how many registered last time?
- Timothy Chu said he didn't have old numbers, but the AMS registered more than at all other schools combined.
- Geoff Costeloe said he was a little enraged that spending went over by $6,000. Also in terms of what it was spent on. Hand stamps and handouts, that's great. But $18,500 on 24 Hours ads for everyone in Vancouver to read, that's not. We should be focusing on having students vote; this was a waste of money.
- Iggy Rodriguez: There was an overall voter decline. Did voter turnout fall less on campus than generally? That would be a good measure of success.
- Thato Makgolane asked what the rationale was for spending half the budget on ads.
- Timothy Chu: Previous campaigns spend significantly more on air time and mass media than I did. The VP External in the last provincial election spent about $28,000.
- Thato Makgolane: Just because someone did it last time doesn't mean you do it again.
- Timothy Chu: We got lots of phone calls from media outlets and others. It was successful; it reached out to others as well as to students, to those sympathetic to the PSE cause.
- Kyle Warwick: Stamping hands is better, sure, but only when you can find people in groups like at Block Party. After the school year, the ads were a good investment. Young people read the 24 Hours on the buses and Skytrain; it's free.
- Timothy Chu clarified the budget amounts. He had $9,000 in the VP External's budget in addition to the $30,000 approved by Council, so in spending $36,000 he actually spent $3,000 less than was available.
- Bijan Ahmadian said that in future Executives wanting money should come with a clear plan on how they will spend it. We didn't know where this money was going.
- Iggy Rodriguez said he could understand buying the ads if we were the only ones saying, Go vote. But Elections BC put out lots like that. Also, does the final budget include spending on the materials Council said could not be used?
- Timothy Chu: It's folded in.
- Elena Kusaka noted that lots of students don't vote on campus, so it might be difficult to gauge the effectiveness of the campaign.
- Timothy Chu said he didn't think Elections BC had student-specific numbers, but there are youth numbers.
- Geoff Costeloe: I do want to commend Tim on the visibility of the campaign on campus: the purple shirts. I do worry about how the AMS views our role in an election, how we came up with our policies. We don't know what political leanings students have. I hope we have time to look at AMS policies.
• Neal Yonson asked for the dates on which the 24 Hours ads ran.
• The dates were April 1, April 6, May 4, and May 11.
• Neal Yonson: At least two were more than one month before the election. He also questioned spending $2,600 on the website.
• Kelli Seepaul said that was not very expensive for a website.

D) President's Remarks (Blake's Broadcast, Blake Frederick):

• Finished first quarter as AMS President, and his first quarterly report is available. In it he lays out his platform and discusses progress and lack thereof. He wants to be held accountable; accountability doesn't exist very much in the AMS. Some things in his platform may not be in line with AMS practices.
• One success: a commitment to more extensive and comprehensive consultation on tuition increases.
• Wanted to make people proud to work or volunteer for the AMS; his aim is to congratulate those doing their work and offer appreciation of that, and also offer support to those having trouble completing assignments; this is one of his fundamental roles.
• Another thing to focus on: involving Councillors and constituents in the decision-making processes. He wants to ensure this is a well-functioning Council where all Councillors have chance to provide input and also a chance just to meet each other. We did have Whistler Orientation; it would have been great if more Councillors had been there.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP External (Timothy Chu):

• Sorry his quarterly late.
• Hired all his commissioners.
• CASA.
• U-Pass: over 300 subsidy applications, and as many grad as undergraduate applications.
• Visitors from University of Guelph.
• Equity and Diversity Coordinator.
• TransLink Board of Directors meeting; TransLink campaign, Be Part of the Plan, on three options for funding.
• External Policy Committee to meet.

VP Academic (Johannes Rebane):

• 23-page quarterly report.
• Discussions on residence project.
• Olympics: mitigating effects on students.
• Hiring Student Court judges.
• Hiring UCom people.
• Remodelled office to accommodate six people.
• TA training, a University committee on this; $260,000 funding approved.
• Meeting with Inter-Fraternity Council and the Pan-Hellenic Society.
• Reinstated the University Commission; there’s lots in his portfolio that doesn’t get done; it’s good to hire people.

VP Finance (Tom Dvorak):

• Apologies for his quarterly being late.
• Praised his student support staff.
• Went on Alumni Association retreat about whether to go ahead with new Alumni Centre.
• Big switch in registration system for collecting fees, running events, etc.
• BOC focusing on marketing.
• Outstanding final numbers from the businesses: $1,114,981 profits.
• Video camera policy going from BOC to Code and Policies.
• Budget: Has found a structural deficit of $350,000 and is asking people to cut.
• HR Committee: The recruitment firm is going to market; aim is to have an HR Manager on board by the end of summer.

VP Administration (Crystal Hon):

• On-line survey re SUB program; have compiled results.
• Negotiations with UBC.
• Looking to partner with the Alumni on new building, e.g., use of Council chambers; see if it’s possible to share.
• Student Development is doing renovations to Brock.
• Hired an assistant so she can talk about other things besides SUB.

ECSS (Pavani Gunadasa) is away at a conference.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Regina Tay: Finished hiring. MASS committee. Buchanan renovations with the AMS Designer. Referendum to be held in spring for fee increases.

GSS – Mrigank Sharma: Hiring done. Budget updated. Working on lobbying group in BC. Faculties, engineering especially, unhappy with funding.


Commerce – Ekatrina Dovjenko: Budget. Outreach events. Hoping to work with other Constituencies.


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

Board of Governors – Bijan Ahmadian: May-June meeting:
- Student housing update; current demand 2500; Totem infill will create 500 beds; each bed space costs $80,000.
- Next campus plan: bylaw on how to develop buildings through 2030; important to take part in consultations.
- Update on University Square: a fairly clear message from the Board: important to choose governance structure; UBC is saying they have to hire either the architect or the project manager or there will never be a SUB.

Senate – Geoff Costeloe:
- Green College.
- Implementation of Credit/D/Fail system scheduled for September 2010.
- Strategic planning process; crucial; the most important document the University will produce. Get your voice heard. There are several strategic plans, a hodgepodge.

Ombudsperson – Hayden Hughes has returned from the California ombuds conference and will report on that.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

3. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

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In Camera AMS Student Council Minutes dated May 27, 2009
Appointments Review Committee minutes dated April 30, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated February 23, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated March 5, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated March 8, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated March 13, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated March 19, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated March 26, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated March 30, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated April 9, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated April 16, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated April 23, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated May 7, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated May 14, 2009.”

- Kyle Warwick asked about the reference to the wrestling team in the April 9 Executive minutes.
• Blake Frederick: The wrestling club wanted AMS help seeking Varsity status.
• Andrew Carne said he would like to get the Executive minutes more regularly.

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For (20): Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor)

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee compensation for the Connect Internship Assistant Coordinator be increased to $6,000 ($11.54 per hour) per annum, based on 10 hours per week. (Note: previously set at $5,500 per annum. The compensation is consistent with all other assistant coordinator positions.)

“Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee the Connect Internal and the Connect External Assistant positions be combined into one Connect Assistant position and that the salary be set at $5,077 ($11.54 per hour) for a 44 week term (July 1 – May 30) at 10 hours per week.
Compensation is consistent with all other Assistant Coordinator positions. (Note: The Internal and External Assistant positions were paid $4,500, or $10.23 per hour, for a 44 week term."

"Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee the Students Rights Advocate be renamed Assistant Advocacy Coordinator and the compensation be set at $6,000 ($11.54 per hour) per annum, based on 10 hours per week. (Note: The Student Rights Advocate previous salary was $10,000, or $12.82 per hour based on 15 hours per week. Compensation was higher than that of the Coordinator.)"

- Tom Dvorak: These are corrections to pay inequities in which some individuals were getting paid different rates even though their positions are the same as other positions.
- Blake Frederick: ARC is undertaking a full review of all positions. Why are motions coming to each Council meeting changing things haphazardly?
- Tom Dvorak: Some positions are way out of whack. We're fixing those; then we're going to do the mass review.

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For (22): Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick
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7. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

“That Council appoint the following officers of Student Court on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee for terms commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2010:

Note: Quorum was not met at these interviews.

Emmanuelle Frederic – Chief Justice
Sara Askari – Judge
Feruza Abdajalieva – Judge
Alexander Cooke – Judge
Wilfred Chan – Judge
Adam Flanders – Alternate Judge
Jordan Snel – Alternate Judge
Constance Chan – Clerk."

- Johannes Rebane: We hired. Just in case anything comes up, we have people. There were outstanding candidates.
- Kyle Warwick: What percentage were from the law faculty?
- Johannes Rebane: Two are not from law: the clerk and one judge. There were 18 or 20 applicants.
- Blake Frederick: How many participated in the interviews?
- Johannes Rebane: Just me.

8. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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... Carried

For (15): Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Joel Mertens, Johannes
Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Laura Silvester

Against (2): Blake Frederick, Jeremy McElroy

Abstained: Timothy Chu, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Aaron Sihota, Kyle Warwick

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

9. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

"That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Finance Commission minutes dated May 20, 2009
Student Administrative Commission dated May 11, 2009."

... Carried

For (15): Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan)

Against (1): Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor)

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

10. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED, SECONDED WILL GALLLEGDO:

"Whereas the AMS is engaged in a number of high cost business dealings, presenting a significant liability to the Society; and

Whereas individuals may serve as directors of multiple entities in the province of British Columbia;

Therefore Be It Resolved That any director of the Alma Mater Society who also serves as a director of another entity with which the Society is conducting business shall be considered to be in Conflict of Interest and shall be required to remove themselves from any In Camera sessions of Council in which the business dealings with the other entity are to be discussed, unless specifically invited to stay by a two thirds (2/3) vote of Council."

11. MOVED ALEX LOUGHEED:

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

... No objections
12. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

"Whereas UBC’s participation in the Vancouver 2010 Olympics and Paralympics Games will have a significant impact on the students on the next academic year and;

Whereas the Director of the UBC 2010 Olympics and Paralympics Secretariat has offered to present to the AMS Council on UBC’s role in the 2010 Games, and what this will entail for students and;

Whereas the AMS Council must stay informed about UBC’s role in the 2010 Games, and to facilitate outreach to students for disseminating information about the Games,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS Council hereby invite the Director of the UBC 2010 Olympics and Paralympics Secretariat to present to and engage in a constructive dialogue with the AMS Council at the meeting of July 8th, 2009;

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council allot one hour of time on the agenda of July 8th, 2009 for this presentation and the discussion period."

- It was agreed to add the following resolution: "Be it further resolved that the Executive share the University's response to the AMS Report on the Olympics with Council."
- Bijan Ahmadian: The University has concluded negotiations with VANOC. The University has information on opportunities for students. AMS Council is divided on the Olympics, but the Games are coming, and the Secretariat would like to talk about security issues, which will affect students. She wants an hour to present because it is such an important issue, and it should be July 8 so we have enough time to make arrangements to inform students by September.
- Johannes Rebane: A lot of the negotiations are done, but there's still a chance to do consultation. He's trying to compile a list of student issues about the Olympics to forward to Michelle Aucoin to distribute to members of the organizing committee.
- Joel Mertens asked about the request for an hour. Might she speak for 59 minutes and leave no time for questions? And an hour is too long for a presentation.

13. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED EKATRINA DOVJENKO:

"That Motion 12 be amended so that the second resolution clause reads:

'Be it further resolved that the AMS Council allot one hour 20 minutes of time on the agenda of July 8th, 2009 for this presentation and 15 minutes for a discussion period.'"

- Geoff Costeloe: Senate heard this presentation from Michelle Aucoin. There's a lot of material in it.
- Ryan Callaway: Michelle thinks it will take an hour. On an issue of this
magnitude, it's in our interest to hear her.

- Bijan Ahmadian: She said she wants an hour. Let's not create an environment where we're debating giving her an extra five or ten minutes.
- Tom Dvorak said he saw a similar presentation to the Alumni; there was lots of content; it can't be fit into 20 or 30 minutes.
- Iggy Rodriguez: Even if she took 59 minutes, we could always vote to extend anyway.
- Blake Frederick said he had the idea of moving Council to 5 or 5:30 so we can accommodate this long presentation and not go to midnight.
- A straw poll was against this idea.
- Thato Makgolane: We spent an hour on CASA.

14. MOVED THATO MAKGOLANE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

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... Defeated

For (2): Timothy Chu, Joel Mertens

Against (19): Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Carolee Changfoot, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Elena Kusaka, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Regina Tay (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Kyle Warwick

- Geoff Costeloe: This is a really interesting presentation. Please show up for it.

16. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
17. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

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... Carried Unanimously

For (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Regina Tay (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Kyle Warwick

Against (3): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Elena Kusaka

18. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED WILL GALLEGRO:

"That the following committee appointments be filled for a period ending March 31, 2010."

Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee:____________________________
(student at large).

No one was put forward for this committee.

Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee: _______________ (Council member), __________ (member at large).

John MacLean was put forward as the member at large.

External Policy Committee: __________ (member at large).
   Dusty Chipira won over two other members at large (Bill Wu, Ryan Transellini).

19. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED WILL GALLEGO:

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Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee: __________________________
   (student at large).

Ad Hoc Executive Remuneration Committee: ______________________ (Council member), John MacLean (member at large).

External Policy Committee: Dusty Chipira (member at large). … Carried

For (23): Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Regina Tay (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Kyle Warwick

Q) Submissions:
   Quarterly Report – Blake Frederick, President
   Quarterly Report – Tom Dvorak, VP Finance
   Quarterly Report – Crystal Hon, VP Administration
   Quarterly Report – Johannes Rebane, VP Academic
   Quarterly Report – Pavani Gunadasa, Executive Coordinator Student Services
   Quarterly Report – Timothy Chu
   BC Elections Report … Carried

R) Next Meeting:
   July 8, 2009
S) Adjournment:

20. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

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

For (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Lin Watt), Crystal Hon, Ellen Kim (proxy for Fraser Young), Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Mrigank Sharma, Sumedha Sharma (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Aaron Sihota, Regina Tay (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Kyle Warwick

Against (2): Alex Lougheed (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Jeremy McElroy

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

T) Social Activity:
V1: Appoint Equity Reps
V2: Approve Agenda
V3: Amend Agenda For CASA Discussion Now
V4: Approve Minutes
V5: Approve Changes in Compensation
V6: Appoint Student Court Positions
V7: Approve Minutes II
V8: Approve Amendment to 20+15 minutes
V9: Call To Question
V10: Olympic Invitation to Council
V11: Committee Appointments
V12: Adjournment

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

1. MOVED DIA MONTGOMERY, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Timothy Chu and Rory Green be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

• Kyle Warwick: Can non-Council members be equity representatives?
• Dave Tompkins: It’s not clear. They’re expected to stay till the end.

2. MOVED DIA MONTGOMERY, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Timothy Chu and Rory Green be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

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For (28): Tahara Bhate, Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Ryan Trasolini (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian
The Speaker of Council noted that there had been a request from the CUS Visual Media Team to use video and audio recording during the meeting. In response to a question, the Speaker said photos were allowed, but allowing video required a motion as follows:

3. “That Council permit the CUS Visual Media Team be allowed to record video and audio of tonight’s Council meeting for the purposes of including it in a DVD mailout to 1st year Business students.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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Abstained: Jeremy McElroy

4. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JEREMY McELROY:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

5. MOVED NAZANIN MOGHADAMI:

“That the Iran motion be moved to take place immediately after the Olympic presentation.”

... No objections

6. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE:

“That there be a 5 minute recess after the Olympic presentation.”

... No objections

7. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JEREMY McELROY:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

...Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Olympic Presentation – Michelle Aucoin (UBC Olympics Secretariat) and Kristen Harvey (VANOC):

- Kristen Harvey:
  - VANOC has worked to integrate with its partners.
  - The Olympics will consist of one festival, two sports competitions, 27 days of sport, and 60 days of celebration.
  - January: a cultural olympiad.
  - February: The Games, including Thunderbird Arena at UBC.
  - March 12-21: The Paralympic Games.
  - Biggest message: Business as Unusual.
  - 5500 Olympic athletes, 1350 Paralympic athletes, 80 participating countries, 25,000 volunteers, 3 billion TV viewers.
  - UBC’s Thunderbird Arena refurbished for the Games, with contributions from VANOC and UBC.

- Michelle Aucoin:
  - UBC’s contribution was actually a $10 million gift to UBC; the arena will be renamed as a result, subject to government approval of the name. No UBC resources were used.

- Kristen Harvey:
  - Targeted LEED Silver.
  - Events: hockey and Paralympic ice sledge; in the latter Canada is the gold medal holder.
  - After the Olympics, the arena will be for Varsity use and community use.
  - Timeline: July 17, Lord and Buck fields taken over by VANOC to prepare; summer preparation required; the fields will be paved over till the end of the Paralympic Games, after which they will be remediated, returned to their natural green state with improved drainage.

- Katie Berezan: When will the fields be ready to use again?
- Michelle Aucoin: No exact date. As soon as we can. The result of the improvements will be that these fields will be available for 12 months’ use; they are not now available year round; that will be a legacy. VANOC is paying for all this.

- Neal Yonson: Why are the fields being handed over so early? The original plan specified December 13; if that were followed, they’d still be available for use in first term.
Michelle Aucoin: Work needs to be done on the fields when they’re dry, in the summer. Athletics is aware of the impact on users and is making every accommodation.

Neal Yonson: I don’t think Athletics is.

Kristen Harvey: The plan was for exclusive use as of December 13. Further on the timeline: February 4, Olympic training.

Michelle Aucoin: Training will go on throughout the Games. In addition to competition, there will be training use of the sheets in the arena; it will not be open to the public.


Geoff Costeloe: Who’s responsible for maintenance during the Olympics? If there’s damage …

Michelle Aucoin: Venue agreements cover this; they’ve been negotiated over a number of years. VANOC is committed to returning the venues in their original condition.

Rory Green asked about returning the fields to their grassy state and also about noise.

Michelle Aucoin said the fields would be received back at the end of April and she anticipated construction over the summer.

Katie Berezan asked about construction of the pavement.

One of the Olympics representatives said that would likely occur in the fall.

Kristen Harvey: On a typical 2-game day during the Olympics the workforce will arrive at 6:30 am; the gates will open at 12:30 pm. After the second game at 5 pm, departure would be between 9:30 and 10:30 pm.

Nazanin Maghadami asked about noise affecting residences and the Greek village.

Kristen Harvey: The noise will be less from the workforce than from the spectators. It is going to be different.

Michelle Aucoin: Every effort will be made to mitigate the effects; this is an important issue.

Jeremy Ingoldby asked how many people would be arriving at 6:30.

Kristen Harvey said she didn’t have exact numbers, but people should be prepared.

Another Olympics representative said there would be phased arrivals, so the numbers at 6:30 would be relatively minor.

Kristen Harvey outlined the schedule for 4-game days; the first game will be at 8 am. The departure window will be later: 10:30 to midnight. She also outlined the venue requirements: staging the events, integrating with partners, transportation flow, impacts around the arena.

Michelle Aucoin: The venue agreement is from several years ago. There will be eight road closures, including closure of Wesbrook Mall from February 4. Arrangements will be made for alternate parking for both the Olympics and the Paralympics period.

Rory Green asked if that meant an equal alternate for each parking displacement.
• Michelle Aucoin: The details are yet to be worked out, but residents who have parking arrangements will have comparable parking. This is to mitigate the effect on residents. Guests are different.
• Kyle Warwick: At what point was the AMS consulted on these venue plans? And what about other student groups, residence associations, undergraduate societies?
• Michelle Aucoin: This has not been a consultative process. A series of business decisions had to be made. The AMS President and VP External were invited to attend meetings if they adhered to confidentiality rules. They were unable or unwilling to accept those terms.
• Kyle Warwick: Confidentiality is important, but the President and the VP External are not empowered to act on their own; they are agents of this body; we can go in camera and maintain confidentiality. It would be appropriate for the Directors of the Society to be made aware.
• A representative of the Fraternities said they were not happy with the parking arrangements.
• Michelle Aucoin: That’s not a perspective that has been received by us.
• Blake Frederick spoke about AMS involvement in issues of transportation. He was not willing to sign a confidentiality agreement. He could express views, but without coming back to Council, he would be acting in a personal capacity rather than as a representative of the AMS.
• Michelle Aucoin: This is not a stakeholder process. It is not a consultation process. I’ve always been an advocate for students. I appreciate what you’re asking for, so in spite of this not being a stakeholder process, I made this extraordinary offer to the AMS.
• Michelle Aucoin then spoke further about closures affecting Hampton Place, Thunderbird Parkade, and Lot B-1.
• Colin Simkus asked if environmental impact assessments had been done concerning the changes to the fields.
• Kristen Harvey said VANOC was adhering to the same standard as for any proposal at UBC and was following the development procedures.
• Luke Luukkonen asked about event parking.
• Michelle Aucoin said the only parking changes are the ones mentioned. The effects are being contained. University Boulevard and Southwest Marine Drive will not be affected. The biggest challenge will be in the Paralympic Games, when everyone is back. During the Olympic Games normal classroom use will not be happening. The height of the closures will be February 13-24. Closures for the Paralympics, March 12-20, will be almost comparable, but East Mall will be open then and a portion of the Thunderbird Parkade.
• Adrienne Smith asked about the impact on students and student family housing in Acadia Park, and about noise.
• Michelle Aucoin: There will not be a significant impact on the ability to get in and out, though there may have to be route changes. The same with child care; it will still operate.
• Kristen Harvey: Spectator flow will have an impact on noise levels.
• Michelle Aucoin: The noise issue is important. We won’t know till it happens, but we can make some good guesses. We will try to keep traffic flowing.
• Jeremy Wood asked about accessibility issues.
• Michelle Aucoin: We are very aware of accessibility issues.
• Andrew Carne asked if the material presented is available online.
Michelle Aucoin said they are in the process of getting everything legally documented and it will go up; their aim is to share information.

Kristen Harvey said the material presented is not old information; much of it has just been worked out recently as a result of negotiations; some of it is not signed off on yet.

Michelle Aucoin: You are one of the first groups hearing this information. Also being informed are the unions, community groups, etc. In the fall there will be open houses, sharing information and addressing concerns. Arrangements are being finalized over the summer. We are working with TransLink about transit during the Games. We don’t have a transit plan yet; changes will need to happen; we will share the plan later in the fall. We will be communicating about rerouting.

Kristen Harvey: The goals are to be safe and reliable, to take into account everyone’s travel needs, and also reducing vehicular traffic during the Games. There will be permanent transit enhancements and Games time enhancements.

Manon Chouinard spoke about security on behalf of the Integrated Security Unit (ISU):
- Working with stakeholders.
- RCMP-led.
- Several police forces involved: Vancouver Police Department, West Vancouver Police Department, the RCMP, the Transit Authority, the Canadian Forces. Also police from Calgary and Newfoundland.
- Work with threat level, scalable.
- Not one plan for all venues; every venue looked at specifically.
- A specific planner has been here for three years.
- They are aiming to mitigate the impact of security; costly decisions have been made to ensure this.
- The priority is to make sure everyone is safe: athletes, VIP’s, everyone who lives around here.

Questions

Bijan Ahmadian: We need to build a relationship between the Olympic Secretariat and the AMS. We voted unanimously to have you come here; there are some students that are very much in favour of the Olympics, as can be seen from their sign, “Students for Olympics 2010.” There is going to be inconvenience, we know; it’s important that we have good communication channels so that students can be made aware.

Michelle Aucoin:
- The communications strategy is in development. We’re planning a newsletter.
- One concern for me is to get the student voice. I appreciate that there are an array of views out there about the Games; this is a University, and there needs to be room for all of these voices.
- The AMS is a natural partner; I’m delighted about the unanimous vote; I’m delighted Council wants to be part of the process. I look forward to the AMS being part of this. I’m not sure what that will look like, but I’m happy to come here any time.

8. “That Question Period be extended for twenty minutes.”
• Timothy Chu:
  o The AMS External Policy Committee issued a report on the Olympics last year. The AMS does not oppose the Olympics; it doesn't necessarily support them either.
  o The BC Civil Liberties Association recently issued a press release about residence contracts that now include an appendix restricting signage. Why is this? Where is it coming from? People are not able to put up signs in their dorm rooms?
• Michelle Aucoin: Stephen Owen has addressed this. There is an issue of protest versus commercial signage. It’s up to Housing to interpret its contracts.
• Geoff Costeloe: On the consultation issue, instead of looking at the past, what can the AMS do now to work with you to make the Olympics better for students?
• Michelle Aucoin: I wish I had an answer for you. It will take time. It will require working with Councillors who have this perspective. It would be great to work with a small group of Councillors.
• Geoff Costeloe: Put me on that list.
• Tahara Bhate asked about the security requirements affecting students seeking to get into the Life Sciences Centre to do their research.
• Michelle Aucoin: VANOC will not require security to get into that building. Research will not be affected.
• Manon Chouinard: There are rumours that there will be searches on campus, and extra powers for the police because the Olympics are in town. That’s wrong. Security will only be for entry into venues where events are taking place. There will be searches like at the airport. That said, there will be enhanced policies, if there is anything suspicious. The local RCMP will attend to your needs.
• Tahara Bhate asked about the power structure at UBC during the Games. If a noise problem by students affects a venue and the student event is shut down by venue security, what’s the recourse? To VANOC? To UBC?
• Michelle Aucoin: The jurisdiction remains the same. You can call the RCMP or Campus Security. Normal avenues.
• Tahara Bhate: There might be problems accessing animal research facilities near venues.
• Michelle Aucoin: Any researcher who needs access to research facilities will have access.
• Alissa Westergard-Thorpe: We’ve been subjected to a lot of PR. The AMS is not alone in wondering about people getting into venues. We won’t be allowed to enter a venue wearing a Pepsi T-shirt. I was here during APEC; at that time a Tibetan flag was taken down. I urge clarification of the language. I want it to be clear about political signage and competing vendor signage. It should not be left up to individual police officers. And what is the position of the ISU? Is it only inside venues or also on the perimeter?
• Manon Chouinard: The report of the APEC inquiry has been read by every officer working on this. We are aware of the recommendations of the report. Mistakes were made; we are aware of that. We will adhere to the recommendations.
• Dave Tompkins asked what would happen if he walked in with a T-shirt having a Pepsi logo on the front and a Tibetan flag on the back.

• Kristen Harvey: Staging the Games was made possible through the investments of our business partners. We will do everything possible to protect their investments. I’m not sure if individuals will be allowed in line with such a T-shirt.

• Manon Chouinard said that from a security point of view a T-shirt is not an issue. Security cares about weapons.

• Alissa Westergard-Thorpe asked about protests.

• Manon Chouinard: There will be a Safe Assembly Area. We want to ensure that anyone who wants to come protest can do so. There’s no problem if you do so peacefully and in certain locations. If you go elsewhere, we will respect the Charter of Rights if you are peaceful. If it’s legal today, it will be legal tomorrow.

• Bijan Ahmadian asked where students could go to lodge a complaint over something like a Pepsi T-shirt.

• Manon Chouinard: Pepsi? [Laughter.]

• A guest said he was disappointed to hear a serious question trivialized. He added that it seemed that for some people protecting investments was more important than freedom of speech.

• Kristen Harvey: What is legal today will be legal tomorrow. This is a commercial issue. There will be some enforcement. The right to freedom of speech will remain.

• Kyle Warwick said he would like to avoid binary oppositions between supporting and opposing the Games. He was in support of the Games, but there are impacts. He would like to work to mitigate those.

• Michelle Aucoin said she would welcome guidance on how to do that.

• Dave Tompkins asked about the impact on the Whistler Lodge.

• Jeremy Wood: If there’s a right to protest, why does there have to be a Safe Assembly Area?

• Manon Chouinard: This was a recommendation to us, along with working with individuals and groups interested in coming to protest. We are willing to work with you. There’s going to be lots of media; we appreciate that people will want to gather and get their message heard.

• Rory Green asked about plans to get information out.

• Michelle Aucoin: A larger communications strategy is in development. We want to work with the undergraduate societies. A student group put on an Olympic conference last year; we’d like to enlist them.

• Neal Yonson asked where the $10 million for the arena upgrade came from.

• Michelle Aucoin said she could not comment on that.

• Neal Yonson said there was a motion to the Board of Governors to rename the arena the Doug Mitchell Centre, but it wasn’t clear that all the money had come from Doug Mitchell.

• Michelle Aucoin said she could not comment.

• Adrienne Smith asked if there was an outreach officer, someone to channel students to if they have questions, someone assigned to our society.

• Michelle Aucoin: No, but there’s Kevin Kenna of the local RCMP detachment.

• Kevin Kenna: If people are planning large gatherings involving alcohol, get hold of us early. In November or December. Don’t wait until February.
Michelle Aucoin: It would be good if the AMS had a point person to work with UBC on the Olympics.

Hannes Dempewolf: Graduate students are impacted more than others; they have to get to research facilities. Will you be speaking to the GSS?

Michelle Aucoin said she had been in touch with the GSS.

Tahara Bhate asked about transit reroutes. Will we have a vote?

Kristen Harvey said she would be happy to hear feedback and pass it along to the planners.

Tahara Bhate: TransLink is not always in touch with student needs. When would it be best to submit?

Kristen Harvey: As soon as possible.

Alissa Westergard-Thorpe reminded Councillors of APEC and said UBC is giving out personal information to the police at a time when pre-emptive arrests are taking place. She also said the police were monitoring and harassing peaceful groups.

9. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED DIA MONTGOMERY:

External Policy Committee

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Timothy Chu said he had been approached by UBC students after the incidents in Iran. They expressed disappointment that the AMS was not being more active. He took this to the External Policy Committee and felt comfortable bringing this forward, a motion specifically about the invasion of a learning space.

Geoff Costeloe said he was against this. The cause was just; the pro-democracy movement is right. But we shouldn’t vote for this. There are better ways to offer support than to pass a motion saying something is bad. Our mission statement says we are to improve the quality of the educational, social, and personal lives of the students of UBC. How does this motion do this? It doesn’t. Let the Iranian students come to us with a specific project.

Dave Tompkins: The authors of the motion did have plans to mention something specific, but they weren’t ready with details, so I advised them to decouple.
Geoff Costeloe: We could do a benefit concert, provide funds; there are much more tangible ways to help. We have to be more creative than just saying we like this.

Kyle Warwick: If it was a choice between supporting this motion and supporting something on education, I would do the latter; but it’s not a zero sum game. It’s not taking resources to pass this, and it’s not doing something different from what we’ve done, passing a motion about something we can’t control. We condemned the events at Tiananmen Square. Even if something is not a student cause, we represent our members and we can guess what our members would want us to do. Foreign policy may seem wildly out of our league, but this motion is restricted to the issue of a learning space and academic freedom; we do deal with academic issues.

Bijan Ahmadian: We cannot have a foreign policy, but we are also global citizens. Others in other countries do not have the rights we have here. As concerned citizens maybe we should take a moment of silence in solidarity with our peers who are students in Iran. Iranian students apply to UBC. Iranian students make up the third largest group of international students at UBC, after students from the U.S. and China.

Maziar (guest): There are some issues of principle one should stand up for. Most people believe a learning space should not be invaded. We should stand up against that no matter how effective we can be or whether we’ll be listened to or not. This shouldn’t be a one-time condemnation; we want to honour those fighting for their rights. We didn’t have time to come up with something more tangible.

Tom Dvorak noted that the AMS had passed a motion in 1989, after the Tiananmen incident, to erect a monument (the Goddess of Democracy). There’s a precedent for the AMS taking action and recognizing certain actions.

Tahara Bhate: An African-Canadian movement came to us asking for support. When we vote this kind of support, then we no longer exist as a body but as individuals. Council voted for that without discussion. But we should not vote for this; when we pass motions on things like this, we’re diluting our political power. Then when we really need to take a stand, what do our policy statements mean? We shouldn’t have a policy motion on this, but to support Iranian students here at UBC would be reasonable.

Dave Tompkins suggested that an amendment be made to add something more tangible.

Nazanin Maghadami: The organizers didn’t really have time to come up with something permanent. International students wanting to come to UBC or Canada found the embassy closed. This has direct and indirect effects on international students here.

Colin Simkus said he supported the spirit of what is happening in Iran, but he was concerned over the precedent of this motion. Are we going to take a stand on the Israel-Palestine issue? Are we going to spend half an hour debating that? Where does the slippery slope stop? Student unions have an ambit to pass motions on education. If we start to pass motions that are only tangential, then we’re not serving our constituents.

Johannes Rebane: We in general are in support of the students. To be more practical, we need options that have more tread. The Executive Committee and the External Policy Committee would be good venues to come up with a strategic plan.
Jeremy Wood: This issue is unique. There’s a sizable Persian student population here. It’s not like the Israeli-Palestinian issue. We’re specifically referring to Tehran University. This raises the question of what the purpose of Council is. UBC is an international institution, and the AMS should follow suit to be involved in the international community.

Andrew Carne said he’d been around for a couple of these motions on external issues. It’s a disservice to support some groups and not others. He didn’t feel this did that, but he would prefer something more tangible.

10. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That Motion 7 be referred to the External Policy Committee to come up with specific mechanisms of support.”

- Bijan Ahmadian said he didn’t want this failing; that would send a bad message; he would prefer referring it.
- Johannes Rebane asked about time sensitivity, given that it is three weeks until the next Council meeting. Perhaps Council could empower the committee.
- Rory Green said there can’t be action without Council passing policy.
- Geoff Costeloe: Students who want to support can do that. We should figure out how to do that tonight and not leave it for three weeks.
- Tahara Bhate asked the organizers if they want support for a specific event and whether there is time sensitivity.
- Maziar: The original intention was to have something more lasting, acknowledging the sacrifices made for democratic rights. In terms of time sensitivity, protests may die down, but still lives have been lost. Two or three weeks does not affect the original intent.
- Nazanin Maghadami said she did not think the intent was to ask for monetary resources.

11. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

...No objections

12. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

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Against (2): Elena Kusaka, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor)

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D) President’s Remarks (Blake’s Broadcast, Blake Frederick):

- UBC Budget Cuts
  - Exec Com had a presentation from VP Finance and VP Students
  - UBC is running a $20 million structural deficit.
  - Factor of investments failings and inadequate government financing
  - Instead of cutting across the board, UBC is doing strategic cuts
  - Could include changing the way ancillaries work and increasing professional student fees
  - High level strategic group to look at this issue. Myself and Johannes will be working on that group
  - About 20 working groups looking at cutting in different areas of the university
  - We have secured student representation on each of the working groups
  - I sent out an email asking for names of people to sit on these groups – do not need to be members of Council
  - VP Finance will be coming next Council meeting to give a presentation on all of this

- Aquatic Centre issue
o Number of students complained they couldn’t access the Aquatic Centre for free
  o We have an agreement with Athletics that all AMS members have free access to Aquatic Centre throughout the entire year
  o Students are AMS members even if they are not taking courses in the summer
  o Athletics did not want to allow this group of students in to the Aquatic Centre because they believed that students did not pay the Athletics fee during this time
  o In fact, the AMS Athletics fee that is charged in Sept covers Sept to Aug
  o A lot of back and forth with Athletics
  o Was about to send a motion to Council
  o We successfully resolved the issue basically through persuasion and Athletics has agreed to let these students into the Aquatic Centre for free in the summer
  o Thank Sheldon and Henry Chen, our Treasurer and Controller, for helping out in this situation

• Orientations
  o Jeff Geng has prepared a substantial draft report on the AMS’ plan and approach to first week and first month orientations for new and returning students
  o Commitments will require the full motivation of the entire organization
  o Some initiatives include creating a closer connection with RezLife by having an AMS presence at all of their orientations and events, being included in the forefront on Imagine materials, rebranding our First Week and Welcome Back BBQ activities more heavily as student run
  o Will be presenting more in depth ideas to Council in the future for consideration

• CSHG
  o Meeting with student reps and GMs from Queens, Alberta, and Western over the past two days
  o We have been discussing the organizations 24% stake of shares in Travel Cuts
  o Cannot give more details as it is confidential, but will update Council in the near future on how it positively impacts the AMS’ budget

• Gayle Stewart memorial
  o Attended a memorial service to honour Gayle Stewart
  o Working with Gayle last year when she was UBC’s Olympic Secretariat
  o Gayle had a warm personality and I enjoyed the interactions I had with her
  o I sent a note to the family and her close colleagues to send condolences on behalf of the AMS

E) Executive Remarks:

VP Administration (Crystal Hon):

• SUB negotiations:
• More meetings; hoping to get something done; want to continue the conversation.
• Working with the Alumni to see how to partner.
• Booth at Main Event Carnival to educate.
• Trying to integrate new building into the UBC curriculum.

• Renovations in current SUB to the 249 complex and Room 210 have started; this is to create a new office for the HR Manager.
• Next time there may be something to renovate the IFPO area; she’s been working with the three partners to come up with solutions; perhaps make it a club area; we have only 80 club offices and over 300 clubs, and we’ll be in this building for at least another five years.
• SAC: Clubs Days.

Questions

• In response to a question about a proposal concerning the new SUB, Crystal Hon said some tweaking is needed and she is hesitant to present anything yet.
• Kyle Warwick suggested an in camera discussion.
• Crystal Hon: This is something I just got this morning; I’m not ready to discuss it. I don’t want to misrepresent something from the UBC side.
• Bijan Ahmadian: Council wants some more information. Perhaps bring it to the next Council meeting.
• Crystal Hon: Yes, by then there will have been some more meetings.
• Bijan Ahmadian: Bring the actual proposal to us, not your interpretation of it.

VP Academic (Johannes Rebane)

• Exciting developments in campus development concerning how to create student housing that actually works.
• Working with the University’s LEAD initiative on innovative teaching, trying to involve students in the process.
• First year seminar program going well; hope to bring it to Senate.
• Talking to the GSS about TA training.
• Internationalization strategy; changing university portfolios; changing focus.
• Liquor licences: meeting with Kevin Kenna.

Executive Coordinator Student Services (Pavani Gunadasa)

One of the major highlights for me from the last few weeks was attending CACUSS 2009. CACUSS is the Canadian Association of University Student Services. Every year it holds a national conference that is attended mainly by professionals in Student Affairs. The ECSS’ attendance is co-sponsored by the VP Students Office. The conference is a professional development opportunity; it’s an opportunity to share new, innovative ideas, develop partnerships amongst university services, explore and plan various programs and initiatives geared toward the student population and discuss and debate issues that affect the quality of student life. The topics included student engagement, orientations, mental health on campuses,
community outreach programs for off campus students, conducting quality assurance reviews of student services and many others.

Shortly afterwards I attended the BC Healthy Minds/Healthy Campuses conference which included presentations from various student groups/initiatives across the province around mental health promotion. The group that is taking on the lead on the Healthy Minds vision at UBC (from the VP Students office) will be making a presentation to Council in August to share their vision and their goals and get Council’s input on moving forward with this project.

I look forward to making a presentation to Council in the near future on a few of the ideas I was able to take away from these conferences and hope to implement within the Services this year.

A quick update on the Services: The hiring process never really ends for the Services: we just finished hiring 4 new assistants for various Services and we have two more positions to post within the next two months. At the same time, we’ve been hiring staff for Safewalk and volunteers for Speakeasy and the Shinerama campaign. In the past week, I’ve been thinking a great deal about volunteerism within the AMS. I know that this is something that is very important to the Society and the Services, and in particular, Volunteer Connect, is very eager to take the lead on this initiative to create and integrate more volunteer opportunities into our Society. You can read much more about this in my recent blog entry.

VP Finance (Tom Dvorak):

- Met with Canadian Student Horizons Group over the past 2 days. This is a group in which the AMS of UBC has 25% ownership, shared with the student unions at the University of Alberta, University of Western Ontario, and Queen’s University. Together, we own 24% of Canadian University Travel Services (Travel CUTS). The remaining share is owned by the Canadian Federation of Students - Services (CFS-S).
- Budget finished; presentation tonight; thank to all those involved in the process.
- Budget submission system is built; done. Thank you to AVP Finance Catherine Metrycki for her initiative in having this project completed on such an aggressive timeline.
- Fantastic work by Business Promotions Coordinator Mike Brown. Made a proposal to some senior management working group and will be making presentation to BOC this coming Tuesday on marketing strategy in our business operations.

VP External (Timothy Chu):

U PASS:
- U PASS subsidy applications have been processed
- We have already received two winter term applications

Committees:
• **Equity & Diversity**  
  met but there was an email glitch

• **Code & Policies**  
  Fee waivers  
  Council deadlines  
  Andrew is doing a great job

• **External Policy Committee**  
  it’s going to be fun, sat down and hammered out what we want to do  
  people want to be involved which is great

**Olympics:**  
• Lots of press attention  
• Working with the communications manager to develop messaging  
• Sheldon has done amazing research  
• BoG resolutions on APEC

**TransLink:**  
• U PASS will be blue  
• I tried to get TransLink to put the customer complaint phone # on the front of the U PASS and they initially agreed but then changed their minds

**Still working on:**  
• meeting with politicians to start our lobbying  
• U of Calgary visit  
• Transit issues with Tahara  
• Childcare conference led by the GSS – GSS is taking a lead role and it’s going great

**F) Committee Reports:**

**Campus Planning and Development Committee – Bijan Ahmadian:** Have met, will send minutes. Meeting with UBC’s AVP Planning; looking at how to engage students.

**Oversight Committee – Kyle Warwick:** Met all the Executives and had good preliminary discussions. Standardized questions. Seeking balance between transparency and HR privacy.

**Code and Policies Committee – Andrew Carne:** Code is painfully moving along.

**G) Constituency Reports:**

**Arts – Kyle Warwick:** Exec meeting regularly. Student space expansion. Buchanan courtyard renovations. The Source (publication). The AUS is contributing funds for its future in the Buchanan B building. Responding to the Arts County Fair debate, the AUS is increasing its accountability by publishing its budget for the first time.
Commerce – Laura Silvester: Registration.


Human Kinetics – Fraser Perry: Website revamp, Frosh Week.

Law – Dia Montgomery: Moving from the old Law building (the “bunker”) into swing space. Summer course pilot program.


Regent – Eduardo Sasso: Lectures on happiness and the topic, Why was I born? Next Wednesday.

Medicine – Colin McInnes: UBC medical journal being started; first issue in the fall. Extending the distributed program to Kamloops.

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

Board of Governors – Bijan Ahmadian: Just the retreat, and it was all in camera.

Senate – Geoff Costeloe: No meetings.

Ombudsperson – Hayden Hughes: Went to ombuds conference in California. From that learned not to record student names anymore, just using student numbers, to protect confidentiality. Aiming for more informality, getting a couch. Formal complaints to be sent to Advocacy. He’s closed 15 cases.

- Geoff Costeloe asked about the connection to Advocacy.
- Hayden Hughes: If a person would be better represented by someone fighting for them, I refer to Advocacy.

International Students - Nazanin Maghadami (read by Timothy Chu): Iranian students will be in the Main Concourse gathering signatures to be sent to Paris and hung off the Eiffel Tower.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

14. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED NEAL YONSON:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated May 28, 2009 [SCD063-10]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 4, 2009 [SCD064-10]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 18, 2009 [SCD065-10]
Oversight Committee minutes dated July 3, 2009.” [SCD066-10]
Impacts Committee minutes dated June 30, 2009 [SCD067-10]

... Carried
For (28): Tahara Bhate, Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Luke Luukkanen, Jeremy McElroy, Colin McInnes, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Ryan Trasolini (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

Abstained: Maria Cirstea

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

Budget Presentation:

- Tom Dvorak presented an overview of the budget, discussing revenues and expenses:
  - $4.3 million comes in via fees, some of which is earmarked for such things as the undergraduate societies and the Health and Dental Plan.
  - Business operations are expected to make a profit of $936,200.
  - Investment income will be down, to $250,000 (but it’s not a 40% hit; we’ve diversified and have long term and low risk investments).
  - General sponsorship will bring in $30,000.
  - We have $13.88 million in revenues, but $11.9 million of it is earmarked. We have $1.99 million left over.
  - Our expenditures are $2.4 million; that leaves a $500,000 gap of expenditures over revenue.
  - In the various portfolios:
    - The President’s office is showing a slight increase because of hiring a new Special Projects Assistant.
    - The ECCS is slightly up because of marketing initiatives.
    - The VP Finance office shows a big increase because of restructuring, doubling one employee’s hours, and a one-time IT cost.
    - VP Academic is down.
    - VP Admin shows a huge jump because of hiring lots of staff on SAC and two others, and raising everyone’s wages to minimum wage. But the SUB Renew Coordinator is paid out of the SUB Renew Fund.
      - VP External is down.
    - To cover the $500,000 shortfall, we took $250,000 from the replenished funds.
    - Then the Budget Committee looked at the non-replenished funds; this is a little scary; over the past three years there’s been an increase in
withdrawals from non-replenished funds, mainly to meet minimum wage requirements.
  o We have taken $287,605 from the non-replenished funds.
  o What to do? We could follow the U.S. and do debt financing, which is unsustainable.
  o We have had surpluses lately; we haven’t spent all we budgeted for in recent years, but if we do, then the AMS could go up in flames [presentation picture showed A-M-S going up in flames].
  o The Budget Committee wants to do a structural audit to look at each area of the AMS and its history of spending.
  o We could also do a fee referendum and seek to tie the AMS fee to CPI. Costs go up, but student fees are stagnant. Business profits keep us going, but we’re at capacity in the building. The best time for such a referendum would be with the next U-Pass referendum.
  o Other student societies have true volunteers, but we pay almost everyone.
  o We could seek out new business opportunities.

Questions

- In response to a question about how our student fees compare to those at other universities, Ross Horton said ours are generally lower.
- Bijan Ahmadian asked how much was in the non-replenished funds.
- Tom Dvorak: $7 million, and we take out about a quarter of a million.
- Bijan Ahmadian: Do you have access to the SUB Renew funds?
- Tom Dvorak: It’s in our account. We almost sued the University over it, but we got the money.
- Geoff Costeloe asked about new business ventures, given the media that will be around for the Olympics and the chance for advertising.
- Tahara Bhate asked about the funds. Is money going from the President’s Fund to childcare?
- Tom Dvorak: Yes, to childcare to meet commitments to the University. And to SUB Renew to make up the shortfall there; lots is going to SUB Renew.
- Tahara Bhate: Why?
- Tom Dvorak: Because of an error in the referendum question.
- Tahara Bhate asked about the lobbying fund. Are there restrictions on it?
- Tom Dvorak: Council can withdraw the amount shown as the remaining balance.
- Tahara Bhate: There’s a childcare conference and lobby days and maybe a federal election, but there’s almost no money left in the lobbying fund.
- Tom Dvorak: There’s a budget deficit. The Budget Committee asked how to cut. It looked at things that might happen but might not, and decided not to budget for those, rather than sacrificing a program.
- Rebecca Coon: DAP students have the impression they’re not part of the AMS; we’re 600 or 700 students; you could get money from us.
- Tom Dvorak: That would help, but it wouldn’t fix the problem
- Pavani Gunadasa: The ECSS increase was not for marketing, but for a salary increase, furniture, and computer equipment.
- Tom Dvorak: You’re right. My mistake.
15. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED GEOFF COTELOE:

Budget Committee

“That Council approve the 2009/10 final AMS Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Colin Simkus: Are we adopting fiscal conservatism? Everyone else in the world is making 40% cuts, but we’re dedicating spending room to existing programs. How prudent is this?
- Tom Dvorak: We felt we could not cut further without removing values we don’t want to remove. We had to increase pay to minimum wage to comply with the Employment Standards Act; we had no choice on that, and most positions are already hired for the year. It’s sustainable for this year. We do need a review, but we can’t turn the key overnight.
- Kyle Warwick: This was around last year. This year we have a plan to address it. Do our funds meet ethical requirements?
- Tom Dvorak: I hope so.
- Blake Frederick: There’s a strategic decision in here to put away large amounts of money to make up for the SUB Renew shortfall. That’s worrisome. It may cost us in other parts of the society. I would like to look at other ways to make up that money, for instance through a referendum.
- Lin Watt asked about increased sponsorship revenue.
- Tom Dvorak: Sponsors will invest to recruit employees and sell product. Undergraduate societies get more; they give sponsors more of what they want.
- Tahara Bhat asked about the money for BOC’s special projects.
- Tom Dvorak: That’s for a marketing survey, a signage upgrade at the Pendulum, and a welcome back campaign.
- Rebecca Coon: Can you get AMS alumni to pay a fee in exchange for networking?
- Tom Dvorak: A credit card program? There would be a cost to running it.
- Rebecca Coon: Given this structural deficit, shouldn’t there be deeper cuts?
- Tom Dvorak: Yes, but that would be very destabilizing and take us away from our mandate. We had surplus. We could do it gradually and maintain value delivered to students.
- Timothy Chu asked about funding for Lobby Days.
- Tom Dvorak: Lobby Days didn’t happen last year. There was no request for funds for Lobby Days for this year.

16. MOVED ANDREW CARNE:

“Be it resolved that this motion be laid on the table while Council is extended.

Be it further resolved that Council be extended until 11:30 pm.”

...No objections

[The budget motion was then returned from the table.]
• Timothy Chu: My fault re not requesting money for Lobby Days, but where do we go from here?
• Tom Dvorak: The lobby fund still has $25,000 left; that would seem to be the appropriate place to take money from.
• A discussion ensued on budgeting for lunches.
• Bijan Ahmadian: It’s alarming that we’ve had to delve into our savings. We need to look at how to reduce ourselves. We need to look at using volunteers. We need to look at our services. It’s the University’s obligation to provide services. For instance, now that there’s a University Ombudsperson, perhaps our Ombudsperson could be a volunteer position handling fewer cases. We need concrete recommendations for dealing with long-term expenses.
• Rory Green spoke of the expenses involved in lobbying.
• Blake Frederick asked about making the business budget open to Council.
• Tom Dvorak: There’s confidential information about such things as what we pay our employees. UBC Food Services would love to look at how we do things. We let members come look in the VP Finance office, but don’t allow copies or notes.
• Colin Simkus: We can keep this up for years, but we’re tapping into our savings. If we dip into our savings for known line items, where do we go if we have an actual contingency? I’m not sure we’re being prudent.
• Tom Dvorak: There’s a 5% contingency amount, a $100,000 buffer, already. We never follow through with what we say; initiatives are planned, but we don’t do them. But God forbid if we do what we say we’re going to do … But fixing it all at once would be destabilizing. We have made massive cuts to what people’s wish lists were. We’ve had some really good years; we want to ride it out before cutting more.
• Andrew Carne: If we don’t pass this budget, then what?
• Tom Dvorak: Then we would continue to operate without a budget; we would revert to the preliminary budget.
• In response to another question about the lobbying fund, Tom Dvorak said Council could pull money from elsewhere for a federal election campaign, as was done for the provincial campaign from the President’s Fund.

17. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED GEOFF COSTELOE:

Budget Committee

“That Council approve the 2009/10 final AMS Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

For (22): Bijan Ahmadian, Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Colin McInnes, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Ryan Trasolini (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)
Against (4): Blake Frederick, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Elena Kusaka, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor)

Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Crystal Hon

18. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED LIN WATT:

Budget Committee

“That Council amend Code Section V, Article 5 (Budget Committee) to add the following duty for the Budget Committee: ‘have such other duties as are assigned by Council from time to time,’ this amendment to take effect immediately.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tom Dvorak: Unlike other committees, the Budget Committee doesn’t have the “other duties” line in the Code.

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For (20): Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor)

20. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

Budget Committee

“That Council direct the Budget Committee to perform a structural audit of the Society and to report back to Council by the last meeting in November 2009.”

- Kyle Warwick: Structural audits would normally be done by the Oversight Committee. This has been discussed with the Oversight Committee, and they
thought the Budget Committee should do it. The Budget Committee has been looking at the budget for two months; there would be a loss of productivity to have the Oversight Committee take over. We're okay with it.

- Geoff Costeloe: There has to be a distinction between the group doing the budget and the one doing the audit. The final document has to come from another body, not the Budget Committee. You’ll need the Budget Committee to explain things, but not to do the audit.

- Tahara Bhat: We gave this duty to the Oversight Committee for the sake of objectivity.

21. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That Motion 18 be changed to add the phrase <in conjunction with the Oversight Committee>.”

... No objections

22. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council direct the Budget Committee in conjunction with the Oversight Committee, to perform a structural audit of the Society and to report back to Council by the last meeting in November 2009.”

- Lin Watt: Why November?
- Tom Dvorak: That seemed a long enough time to do this right.
- Lin Watt: It’s just before exams; it might be better in January.
- Johannes Rebane: Who will chair the joint committee?
- Dave Tompkins: It’s not a joint committee; it’s a joint meeting of two committees.
- Kyle Warwick: These two groups are not as separate as you may think. I chair Oversight, but I’m also on the Budget Committee.
- Blake Frederick: It’s important that this process be as open and as consultative as possible. We’re looking at areas of the AMS to cut or change; it’s a huge issue. There will have to be a reaching out to all parts of the AMS and even members at large.

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24. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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Whereas there has been a significant increase in the amount of information regarding preparations for the 2010 Olympics on campus; and

Whereas some of these preparations have the potential to significantly impact the students of UBC; and

Whereas there have been several ideas proposed as to the role of the AMS in improving the student experience during the Vancouver 2010 games,

Therefore be it resolved that AMS Council direct the External Policy Committee to prepare an updated Olympics report that summarizes currently available information regarding campus based Olympics activities both before, during, and after the Vancouver 2010 games.

Be it further resolved that this report contain a plan of action for the AMS in the period leading up to, during, and after the 2010 Olympics that enables the society to discharge its mandate according to our mission statement.”

• Tahara Bhaté: Council is clearly concerned about the effect of the Olympics on campus. There is lots of information out there, a lot to digest. There’s a commitment from Michelle Aucoin to provide information. It would be in the best interests of Council to have this summarized, condensed, and assimilated into a single report. There are lots of ideas about what the AMS should do; we should be telling people about transit changes, etc. It’s time to develop a comprehensive plan on this.

• Rory Green: Tim and my door is always open. Come discuss with us.

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Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkonen, Dia
Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane,
Stephen Russo, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Kyle Warwick, Lin
Watt, Jimmy Yan, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

26. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

Code & Policies/BOC

“That Council adopt the AMS Policy on Video Surveillance and the accompanying
Non-Disclosure Agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Tom Dvorak: This has been looked at by multiple committees. It’s
  comprehensive about what we can and can’t do.
• Tahara Bhate asked why the Food and Beverage Manager was one of the
  individuals given the right to see the videos.
• Tom Dvorak said the Pit manager has to be able to watch the front and back
  door; also it was decided a senior manager should be able to look at the
  footage.
• Geoff Costeloe: Individuals can ask to look at images of themselves?
• Tom Dvorak: It’s provincial law.
• Geoff Costeloe: Is that feasible?
• Tom Dvorak: Almost impossible.
• Geoff Costeloe: But we have to show them.
• Tom Dvorak: Yes.

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Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

28. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

Code & Policies

[SCD069-10]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Agenda Deadlines’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Andrew Carne: Currently, the deadline for submission of materials for the Council agenda is Sunday. This would move it back to Friday. This was the deadline Blake was asking for earlier on.
- Kyle Warwick: I supported the cease and desist motion, but that was for procedural reasons.
- Geoff Costeloe: There are two different times now?
- Andrew Carne: Yes, items will have to be submitted by 10 am on Friday, and the agenda will go out by 4 pm Friday.

29. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

Code & Policies

[SCD070-10]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Fee Waiver Revisions’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (24): Tahara Bhate, Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

30. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

Code & Policies

Andrew Carne: This is to clarify who is charged the AMS fee and who isn’t. Essentially, if you’re assessed UBC Vancouver tuition fees you will pay.

Geoff Costeloe asked who would pay under the new rules that is not paying now.

Sheldon Goldfarb said it was primarily the Diploma of Accounting (DAP) students in Commerce and those who are taking just distance education courses.

Tahara Bhate: The Health and Dental fee is not easy to opt out of; we have to be on top of that. The Executive is aware of that. We may want to look at another referendum to change back from the broadened membership we brought in last year; it doesn’t make sense to have people who are out of the country pay membership fees.

Luke Luukkanen asked how many people are in these groups.

It was suggested that there might be 600 or 700 DAP students. It was not known how many students just take distance ed courses.

Tahara Bhate said the core AMS fee is only $20 or $30 plus SUB Renewal. Those off campus would only pay $40 or $50; they would be exempt from the U-Pass.

Jeremy Ingoldby: On behalf of DAP students, thank you for this. It’s not exactly what we asked for, but it’s the fairest way to go. What is the timing for implementing this? Assuming it passes, what steps have been taken? DAP operates separately from the normal registration.

Blake Frederick said he’d spoken to the central Registrar’s Office, and they say two months is not enough time. Hopefully, we can do it this September. If not, then September 2010.

Jeremy Ingoldby: As much as I’d like it, registration opens on Monday.

Geoff Costeloe said he didn’t feel comfortable charging people for services they can’t use.

Andrew Carne: We don’t have the numbers on how many will be affected; we can talk to Enrolment Services on that. We did have lengthy discussions on this point. Since they are our members and can vote and use our online services, we felt it was reasonable that they pay. We did talk of optouts.

Geoff Costeloe asked about exchange students. They get services but don’t pay our fees?

Andrew Carne: Yes, that’s how it works.

Rebecca Coon: There’s a lot of support for this among DAP students. As to not being able to implement it right away, she’d never seen as much bureaucracy at any university as she has at this one.

Blake Frederick: The Health and Dental Plan is our biggest fee; we want to make it easy for off campus students to opt out online.

31. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections
32. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (23): Tahara Bhaté, Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkanen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

33. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED MADELEINE SCHAEFER:

**Equity Committee**

“That the composition of the ad hoc Equity Committee be altered by adding two students at large and the Equity and Diversity Coordinator, so that the committee shall now be composed of:

(a) three (3) members of Council, one of whom shall be Chair;
(b) the AMS Safety Coordinator;
(c) the AMS Equity and Diversity Coordinator;
(d) the Executive Coordinator of Student Services;
(e) a representative from SAC, selected by SAC; and
(f) two (2) students at large.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Timothy Chu: The committee should be inclusive and thus have students at large on it. We created the Equity and Diversity Coordinator position last year; it overlaps with this committee, so they should be on the committee.

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(c) the AMS Equity and Diversity Coordinator;
(d) the Executive Coordinator of Student Services;
(e) a representative from SAC, selected by SAC; and
(f) two (2) students at large.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (23): Tahara Bhate, Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkanen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

35. MOVED ____________________________, SECONDED ____________________________

Equity Committee

“That Council appoint ____________________________ and ____________________________ (students at large) to the ad hoc Equity Committee.”

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions and
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

36. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Renovation Planning Group Minutes dated May 1, 2009 [SCD071-10]
Renovation Planning Group Minutes dated June 9, 2009 [SCD072-10]
Student Administrative Commission dated May 25, 2009.” [SCD073-10]

... Carried

For (18): Tahara Bhate, Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Luke Luukkanen, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

Abstained: Elena Kusaka

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

37. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED LIN WATT:

VP Finance
“That Council adopt the report of the VP Finance entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: IT Planning Group’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tom Dvorak: The IT Manager has requested some advice on long-term policy. There will be mostly staff on this proposed planning group.

38. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That the Code amendment be changed so that the composition of the planning group will include two members at large.”

... No objections

39. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED LIN WATT:

VP Finance

“That Council adopt the amended report of the VP Finance entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: IT Planning Group’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (21): Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Colin Simkus (proxy for Matthew Naylor), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

40. MOVED LUKE LUUKKONEN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

VP Finance

“That Council appoint Crystal Hon and Andrew Carne (Council members) and _______ and _______ (students at large) to the IT Planning Group.”

... Carried

For (20): Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy Ingoldby (proxy for Will Davis), Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Colin Simkus
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41. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

President

“Whereas the EUS is unable to run its charity event this year because they have been denied use of MacInnes Field; and

Whereas UBC Athletics has indicated to the AMS that MacInnes Field is unavailable to constituencies for bookings due to past complaints from residents in the University Endowment Lands; and

Whereas during this time, UBC Athletics has accepted MacInnes Field bookings for organizations external to UBC; and

Whereas UBC Athletics has indicated to the AMS that there are no fields on campus available for booking by constituencies during the winter and fall sessions; and

Whereas UBC Athletics has indicated that the Lord Field and Buck Fields will be taken over and paved by VANOC for exclusive use from July 17, 2009 to July 30, 2010 and the Spencer Field and Osborne Field will be taken over by VANOC for exclusive use from November 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS pressure UBC Athletics to grant the AMS, including constituencies and clubs, low or no cost bookings of MacInnes Field throughout the year; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS seek a written agreement with the University to this effect.”

Blake Frederick:
  o I’ve already described the resolution reached with Athletics on the Aquatic Centre. This is another issue with Athletics.
  o When the EUS tried to run a charity event for Engineers without Borders, they were told the field is not bookable for non-athletic purposes and no other field was available, or if one were, it would cost in excess of $11,000 to book it.
  o This is a serious problem. AMS clubs and constituencies need to have space on campus to provide various social activities for the benefit of our students.
  o We have Block Party and Welcome Back Barbecue on MacInnes Field.
  o Athletics said it’s a VP Students decision because of complaints from UEL residents across the street. The VP Students Office blames Athletics.
  o We’re going to get everyone in a room to discuss it. This motion would give stronger weight.

42. MOVED ANDREW CARNE

“That Council be extended by 5 minutes.”
43. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

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P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

July 29, 2009

S) Adjournment:

44. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED LIN WATT:
“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

For (10): Kelsi Biring (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Ryan Callaway (proxy for Mike Silley), Geoff Costeloe, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Fraser Perry (proxy for Fraser Young), Stephen Russo, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Neal Yonson (proxy for Tony Yang)

Against (1): Jeremy McElroy

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

T) Social Activity:
## The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Justin Yang (Science/Minischool), Kathy Yan (Ubyssey), Samantha Jung (Ubyssey), Ian Turner (AMS), Elin Tayyar (AMS), Rory Green (AMS AVP External), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design office), Nick Nagy (AMS Speakeasy), Kelli Seepaul (AMS Communications Manager), Emily LaFlamme  (Student at large), Jeffrey Smith (Facilities and Retail Services Manager)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That Timothy Chu and Maria Cirstea be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

2. MOVED CRYSTAL HON:

“That the Art Gallery motion and the budget motion be moved to after Membership.”

…No objections

3. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA , SECONDED ANDREW CARNE.

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

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

4. MOVED LUKE LUUKKONEN, SECONDED JEREMY MCELROY, THIRDED JOEL MERTENS

“That the meeting go in camera.”

... Carried

The meeting went in camera at 6:10 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 6:30 pm.

From the Renovations Planning Group

5. MOVED CRYSTAL HON , SECONDED GEOFF COSTELOE:

Renovations Planning Group

“That on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning
Group, $43,100 (up to $23,000) be spent from CPAC for upgrades to the security system and functional items in the Art Gallery."

Note: CPAC balance as of today is $702,320.

Note: The reduction in the amount requested was a friendly amendment made because a portion of the costs are being removed to come back to Council at a later date.

- Jeremy Jaud the Art Gallery Commissioner presented on the safety, security and functions concerns at the Art Gallery. The main points were:
  - Some security upgrades need to be done
  - We need to set up a better environment regarding humidity and temperature
  - The lighting upgrades will allow us to showcase.
- Guillaume Houle asked about the timeline for completion.
- Jeremy Jaud: September for the upgrades; the storage is ongoing.
- Jimmy Yan asked for more details about storage costs.
- Jeremy Jaud: This will be coming to the next Council meeting.

6. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED GEOFF COSTELOE:

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   Note: CPAC balance as of today is $702,320 … Carried Unanimously

7. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED JIMMY YAN:

   Budget Committee

   “Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Budget Committee the 2009 Budget be amended as follows:

   - The Speakeasy Training Budget be increased from $5,000 to $10,732.50
   - The VFM budget be increased from $3,500 to $8,000

   Be it further resolved that these funds be taken from the Student Services Fund.

   Be it further resolved that Council direct the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee to further investigate sources of revenue for the Voter Funded Media contest."

   Note: The Student Services Fund has a balance of approximately $500,000.

   Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Tom Dvorak explained that in the original budget there had not been enough money allocated to Speakeasy training and that the VFM line item should be $8,000 as set out in Code.

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C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks:

• **OneCard**
  o I had a meeting with Tom and UBC’s Director of Housing and Food Services.
  o They brought forward a proposal to allow students to use their residence meal plan cards at AMS outlets.
  o This issue will be examined by the Business Operations Committee for further consideration.

• **UBCSUO Visit**
  o UBCSUO is the student union that represents the students at the UBC-O campus.
  o They came to visit us because they had some meetings with university officials.
  o It is a very important relationship because they share a ton of the same issues with us since they are students at the same university, but different campus.

• **MacInnes Field**
  o Last meeting we passed a motion requesting that the University open up MacInnes field for student run events.
  o I had a meeting with UBC’s VP Students Executive Coordinator and Associate Director of Athletics.
  o They were hesitant and had no real good reason for denying us the ability to book MacInnes.
o I spoke with Brian Sullivan briefly before he went on vacation.
  o He has indicated to me that due to our attention to this matter, UBC is going to open up MacInnes Field for student bookings.
  o Congratulations to Council and Andrew Carne and Neal Yonson for continuing to help me with this issue.
  o The scope and details of this are to be negotiated in the coming weeks.

E) Executive Remarks:

Timothy Chu – VP External
• Cuts to Funding of Student Aid Programs Again
  o $16 million cut in funding, entire programs abolished
  o Trying to get the word out. So far, 20 or so individuals approached me because they were affected
• External Policy Committee
  o Divvied up the work for the Olympics Report which was mandated by Council
  o Transportation Olympics document – TransLink is doing their scheduling for buses for the Olympics – working with Tahara and Transit Commissioner
• Met with Blake, Pavani and Ben, the Safewalk Coordinator, to discuss the impacts on Safewalk during the Olympics
• Childcare Block Party – 40th Anniversary for UBC Childcare Services
• UBC-Okanagan Student Union visit – identified areas where we can work together
• Tweaking up U-Pass subsidy application to make it less confusing
• Preparing for Imagine Day – Will work with Jeff, Executive Special Projects Coordinator
• Pride Parade Entry with UBC Pride
  o This year's theme is "educate" and we are near the front of the parade
  o We were painting bikes with UBC Pride
  o We want students marching with us.
  o Entry Number – BN3 - Thurlow and Alberni
  o Be there by 11:30 if you want to march in it – Don’t be late

Tom Dvorak - VP Finance
• Have made some progress in looking at potential HR candidates in work with Ray & Berndston. Scheduled some days for interviews in early August with aim of having a successful candidate hired by September.
• Trip down to Bellevue with a consultant from Sage Kotter which has been hired by UBC Executive.
• Spent some time looking at SUB Renewal financing.
• Met with Simon Fraser Student Society along with rest of exec over a dinner hosted by Studentcare, our health and dental plan provider.
• BOC work around marketing and branding, and work on pricing changes.
• Spent several hours in the catering kitchen mapping out workflows and looking at optimization in that area.
• Blake and I met with Andrew Parr from UBC Food Services to discuss AMS participation in the OneCard program, which would see AMS outlets benefit from the residence student Mealplan.

Pavani Gunadasa - ECSS
• Most of my focus these last few weeks has been on putting together a Professional Development Day for Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators, which will take place next week.
• this year we are really pushing to raise awareness about our Services
• I’m currently coordinating AMS Services’ participation in the orientation events during the first few weeks of September as it is really important for us to have a strong presence at these events.
• I have also been working to update information on the Services in various university publications, and working with the Communications Department.
• Safewalk began operations last week. The Coordinators have been working hard to identify and rectify operational inefficiencies and are gearing up to deliver a new-and-improved, effective and efficient high-quality service this fall.
• The Shinerama team is off to a good start, they held their first fundraiser this past week and they are very excited.
• Tutoring has been working on developing a comprehensive training program for the tutors, putting together the new exam database and updating content for the new LEAP website, which will hopefully be ready to launch before September.
• Speakeasy has put together a very impressive training program for their volunteers this year and amazingly already has over 30 confirmed volunteers (recruiting continues into September).
• The Food Bank is also currently recruiting volunteers and getting ready for a fundraiser towards the end of August.

F) Committee Reports:

Campus Planning & Development – Bijan Ahmadian
• Met with Nancy Knight and Lisa Colby and went over the Campus Plan.
• Will share the current plan with Council in September.
• Looking at consultation models.
• VP External needs to put pressure on TransLink to ensure the Skytrain goes all the way to UBC.

Code & Policies Committee – Andrew Carne:
• Looking at multiple questions in the AMS.
• Electoral Code.
• Conflicts of interest.

Oversight Committee – Kyle Warwick:
• Reviewing Executive phone plans since we lost the Rogers sponsorship.
G) Constituency Reports:

Arts:
- Executive active in increasing the visibility of the AUS in the first 2 weeks of school.
- BBQ/Beer party Sept 8th in Mass Buchanan B
- Student space expansion committee got an informal ok to prepare schematics
- Referendum for fees pushed from Sept 2009 to March 2010
- Buchanan A started renos
- Buchanan B operating again
- West courtyard landscaping should be complete in June 2010
- Starting work on selecting a new Dean.

Commerce:
- Improved budget
- Working on Frosh Week

GSS:
- Had a meeting last week
- Pub expansion plans are changing
- Our executive met with other Grad students
- Participating in SUB survey

Engineering:
- New Website
- E-News
- Frosh sponsorship sent
- Tutoring program set for Sept.

Law:
- New law school funding
- We are currently moving
- New summer classes were a success and will probably run next summer
- Law in Context week is in October. The topics will be ethics & practitioners

Science:
- Working on Imagine activities
- Planning some First Week type activities for 2nd week.
- UBCSUO toured the Ladha Centre
- Looking forward to September

Library/Archival:
- No news

Planning:
- Working on 1st Year orientations

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:
Board of Governors:
- Had the BOG Retreat
- Approved Board 3 (Law Building)
- Nancy Knight is trying to involve more students in the Campus Plan consultations.
- Currently the Frat house capacity is 100 per building – each house will get a new capacity

Senate:
- On Hold

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

9. MOVED LUKE LUUKKONEN, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated June 17, 2009
Minutes of the Academic Quality Committee dated July 15, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 2, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 9, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 16, 2009
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 14, 2009
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 21, 2009
Minutes of the Code and Policy Committee dated July 13, 2009
Minutes of the Campus Planning & Development meeting dated June 18, 2009
Minutes of the Oversight Committee dated June 12, 2009.”

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

10. MOVED TOM DVORAK , SECONDED LUKE LUUKKONEN :

“Whereas both the AMS and UBC operate competing conference and catering operations; and

Whereas the AMS relies on profits from its business operations to fund services that are fundamental to student life and safety on the UBC campus; and

Whereas UBC Conferences staff have been internally directed to recommend only the use of Wescadia (UBC Food Services) catering services;

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the AMS Executive to work with UBC to ensure that UBC Conferences reverts to the prior practice of presenting AMS Catering as a catering option for its conference clients.”

- Tom Dvorak spoke to the fact that this decision by UBC cuts into our catering business and he would like to be able to take this motion back to UBC.
- Bijan Ahmadian asked if the exec had spoken to Andrew Parr.
• Tom has spoken to both Brian Sullivan and President Toope and the discussion is ongoing.

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12. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED LIN WATT:

“Whereas UBC Campus and Community Planning has drafted a policy controlling event noise and hours of events held by all organizations on campus; and

Whereas this draft policy limits event noise to 55 decibels (the level of a normal conversation); and

Whereas this draft policy limits the hours of events to between 7:30 AM and 7:30 PM; and

Whereas this draft policy requires a damage deposit for all events held on campus, which would be financially impossible for some student-run organizations; and

Whereas UBC Campus and Community Planning has not pursued the proper channels to develop this draft policy,

Therefore be it resolved that Council reject the adoption of the proposed event policy that strictly limits the sound level and hours of any on campus event and requires a damage deposit from any group wishing to hold an event on campus.”

• Bijan Ahmadian mentioned that this motion applies to “outsider” events (non UBC events held on campus)
• Guillaume Houle: The wording is unclear
• Will Davis: How will this apply to the movie industry?
• Jeremy McElroy: Are there any parallels to the City of Vancouver bylaw?
• Johannes Rebane: It’s based on the construction bylaws.
• Tahara Bhate agreed with Guillaume. It’s too nebulous and needs to be clearer. It’s ill considered and we should oppose it no matter who it applies to.

13. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:
“That Motion 12 be referred to the Campus Planning and Development Committee.”

14. MOVED TOM DVORAK

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

15. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That Motion 12 be referred to the Campus Planning and Development Committee.”

… Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

16. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

Business Operations Committee

“That the AMS adopt the following pricing and booking policy for the AMS Whistler Lodge for the month of February, 2010:

Student Price / night: $30
Market Price / night: Between $149 and $199, uniform rate for all market-price guests,
final price at discretion of AMS Business Operations Management.

# of student beds / night: 21
# of public beds / night: 21

Note 1: All other peripheral pricing and booking policies shall remain in effect (ex. vending machines, internet access, coin laundry) excluding parking, which needs to be decided pending further review of all variables.
Note 2: Max # of nights restriction removed for Market Price guests.
Note 3: Student Price guests can purchase up to 6 bed nights (as per current booking policy for reading break and other peak times).
Note 4: Student Price beds selected in lottery system. Students not selected in lottery will have first chance to book Market Price beds.
Note 5: Bed nights are not transferrable beyond initial booking list.
Note 6: Guests caught scalping their tickets will lose their booking privileges. Guests must submit all names at time of booking in an effort to prevent scalping.
Note 7: No refunds.”

• Will Davis: Why are we in a deficit?
• Jeffrey Smith: Due to the H1N1 virus and the new visa regulations.
• Colin Simkus: Could we get more than $199.00 from the public?
• Tom Dvorak: Not for just a bunk in a lodge.
• Jimmy Yan: The website says that in Feb 2010 the lodge is for students only.
• Tom Dvorak: No motion was passed stating that.
• Dave Tomkins: We’re not violating any previous motions.
• Bijan Ahmadian: We should be aiming for the student/public scenario that would bring us the maximum profit.
• Luke Luukkonen: Can we still offer the lodge to Vanoc?
• Tom Dvorak: it's too late to offer the lodge to Vanoc
• Maria Cirstea: Is it always $30 per night?
• Tom Dvorak: Yes.
• Can we raise this rate?
• Tom Dvorak: We discussed this and decided it wasn’t a good idea
• Kyle Warwick: The banner on the north side of SUB says the rate is $24 per night.
• Tahara Bhate: Was it considered to increase the student rate and only allow students to use the lodge?
• Tom Dvorak: Yes, but we liked the current model the most.
• Matthew Naylor: The public revenue is good for the AMS and the allocations presented are ok. Will this apply to the Paralympics as well?
• Tom Dvorak: No, they don’t offer the same opportunities as the Olympics.

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18. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the following two motions be added to the agenda.”

... No objections

19. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

Code & Policies Committee

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Conflict of Interest’ and amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Matthew explained that due to the expansion of the AMS over the past few years dual loyalties may occur and that Council needs to create a motion to protect itself.
- Dave Tompkins explained Roberts Rules regarding conflicts of interest and noted that this motion conflicts with Robert’s Rules.
- Bijan Ahmadian: This motion is unpractical and takes the concept to the extreme
- Geoff Costeloe: This motion takes the onus off the individual but still doesn’t like the wording.
- Tahara Bhate: Still needs clarification.
- The BC Business Corp. has goo language
- Matthew Naylor: Intent is good but it needs clarification. I would like to help.

20. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That Motion 19 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.”

... Carried

21. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

Code & Policies Committee

“That the Code and Policy Committee present proposed changes to the Electoral Code to Council no later than the first Council meeting in October.”

- Andrew Carne explained that Council asked for this review but the originally suggested date was too early.

22. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

Code & Policies Committee

“That the Code and Policy Committee present proposed changes to the Electoral Code to Council no later than the first Council meeting in October.”
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

23. MOVED JIMMY YAN, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated June 8, 2009. ... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

24. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

From Matthew Naylor (Arts):

“That AMS Council direct the Ad hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee to study and report back on the feasibility, cost and benefits of an AMS Engagement Levy, and report back to Council no later than the first meeting in September.”

• Matthew Naylor explained that this motion would allow us to raise funds for activities that would increase student engagement. Students could opt out.
• Colin Simkus: We could use these funded for the Voter Funded Media Contest.
• Tahara Bhate: Is the first meeting in September too soon?
• Matthew Naylor: The committee will probably ask for an extension.
• Tahara Bhate: Can we do a friendly amendment and change the date from September to October?
• Matthew: Good idea

25. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

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26. MOVED JIMMY YAN, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

From Johannes Rebane (VP Academic):

“Be it resolved that the following be appointed to the Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform committee for a term ending March 31, 2010:
Matthew Naylor, Will Davis, Ekatrina Dovjenko, Maria Cirstea, Jeremy McElroy, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe (Councilors) and Colin Simkus (member at large).

Be it further resolved that Matthew Naylor be appointed chair.” ... Carried

P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
   August 19, 2009

S) Adjournment:

27. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED CRYSTAL HON:
   “That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Neal Yonson (Dave Tompkins FanClub), Samantha Jung (Ubyssey), Chris McCann (Alumni), Arvind Saraswat (GSS President), Andrey B (student), Kelli Seepaul (AMS Communications Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archives), Brian Sullivan (UBC VP Students), Pierre Ouillet (UBC VP Finance)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm.

1. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE, SECONDED JEREMY McELROY:

“That Blake Frederick, Kat Dovjenko and Maria Cirstea be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

For (19): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Andrew Carne), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Colin Simkus (proxy for Iggy Rodriguez), Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

2. MOVED LIN WATT, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

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For (19): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Andrew Carne), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Colin McInnes, Joel Mertens, Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Colin Simkus (proxy for Iggy Rodriguez), Aaron Sihota, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka)

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

C) Presentations to Council:

UBC Budget – UBC VP Finance, Pierre Ouillet; UBC VP Students, Brian Sullivan

- Pierre Ouillet:
  - Shortfall not as bad at UBC as elsewhere.
  - We can manage, but some changes are being proposed.
  - The complicated budget process at UBC doesn’t work.
  - The aim is to be more strategic.
  - We have to see how to go beyond Trek 2010.
The current financial context includes the first deficit in a while; the real
deficit is $8 million because of carryovers, but there is a $13 million
structural deficit, plus $6 million in unfunded salary increases, $3 million
from the market downturn, and $3 million for development.

Altogether a $25 million deficit for next year.

Work has been done over the summer and now there are meetings with
key stakeholders, beginning with the AMS tonight and then the University
Executives on August 31 and the Deans on September 9.

The aim is to put forward a balanced budget by December.

Will have a new budgeting framework, including a transparent budget
instead of the current black box.

One principle being proposed is that if the number of students in a faculty
increases, then the funding for that faculty will increase.

Some topdown initiatives are being proposed:
- Restructuring of Building Operations to save $9 million.
- A $16 million reduction in operating budgets of faculties and
  administrative units.

The aim is not to cut blindly, but to couple cuts with initiatives.

Eight major revenue enhancement and cost reduction initiatives:

- **ISI expansion:**
  - Encouraging more international students.
  - There’s a real demand to join UBC from students in
    Asia and the U.S.
  - Aiming to increase from 10% to 20%, which raises
    issues of capacity of faculties and housing; the aim is
to add beds.
  - Have to look at broad based admission because grading
    is different abroad.

- **Efficient learning model:**
  - Better teaching while being more cost effective.
  - May increase the size of already large classes while
    guaranteeing a small class experience for everyone.
  - A curriculum review.

- **Professional fees:**
  - There’s a 2% cap on tuition increases, but students in
    some programs will make a good living after
    graduation, e.g., Law.
  - Law tuition is among the lowest in the country; it could
    be raised, though the raise would be mitigated by a
    student aid increase.

- **New IT model:**
  - Wasting resources on IT; could save by centralizing
    (economies of scale).

- **Supply management:**
  - Ditto. Lots of waste and duplication.

- **Cultural venues:**
  - We have some of the premier venues in the country
    (Museum of Anthropology, Chan Centre, etc.), but
    they’re losing money.
• We could seek more visitors to them, introduce efficiencies, manage them more professionally, get more grants.

- **Administrative faculty efficiencies:**
  - The smaller faculties are less efficient than the larger ones.
  - Would still want to keep the small faculties separate, but perhaps combine their administrative aspects to create synergies.

- **Summer use of campus:**
  - Buildings are overused in the winter session and underused in the summer.
  - Big ideas here; moving to new types of programs in the summer.

**Questions**

- Matthew Naylor asked about the internationalization of the campus. Would the increase to 20% be achieved by increasing the total student population or by decreasing domestic enrolment?
- Pierre Ouillet: It will be incremental. There are no financial benefits to decreasing domestic enrolment and he’s not sure it would be right to do that. His opinion is that the increase in the number of international students should be achieved by increasing the overall student population. Meanwhile the province is asking us to consider transferring undergraduates to other institutions, but that has nothing to do with ISI expansion.
- Brian Sullivan: Funding from the government is separate from ISI. We’re trying to maintain undergraduate FTE’s here where they are. International expansion will not come at the expense of undergraduate spots.
- Johannes Rebane asked about ancillary contributions.
- Pierre Ouillet: We’re asking the ancillaries to look at their projected revenues over the next five years. This has been done for Food Services, the Bookstore, and Parking. Housing is currently doing it. The others may as well. Because government debt is at a maximum, the province is not letting UBC borrow, and we may have to go outside for funding for Housing. We may structure the ancillaries as legally separate entities to let them borrow or look to the Endowment Fund.
- Brian Sullivan pointed to the AMS Services as a model; the AMS offers and supports them while operating them in a sustainable way. In the ancillaries, e.g., the Bookstore, there’s an attempt to make sure prices are fair while at the same time making sure the Bookstore is paying full cost to the University. In Housing, the aim is to provide for expansion but also to make sure it is paying its fair share of doing business.
- Dia Montgomery asked about increases in applications and whether they are related to the Olympics.
- Brian Sullivan said he had been surprised by the recent spike in international applications, but not all of them came from countries enamoured of winter sports. He said that in part the increase was a case of people wanting to get to a quality institution.
- Dia Montgomery: How would tuition increases in professional programs relate to the cap?
- Pierre Ouillet: It would mean freeing those programs from the cap, creating exceptions for professional programs in Medicine, Law, and Business. We're not sure if the government will allow this.
- Dave Tompkins mentioned Dentistry.
- Pierre Ouillet: This year fee increases go to UBC. Under the new proposal, 75% of the increase would go to the faculties, so if Law went up, 75% would go back to Law and the other 25% to the General Purpose Operating Fund to reduce the deficit.
- Alex Monegro asked about strategic enrolment.
- Brian Sullivan: In the past there's been a loose coupling between the number of students and the amount in the budget. The aim is for something clearer now. We're not necessarily going to see a big change in enrolment. The emphasis will be on the balance between undergraduate and graduate. The aim is to grow graduate enrolment. We're also trying to recruit students from other parts of Canada. British Columbia is still a next exporter of students. There are several pieces to enrolment: the international piece, the balancing of graduate and undergraduate, national enrolment, and also the quality issue: we want students for whom this is the best place to be; not all students would find this the best place for them.
- Alex Monegro: How does that connect to allocating money?
- Brian Sullivan: For the first time Deans will have changes in enrolment counted for their budgets. They will get more money if they have more students; that's never been the case before. The Deans will have to pay much more attention to this.
- Lin Watt: The 10% and 20% figures for international students, are those for undergraduates or graduate students?
- Brian Sullivan: It's mostly undergraduates. It excludes international grad students in research programs.
- Lin Watt: Will the increased professional fee apply to Engineering?
- Pierre Ouillet: It may, yes; it depends on what's allowed.
- Tahara Bhate asked about the impact on the quality of education of tying enrolment to budgets. Faculties will be less willing to enrol students in other faculties.
- Pierre Ouillet: This has certainly been discussed. We want to encourage cooperation between faculties. Money will be based on the FTE's taking classes in your faculty, not on where they're coming from. It's encouraging flexibility.
- Tahara Bhate asked about the different amounts allocated per student per faculty and the 75% going to the faculty.
- Pierre Ouillet: The 75% goes to a faculty regardless, plus there's an undergraduate complement and a graduate complement; the latter will be more because grad students cost more; it may be faculty dependent.
- Tahara Bhate: Linking funding to student enrolment is great, but for lab courses in Science the costs are greater regardless of enrolment. Will there be any way to access funds besides through being linked to enrolment?
- Pierre Ouillet: Science is efficient, so it's fine. Initially, there would be a top up on top of the 75% so we don't break the system. Nobody's going to be disadvantaged or cut because of the new model. If a faculty grows, it will get more.
- Blake Frederick noted the recent $16 million cut in student aid and asked what plans there are to increase or decrease student aid from the GPOF.
• Pierre Ouillet: The new model is replicating current levels. If fees go up, a proportionate amount will go to student aid.
• Blake Frederick: If tuition goes up, aid goes up; but if tuition doesn’t go up, aid will remain the same?
• Brian Sullivan: The policy remains in place to meet the unmet need of students. There will be more students with unmet need and the University is committed to finding money for them through unrepayable bursaries.
• Guillaume Houle: Will housing costs go up?
• Brian Sullivan: The current business model has housing paying for itself. In the last five years, increases have been between 2 and 4%. What will it be going forward? Over CPI? Probably only in very targeted ways. We’re due to have a look at pricing, but you could see across the board prices going up at the CPI level.
• Chris McCann asked about the sources of the deficit.
• Pierre Ouillet: The key issue is that expenses have grown quicker than revenue. Revenue has been capped. That’s why we’ve ended up in this difficult situation.
• Brian Sullivan: UBC is obligated by law not to have a deficit. If you include the Endowment and other funding on a consolidated basis, we’re clean. But looking just at the GPOF we have this problem. There are details on the Web of the $13 million structural deficit.
• Chris McCann noted the new residents on campus and asked if the University was looking to generate revenue by providing services to them.
• Pierre Ouillet: Yes, we look at these sorts of services, e.g., providing security services. But it will probably not be huge; the principal benefit will be to the Endowment.
• Brian Sullivan: Another example is the UNA contribution to childcare. Also, and this is a bit controversial, Athletics has worked through a neighbourhood use agreement with money going to Athletics. The management challenge is to make sure this doesn’t displace students. But we are seeking revenue from other sources.
• Kyle Warwick said he assumed the reduction in investment income was a result of the global situation; was there any anticipation of this now going up?
• Pierre Ouillet: Yes and no. Because of bad experiences, we are now putting our investments in much safer vehicles, but that means a lower return. It may go up a bit, but we’re planning conservatively.
• Kyle Warwick asked about upfront capital.
• Pierre Ouillet spoke about amortization in housing.
• Brian Sullivan: Other things are a challenge. If you want more teaching space, the province is not in the habit of funding spaces.
• Dave Tompkins asked whether the University’s bond issue had been a success.
• Pierre Ouillet: We issued bonds; it’s a way to borrow. They’re long term and very stable.
• Alex Lougheed asked about increases in housing. Will they be at CPI?
• Brian Sullivan: Aside from selective adjustments, overall increases will be between 2 and 4%. Education price increases are greater than CPI, which is why a 2% cap is a difficulty for the University. The actual increase for University costs is 3.6%. This gap is probably what is responsible for the $13 million structural deficit.
• Alex Lougheed: But there’s no cap on housing prices.
• Brian Sullivan: Legislatively not; we’re not covered by the Residential Tenancy Act. But we have to be fair.

Specific Feedback Items:

1) ISI
• Brian Sullivan: The current target is 15%. The new one would be 20%.
• Alex Monegro asked if this would mean pushing faculties that already have 15% international students to increase, or will there be more emphasis on faculties with fewer international students?
• Brian Sullivan: Those are the kinds of questions we discuss. Arts wonders about its ability to take more. Sauder is at 20% and asks, Is it appropriate to go higher? Others with less think they should have more. Arts is already saying they don’t know. In the Okanagan, almost all want more.
• Pierre Ouillet: It’s an incredible experience having a mix of international students.
• Dave Tompkins: Would the 75% tuition rule apply to international students?
• Pierre Ouillet: Yes.
• Tahara Bhate asked how UBC gains from international students in the full cost recovery model.
• Pierre Ouillet: International tuition is calculated to both cover the variable cost of teaching and to contribute to UBC’s significant fixed costs (IT, Building Operations, Administration, Development). This is different from domestic tuition, which gets heavily subsidized by the Provincial Grant. In this context, increasing the number of international students – particularly if they go the faculties with unused capacity – could help UBC fund some of the $25 million budget shortfall expected next year.
• Bijan Ahmadian: In order to create revenue, UBC needs to recruit international students to programs that have capacity. Will the University be recruiting for programs that are low in international students?
• Pierre Ouillet: That’s exactly the strategy.
• Guillaume Houle expressed concern that an increase in international students might lead to displacement of domestic students on the fringe, those with less than A averages.
• Brian Sullivan: The University has a social contract with the government and people of British Columbia. There is a commitment to domestic students. We may increase the number of international students, but we’re not decreasing the number of domestic students. And ISI students do not compete for student aid either. There’s no displacement in those two areas. One area where there may be competition for resources is in housing. We have guarantees of on-campus housing for ISI students; we do not have the same guarantees for domestic students from the Vancouver area. There may be some displacement there.
• Tahara Bhate said there may be concern about shifting the undergraduate population elsewhere in the province. If we’re increasing capacity, why not increase it for domestic students? Where are taxpayer resources going?
• Pierre Ouillet: If we didn’t have any ISI, there’d still be the same amount of funding for domestic students. There is a question mark about
rebalancing around the province, but that has nothing to do with international students.

- Johannes Rebane expressed concern that ISI might create stratification between domestic and international students. It’s important to make sure every student is considered a UBC student.
- Joel Mertens asked about changing the graduate/undergraduate ratio. What is it now? What is desired?
- Pierre Ouillet: It’s currently 19% at Vancouver, lower at UBCO. It’s 25% in the U.S. for the big universities. If the province funds that, great; if not, it’s an extra cost because grad students cost more.
- Colin Simkus: BC’s population is forecast to increase. Do you see UBC’s share of that decreasing, and will ISI affect that?
- Brian Sullivan: It’s already going down and the creation of more universities will continue that. The increase is not in the high school age group; we may not see it here immediately. We may see more PSE students staying in BC. Among teenagers, less than a quarter have parents born in Canada; 38% were not born in Canada. Immigration is shaping the environment.

2) Professional fees:

- Blake Frederick: Your plan is to lobby the government to remove the 2% cap. This Council is opposed to removing the 2% cap. As to the argument that students in professional programs will make more money when they graduate, it’s been shown that that argument is fallacious. To the question of which professional programs should be exempted from the cap, my answer is None.
- Alex Monegro said he didn’t necessarily agree with that strong view. Commerce fees are the cheapest in the world.
- Colin Simkus: Are you seeking to get the province to remove the cap to introduce fees, or other increases? Are you doing this to enable a professional standard to be met? If not, quality would fall?
- Pierre Ouillet: In Law, for example, a review has shown that Law is not properly funded. Their building is inadequate. Based on that, they pushed the Board of Governors to approve a new building, but there are not enough funds to pay for the building and to ensure the calibre of the faculty. Law doesn’t have the means to deliver a good education; they need more funding.
- Colin Simkus: What kind of fee increase? Fixed or per credit? And it will remain at 2%?
- Pierre Ouillet: Law tuition would go higher than 2%.
- Dave Tompkins sought clarification on whether the fee increase being talked of would mean introducing such things as a new clerk fee, extra fees. Or is this about tuition?
- Pierre Ouillet: Tuition.
- Dave Tompkins: It’s misleading to say fees, then. The proposal should say it’s a tuition increase.
- Brian Sullivan: We will be asking the province to relax the cap on tuition and fees.
- Dave Tompkins: On both?
- Brian Sullivan: Yes.
• Bijan Ahmadian: If you make education difficult to access in professional programs, you get a certain demographic, students of a certain income level. We want diversity, especially as far as income levels go.

• Dia Montgomery: A referendum to raise student fees to pay for the new Law building didn’t go through. There was discussion of whether to allow opt-outs for international students and those with financial need. In the end, we couldn’t come up with a good program, and the project died. Would the tuition increase be across the board and not have exceptions for hardship cases?

• Pierre Ouillet: Part of the tuition increase would go to student aid to avoid this negative impact.

• Brian Sullivan: Also, tuition is part of the calculation for loans. In Law and other professional programs, it’s a bit different. Law has been good at finding money.

• Dia Montgomery: If you don’t get the Deans’ approval, then what?

• Brian Sullivan: This is the first place we’ve been.

• Dia Montgomery: So you haven’t formulated that.

• Kyle Warwick said one area where costs should be minimized is Nursing and other similar programs where there is a shortage of workers.

• Tahara Bhate expressed concern about sticker shock and asked about advertising upfront scholarships and bursaries as the U of T does.

• Joel Mertens noted large increases for Engineering programs in Ontario and asked about the effect of similar increases on students here.

• Pierre Ouillet: Students already in a program will not be affected by increases; they will be grandfathered.

• Joel Mertens: What rate are you looking at?

• Pierre Ouillet said he had no idea at this point.

• Lin Watt: How will you decide which programs will be affected? And have you taken into account the needs of the professions? Are you just raising money to fund the University as a whole?

• Brian Sullivan: In a time of rapid fee hikes a few years ago, there was an understanding that tuition does go to the broader University. But beyond the base, money goes to the faculties. We’d be guided by the academic needs of the faculties.

• Pierre Ouillet: Funding will be distributed 75% back to the faculty, 20% to student financial aid, and 5% to UBC as a whole.

• Lin Watt: Besides consulting with the Deans, will you consult with the undergraduate societies?

• Brian Sullivan: Historically, the Deans have done that and invited us to attend.

The Speaker conducted a vote to see if Council should move on with the agenda. It carried.

For (14): Maria Cirstea, Will Davis, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Aaron Sihota, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka)

Against (4): Tahara Bhate, Joel Mertens, Colin Simkus (proxy for Iggy Rodriguez), Lin Watt
Abstained: Tom Dvorak, Johannes Rebane

3. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED COLIN SIMKUS:

“That the agenda be amended to include a motion opposing the removal of the CPI cap on tuition increases.”

… Defeated

For (4): Blake Frederick, Colin McInnes, Kyle Warwick, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka)

Against (12): Tahara Bhate, Will Davis, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Jeremy McElroy, Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Colin Simkus (proxy for Iggy Rodriguez), Aaron Sihota, Lin Watt

Abstained: Maria Cirstea, Tom Dvorak, Joel Mertens, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan)

D) President’s Remarks (Blake Frederick, Blake’s Broadcast):

- Communications Centralization
  - Working with Kelli and CPG to ensure consistent messaging and branding across all areas of the organization

- Media Interviews
  - Ubyssey – first week profile
  - Welcome back UBC video
  - CTV – student unemployment rate highest in history
  - CTV – cuts to student aid program
  - CBC Radio – cuts to student aid program
  - Courier – construction of new child care spaces on campus
  - Metro News – cuts to child care funding
  - CKNW – cuts to child care funding

- First Week Activities and Support for our Societies
  - I will be attending as many events as possible during the first two weeks of September. I will be putting a lot of time into creating connections between the AMS and groups on campus that with which we could strengthen our relationship. I think the AMS should play a greater role in supporting the activities of its graduate and undergraduate societies and as the President, it is incumbent upon me to be a leader towards this goal.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP Academic – Johannes Rebane:

- First year seminar program, which he campaigned for, will now be included in the University’s strategic plan.
- Working with the Greek system concerning a lawsuit about the code of conduct in their lease agreement.
• Consultations on Vancouver campus plan.
• PPPAC, the advisory council approving buildings, has proposed a new tennis centre to replace Osborne Field. It will serve community tennis players and he is somewhat opposed because it’s for residents, not students.
• ARC presentation: to discuss the role of ARC.
• VP’s Academic meeting.

VP Administration – Crystal Hon:

• SUB:
  o Discussing ways to integrate the SUB into classes.
  o Booth at Imagine.
  o Brainstorming how to draw first year students into the SUB Project.
  o Putting big poster on the fence.
  o Revising mission statement to talk of progress we’ve made.
  o Working with the alumni on sharing space in the new SUB; it looks promising.
  o Trying to resolve issues with UBC to maintain the student-driven nature of the SUB Project.
  o Still waiting for the P3 report.
• SAC: Clubs Days: toying with involving Constituencies and Services.
• Deans Debate: working out details.
• Tim and I are working on a joint U-Pass and SUB subsidy form; having just one form will make things easier.
• Looking into having a baby change table in the gender neutral washroom on the second floor. That would require a renovation.

VP Finance – Tom Dvorak:

• Apologies for being late; just got back from vacation 15 minutes ago.
• Interviewing for the HR Director: three strong candidates are going to a second round.
• BOC:
  o New point of sale systems; looking into integration with UBC.
  o Catering: a meeting with UBC produced some traction.
  o Looking at changes to lottery system for Whistler Lodge.
  o Online events booking system should have gone live while he was away.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

  Science: Nothing to report.
  Medicine: Nothing to report.
  Commerce: Nothing to report.
Engineering (Lin Watt, reading a poem by Joel Mertens):
- Equity.
- Handbooks.

Law (Dia Montgomery):
- Barbecue in new swing space.
- Talking about how to have drinking events.
- Finishing moving into swing space.

Arts:
- Welcome back events.
- Barbecue and beer garden.
- Motion to purchase furniture.

Commerce (Kat Dovjenko):
- Working on Frosh Week; the biggest ever.

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

Board of Governors:

Senate: Nothing to report.

Ombudsperson (Hayden Hughes, read by Johannes Rebane):

Since the last Council meeting I have dealt with 3 cases, one to do with an AMS club and 2 housing cases. I attribute this to the fact that the brunt of summer classes are finished. Additionally I have been ill which has affected my availability to be in the office. However given the fact that most clients email me, I don't think this has causally affected the number of cases I've dealt with. Moving forward, I anticipate numerous cases in September as students return from holidays.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

4. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That the following minutes be approved as presented:

Student Council minutes dated July 8, 2009
Student Council minutes dated July 29, 2009
External Policy Committee minutes dated June 25, 2009
External Policy Committee minutes dated July 22, 2009.”

... Carried

For (20): Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Andrew Carne), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Colin McInnes, Joel Mertens, Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Madeleine
J) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED JEREMY McELROY:

“That Council amend Section X, Article 1(3)(g) of the Code of Procedure to add the word ‘Volunteer’ so that it reads ‘AMS Volunteer Connect’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Blake Frederick: The Communications Department and Services want to rebrand AMS Connect as AMS Volunteer Connect, and it was noted that this requires a Code change.
- Jeremy McElroy said this is good because he didn’t know that AMS Connect meant volunteers.

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For (19): Tahara Bhate, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Colin McInnes, Joel Mertens, Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Iggy Rodriguez), Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Lin Watt

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED COLIN SIMKUS, SECONDED WILL GALLEGO:

From the External Policy Committee

“Whereas the post-secondary education system has been underfunded, and

Whereas the budget for StudentAid BC was frozen as per the 2009/2010 BC Government Budget, and

Whereas the BC Government recently cut $16 million in student aid programs,
Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS oppose the $16 million cut in student aid programs;

Be it further resolved that the AMS call on the BC Government to reverse the $16 million cut;

Be it further resolved that the AMS work towards adequate funding for student aid; and

Be it further resolved that AMS Council authorize an awareness campaign in regards to the cuts.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Colin Simkus: Given this $16 million cut, we have to start going on the offensive. September 1 there will be a new budget. The old budget assumed shortfalls of $850 million, but really the shortfall will be $2.8 billion. It’s thus no surprise there was a $16 million cut; it will get worse. I sympathize with the government’s tough challenges, but Postsecondary Education will continue to get the short end of the stick unless we are active. The government is trying not to cut health care because people complain; if PSE people make noise, we can maybe stop the cuts. We have to get more vocal. We have to make the government realize we are as important as other services. If we remain mute, there will be bigger cuts in February. This is not a partisan issue.

- Blake Frederick said he had talked to student reps at other institutions across the province. Everyone is united against these cuts. There will be action.

- Guillaume Houle: We need to start organizing, communicate with other universities. If we don’t make noise, the cuts will come. One of our biggest roles is to fight for students.

- Tom Dvorak asked if there was a campaign plan and a budget breakdown.

- Dave Tompkins: It looks like the money will come from existing budgets.

- Tahara Bhate: The campaign is in its infancy; there’s no budget yet. Tim didn’t want to undertake a campaign if there was no Council support. There will be a budget.

- Tom Dvorak: We should make it clear that no spending is being authorized.

- Dave Tompkins suggested adding the phrase “without additional budget allocations” to the last resolution clause. There were no objections.

- Maria Cirstea: Would it be the same amount of money whether we work with others or independently?

- Guillaume Houle: Spreading the cost around four or five institutions will help. We need to start organizing. Put money in. We need to do much more, send busloads of people. In Quebec 70,000 students would descend on the National Assembly. This motion before us now would not scare me if I were a politician.

- Colin Simkus: We’re a group that needs to get more attention from government, whoever the government is.

- Alex Monegro: They need to come up with a budget.

8. MOVED LIN WATT:

“That the questions be called.”
9. MOVED COLIN SIMKUS, SECONDED WILL GALLEGO:

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... Carried Unanimously

For (23): Tahara Bhate, Maria Cirstea, Will Davis, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Andrew Carne), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Colin McInnes, Joel Mertens, Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Iggy Rodriguez), Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

10. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED WILL GALLEGO:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

External Commission minutes dated June 18, 2009
External Commission minutes dated July 17, 2009
External Commission Minutes dated July 31, 2009.”

... Carried
For (16): Will Davis, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Iggy Rodriguez), Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

Abstained: Tahara Bhaté, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Matthew Naylor

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

11. MOVED JEREMY WOOD, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That Council appoint __________ and __________ (students at large) to the ad hoc Equity Committee.”

- Sean Heisler’s name was put forward.

12. MOVED JEREMY WOOD, SECONDED ALEX MONEGRO:

“That Council appoint Sean Heisler (student at large) to the ad hoc Equity Committee.”

... Carried

For (15): Will Davis, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Gallego (proxy for Andrew Carne), Guillaume Houle, Joel Mertens, Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Johannes Rebane, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Iggy Rodriguez), Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Lin Watt

P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
September 2, 2009

S) Adjournment:

The first attempt at a motion to adjourn was ruled invalid when it was discovered that one of those using the electronic voting clickers was not a voting member of Council.

13. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

For (16): Tahara Bhaté, Will Davis, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew
Naylor, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Iggy Rodriguez), Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

Against (3): Alex Monegro (proxy for Laura Silvester), Johannes Rebane, Jeremy Wood (proxy for Elena Kusaka)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

T) Social Activity:
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A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.
- Blake Frederick noted that in the absence of the Speaker he was designating Colin Simkus as chair for the meeting.

1. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED TOM DVORAK:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

- A revised agenda had been sent out.
- Timothy Chu also asked that the motion on funding two items proposed by the External Policy Committee be divided.

2. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED TOM DVORAK:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... No objections

3. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the relevant section of Code be suspended in order to dispense with automatic roll call voting for tonight’s meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Blake Frederick: The Speaker’s software is also absent today, meaning we cannot use the clickers to record votes automatically. Code requires roll call votes on every motion, but to do that manually would be tedious.
- Colin Simkus: If, however, there are any items on which members would like a roll call vote, we can revert to the old rule under which any three members can force a roll call vote. Otherwise, we will vote by a show of hands. Members can also ask to be noted on any motion, either in support or in opposition or as abstaining.
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... No objections

5. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED AARON SIHOTA:

“That Geoff Costeloe and Maria Cirstea be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

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

C) Presentations to Council:

Healthy Minds – Vanita Sabharwal (UBC Counselling Services) and Patty Hambler (UBC Health Services)

- Patty Hambler:
  - This is a new initiative from the VP Students office.
  - They are looking for collaboration opportunities on the issue of promoting mental health on campus.
  - Wellness is important for effective learning, including such things as physical health, healthy diet, and good sleep practices.
  - There is a negative correlation between depressed moods and academic performance.
  - The top seven health causes for academic difficulties are: cold, flu, etc; stress; sleep deficiencies; depression; relationship difficulties; concern for a troubled friend or family member; excessive devotion to video games, non-academic use of the Internet, etc.
  - Six of the seven are related to mental health, and even the physical health issue is exacerbated by stress.
  - In comparison to other universities, UBC shows spikes for stress and non-academic use of the Internet, but is lower for alcohol use and concern over the death of a friend or family member.

- Vanita Sabharwal:
  - Mental health concerns are presenting more; that’s why we want to do something to address the top six mental health concerns.
  - Our action strategies call on students to focus on what’s missing in their life in an aim to achieve balance. Some students may focus too much on academics and may not take time out to have fun.
  - We want students to become more aware about the impact of the choices they make.
We’re developing a campaign, speaking to groups like this, using Facebook and Twitter, holding discussions, mounting displays. The annual Wellness Fair is being expanded into Thrive Week.

- Patty Hambler:
  - We’re looking for a long-term strategy, not just a onetime campaign; the aim is to produce a culture shift.
  - We want to work with all partners on campus: staff and faculty as well as students.

- Vanita Sabharwal: We may look at things like whether the standard five courses a term (eight in Engineering?) is a good thing. Would it be healthier to change that?

Questions

- Jeremy McElroy asked if there was data available for individual faculties.
- Patty Hambler said no, though some faculties have requested it; the sample was not large enough.
- Geoff Costeloe asked about the Healthy Minds vision for five years from now.
- Patty Hambler said she envisaged a culture shift as has happened over the past ten years with sustainability. Ten years ago the impact of sustainability was small; now it’s part of the culture; that’s what we’re aiming for, to be part of the culture, part of the conversation.
- Blake Frederick: A large part of health has to do with the amount of time students have. Nowadays students have to turn to employment, leaving them less time for other things. If a student has to work, working on campus through such things as Work-Study, is fantastic. There’s also the possibility of taking more courses in the summer.
- Patty Hambler: These are conversations that need to get started, for instance concerning summer courses. The question is, What might make UBC a healthier campus?
- Vanita Sabharwal mentioned workshops that will be held on the Healthy Minds issue.
- Kyle Warwick asked about contacts with AMS Services.
- Patty Hambler said she is working with Pavani on various initiatives, e.g., suicide awareness.
- Vanita Sabharwal said she is working with Speakeasy.
- Patty Hambler said they would love to hear ideas; if connections can be made with AMS Services, they are happy to facilitate.
- Tom Dvorak expressed concern about the non-academic use of the Internet, which he attributed to the easy availability of Wi-Fi. He suggested turning off Wi-Fi to see what happens. [This provoked laughter.]
- Patty Hambler: We don’t know the underlying causes; we need to do research to know how to address these matters. There has been some research at UBCO about the non-academic use of the Internet.
- Rory Green asked what was being done at the residences, especially concerning such issues as healthy eating versus junk food.
- Patty Hambler: We’re working with Rez Life at various levels and would love to talk about the food issue in residences. It can’t necessarily come from us; there are political issues. If it’s student-driven, we can support that. And it’s not just food in residence, but food around campus. Food is a large issue.
President Toope is promoting healthy breakfast options. We want to look at what food is available on campus.

D) President’s Remarks, or Blake’s Broadcast (Blake Frederick):

- Excited about First Week; he’ll be attending loads of events. There are lots of AMS promotional items you can take with you to hand out if you’re going to attend.
- Quarterly reports were due for this meeting, but this was only realized the day before, and since it’s better to do them with quality, he hoped Council would be all right with receiving well-written reports in time for the next meeting.
- There’s a three-week gap till the next meeting because otherwise the schedule would have us hit Thanksgiving Week and Remembrance Day. Tonight is really the September 9 meeting moved back.
- He’ll be speaking at Gala and to first years at Imagine.
- Brian Sullivan has informed us that UBC is seeking fee increases for professional programs beyond the 2% cap; they are lobbying the government to relax the cap; in fact, they’ve been doing this for two years. I asked them to stop, and will have to talk to President Toope about this, since it stems from a directive from him.
  o Bijan Ahmadian: Did he define professional programs?
  o Blake Frederick: He didn’t list them all; they seem focused on Law and Medicine, the ones the University loses revenue on. It’s not clear if it includes Engineering.

E) Executive Remarks:

Vice-President Finance (Tom Dvorak):

- Committee meetings
- Seeking staff feedback to see how he’s doing
- HR Manager search: Final three candidates are in for interviews this week; they’re all very qualified; there’s one frontrunner; hope to have them on board soon.
- If he could bring in half a million dollars for the AMS this year, who would be interested?
  o An overnight stay rental company has approached us about the Whistler Lodge; they want to rent all the beds and space for half a million instead of our current projected revenue of $100,000.
  o A couple of years ago Vanoc offered a quarter of a million for the Lodge for the whole term; Council said no. This would be just for one month, and it’s half a million. Is Council interested?
  o Geoff Costeloe: This is onetime only?
  o Tom Dvorak: Yes, just for the Olympics.
  o A straw poll showed Councillors in favour of looking into this.
  o Tom Dvorak: The proposal will go to BOC and then come back here.
Vice-President External (Timothy Chu):

- Vacation – train from Halifax to Vancouver took six days
- Residence Contract was changed to give greater reassurance that political opinions and expressions will be respected
  - This change affects 8000 students
  - Interesting point: the University was able to unilaterally change the agreement without the consent of the residents over that particular change
- U-Pass and the Canada Line
  - The U-Pass will be honoured but in 2010, when the YVR AddFare kicks in, U-Pass holders will need to pay the additional fee, somehow
  - YVR AddFare is for the part of the Canada Line that goes to the airport
  - September 7th, all the bus route changes will be implemented – we will be posting something on the AMS website about these changes
- Cuts to childcare
  - Minor Capital Grants were cut recently by 60%
- BC Government Throne Speech and Budget
  - Throne Speech had very little mention of post-secondary education – cuts were predicted
  - Budget announcements – pertinent information
    - The $16 million cut to student aid turns out to be actually $17 million
    - $17 million cut for building repair
    - Funding freeze for PSE initiatives
- What I have been working on:
  - Preparing for Imagine Day and First Week
    - Sign-up sheets for students to get involved with their student union
    - Look out for the External Office at the Main Event Carnival
  - Funding Cuts Campaign
    - Preparing the campaign materials, just waiting for the funding and then we’ll go to the printers
    - Campaign will be rolled out September 14th after things die down from First Week
    - Contacting other student unions to see what they are planning and working together on that
    - Looking into the potential of having some sort of demonstration
    - This public awareness campaign will give us the political clout for Lobby Days in October
Response to the Budget

[Colin Simkus had copies of the provincial budget and supporting documents.]

What I will be working on:

- First Week and Imagine Day
  - Handing out the AMS Insiders – councilors should volunteer to hand it out with me
- Getting the Funding Cuts campaign off the ground – we’re looking for volunteers to help do work

Thanks to

- External Policy Committee for their input and work done on the funding cuts issue
- External Commission for putting up with me during this stressful time

Vice-President Administration (Crystal Hon):

- Imagine booth for SUB stuff; sign up on fence
- No chance for a meeting with UBC lately on the new SUB, because of the preparations for First Week, but there will be a meeting in the third week of September.
- Finalizing Clubs Days, Deans Debate, All-Presidents Dinner.
  - Bijan Ahmadian: The Board of Governors is getting an update on the new SUB at its next meeting; Council should be updated at least at the same time.

ECSS - Pavani Gunadasa (read by Blake Frederick):

- As I just got back from holidays a few days ago I’ve been spending most of my time just catching up on everything. Services Manager Jane Barry and the Coordinators did a wonderful job of holding down the fort while I was away; I am so lucky to work with a team like them!
- All of our promotional and advertising material has come in and it looks amazing! A BIG thank-you to Kelli and Bill (Communications). The team is really happy with them and we know they will be very instrumental in raising awareness about the Services this year. Last week and this week the Services took turns maintaining a table at GALA (an orientation program for international students). We are very excited about having a strong presence at various orientation events during September this year. You will be seeing a lot of us next week, at the Main Event Carnival, on Imagine Day and during First Week.
- Some individual updates from a few Services:
  - Volunteer Connect is partnering with CareersOnline as they revamp their website to include volunteer activities and volunteer opportunities. To avoid losing membership fee revenue, due to CareersOnline offering volunteer postings for free, Connect introduced a premium package for organizations which includes
matching volunteers with postings, discounts and extended deadlines on volunteer fairs. The Internship program is now on track and there are over 30 positions available to students as of September 1st. The deadline for applications is the 14th and interviews will start right after the deadline.

- The Food Bank is partnering with the UBC Library to once again host Food for Fines, a campaign that allows students to donate non-perishable food items in place of library fines. This year we are extending it to two weeks instead of one and it will take place from Sept. 21st to Oct. 4th. Half of the donations will go to the AMS Food Bank and the other half to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

- And lastly, Minischool is currently busily preparing for another great fall session, featuring our perennial favourites and a few, select new courses such as Healing Crystals. We are also currently planning for the Winter 2010 term, in which we hope to "go for the gold" with a wide range of new courses and workshops, including reviving old courses such as Singing, expanding existing courses such as Acting and creating new courses such as Magic Workshop and Furoshiki Workshop.

F) Committee Reports:

- **Campus Planning Committee (Bijan Ahmadian):** We’ve been informed that UBC is planning an end of life centre near Place Vanier, and we’re concerned that this is not the best area; there’s lots of noise there, and we’re concerned the result may be stricter noise restrictions. Joe Stott of Campus Planning has agreed to speak to the committee.

G) Constituency Reports:

**Arts – Guillaume Houle:** Barbecue September 8; September 10 Campus Kickoff. Frosh September 26. MASS Expansion Committee has finalized its terms of reference and governance structure to present to AUS Council.

**Law – Dia Montgomery:** First Week events. Pro Bono Week. Since there is no longer a Law School building, we have no liquor licence. Beer-ups had already become less frequent; they used to be every week, then every two weeks, and now may be cut back further. Five new profs, including one from Oxford, are here.

**GSS – Hannes Dempewolf:** Grad student orientation.

**Science – Sumedha Sharma:** Carnival events. Frosh program sold out in six minutes.

**Commerce – Laura Silvester:** Frosh. Business Week.

**Engineering – Lin Watt:** Frosh. Equity.
Pharmacy – Bonnie Wong: Welcome back barbecue. White coat ceremony.


Regent College – Eduardo Sasso: Latin party.

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

Board of Governors – Bijan Ahmadian: Committee meetings September 17. Full Board in Kelowna September 24.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

6. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

In Camera Minutes of Council dated July 29, 2009
Minutes of Council dated August 19, 2009
Amendment to the Minutes of the Council meeting of May 6, 2009 (indicated in the submitted Minutes Revision)
Amendment to the Minutes of the External Policy Committee meeting of July 22, 2009 (indicated in the submitted Minutes Revision)

... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

From the Business Operations Committee

“Whereas the AMS has adopted a Lighter Footprint Strategy; and

Whereas the AMS constantly strives to reduce its carbon footprint,

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the business operations arm to adopt the sole use of compostable materials for take-out cutlery in its food outlets as soon as is operationally possible.

Note 1: Replacing plastic cutlery will have a predicted negative effect of $6075.11 on business operations’ net contribution to the AMS annual budget (calculated on last year’s volumes).

Note 2: This will divert approximately 260,000 pieces of plastic cutlery from landfills each year and will allow all take-out cutlery on the UBC campus to be compostable.
Note 3: The Sustainability Coordinator will continue to do further research in an effort to source all AMS take-out containers from compostable materials this fall.

- Tom Dvorak: The original idea, as reflected in the original version of this motion, was to start with the Styrofoam containers, replacing them with compostable containers, but it turns out that compostable containers sweat, which would be a big customer service issue. So we’re not ready to do Styrofoam, but we can replace the cutlery. We can get cutlery that can be put in compost bins, which will cost us about $6000.
- Neal Yonson: There are not very many containers in the SUB for organics.
- Madeleine Schaefer said she had heard there was a lack of capacity.
- Tom Dvorak said the number of bins is not an issue, but if people believe it is, he can bring it up with the Proctor. There was a capacity issue for the campus as a whole, partly because cutlery needs to be chipped and there did not use to be a chipper, but now there is.
- Rory Green said the former Sustainability Coordinator used to say you were never more than 100 steps away from a compost bin in the SUB.

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In Favour: Kyle Warwick

9. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

From the Code & Policies Committee
" That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2009: Conflict of Interest' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Matthew Naylor: This was directed back to the Code and Policies Committee to tighten up what it means to be in a conflict of interest. This new version would affect those on the AMS board serving on another board, but it would exclude those serving on such things as the CiTR board; it would affect someone who was on the board of, say, a production company with whom we were doing business.

Laura Silvester: Isn’t the point to gain the perspectives of those on the other boards?

Matthew Naylor: Yes.

Bijan Ahmadian:
  o Under the current rules, someone can say, I’m in a conflict, or others can say someone is. This new rule would say automatically that if you’re on the board of another body, then you’re in conflict. I think that’s unproductive.
  o Obviously, this would apply to the Board of Governors and also Senate.
  o It’s interesting that there is nothing coming forward saying we’re going to ask to remove Michael Duncan from the SUB Renewal Committee.
  o Some have been saying that this proposal is here because some people don’t trust Bijan. I find this shameful. If the problem is with me, don’t propose policy that will affect future generations.

Sean Heisler: It’s a good thing to exclude automatically; it’s better to be voting to accept someone than to exclude.

Geoff Costeloe: We’re all elected; we all have an understanding of what conflict of interest is. Our conscience is the best guide for this. We don’t need such structured rules.

Kyle Warwick: We have to have rules. We can’t just rely on conscience.

Geoff Costeloe: This makes me uncomfortable. Many of us are involved in political parties, and it just so happens our policies line up with some party’s policies. This rule allows that.

Matthew Naylor: Geoff is making a case for trusting everyone, based on the innate goodness of every Councillor now and in the future. Council as the arbiter of the rules should decide such matters when they arise.

Bijan Ahmadian: Of course, we need to have a conflict of interest policy. Every organization has one. We do have one. Treat us like adults. Last year when the Memorandum of Understanding was being discussed I said, I’m on BoG. People said they were comfortable with me staying.

Tom Dvorak raised the issue of those who sit on the boards of Constituencies. Is that a conflict of interest?

Kyle Warwick: My legal fiduciary duty is to this board and the students as a whole. At the same time I see myself as an Arts rep to this board, but I’ve never seen that to be a conflict.

Laura Silvester: What about during the discussion of the forgiveness of the Arts County Fair debt? Would all Arts members have been asked to leave?

Campbell Bryce: If someone is on another board, you can get insight from them. Removing them without cause seems heavy-handed, distrustful.
10. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

11. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

12. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

From the Code & Policies Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2009: Signing In and Out' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tahara Bhaten: Last meeting there was a concern that someone was voting with a clicker that didn’t belong to them. There are also difficulties taking attendance.
- Matthew Naylor asked the Administrative Assistant if the proposed plan would make her life easier or be too much of a hassle.
- Joanne Pickford said it might make things easier when people left, but she was not sure about signing in. It might slow down handing out of clickers.
- Elana Kusaka suggested a system of orange signs that a Council member could put at their place when leaving.
- Geoff Costeloe: Why not try things before passing something?
- Blake Frederick: I would recommend that we defeat this. We trust people. If you don’t take care of your clicker, you’ll get a stern talking to in my office and you’ll be in trouble.
- Neal Yonson: Was the member who left his clicker reprimanded?
- Blake Frederick: There was a notice sent asking Councillors not to do that. There’s no provision for reprimands.
- Joanne Pickford: If you leave the room, some visible sign of that might be useful.
- Kyle Warwick: Maybe this should be referred back to Code and Policies.
- Tahara Bhaten: Yes.
- Matthew Naylor: No, kill it.
13. MOVED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... No objections

14. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

15. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That $6825 be drawn from the External and University Lobbying Fund for the purposes of a campaign in regard to the recent cuts to Student Aid Programs.”

Note: The External and University Lobbying Fund balance is $25,119.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Timothy Chu:
  - The awareness campaign about the cuts will include:
    - postcards to the Minister
    - letter-writing drives
    - raising awareness in preparation for Lobby Days
  - The government is preparing the February budget, a more extensive budget than the one in September. We’re hoping for consultation and will be trying to prevent further cuts.
  - We’ve been pretty prudent about the amount of money being spent on this campaign; we’re using volunteers and making this a grassroots campaign, reaching out to students we haven’t reached before.
- Rory Green: The budget was prepared two weeks ago and sent to Budget Committee. We don’t know if Budget Committee was satisfied; they didn’t get back to us. This will be a well run, well executed campaign, especially if Councillors help out.
- Tom Dvorak: Budget Committee did look at this. It’s much leaner than the original proposal and is to be commended. Note that we have only $25,000 left in the fund; that’s all we have for the rest of the fiscal year.
- Geoff Costeloe: It’s a nice budget. Money well spent. The only issue is whether the External Policy Committee thinks there’s enough left if there’s a federal election.
- Kat Dovjenko asked how postage would be free.
- Timothy Chu: We’re physically bringing the postcards to Victoria.
- Kat Dovjenko: It’s not really free, then; there’s the cost of your time.
• Maria Cirstea asked when Lobby Days would be.
• Rory Green said the campaign would take place in mid-September, followed by an October rally, and then Lobby Days in mid-October.
• Laura Silvester: And the aim is to influence the February budget so there are no more cuts?
• Rory Green: Yes.
• Timothy Chu: Or perhaps get these cuts reversed.
• Kyle Warwick: Sitting on both the External Policy Committee and the Budget Committee and having seen the restraints on both, it is good that two different portfolios with different needs have come together.
• Geoff Costeloe asked about timing. With the budget coming in February, is a meeting in October pointless? Is this the best time?
• Matthew Naylor: This is the best time. We used to go in February, a week before the budget; that was not a good time. October is the best time.
• Campbell Bryce: Have we had success lobbying in the past?
• Matthew Naylor: Yes.
• Tahara Bhate: At Lobby Days two years ago we could actually get ministers to sit down with us, but we had nothing specific to propose. We’ve learned from that. Now there is a real chance to get something done.
• Bijan Ahmadian: Coordinate with Stephen Owen [UBC’s VP External]. He’d be on the same page as you and has lots of experience. The VP External of UBC and the AMS VP External have been effective in the past going in together.
• Timothy Chu: Definitely. On some issues we see eye to eye with the University, e.g., student loan interest rates. The AMS has passed policies on education, and we shouldn’t compromise our positions, but having said that, yes, we should work together.

16. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

Abstained: Laura Sylvester, Ekatrina Dovjenko
In Favour: Kyle Warwick, Elana Kusaka, Timothy Chu, Tahara Bhate

17. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That $9055 be drawn from the External and University Lobbying Fund for the purposes of Lobby Days.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
18. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Motion 17 be amended by changing the fund to the President’s Fund.”

- Timothy Chu: The Lobby Days issue is urgent. Funding was supposed to be in the budget, but wasn’t, owing to a miscommunication. Other things may be coming out of the External Lobbying Fund. There may be a federal election.
- It was noted that there is currently $61,300 in the President’s Fund. Subtracting the amount just approved for the cuts campaign, there is now $18,294 left in the Lobbying Fund.
- Tom Dvorak: Lobby Days should be paid for from the Lobbying Fund. It’s replenished each year. Students in a referendum set aside a certain amount of money for lobbying. The President’s Fund is an unreplenished fund for rainy days, for onetime events like the Great Farm Trek. We’ve done Lobby Days before; it should have been budgeted for. It’s inappropriate to pay for it from the President’s Fund.
- Rory Green: When we stepped down from full status in CASA, we decreased our expenditures by $22,000, only $18,000 of which went to the External office. It’s unfortunate that we have to draw on the President’s Fund, but we do have a federal election coming up. That there have been four elections in five years is not the doing of the External office.
- Geoff Costeloe: This is the second if not the third time you’ve asked for money for a onetime deal. You asked for $25,000 at my first meeting.
- Tahara Bhate asked if Council could vote in principle on whether to support Lobby Days first and then vote on which fund to use.
- Colin Simkus said the amendment had to be addressed first.
- Bijan Ahmadian: I sympathize that the External budget has been cut; everyone’s budget has been cut in one way or another in this economy. You have to come here with creativity and be cost effective. That doesn’t mean you can keep coming and asking for money from a non-replenished fund.
- Tahara Bhate:
  - The student referendum that created the Lobbying Fund was in 1996, over a decade ago. Costs have gone up and fees have not; CPI was not included.
  - We didn’t run Lobby Days last year; there was no point then.
  - At budget time this year Tim was still figuring out how to run the office; then we learned that the provincial PSE budget was being cut and a campaign would be needed.
  - Tim’s portfolio is different from other portfolios; External spent three years developing policy; we have a chance to get it accepted if we get it to the government at the appropriate time.
  - We need Lobby Days as the next step after the campaign.
- Geoff Costeloe raised a point of order, saying it was the amendment that should be discussed now.
- Tahara Bhate: If we believe in doing this, we need to support taking it from the President’s Fund. We can’t run it otherwise. Tim has the leanest budget I’ve ever seen.
• Matthew Naylor:
  o The President’s Fund is an administrative disaster and should be killed. It gives too much discretion to the Executive without a clear mandate from a referendum.
  o But as to the old referendum setting the amount that should be spent on lobbying this year, we don’t budget by referendum.
  o The mandate of the President’s Fund is to address unforeseen circumstances. There is not enough money for Lobby Days elsewhere.
  o Nothing is more important than doing this, confronting the government’s cuts. Money for this should come from a fund reflecting the whole mandate of the AMS. I would prefer it to come from the President’s Fund, which should be depleted and then killed.
  o If anything, the External office is being overly frugal.

19. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

Abstained: Mike Silley

• Sean Heisler asked for three examples of expenditures from the President’s Fund.
• Tom Dvorak: The Great Farm Trek, Executive Headhunting for an HR Manager, Arts County Fair debt, provincial elections, the operating budget.
• Code provisions on the President’s Fund were read out. Code says the President’s Fund is to be used to “advance the mission of the Society” and may be used to “fund initiatives including, but not limited to, ad hoc or special projects in the areas of strategic planning, governance, sustainability, marketing, services, and other programs developed to advance the mission of the Society.”
• Blake Frederick: Part of the reason we dropped down to associate status in CASA was that we wanted to do more provincial lobbying. Not all the savings were sent to the External office; this is a chance to make up for that.
• Campbell Bryce asked about the choice of an expensive hotel.
• Matthew Naylor: We get a cheap rate.
• Tom Dvorak:
  o Another expenditure from the President’s Fund was for Athletics.
  o The Lobbying fee was not tied to CPI in 1996; students knew it was not tied to CPI. Students gave us the mandate to spend this amount of money.
• Matthew Naylor: We don’t budget by referendum.
• Tom Dvorak: We can pay for this lobbying from the Lobbying Fund.
• Bijan Ahmadian: We should stick with the Lobbying Fund until we run out of it. For this we can use the Lobbying Fund, and if we need the President’s Fund at a later date, then we can use that.
Iggy Rodriguez: That referendum said we give you this much money, but we have the right to budget more on top of that. We want to protect the money in the Lobbying Fund, given the likelihood of a coming election.

Maria Cirstea asked when the last time was that the President’s Fund was used besides for the Farm Trek.

Tom Dvorak said it was in March for the HR Manager search.

20. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Motion 17 be amended by changing the fund to the President’s Fund.” ... Carried

In Favour: Guillaume Houle, Timothy Chu, Kyle Warwick, Matthew Naylor

Against: Tom Dvorak, Geoff Costeloe, Campbell Bryce, Aaron Sihota

[Return to debate on the main motion]

Matthew Naylor: This is the most important thing the Society does. To not fund it would be irresponsible.

Rory Green: Lobby Days is a chance for us to use all the brains we can borrow, drawing on the people around this table. We secure meetings with ministers, and it’s not just for External Commissioners. This is a chance for us to go as a united front representing 45,000 students. And we have been meeting with the University; we work with them wherever there is common ground.

Tom Dvorak said he could not support this, based on where the money is coming from. It would be like supporting T-shirts made with slave labour.

Tahara Bhate: Don’t vote for this just to go to Victoria. Is there even room for everyone from Council to go?

Timothy Chu: Originally, there would have been, but with this pared down budget, No.

Guillaume Houle: External is the Number 1 critical issue for our existence, and $9055 is peanuts. I would refuse to sit as the director of something that refused to provide enough financing to support its mission.

Neal Yonson: People in this room may think External is the most important thing; a lot of students may think U-Pass is the most important.

Kyle Warwick: Do we think that the value of protesting the $17 million in cuts is worth it? This is a fraction of what was asked for.
• Tahara Bhate:
  o There’s no question this is important. I understand the concern about budgeting. In the past I thought Lobby Days was not the most effective use of resources. I only agreed to it if it was done as cost efficiently as possible. We’ve tried to cut corners as much as possible.
  o It’s an expensive hotel, but we are getting a good rate and because of the location right next to the Legislature we can maximize the number of meetings and make the most efficient use of our time.
  o Somebody asked if we could take the bus. We have lots of documents and need transportation. Using proper transportation saves a day’s hotel bills.
  o To get a full return on our investment into the cuts campaign, we need Lobby Days. It would not be effective to do just the grassroots campaign against the cuts, spending the $6000, and then do nothing further.
  o Originally I didn’t think Lobby Day would be useful, but then came the cuts, which took us off guard, so now I do.

• Jeremy McElroy suggested ways of getting cheap, even free, accommodation in Victoria.
• Lin Watt asked how many people can go.
• Rory Green: 25.
• Lin Watt said she wished the budget did not include accommodation; people could stay at the UVic student union.
• Rory Green: If people are willing to pay their own way or can find a way to get there for free, we want you there in the 25. But it’s important to know where everyone is; it’s best if everyone is in the same place. This is less money than last time. Everything that’s left in the budget is essential, as some who have run Lobby Days before have said.
• Geoff Costeloe asked why a social event had been scheduled.
• Matthew Naylor: It’s not a fun event; it’s a lobbying tool. It’s a chance to interact with 15 MLA’s we couldn’t get meetings with.
• Rory Green: There won’t be a DJ; it won’t be a booze fest. It will be 45 people having dinner. Anyone who wants to party should not come on this trip.
• Geoff Costeloe: I have nightmares about this opening the door for political hacks to spend time with MLA’s. Students rely on us for more than lobbying. We have a mandate to take care of the social lives of UBC students. But there is a moral obligation to vote for this, given what Guillaume said.
• Campbell Bryce said he still didn’t understand the car budgets and the need for a minivan to carry documents.
• Tahara Bhate: We are encouraging people to take their own cars.

22. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections
23. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That $9055 be drawn from the President’s Fund for the purposes of Lobby Days.”

Note: The President’s Fund has a balance of $61,300.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

24. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented Finance Commission minutes dated August 12, 2009.”

... Carried

Abstained: Elana Kusaka

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

25. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That Council appoint ________ and ________ (students at large) to the IT Planning Group.

Nominee: Tagh Sira

“That Council appoint ________ (student at large) to the ad hoc Equity Committee.

Nominees: Pelican Mann, Kristin Wright

“That Council appoint _________ (student at large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.”

Nominees: Jason Ing, Ariel Friedman, Vicky Chan

26. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That Council appoint Tagh Sira (student at large) to the IT Planning Group.

“That Council appoint Kristin Wright (student at large) to the ad hoc Equity Committee.

“That Council appoint Vicky Chan (student at large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.”

... Carried
P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
   September 23, 2009

S) Adjournment:

27. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

   “That the meeting be adjourned.”

   There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Alex Lougheed (at large), Chris Diplock (at large), Raj Mathur (Music), Joanna Hammerschmidt (SLAIS), Andrew Barzen (Grad Student), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Emma Ellison (AMS Equity & Diversity), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Patrick Coss (Commerce), Helaine Boyd (Arts), Jack Hindsmith (Arts), Kalyeena Makortoff (U瀑布y), Sam Jung (U瀑布y), Cathy Han (Enterprise), Jim Dodge (ISSA Club), Mitch Wright (Arts), Justin McElroy (U瀑布y), Christian Veenstra (Student/VOC), Jensen Metchie (SUB Renewal Coordinator), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design), Morgan Hall (Ski and Board Club), Ian Brown (Ski and Board Club), Chris Diplock (former VP Finance)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

1. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED ELENA KUSAKA:

“That Timothy Chu and Maria Cirstea be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

For (28): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Arvind Saraswat, Madeleine Schaefer, Mrigank Sharma, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

2. MOVED CRYSTAL HON:

“That the agenda be amended to place the two CPAC Motions before President’s Remarks.

... No objections

3. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED LIN WATT:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (15): Maria Cirstea, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Mrigank Sharma, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Bonnie Wong

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

C) Presentations to Council:
New SUB Project Overview – Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jensen Metchie, Guillaume Savard

- Blake Frederick reviewed the history of the new SUB project, including the referendum of March 2008 which approved a graduated fee structure, with a new annual SUB fee starting at $20 per student and going up to $100. There had been a large campaign coordinated by the Communications Department; it was a fantastic success, getting a big turnout and a vote in favour of the new SUB, albeit by a close margin of 54 to 46%.
- Jensen Metchie discussed the student engagement strategy, aiming to involve students in the project, focusing on two things:
  - getting information out to students through posters, the website, etc.;
  - arranging an architect selection vote.
  The aim is to get student participation, especially in the design and development stages. There is also a sustainability advisory committee focusing on a sustainability charter and a curriculum initiative focusing on getting SUB-related curriculum into various UBC courses.
- Crystal Hon spoke of the Memorandum of Understanding and financial commitments. She noted that we will be allowed to leave some programs in the current SUB. She added that there had seemed to be an agreement that we would be in charge of the architect, which led us to hire MHPM as the project manager.
- Guillaume Savard from MHPM spoke of the ten months of work preparing to hire the architect, including coming up with a shortlist of architects.

4. MOVED JIMMY YAN, SECONDED CAROLEE CHANGFOOT, THIRDED LUKE LUUKKONEN:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 6:30 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 7:10 pm.

Questions

- Alex Lougheed asked about MHPM being named as project managers in a document included in the Board of Governors docket.
- Blake Frederick: That was an update for the Board, not something for approval. Do not read the Board docket as a final proposal of what we’re going to ask this Council to accept.
- Alex Lougheed: The BoG docket says this is happening. Also, the students are to select the architect, but how?
- Blake Frederick: The University has agreed not to follow normal University procedures for selecting an architect; those procedures don’t make sense for us. The AMS would have a representative on a committee that would decide on the process to choose an architect.
- Alex Lougheed: At the end of the day, the majority of the say will be in the hands of students?
Blake Frederick: There were discussions last year about a student-wide vote.
Guillaume Savard said the student vote would count for 30% of the scoring.
Alex Lougheed asked when a lease can be expected.
Crystal Hon: The next agreements are on financing and accountability. The lease will come later.
Blake Frederick: Certainly, we'll bring it to Council for feedback.
Arvind Saraswat asked if the GSS could get copies of the design plans.
Blake Frederick: We haven't got the designs yet; we have a space program. We'll have designs once we hire an architect.
Arvind Saraswat asked for assurances that the GSS will have space in the new SUB.
Crystal Hon: All your requests have been observed. We are finalizing the space program report, and you can certainly have a copy of that.
Neal Yonson asked about negotiations on linking to the underground terminal.
Blake Frederick said that hadn't been discussed in his term.
Ross Horton said the design was not far enough along for that, but early talks had suggested there would be an entrance onto University Square just a few steps from the new building. That's an old plan. We haven't talked about design specifics lately.

L) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED MRIGANK SHARMA:

From the Renovations Planning Group

"That $1,000 be withdrawn from CPAC to install baby change tables in two bathrooms in the SUB."

Note: The balance in CPAC is $420,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Crystal Hon said the estimated cost of two baby change tables was $700, but $1,000 was being requested just in case.
Timothy Chu: Students have babies. There is only one baby change table on campus. We need more.
Crystal Hon: This is us trying to alleviate the situation.
Mrigank Sharma asked about diaper disposal.
Crystal Hon said they would go in the regular garbage.
Natalie Swift urged communication of the existence of the tables.
Crystal Hon said the word would be put out.

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7. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

From the Renovations Planning Group

“That $81,252 be withdrawn from CPAC to develop club offices and relocate the photocopiers on the lower level.”

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- Crystal Hon:
  - The plan is to renovate the IFPO office and the self-service copier area in Copyright. The self-service area currently holds only eight copiers; there’s plenty of room. The IFPO is a rarely used storage room.
  - We have over 350 clubs but have offices for only 70.
  - We can put 7 offices into the photocopier space and move the photocopiers to the IFPO.
  - It’s important for clubs to have a place to hang out; it will also liven things up and increase traffic in the Ubyssey hallway.
  - We’ll be here for another five years; that’s one full generation of students who won’t see the new SUB.
- Tahara Bhate asked about other plans for withdrawing money from CPAC.
- Crystal Hon said this is all she can think of. Whistler is already done.
- Kyle Warwick asked about the number of new offices.
- Crystal Hon said there will be seven: one for the Equity Coordinator, who currently has no place; one as a flex office for clubs that might need it occasionally; and five new club offices, with three clubs per office, so 15 more clubs getting office space.
- Kyle Warwick asked if putting a staff office in the middle of nowhere would be a problem.
- Emma Ellison, the Equity and Diversity Coordinator, said she needs an office and it would be good being where the students are.
• Luke Luukkonen asked how many clubs that don’t have offices have requested office space.
• Crystal Hon: We don’t keep a list of that.
• Luke Luukkonen: Which clubs will get these new offices?
• Crystal Hon: This will be determined at SAC.
• Luke Luukkonen asked what will happen after the new SUB is built.
• Crystal Hon: This is something we could look into leaving. UBC has told us we can leave what we need.
• In response to a question about informing students of the new location of the copiers, Crystal Hon said they would be just across the hall.
• Tom Dvorak: A space for $75,000 that’s only going to be in for five years – if that was banked and used for the new SUB, it could be double that. If we’re demolishing this space anyway, that’s $150,000 we could have saved students. And these are not huge offices.
• Michael Kingsmill said they would be 9’6” x 9’6”, a bit smaller than the usual 10 x 10.
• Crystal Hon: They’re a little smaller. We need these club offices. In SAC we deal with clubs that need space. I think this is necessary.
• Maria Cirstea: We’ll be demolishing these in five years. It’s just temporary use.
• Crystal Hon: They won’t be demolished. UBC is not taking this building apart.
• Maria Cirstea: Why not build temporary offices? It would be cheaper.
• Crystal Hon: If we built temporary cubicles, those wouldn’t really be offices.
• Michael Kingsmill: The committee looked at temporary partitions; they’re not inexpensive, and there were security concerns because you wouldn’t be able to lock doors.
• Natalie Swift: A student here now in a club can feel accommodated in an immediate way; they can see where their fees go. This is valuable; they will feel the AMS is doing something now with their student fees.
• Chris Diplock suggested there is space to rent on campus.
• Crystal Hon: But then the offices wouldn’t be in the SUB.
• Chris Diplock: But you’d be spending less of the students’ money.
• Crystal Hon: We didn’t look into that.
• Nazanin Moghadami mentioned the Global Lounge; there’s a proposal to move the International Students Association there.
• Crystal Hon said that is just for international students. Things like the Dance Club need space.
• Dave Tompkins mentioned UBC swing space.
• Kyle Warwick said it was worth checking into renting space and asked how much a year goes into CPAC.
• Tom Dvorak: $15 a head, or $540,000.
• Kyle Warwick said cubicles would not be good. He was aware of the structural deficit, but this was a tangible investment giving quite a lot of value. He asked who is on the Renovations Planning Group. He added that the MASS expansion may create room for Arts clubs.
• Matthew Naylor: As Councillors, we have to balance long-term interests of the Society and the immediate needs of students. This seems a reasonable balance between the two, especially since we’re asking students here now to pay for a new SUB they are never going to see.
8. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”

... No objections

9. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

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Against (8): Maria Cirstea, Tom Dvorak, Luke Luukkonen, Colin McInnes, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Arvind Saraswat, Mike Silley, Fraser Young

Abstained: Lin Watt

D) President's Remarks or Blake's Broadcast (Blake Frederick):

- AMS First Week
  - Our first week events were as successful as ever
  - I attended many of the events including the pool party and the Welcome Back BBQ which I thoroughly enjoyed
  - We had a fantastic turnout out the Welcome Back BBQ, no security incidents and were lucky to have great weather
- First Week Activities
  - I spent the majority of my first week this month attending various events on campus run by our clubs and constituencies
  - Handed out a lot of promotional materials which people appreciated
- GALA and Imagine Speech
  - GALA is orientation for new international and exchange students and Imagine is the orientation for first-year and transfer students
  - Speech was designed to inspire confidence in the AMS as a strong and effective lobbying organization and make students proud for being members of the AMS
  - Feedback from students was very positive
- Met with the GSS President
Discussed the AMS’ review of CASA, child minding space in the new SUB plan, and a couple of other issues

- Communication with Stephen Toope and others about the end-of-life facility that UBC plans to build by Vanier and Marine Drive
  - I am optimistic that we will be able to convince the University to put the facility in a location on campus that makes more sense
    - Maria Cirstea: Apparently, UBC has decided to look for a new site.

- University Tuition Consultation - Policy 71
  - UBC did a lackluster job at tuition consultation this year
  - You may have noticed that there was not even a presentation to Council
  - Sat down with Brian Sullivan to discuss ways to make consultation better
  - Looked at amending the policy, but decided that the policy is sufficient if it is followed properly
  - Brian and I will be drafting a mutually agreeable consultation plan for tuition changes next year that will include more rigorous guidelines

- Met with Barbara Crocker, Associate Director of Enrolment Services
  - Discussed a possible expansion to UBC’s Work Study program and the increased number of bursary applications this year
  - Applications have increased by over 25%. I have secured a commitment that UBC will meet all increased demand in funding.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP External (Timothy Chu):
- Imagine Day: signed up 80 volunteers, handed out 600 subsidy applications.
- Attended Day Care Parents’ Council: a good way to reach out to student parents.
- Met students re renters’ rights, responding to an Insider article.
- Open House on the Olympics: non-finalized plan for transportation will mean rerouting of several buses (33, 25, 41, 43, 480, the C22 shuttle).
- Trying to get U-Pass agreement signed.
- Mayors’ Council taking harder line with the province about funding.
- Clubs Days: signed up volunteers.
- AMS financial subsidy form.
  - Neal Yonson: Do we have a policy on the universal U-Pass?
  - Timothy Chu: Yes, supporting that. We want to stop plans for a $48 pass. The policy was passed in October 2006, so it’s soon expiring.

VP Administration (Crystal Hon):
- All-Administrators Dinner.

ECSS (Pavani Gunadasa):
First week was very successful in terms of the promotional work we did for the Services. We were present at many Orientation events during that week, the preceding week and also this past week. Our efforts have really paid off, we’ve seen considerable increases in the number of students accessing our Services or signing up to volunteer:
- We’ve had over 200 students have signed up to volunteer with the Food Bank this year
• We had over 200 students come out to help us out with Shine Day, the main fundraising event of the Shinerama campaign
• Speakeasy has had so many applicants that last week they had to interview and narrow down the last set of 60 applicants to fill only 9 remaining volunteer positions. The number of drop-ins we have had in these last 3 weeks is about the equivalent of what we had over the course of the entire year, last year, and the usual number of information requests for this time of the year has doubled.
• I’ve also been getting plenty of inquiries from students and parents about the services available to them.

We’ve received an overwhelming amount of applications for the Assistant Advocacy Coordinator and SASC Support Services Coordinator positions, so we are getting ready to start the interview process immediately. Services Manager Jane Barry and I are conducting performance reviews for each of the Coordinators in the format of a structured discussion that will allow us to give and receive feedback and just check in with how they are doing in their position. Other than that I have been researching the possibility of conducting a review of the Services this year, which you can read more about in detail, in my Quarterly report. I’ve also been meeting with University officials to discuss some issues affecting the Services. Also, last week, I met with some representatives from the UBC Equity Office where I got some excellent feedback on some of the goals and initiatives we have planned for this year. I’ve also started sorting through and organizing the massive amount of documents, and electronic documents that have collected in the ECSS office over the years, much of which I hope to be able to send to Archives. And lastly, I am working on going through the Code to identify sections relating to the Services that are greatly in need of updating, which I will then take to the Code and Policy Committee. Overall, it has been a busy start to the year and it is only going to get more exciting from here.

VP Finance (Tom Dvorak):
• HR Search - David Hannigan - starts Oct. 5
• Rezgo system - trial with CUS and EUS
• Regulations around security training requirements
• Undergrad society endowments
• Alumni Association:
  • AGM
  • Board Meeting - 2 new board members - Blake Hannah (Accenture) & Ian Warner
• (Vacancy)
  • Alumni Centre MOU approved by board, existence MOU signed
  • UBC Homecoming this weekend!!!
• Whistler work on proposal
• Feedback and staff planning - very very valuable --> highly recommend
• President’s town hall
• Art gallery opening in newly renovated space - really cool opening show on until the end of next week

• Tahara Bhate: Where’s Johannes?
• Blake Frederick: At Harvard checking out their first year seminar program.
In response to a question on how that is being paid for, Blake said it was in the budget.

G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Guillaume Houle: Committee for MASS expansion official. First Meet the Deans event. Looking for speaker for Last Lecture. Whistler Councillor retreat.

GSS – Mrigank Sharma: Handbook is out and no one has complained this year.


Planning – Nancy Pepper: Orientation trip and barbecue. A UBC Planning student was only one picked for the Canadian Institute of Planning. Lunchtime lecture series.

Human Kinetics – Fraser Young: Expanded orientation. Aiming for more events that are not alcohol-centred, e.g., Swiss Chalet meetings. Sunrise sessions, group runs at 6 am.


Ski and Board Club – Looking to get cheaper beer and more skiers and snowboarders.


Regent – Eduardo Sasso: Looking at impact of Olympics on the environment and on socially marginalized people; would like to team up with other faculties on this.


Medicine – Colin McInnes: New student-run medical journal successfully launched.
Andrew Carne (in free verse): New student centre project making progress, hired an architect.

Varsity Outdoor Club – Christian Veenstra: Negotiating about residential designations around VOC huts; seeking non-motorized areas around the huts.  Major renovation to one hut.  Strong summer; lots of trips.


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

Senate – Joel Mertens: First Senate meeting last week.  New Registrar.  Olympic update: lots of questions, but not many answers.

Ombudsperson – Hayden Hughes: Fairly slow over August.  Four cases: two housing, one administration, one miscellaneous.

E) Committee Reports:

Code and Policies Committee – Matthew Naylor:
- Supposed to report on electoral procedures; will bring questions next time.  Proposed reforms by November.
- Video surveillance policy tweaking: referred to BOC.
- International seat: considering changes.
- Multiplicity of governance documents: Looking to harmonize, may mean elimination of Executive Procedures Manual.
- Committee reform: full steam ahead; presentation at next Council meeting.  Then a month from now committee reform should be coming.
- STV on committee appointments: Committee not hugely thrilled by the proposal; may not come here unless people want it.

Ad Hoc Representation and Engagement Reform Committee – Matthew Naylor:
- One scheduled meeting, did not meet quorum.
- Engagement levy passed at another meeting.
- Student Housing Corporation: may bring a presentation.

10. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the agenda be amended to have the Whistler motion moved to before the Minutes of Council.”

... No objections
L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

From the Business Operations Committee:

“Whereas the AMS owns and operates a lodge in Whistler, BC; and

Whereas Council has accepted a prior proposal to capture additional revenue from the market opportunity in Whistler during February, 2010 to support student programs; and

Whereas the AMS has been approached with a variety of public proposals that would capture additional revenue to support student programs for all UBC students;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS suspend the AMS Whistler Lodge pricing policy to allow business operations staff to negotiate a deal for the full public rental of the AMS Whistler Lodge for February 2010, with final approval from Council.”

- Tom Dvorak:
  - This is a chance to make a large amount of cash for student programs.
  - Council previously passed a motion to increase revenues by going into the public realm. Since then we've received another offer which could bring in half a million dollars.
  - This additional cash would pay for renovations and offset reduced bookings, the structural deficit, and business performance.
  - Also, this is a turnkey solution; we simply hand over the keys and get a cheque; we get guaranteed sales and no administrative work.
  - The new offer would bring in $183,000 instead of $105,000, and costs would be lowered by $5,000, so we would gain $82,000 through the new plan.
  - The old plan would have had students and the public divide the lodge half and half; the new plan would give all the beds to one, non-student tenant.
  - Under the new plan, there will be better administration and care. We won’t have to worry about running a lottery or dealing with ticket scalping; we would probably have the same people in the lodge for the whole month.
  - There may also be additional funding opportunities: catering, which could bring in $50,000, and $3,000 worth of parking.
  - The client has also proposed a four-month model for $630,000. In comparison, Vanoc offered about $200,000 a few years back.
  - Reserving beds for students in this period would benefit 0.7% of our members (305 students, who would each get a benefit of $270); 99.3% of our members would not derive benefit. The extra $82,448 that we make would be shared among those 99.3%.
  - As to where the money might go, we could change the budget. Budget Committee could allocate it to the funds.
Andrew Carne: How will this fix the structural deficit? It's just a onetime cash infusion.
Tom Dvorak: It wouldn’t affect the structural deficit. It would give us cash for one year.
Andrew Carne asked about the four-month option not being in the motion before Council.
Tom Dvorak: BOC drafted this motion before the four-month proposal arrived. It would be up to Council to amend the motion.

12. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That Motion 11 be amended to add the following clause:

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Matthew Naylor: External lobbying is a place where we are not funding the Society’s activities adequately. Revenue from this plan is severely higher than the minor amount of students who could use the lodge. Personally, I’d like to see the four-month $600,000 plan, but at the moment I’m just offering this amendment, keeping in mind the kabillion elections lately. I can only support this motion with a clear idea where the money is going.
Chris Diplock said he would rather debate the main motion and end this amendment.
Andrew Carne said he was concerned that the Lobbying Fund was very sponge-like.
Tahara Bhate: In the interests of our guests who are here to debate the main motion, can we move back to it?
There was general agreement to do this, but the only way was by defeating the amendment.
Dave Tompkins said he would reconsider the amendment if it was brought forward again later.

13. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

14. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

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... Defeated

Return to main motion:

- Lin Watt asked if this was the final deal.
- Tom Dvorak: No, but the final deal will probably look similar.
- Lin Watt asked why a motion was needed at this point.
- Tom Dvorak: Currently, our policy keeps us from doing this deal; Prime [the client] wants to know that we're serious.
- Lin Watt: Do we have to figure out where the money is going now?
- Dave Tompkins: If this motion passes, that's a green light to go ahead.
- Ian Brown (Ski and Board Club):
  - I am fully against this motion. The lodge is about the students, not about nice couches or TV’s or puppies. It's about students getting to Whistler on the cheap.
  - This motion is about the AMS getting money. As a student, money is siphoned from me by the AMS and I don't ever see it.
  - 99% of the students are going to see some benefit from this motion? I doubt that 99% of the students want to go to Whistler.
  - This motion will produce about $1 per student, and for what? Swine flu?
  - Students are not seeing where this money is going.
  - It’s not as good as giving students a chance to see the Olympics. That's a lot more important than $1 of revenue for each student.
- Blake Frederick said he was not going to support this motion, because the AMS has already made a decision on this matter and communicated it to the students. To go against that now is something he cannot support, though he strongly valued the deliberations of BOC.
- Morgan Hall (Ski and Board Club):
  - We have 600 members; we represent student who do things out of school, like going to the lodge.
  - Students are shocked.
  - We just saw this motion yesterday.
  - It's stripping students of the ability to see the Olympics.
  - It will be heartbreaking for students – not just the 350 students, but the whole student body. Students will lose confidence in the system if we're willing to sell out for some money we may or may not need.
  - The Ski and Board Club provides cheap skiing for its members; we don’t think the AMS should strip this away.
- Luke Luukkonen: We just spent $80,000 to build offices. This proposal would simply mean giving up the lodge for one month to provide the money to build the offices.
- Chris Diplock (former VP Finance):
  - The aim of the AMS is providing services to students; if we were just interested in making money, we could alter our businesses in various ways, but that’s not the mindset of student government.
o This proposal would take the Whistler Lodge away from the students, and the benefit would only be $1.25 per student.
o It's not just the 325 who get to go who would benefit; thousands want to go.
o This is a poor decision financially.
o We’re not really in that bad shape financially; we have a contingency in the budget.
o It doesn’t sound like there’s been consultation with students.

• Joel Mertens:
o Money isn’t what everyone wants.
o He’s talked with students; many don’t know the AMS; those who know about the AMS and its services were against this idea. Their concern is about the taking away of services.
o Is the AMS for the AMS? We have the ability to absorb the recession.
o The students were concerned about losing a once in a lifetime opportunity, and said, What are we getting in return? Money in the funds, they said; what does that do for me?

• Tahara Bhate asked about specifics of the deal, including expenses and damages, and also about monetizing the lottery system under the current policy.

• Tom Dvorak said monetizing the lottery raises ethical concerns. It would be asking for money from students when they have only a one in 200 chance.

• Tahara Bhate: A student not knowing the AMS might say, You guys said you were reserving the lodge for us; what are you doing? As a Councillor, I know that there are lots of other services the AMS offers that could be supported by the extra money, and we’ve heard that we’re close to the margin and may have to cut services. On the other hand, a four-month rental would have a large effect on Ski and Board.

• Timothy Chu:
o We should definitely put students first.
o As to the $50,000 mentioned for catering up at the lodge, traffic between Vancouver and Whistler will be restricted, so how will we ship food up there?
o As to letting 0.7% suffer so that 99.3% benefit: we have to think about the effect on “minority groups.” Otherwise, it’s like saying that if we killed all seniors, our health services would be better.

• Natalie Swift:
o Happy we decided to spend $80,000 to benefit 15 clubs.
o Concerned about messaging: the Olympics are coming; this is the one spot where things are going down, and we’re not going to be there.
o She’s consulted Forestry students, and none of them are down with this proposal.

• Guillaume Houle asked about the client, Prime, and the advantage they may have had because they are represented by a past AMS executive.

Tom Dvorak raised a point of personal privilege, saying there had been no bias involved in pursuing the proposal with Prime. He had treated the proposal like any proposal he might have received, and he was acting in accordance with Council’s wishes as expressed in a straw poll taken at the last meeting, in which Council gave him the go-ahead to look into the possibility of renting out the whole lodge.
• Jeremy McElroy:
  o We passed a policy on this in the summer. It will look bad for this body to turn away now.
  o Now this proposal has come forward, but best practice would have been to then put out an open call.

• Kyle Warwick: Taking away value from students is bad, but is it better than other things? We have to make the utilitarian argument. We also have to accept that some see the money disappearing into an AMS pool.

• Laura Silvester: If AMS services are valuable, then we have to support this motion. The money should be targeted towards something.

Blake Frederick raised a point of order, saying the motion should require a two-thirds majority.
Dave Tompkins agreed, saying it was reversing a current Internal Policy.

• Iggy Rodriguez said he was not sure about this issue. It involved balancing long-term benefits for many students against very intense benefits for a few students. Perhaps some of the money should be earmarked for improvements to the lodge.

• Morgan Hall (Ski and Board): Maybe the money should go to VOC and Ski and Board. We should have a say in how it’s spent.

• Ian Brown (Ski and Board) said he didn’t think the lodge needed improvements.

• Colin Simkus: We find it easy to dole out money, but not to do things to get money. If we vote to spend 80 grand but keep turning down chances to get 80 grand in revenue, that’s not sustainable.

• Nazanin Moghadami compared the decision to build club offices with this proposal. One decision is making use of a part of the SUB that is almost useless and is providing services cheaply. The other is about the month of the Olympics, a once in a lifetime event. By taking that away, we would be taking away from the students.

• Tom Dvorak: It’s a question of $82,000 in cash flow. It can be gained or sacrificed. If we sacrifice it, it goes to 0.7%. If we take it, it goes to 99.3%.

• Chris Diplock: That’s the subsidy. You could be making that money, but you’re not. That doesn’t represent the benefit to students. It’s $1.25 per head if you don’t go, but the opportunity to go is priceless.

• Christian Veenstra (Varsity Outdoor Club): Every decision benefits a small subset of students. The VOC built the AMS Lodge in the 1960’s and 1970’s. It was for students to have a cheap place to stay. It was later taken from the VOC by the AMS. It’s disappointing to see it sold out like this.

The Speaker asked Council to lay this motion on the table in order to extend the meeting. There were no objections.

15. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

  “That Council be extended until 11:00 pm.”  
  ... Carried

The Speaker brought the Whistler motion back to the table.
Lin Watt: We’re all around this table to make decisions for the best interests of the students. We have to be careful not to suggest that anyone here is deciding to go against the best interests of the students. The question is, What is in the best interests of the students? I’m disturbed by the environment that has been created in this room with talk of conflict of interest and ethics.

16. MOVED LIN WATT:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Guillaume Houle said his earlier statements were about perceptions. He was raising questions, not making accusations.
- Kyle Warwick: People should not be accusing Guillaume of trying to create malice.

Matthew Naylor raised a point of order, saying his amendment had been laid aside for the guests, but it was supposed to be allowed back. The Speaker replied that he had said he would entertain a motion to amend later, but no motion to amend came forward. Now there has been a motion to call the question, and that has to be dealt with.

17. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?”

The Speaker passed the chair to Blake Frederick.

- Matthew Naylor: We have to debate the amendment before we consider the main motion.
- Dave Tompkins: You could bring a motion later.

18. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?”

... Carried

For (19): Andrew Carne, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkanen, Joel Mertens, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Against (7): Tahara Bhate, Carolee Changfoot, Guillaume Houle, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick
Abstained: Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Jeremy McElroy

Dave Tompkins resumed the chair.

19. MOVED LIN WATT, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (15): Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Luke Luukkanen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (9): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Kyle Warwick

• Matthew Naylor: We have to consider the needs of most of our students. What would bring the most amount of benefit for most of the students? I think external lobbying is an important utility for the Society and for students.

20. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED COLIN SIMKUS:

“That Motion 11 be amended to add the following clause:

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• Matthew Naylor: The External Office is short of funds. There’s a structural deficit for the whole society. We need more money. We owe it to ourselves to vote for the amendment, to vote for the needs of most students. This motion will benefit the most students; it will provide far in excess of the utility for the 0.7% of students who would be served by the situation in which the AMS rents out a fraction of the lodge. It would be a dereliction of our duty if we vote to serve the 0.7%.

• Tahara Bhate asked where the $30,200 number came from.

• Matthew Naylor said it was from budget requests in August for what the External Policy Committee and the External Commission would need for their full agenda for the year.

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... Defeated

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Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Joel Mertens

22. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED LAURA SILVESTER:

“That Motion 11 be amended to add the following clause:

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to create a new fund with the profit from this rental, where the fund would be for the purpose of student projects.”

- Andrew Carne said there are existing funds, but they are capped at small amounts. A new fund could be created for activities that benefit the wider student community. These could be athletic activities.
- Colin Simkus: In this financial situation, we should aim at solvency.
- Iggy Rodriguez expressed concern over putting the money in a general fund rather than something focused on groups to do with sports. He was worried the money might go to academics.
- Kyle Warwick questioned putting the entire profit into this fund. That would neglect too many crucial areas.
- Tahara Bhate: People are forgetting why we passed the original policy to rent half the Whistler beds to the public. Tom did a presentation telling us our finances are in trouble. We need money for Speakeasy etc. If we're going to take anything away from the students, we need to use the money for the deficit, not for new services. We have to protect the services we already have.

23. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated
For (16): Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Fraser Young

Against (9): Andrew Carne, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

- Matthew Naylor: The original motion should have covered external lobbying, the structural deficit, and any number of things. The current motion covers what Council wants to do, which doesn’t deal with the structural deficit. I hope you fail this motion.

24. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED WILL DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (19): Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Stephen Russo, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (3): Ekaterina Dovjenko, Joel Mertens, Iggy Rodriguez

Abstained: Lin Watt

25. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED LAURA SILVESTER:

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... Defeated

For (2): Andrew Carne, Joel Mertens

Against (21): Tahara Bhate, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang
Abstained: Ekaterina Dovjenko, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Lin Watt

- Tahara Bhate asked how time sensitive the main Whistler motion was, with a view to postponing it.
- Tom Dvorak said it was fairly time sensitive.

26. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JEREMY MCELROY

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (17): Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Madeleine Schaefer, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Kyle Warwick, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Against (10): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Joel Mertens, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Laura Silvester, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

- Tahara Bhate: I don’t think Councillors have got the information to decide where this goes, which is why I asked about postponing. If this company wants to deal with us, can we delay this to the next Council meeting?
- Tom Dvorak: The whole point of this motion is to say Yes, we have a deal, or No. It’s fine either way, but there’s no way to postpone.

27. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That Motion 11 be laid on the table until the end of the meeting.”

... Defeated

For (11): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Elena Kusaka, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (13): Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Fraser Young

Abstained: Carolee Changfoot, Sam Law

- Neal Yonson: It’s great we have students at large here; that’s rare. And everyone who has consulted with their constituents has reported back that the students generally think this proposal is a bad idea.
28. MOVED TIM CHU, SECONDED JEREMY McELROY:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

For (16): Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Fraser Young

Against (8): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick

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Against (15): Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Stephen Russo, Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Iggy Rodriguez, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan
30. MOVED ELENA KUSAKA:

“That the agenda be amended to have the Equity and Diversity motion take place now.

... No objections

31. MOVED CAROLEE CHANGFOOT, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee Council approve the creation of the Equity and Diversity Assistant position as presented.”

- It was agreed to strike the phrase “on the recommendation of the Appointments Review Committee.”
- Emma Ellison: This is just to create an assistant position. On her 20-hour schedule she has more work than she is able to do, including workshops and training volunteers. This is exactly like the assistant positions for other AMS positions.
- Andrew Carne said he failed to see why the AMS was creating its own equity program when UBC has the same program up and running. It costs us nothing to use the UBC service. We’re in a budgetary crisis and we’re creating a service for what already exists. To create another position for it doesn’t make sense.
- In response to a question about where the money for this position would come from, Timothy Chu said it hadn’t been budgeted for, so they would have to go over budget.
- Tahara Bhate: Can we knowingly vote for a motion that will put us over budget?
- Dave Tompkins said he did not see this motion as a budgetary amendment.
- Kyle Warwick asked about removing the reference to the Appointments Review Committee.
- Tom Dvorak: ARC can’t pass value judgements; it just assigns salaries. ARC didn’t say we should have this position; it’s not coming from ARC. All ARC said was that if it’s being created, this should be the salary.
- Kyle Warwick: The Budget Committee is constantly asking, Is this a duplication of services? In that context, this proposal is worrisome.

32. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the Council meeting be extended to midnight.”

... Carried

For (15): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (5): Will Davis, Sam Law, Matthew Naylor, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer
Emma Ellison:
- The Equity program was passed with unanimous support by Council; the issue now is ensuring it can run.
- This is unlike anything UBC is willing or able to offer. The University has been resistant to institutionalizing this.
- The UBC Equity Office has offered support for this; it’s meant to ensure that people at AMS events are safe; that’s beyond the scope of what UBC offers, and if we had something UBC-funded, that would lessen our ability to criticize UBC.
- Structures are in place for this; we’ve been offering workshops and they’re packed.
- When there are services not offered by UBC, the AMS has historically stepped in and offered them.
- It’s not controversial; it’s not a massive allocation of money, only $3,200.

Matthew Naylor:
- When I voted for institutional review, money was supposed to go to an institutional review; it was for a climate survey to see if there are obstacles. I haven’t seen that the Equity Office has produced such a thing.
- As the president of a club, I am not particularly thrilled by the imposition of equity officers on clubs. This whole program has been done from the top down.

Emma Ellison: This is the program’s first year; we should give it a chance to see if it works.

Tahara Bhate: In the middle of the budget year, we’re adding another position. Is that a good idea? That being said, I know what it’s like to run a program without enough assistance. On the other hand, I have problems with the equity program; I don’t want this automatically continuing without institutional review.

Pavani Gunadasa said she was against the duplication of services and is doing a review of AMS services to find and eliminate overlap. However, she did not see an overlap between what the UBC Equity Office offers and what the AMS Equity Office does. She added:
- The UBC workshops are not AMS-specific; they’re not tailored for us. They don’t have the resources to train all the people we need, and they aren’t able to be a resource centre for students who have equity questions within the AMS.
- We have provided this equity program; it would be neglectful not to provide the resources needed to run it.

Tom Dvorak pointed to the UBC Equity Office website, which says training is available. We could use them instead of spending $3,200. If the UBC Equity Office is not working, we should work to make sure it does. What has been done to establish a partnership with the UBC Equity Office?

Emma Ellison: We have incredibly close relations with the UBC Equity Office. They know what we offer. They’re grateful that we offer resources.

33. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

For (11): Tahara Bhate, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Madeleine Schaefer, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (10): Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Joel Mertens, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Laura Silvester

• Isabelle: As a volunteer with the Equity Office, I can assure people that it is not a top-down creation. It came from the clubs, the resource groups, the students. What’s not up for debate is the office’s existence; it was created last year. What is up for debate is what is needed to run the office. We need to embrace equity; we can’t rely on the University.

34. MOVED COLIN SIMKUS, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That Motion 31 be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that this position cease to exist upon the end of this fiscal year (April 30, 2010)."

• Tahara Bhate: This creates the position on a temporary basis. Later we can do a review and arrive at a more long-term solution.
• Iggy Rodriguez said he had a serious problem with the equity program; it needs to be reviewed. But he was going to vote for the motion because the Coordinator was being placed in a difficult position.
• Tom Dvorak: This amendment says that it’s a waste of money; if it’s a waste of money in seven months, then it’s a waste of money now.
• Blake Frederick: This is redundant. We’re not changing Code. We don’t have to hire again.

35. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (19): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Will Davis, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (2): Timothy Chu, Matthew Naylor
Abstained: Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky)

36. MOVED COLIN SIMKUS, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That Motion 31 be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that this position cease to exist upon the end of this fiscal year (April 30, 2010)."

... Carried

For (17): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Will Davis, Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (5): Timothy Chu, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Elena Kusaka, Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky)

Abstained: Guillaume Houle

37. MOVED COLIN SIMKUS, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Motion 31 be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that the funds for this new position come from the President’s Fund.”

- Joel Mertens: We can’t create this without saying where the money is coming from.

38. MOVED COLIN SIMKUS, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Motion 31 be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that the funds for this new position come from the President’s Fund.”

... Carried

For (12): Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Joel Mertens, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

Against (8): Tahara Bhate, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Stephen Russo, Laura Silvester, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Carolee Changfoot, Will Davis, Guillaume Houle, Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky)
• Dave Tompkins noted that this amendment made the original motion into one requiring 2/3rds because an allocation from a fund was now involved.

39. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (19): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Against (4): Timothy Chu, Elena Kusaka, Joel Mertens, Lin Watt

Abstained: Sam Law

40. MOVED CAROLEE CHANGFOOT, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the creation of the Equity and Diversity Assistant position as presented.

Be it further resolved that this position cease to exist upon the end of this fiscal year (April 30, 2010).

Be it further resolved that the funds for this new position come from the President’s Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (13): Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Against (9): Andrew Carne, Tom Dvorak, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Madeleine Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Lin Watt

Abstained: Carolee Changfoot, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law
S) Adjournment:

41. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

For (13): Will Davis, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Natalie Swift (proxy for Martin Lewynsky), Lin Watt

Against (4): Guillaume Houle, Iggy Rodriguez, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Andrew Carne, Joel Mertens, Laura Silvester

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 pm.

Q) Submissions:

2008 – 2009 Food & Beverage Report

R) Next Meeting:

October 7, 2009

T) Social Activity:
V1: Appoint Equity Reps
V2: Adopt Agenda
V3: Go In Camera
V4: CPAC Motion for Baby Changing Station
V5: CPAC: Clubs Office
V6: Sustain Ruling of Chair
V7: Call To Question
V8: Amendment for External Lobbying Fund
V9: Call To Question
V10: Call To Question
V11: Amendment: New Project Fund
V12: Call To Question
V13: Lay On The Table
V14: Call To Question
V15: Suspend Whistler Lodge Policy
V16: Extend Council to Midnight
V17: Call To Question
V18: Call To Question
V19: Amendment: April 30th
V20: Amendment: From President's Fund
V21: Call To Question
V22: Creation of Assistant Equity Position
V23: Adjourn

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Sedi Minachi (Safety Volunteer), Mina Khedri (student), Tagh Sira (The 432), Sarah Chung (Ubyssey), Emily Griffiths (student), Amma Warje (Womyn’s Centre), Jim Dodge (Integrated Science Student Association), Thomas Lamb (Pride UBC), Kendall Moreski (Pride UBC), Hillson Tse (AMS Advocacy), Daniel Chow (Volunteer Connect), CJ Rowe (Access & Diversity), Emma Ellison (Equity), Adrienne Smith (Policy), David Hannigan (Human Resources Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archives), Stefanie Ratjen (Alumni), Lucas Pinheiro (UBC student), Vannesss Espry (Arts), Patrick Crawford (Commerce), Ravi Parhar (Forestry), Alex (Library Science), Kevin Cooper (Bike Co-op), Sarah Stevenson (Sciences, Equity Facilitation), Jennifer Gibson (Arts), Ale Coates (Arts), Michael Kingsmill (Architect), Cole Brown, Anoushka Ratnarajah (Womyn’s Centre), Heidi Loos (Womyn’s Centre),

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

1. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED LAURA SILVESTER:

“That Helaine Boyd, Timothy Chu and Maria Cirstea be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

For (27): Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Jimmy Yan, Eric Zhang

Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian

Agenda changes

- It was proposed to combine the presentations from UBC and AMS Equity and to move the Equity motion to after the Equity presentation; also to move the related Budget motion to after that.
- It was proposed to add a presentation on Johannes’s trip to Harvard and to move the business presentation to the end of the meeting.

2. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED HANNES DEMPEWOLF:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (31): Bijan Ahmadian, Helaine Boyd (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English,
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B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

**HR Search Outcome – Introduction of David Hannigan**

- Tom Dvorak:
  - Last March Council said to hire a senior HR Manager.
  - A recruiting firm (Ray & Berndtson) was hired.
  - There were originally 82 candidates; 71 actually applied; 14 submitted resumés for interviews; 5 were interviewed; three were invited back for a second round, and the consensus settled on David Hannigan.
  - His background includes 20-plus years of experience for Purdy’s Chocolates, a top 50 employer.
- David Hannigan said working here was an awesome opportunity to learn about UBC and students.

**AMS Equity Office/UBC Equity Office**

- Timothy Chu reviewed the history of the AMS Equity program, beginning with the motion from Stephanie Ryan at Council calling for an investigation of inequities and systemic barriers, followed by the introduction of the equity officers program, the creation of the equity committee, the revision of the policy on harassment and discrimination, the introduction of the equity training program, and the creation of the AMS Equity and Diversity Coordinator position.
- He added the following details:
  - This happened because of concerns coming from clubs, Services, Council members and Constituencies.
  - Models at other universities (e.g., U of T) were looked at.
  - This is an issue of social justice, human rights, and liability; we have a responsibility over how we respond to discriminatory behaviour.
  - The new Equity and Diversity Coordinator position covers equity facilitation and training for equity officers.
  - Two motions tonight: one a budget amendment, the other to create an assistant for the Equity and Diversity Coordinator, as other Coordinators have assistants.
- C.J. Rowe of UBC Access and Diversity presented a letter from the UBC Equity Office supporting the creation of the assistant position and stating that the AMS service complements but does not duplicate what UBC offers. What UBC offers covers students in a University context, but not AMS activities, so the UBC office is encouraged to see the AMS develop its own equity policy; it’s in the best interests of the AMS to provide its own training.
• She added that the UBC office has a limited ability to provide training. She worked with the Equity Ambassadors, and developing a training program for it that took most of the summer; it is a task and not to be taken lightly.
• She supports the AMS program and will provide expertise to it.

Questions

• Geoff Costeloe asked how new the AMS equity program is.
• Timothy Chu said it is relatively new; it goes back to 2008.
• Bijan Ahmadian asked about creating suitable models. How can we ensure that the program is sustainable and does what we want?
• C.J. Rowe: It’s hard to measure systemic barriers, which is what the Access and Diversity Office works on. The Equity Office does publish a report on its cases; they have numbers.
• Bijan Ahmadian asked for examples of systemic barriers.
• C.J. Rowe: One project looks at barriers faced by distinct populations of students to understand the climate on campus; it’s a work in progress.
• Tom Dvorak asked about the resources of the UBC Equity Office.
• C.J. Rowe said she was not with the Equity Office, but with Access and Diversity. All portfolios are stretched for resources; we’re in hard economic times. It’s hard to give numbers.
• Johannes Rebane asked what the difference was between UBC equity training and AMS equity training.
• C.J. Rowe: UBC Equity does specific workshops (e.g., Positive Space, Human Rights). Access and Diversity has just her for training, diversity training, on systemic barriers, stereotypes, discrimination.
• Emma Ellison said the letter from UBC Equity explained the differences.
• Ale Coates: Before the AMS had a training program in place, we collaborated with UBC, and we still collaborate, but now the AMS program is in place and it provides a specific context for our clubs; they are given information about AMS policies. The clubs are often the first point of contact for students with the AMS, and we have a responsibility to be a positive space.
• Andrew Carne asked how many people had been trained by the AMS.
• Stefanie Ratjen:
  o There were two workshops a week, with 20 students in each workshop.
  o Over a period of four months last year 100 people went through the program.
  o There was overwhelmingly positive feedback.
  o We didn’t have capacity to carry on through the elections and transition period.
    o The idea now is to build capacity in a sustainable way.
• Emma Ellison: This year there have been over 30 applications from students interested in volunteering as facilitators. There has been sustained interest. Students want to move from being equity officers to being equity facilitators.
• Andrew asked for metrics; how effectively were they used?
• Stefanie Ratjen said there was no capacity to measure that; one of the issues to address was to be able to develop these metrics. Those clubs that have participated found it very positive.
• Andrew Carne asked for clarification about the Access and Diversity Office and the UBC Equity Office.
• C.J. Rowe: UBC Equity has their own VP Equity, Tom Patch; we are under the VP Students, Brian Sullivan. Our focus is on policies and procedures, systemic barriers, disability implementation. The Equity Office deals with human rights complaints, sexual harassment, etc.

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the creation of the Equity and Diversity Assistant Position as presented.

Be it further resolved that the funds for this new position come from the Student Services Fund.”

Note: The balance in the Student Services Fund is $22,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Timothy Chu: The Equity and Diversity Coordinator is similar to the Service Coordinators, who have Assistant Coordinators. Equity and Diversity doesn’t have an assistant. They’re in charge of a department and programs, but they’re only one person. The assistant position is being brought forward to balance out the workload.

• There was a question of how much the salary would be. The number $3,600 was mentioned.

• Bijan Ahmadian:
  o We need to finance this properly. We’re in tough economic times, but that’s not ever a reason to say No to something important like this.
  o We want to get the most for our money.
  o We don’t know what the Equity program currently accomplishes; they should be able to say, This is what we’ve accomplished.
  o I don’t agree with the legal opinion in the letter from UBC Equity, that the AMS is liable. Except for AMS staff, this is the University’s responsibility.
  o We haven’t seen the program’s objectives yet; this should come back when they can tell us that.

• Joel Mertens: Is this position meant to be recurring or one-off?

• Emma Ellison: Recurring.

• Joel Mertens: Last time we were told there was extra work this year, and the position would be re-examined at the end of the year.

• Emma Ellison: We need an assistant this year, next year. It’s a permanent position.

• Dave Tompkins: What went out to Council said the position was for this year, ending on April 30.

• Timothy Chu: That was just the job description.

• Dave Tompkins: But that was all that was presented.

Timothy Chu talked of challenging the Chair on his interpretation of the term of the appointment.

• Dave Tompkins: This is not an official Code change.
• Joel Mertens asked about the difference between the just cited figure of $3,600 and an earlier figure of $3,270.

• Sarah Stevenson introduced herself as someone who had trained last year as a facilitator. She said you can’t necessarily quantify discrimination, so if you’re looking for numbers, you’re looking at the program in the wrong way. The point of the program was to avoid lawsuits, avoid going to court. She found some of the comments insensitive. The aim is to create a safe space on campus, free of oppression.

• Cole Brown read a letter from the Student Resource Groups saying they rely on the AMS Equity Office, adding that denying funding to the Equity Office would be a significant setback to the ability of UBC and the AMS to be safe and welcoming. All the Resource Groups strongly condemned any move by the AMS to withdraw support from the Equity Office and demanded expansion of the program. [applause]

• Geoff Costeloe: It may be hard to quantify, but it’s misguided to say there’s no way to quantify. Ways can be found. But this is just an issue of administrative support. Does the Equity Coordinator need help and support?

• Emma Ellison: Yes.
• Geoff Costeloe: Then I am in support.

4. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

For (16): Helaine Boyd (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Bonnie Wong, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Against (17): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tahara Bhate, Natalie Swift, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

• Heidi Loos: The equity program is always full. I have seen how this program has helped.

• Anoushka Ratnarajah: This program is essential to creating a safe space and a positive space. We cannot have too many equity officers; the campus is an incredibly conservative space; equity offers a strategic way to engage with issues of oppression, privilege, and racism. We can’t just get rid of this program; we have to give Emma our support.

• Johannes Rebane: Last time Council discussed this, the discussion got toxic. Access and Diversity and Equity are for every student; if students are crying or exhausted after a Council meeting, then that’s wrong. We have to look into changing this environment. We don’t want personal attacks at meetings.
• Iggy Rodriguez: We have to find a way to measure, evaluate the program, but I support this position because of our commitment to Emma. We’ve gone back on that; when we treat one of our employees this way, we give ourselves a bad name.

5. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

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Against (15): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Tahara Bhat, Natalie Swift, Jimmy Yan

• Tom Dvorak: The letter from UBC Equity is troubling, especially their assertion that they don’t speak to the AMS context. The AMS is a student group. For us to accept this letter and expand our program means we’re saying it’s okay to exclude us from campus-wide equity. We shouldn’t accept this letter.

6. MOVED ELENA KUSAKA, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That Motion 3 be amended to add the following clause:

<Be it further resolved that this position be a permanent position and that Council direct the Code and Policies Committee to codify this motion.>”

• Elana Kusaka: These are longstanding issues; this will benefit students.
• Tahara Bhat: This is a worthwhile program, but the problem with this motion is that the need for an Equity assistant this year is because of the amount of work being put on Emma. The AMS faces a structural deficit and we have to look at our priorities. We may be cutting. There’s a finite limit to our resources; it’s shortsighted to create a permanent position without looking at finances and where we may have to cut.
• Maria Cirstea: This amendment will tip the people on the fence to vote against. It would be better to give it a test run.
• Dia Montgomery: Is it wise to create a position before we look at the numbers?
• Bijan Ahmadian: We should try for a year to see if the position is necessary.
• Timothy Chu: Here’s an opportunity to benefit students; it’s absolutely worth it. You can’t put a price on equity. Why put a sunset clause on this particular position? We created this Equity department because we needed it; don’t let it die.
• Eric Zhang: You can’t remove systemic barriers in a year. The AMS needs to represent all students, including marginalized groups.
• Geoff Costeloe: I’m opposed to the amendment. There’s no harm in creating this for a year and seeing how it goes. If it’s as useful as everyone is saying, it will be renewed. There are two issues: Is this position needed now? A later meeting can review the Equity Office.
• Elana Kusaka: It’s because these are tough economic times that we need this program. People under stress create racism, sexism. The equity program addresses these things.
• Anoushka Ratnarajah: People say they need evidence that the Equity Office is doing its job. The fact that there are so many people here tonight is evidence. Having equity officers around is very important; it makes things safe, more positive. Why do we need a test run? Last year Stef was overwhelmed. Last year was the test run. One person cannot run this program alone.
• Natalie Swift: What are we testing? In a year are we going to take away support?
• Emily Griffiths: By denying support, the AMS will be making a statement that it doesn’t care about equity the way it does for other departments. The proof is there that the position is needed. This constant deferral is as if Council members hope this will just go away. Don’t pass this argument on to next year’s Council to have all over again.

7. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“The the question on the amendment be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (27): Helaine Boyd (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Carolee Changfoot, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Elena Kusaka, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Silhota, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Fraser Young

Against (7): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Tahara Bhate, Jimmy Yan, Eric Zhang

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Against (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Sam Law, Luke Luukkanen, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Tahara Bhate, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Back to the main motion

• Natalie Swift:
  o This will be an efficient use of our money, more so than by overloading our Coordinator. A small amount is involved, $3,000.
  o As to the comments on the ability to measure progress, what do we expect when the program is so young? We can develop measures, but we’ll need to fund them.
  o As to the letter from UBC Equity, as a society we have a responsibility over what we do. UBC is not trying to pass the buck on students.
  o As to Council, it should undergo some equity training.

• Lin Watt said she was a supporter of equity and has been through facilitator training, but the AMS Equity program has hurt equity. She added:
  o When we as a Council mandate equity officers, we are creating jobs for ourselves, for 700 people in the clubs.
  o We have said that students must participate, but effective equity cannot be mandated.
  o I am not in favour of our equity policy; we would do better to work with the UBC Equity Office.

• Tahara Bhate asked for clarification about how the AMS equity program works.
• Stefanie Ratjen: There is no legislating of equity; there is no punishment for not taking part. For those who do want to take part, we need to have resources available.
• Tahara Bhate said she had always been under the impression that the appointment of equity representatives was mandatory. She added:
  o Many would not dare to voice what Lin just said.
  o There is oppression around the Council table; if you do not agree with the side with the most popularity, it is hard to speak up.

9. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JIMMY YAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

For (24): Helaine Boyd (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English,
Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Laura Silvester, Tahara Bhati, Kyle Warwick, Bonnie Wong, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Against (10): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Natalie Swift

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Against (9): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Tom Dvorak, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Madeleine Schaefer, Lin Watt

Abstained: Mike Duncan, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester

L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED HELAINE BOYD:

From Budget Committee

“That Council withdraw $6,680 from the Student Services Fund to finance an amendment to the Equity & Diversity Budget.”

Note: The balance in the Student Services Fund is: $22,000
Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Tom Dvorak: Given its current mandate, there’s no way the Equity Office can fulfill its responsibilities with its current resources. The Budget Committee felt this was an appropriate increase to the budget.
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… Carried

For (27): Helaine Boyd (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tahara B hate, Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Bonnie Wong, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian, Sam Law, Matthew Naylor, Madeleine Schaefer, Lin Watt

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

13. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

From the Renovations Planning Group

“That $6,000 be withdrawn from CPAC for waterproof remedial work on the ceiling above the Bike Kitchen and the Varsity Outdoors Club.”

Note: The current balance in CPAC is $349,000
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Crystal Hon showed photos of water damage in the Bike Kitchen, described repair methods, and presented a budget. UBC will be paying half.
- Geoff Costeloe asked why UBC was not paying half of the GST.
- Michael Kingsmill: The University was reluctant to pay 50% at all, and really because the Bike Kitchen is a business, the GST nets out at zero.
- Dia Montgomery asked about mould.
- Michael Kingsmill: Unlike wood, concrete is not organic and is not prone to mould.
- Michael Duncan said he was under the impression that this sort of maintenance was a University obligation. Why is UBC not paying for all of it?
- Michael Kingsmill: UBC does recognize its responsibilities. They were planning to replace the membrane, but were going to put the project on a waiting list where it could have been for years. Even to do the remedial work we’re doing
could take years on a University waiting list, and the situation is deteriorating rapidly.

- Michael Duncan: I encourage the people negotiating with the University on the new building to make sure the University’s negotiators agree to maintaining Level 2 standards, and keep them to that.
- Kevin Cooper (Bike Kitchen): The leak has affected some of our merchandise and our computer, and has been costing us $1500-$2000 a year. There are also safety issues: pools of water that are tripping hazards and rotting of the wood that could cause things to fall.
- Alex Lougheed: The University as the owners assume all liability concerning mould, damaged equipment, etc. They’re incurring liability, costs … Why are they so dumb?

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... Carried

For (32): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tahara Bhathe, Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Abstained: Ekaterina Dovjenko

C) Presentations to Council:

East Coast University Trek

- Johannes Rebane described his trip to Harvard, MIT, and other eastern US universities.
- He was specifically looking into their first-year seminar programs, their first-year core writing courses, the value of research for students, and student residences.
- He described the first-year seminar program at Harvard, a flexible, department-driven program in which departments decide whether they can offer these seminars.
- The writing program involves a written diagnostic in the summer after which students who need help are directed into a special course. Everyone must take the standard writing course; themes for each course section are set ahead of
time, so students know what they’ll be writing about depending on which section
they sign up for.

- Research, at Harvard journalists interview professors about their research. There is interest in UBC as a Canadian partner in this program.
- Dorms at Harvard are shoddy, but the dining halls are amazing; they create community more than happens in UBC residences.
- At UPenn, dons live in residences.
- Cost of his trip was only $413, including taxes, because he found cheap accommodation.

Questions
- Kyle Warwick asked about writing-based seminars.
- Johannes Rebane said these may replace ATSU.
- Maria Cirstea asked about ATSU.
- Johannes Rebane suggested coming to a meeting of the Academic Quality Committee. He also said English 112 will cease to exist and be replaced by a writing/research course.

D) President's Remarks, or Blake's Broadcast (Blake Frederick):

- Attended Farmade
  - Success despite the Ubyssey’s spin on the issue
- Met with the Oversight Committee to discuss how the year is progressing
- Went to UBC Homecoming and watched our Thunderbird football team
- Dinner with Alumni Association and discussed the Alumni Centre and how might relate to the SUB Project
- Attended a UBC Budget Cuts working group session with some other students and administrators to discuss student consultation in the process
  - They are looking at cutting 3% from each Faculty, but I’m not sure what that will look like yet
- Working with the Code and Policies Committee
  - Committee Reform
  - Election Code
- Talk to Student Ambassadors
- Met the University Librarian
  - Assured 24 hour study space during exam period
- Three negotiation meetings with the University around SUB
- An update on the compostable cutlery motion we passed last month. I’ve talked to Nancy, our Food and Beverage Manager and the cutlery has been ordered and will be in our outlets very soon
- Mediated and helped resolve about 6 different conflicts over the past 2 weeks between individuals or groups in the AMS
- Walked around the Thunderbird Arena with Michelle Aucoin, VISU, and RCMP to discuss where the security barriers will be during the Olympics
- Helped give out club awards at the All Presidents Dinner and awarded Mark Bomford from the UBC Farm the AMS Great Trekker Award
  - Thank you to my assistant Katie, Crystal, and Crystal’s assistant Angel for organizing and executing this great event
E) Executive Remarks:

VP External – Timothy Chu

What I’ve been working on:
**Meeting with Folks from the UBC Community**
- September 26th, 2009 – attended the UBC Homecoming for the Thunderbirds
- Met with the Alumni Association to identify areas where we could work on – lobbying is one of them
- Introduction to the Student Ambassadors who do tours around campus including the SUB
- All President’s Dinner was amazing

**Committee Meetings**
- Code and Policies Committee – a “short” meeting talking about committee reform
- Oversight Committee meeting with Kyle, Iggy and Laura

**External Policy Committee**
- Revamped the funding cuts campaign to a more realistic plan
- Focusing on distributing the postcards on a particular day and if the turnout is overwhelming for the postcards, then we will move forward with a demonstration – October 13th, we will be having a “coffee and cuts” campaign
  - We’ve moved $1000.00 from the budget that was originally allocated for boards and signs for the protest into coffee and more postcards for the campaign. The other things in the budget remain the same.
- CASA meeting to inform councilors and interested students about historical relationship with CASA. There will be a meeting with CASA on October 8th at 6:00pm in SUB Council Chambers

**Olympics**
- Mapped out potential areas for “safe assembly zones” on campus with the RCMP, Michelle Aucoin and VISU

**U-Pass**
- TransLink is fighting UBC over who will pay the U-Pass fees for 8 students who fall in a certain category (in the agreement)
- Subsidy is still going on – deadline is October 10th, 2009

What I will be working on:
- Meeting with CASA – October 8th, 2009 – 6:00pm – SUB Council Chambers
- Coffee and Cuts – October 13th, 2009 – 11:00am-3:00pm – Southside of the SUB
- On the holiday this Monday, there will be a banner making session. Scissors will be made out of cardboard.

VP Finance – Tom Dvorak

- Wrap up on student fees and opt-outs (now closed)
- Whistler Lodge wrap-ups that we’d postponed until after a council decision on the proposal
- UBC homecoming
• Participating in new Alumni Affairs ARC team program – looking forward to helping in the expansion of that program
• Also at dinner with Alumni Association staff – great conversation with Marie Earl, outgoing Executive Director
• IPF Applications now up – apply for up to $5000!!!
• CiTR board meeting – fundraising campaign in the planning stages for an operational endowment
• BOC – exciting new marketing initiative working towards stronger brand recognition
• In touch with Queen’s AMS – going through search for new GM and had some questions on best way to go about it – happy to offer some of our lessons from the recent HR search
• Meeting with Brian Sullivan on catering – looking to hear back on some results this week
• Did some work with different constituencies on creating endowments, constituency credit cards, all sorts of fun stuff
• Farmade
• Budget Committee – Equity program,
• Oversight meeting

VP Academic – Johannes Rebane

• Elections Administrator hiring soon.
• Bookstore Advisory Committee.

VP Administration – Crystal Hon

• All-Presidents Dinner.
• SUB Project session tomorrow.
• Renos: next week meeting about video cameras.

ECSS - Pavani Gunadasa

I am working on many of the same things that I mentioned in my last update. We are continuing our search for a new Support Services Coordinator for SASC and an Assistant Coordinator for Advocacy. I have also been working with the Suicide Awareness Day Committee in organizing a few events for November 3rd, including a film screening and guest speakers.

A few updates from the services:
AMS Tutoring: We are offering all the same services as last year; and we are seeing an increase in the demand for our services, in the residences, at the War Memorial gym (for UBC Athletes) and especially the Irving K Barber Learning Centre. Usually it is just the math sessions that are busy, but this year all 4 subjects have been busy, especially Physics. Overall we have had good attendance at the sessions and we see a lot of regulars attending the drop-in sessions at IKBLC. Currently, we are still working on uploading exams onto cIRcle (UBC’s digital archive for research and teaching materials).
AMS Advocacy has continued to assist students throughout the University appeals and complaint processes. Several hearings have been scheduled for October where an advocate has been requested to represent the student. The new case volume has been low given that most of the backlogged cases from the summer have been closed and students generally don't have academic issues in the beginning of the school year.

AMS Safewalk is on the up and up! This week Safewalk finished hiring for the fall and now has 54 employees working 12 shifts a night. Safewalk recently had all of its radios refurbished, cutting the costs of buying new radios it is now seeking to refurbish its flashlights. In the month of September Safewalk had 139 walks. Safewalk has designed 3 new posters to advertise its service, and is in the process of revising its website and creating a Facebook fan page. Ben the Safewalk coordinator encourages you to add Safewalk to your phone 604.822.5355.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Human Kinetics – Fraser Young: UBC Rec fundraiser for kids.


GSS – Hannes Dempewolf: Chaotic council meeting.

Law – Dia Montgomery: Upper years using swing space under Sage Bistro; first years elsewhere; a difficulty, so they're having a first and third-year meet and greet. It's also hard to meet professors; working on creating a meeting space.


Forestry – Natalie Swift: Working with other student groups on the Bridge to a Cool Planet project (on climate change). Looking for a new dean. Undergrad election for a rep on that committee.

Music – Sam Law: Seeking more involvement with profs.

Education – Courtney English: ESA Council just elected. Seeking more cohesiveness between different divisions within Education.


Commerce – Laura Silvester: Three new first-year reps.


Pharmacy – Bonnie Wong: International Week. Pharmacy Student Branding project.

Regent – Eduardo Sasso: Tuesday soup.


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


Bijan Ahmadian: Olympics presentation from Michelle Aucoin. Going to present on student engagement strategy. SUB negotiations: BoG enthusiastic about progress.

Senate – Geoff Costeloe:
  o Dinner at President Toope’s house.
  o $57,000 in new student awards.
  o Trek-like plan coming soon to Senate and BoG.
  o Problem of engagement; culture of service, but no consultation with students; question of how to involve students, perhaps structurally: putting things like AMS Council membership on transcripts has been suggested.
  ▪ Kyle Warwick: It shouldn’t be an afterthought like this is.
  ▪ Laura Silvester: There should be recognition of students competing as UBC representatives; highlight successes.
  ▪ Alex Lougheed: Policies on students on hiring committees.
  ▪ Johannes Rebane: Students on curriculum/academic committees; it should be standardized and mandatory.
  ▪ Lin Watt: Dean’s awards.
  ▪ Kyle Warwick: Community learning.
  ▪ Laura Silvester: Credits for volunteer positions.
  ▪ Erin Abler: Find ways to increase collaboration between schools.

Ombudsperson – Hayden Hughes (read by Johannes Rebane):

Since the last Council meeting I have dealt with 2 cases, one involving mediation for an AMS club and another involving a letter of reference from a professor at UBC. On a positive note, I handed out over 20 business cards last night and spoke with the heads of several constituencies, so I would report that my goal of gaining exposure within the UBC community is gaining momentum.

The UBC Ombudsperson, Shirley Nakata, and I have met several times to try and determine what our relationship should be. While we don't have an official policy, I usually prefer to take cases where I feel that the student would be best served by a peer. Conversely, if there are students who I feel would benefit from her
professional experience (which unlike my own pre-dates May 2009), I send those students to her. We also discuss various situations and brainstorm to help each other find solutions to the problems that our clients face.

Nothing further at this point, and apologies that I couldn't make the Council meeting in person!

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

15. MOVED JIMMY YAN, SECONDED HANNES DEMPEWOLF:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated September 2, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 2, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 9, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 16, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 28, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 29, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting with CASA dated October 29, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 30, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 6, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 13, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 20, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 27, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 4, 2008
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 12, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 26, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 2, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 6, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 13, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 6, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 27, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 17, 2009
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 24, 2009
Minutes of the SUB Renewal Committee dated August 19, 2009
In Camera Minutes of the Student Council dated September 23, 2009.”

- Joel Mertens asked why the minutes were from so long ago.
- Blake Frederick: The Archives was looking for these and couldn’t find them, and we realized they had never come to Council. They were on my computer.
- Jeremy McElroy:
  o This calls into question the efficacy of last year’s Executive. They weren’t even approving their own minutes, and what was Council doing when minutes were not being brought here?
  o This is serious. There were massive expenditures from the President’s Fund approved by the Executive. A Fund exists where the Executive can vote up to $10,000 on individual items.
  o On December 4, 2008, the Executive spent $16,000 from the President’s Fund; $5,000 for website servers, $5,700 for communications projects ...
o Instead of going to Council as this should have, there was unchecked money with no paper trail.

o This is not acceptable; it brings into question the existence of the President’s Fund.

o This Executive was not being accountable to Council on spending from this Fund, and Council’s failure to call them to account on this was unacceptable.

16. MOVED JIMMY YAN, SECONDED HANNES DEMPEWOLF:

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... Carried

For (18): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Tagh Sira (proxy for Tahara Bhate), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (4): Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Jeremy McElroy, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift
J) Executive Committee Motions:

17. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

"That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2009: Internal Signing Authority' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Blake Frederick: This is a minor procedural change to reflect current practices.
- Tom Dvorak: Every internal transaction is signed off by me as VP Finance, but if I'm not in the office now another officer can sign off on things. Anything urgent can be paid without me being in the office. The Treasurer-Controller is comfortable with this.

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For (29): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for Tahara Bhate), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Elena Kusaka

19. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

"That Council amend paragraph 6 of the AMS Travel Policy to replace the figure $750 with $400, so that it reads:

All individual travel initiatives exceeding $400, for the Executive and the ECSS, will require a proposal to the Executive Committee, answering the following questions:

a. What is the nature of the conference?
b. What are the goals you hope to achieve from this experience?
c. How much will this cost the Society?"

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Blake Frederick: This is lowering the number from $750. Travel will have to be vetted even if only $400.
- Dia Montgomery: How many trips at more than $400 have there been?
• Blake Frederick said he didn’t have the figures.
• Dia Montgomery: A ballpark figure?
• Tom Dvorak said there had been none.
• Matthew Naylor said he didn’t think in his year there had been any either.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (24): Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Tagh Sira (proxy for Tahara Bhate), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (1): Matthew Naylor

Abstained: Ekaterina Dovjenko, Johannes Rebane, Laura Silvester

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

21. MOVED MADELEINE SCHAEFER, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Renovations Planning Group Minutes dated September 17, 2009.”

... Carried

For (26): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota,
Tagh Sira (proxy for Tahara Bhate), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Ekaterina Dovjenko, Elena Kusaka, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift

22. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

From the Communications Planning Group

"That Council adopt the report of the Communications Planning Group entitled 'Code Changes 2009: Communications Planning Group' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Blake Frederick: This is a minor procedural change. The Sustainability Coordinator is a voting member of this planning group, which is strange; they should be non-voting, as are all other non-elected AMS officials on other committees.
- Kyle Warwick asked about non-elected yet voting members on the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee.
- Matthew Naylor said they are elected from the Resource Groups.

23. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

From the Communications Planning Group

"That Council adopt the report of the Communications Planning Group entitled 'Code Changes 2009: Communications Planning Group' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

For (25): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Elena Kusaka, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Geoff Costeloe, Tagh Sira (proxy for Tahara Bhate), Fraser Young

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

24. MOVED JIMMY YAN, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated July 20, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated August 5, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated August 13, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated August 20, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated September 2, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated September 10, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated September 15, 2009.”

• Kyle Warwick: This is a bit of a backlog too. Not as bad as with the Executive
minutes, but it’s not ideal, especially since SAC passes policies that are
operative. Theoretically, those policies didn’t exist till we passed these minutes.
• Jeremy McElroy: SAC approved 15 new clubs. Why?
• Crystal Hon: Students keep coming up with things they want to do. They want
SAC to help them; we can’t say no to them.

25. MOVED JIMMY YAN, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

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Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated August 20, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated September 2, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated September 10, 2009
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated September 15, 2009.”

... Carried

For (22): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu,
Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English,
Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon,
Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine
Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (2): Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor

Abstained: Ekaterina Dovjenko, Elena Kusaka, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira
(proxy for Tahara Bhatie), Natalie Swift

• Dave Tompkins suggested extending Council to 11 pm.
• Geoff Costeloe objected, saying Council has to get control of its meetings.

26. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council be extended until 11:00 pm.”

... Carried

For (16): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea,
Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Joel
Mertens, Iggy Rodriguez, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for
Tahara Bhatie), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt
Against (11): Geoff Costeloe, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Elena Kusaka, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Carolee Changfoot, Jeremy McElroy

27. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council postpone the balance of the agenda until the next Council meeting.”

- Matthew Naylor: A fresh Council should look at the rest of the business.
- Andrew Carne: We’ve already postponed these once.
- Blake Frederick: If we don’t approve these appointments now, we won’t have a representative on the University’s scholarship committee, and the Aquatic Centre is waiting for us.

28. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council postpone the balance of the agenda until the next Council meeting.”

... Defeated

For (1): Matthew Naylor

Against (24): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for Tahara Bhate), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

29. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That Council appoint ______ and ______ (Councillors) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee for a term ending March 31, 2010.

Candidates: Maria Cirstea (Science), Lin Watt (Engineering)

That Council appoint ______ and ______ (Councillors) to the UBC Informal Learning Space Committee for a term ending March 31, 2010.

Candidates: Johannes Rebane (VP Academic), Kyle Warwick (Arts), Andrew Carne (Engineering)

Council chose: Johannes and Andrew

That Council appoint ______ (Councillor) to the Budget Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.

Candidate: Carolee Changfoot (Arts)
That Council appoint ______ (Councillor) to the Oversight Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.

- It was agreed to separate this appointment, because the Executive cannot vote on it.

“That Council appoint ______ (student at large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.

Candidate: Nader Beyzaei

That Council appoint _____ (Councillor) to the UBC Bookstore Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.

Candidate: Kyle Warwick (Arts)

That Council appoint _______, _______, and ______ to the Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending September 2010.

Candidates: Michael Duncan (BoG), Neal Yonson (at large), Aaron Sihota (Science)

That Council appoint ____ and _____ (Councillor or member at large) to the University Athletics Council to a term commencing immediately and ending September 2010.

Candidates: Iggy Rodriguez (Science), Neal Yonson (at large), Michael Duncan (BoG)

Council chose: Neal and Michael

That Council appoint ______ to the UBC Premier Undergraduate Scholarship Committee for a term ending November 30, 2010.

Candidates: Maria Cirstea (Science), Madeleine Schaefer (Engineering)

Council chose Madeleine

That Council appoint ______ (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.”

Candidates: Blake Frederick (President), Bijan Ahmadian (BoG), Matthew Naylor (Arts)

Council chose: Matthew

30. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That Council appoint Lin Watt and Maria Cirstea (Councillors) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee for a term ending March 31, 2010.

That Council appoint Andrew Carne and Johannes Rebane (Councillors) to the UBC Informal Learning Space Committee for a term ending March 31, 2010.

That Council appoint Carolee Changfoot (Councillor) to the Budget Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.
That Council appoint Nader Beyzaei (student at large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.

That Council appoint Kyle Warwick (Councillor) to the UBC Bookstore Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.

That Council appoint Michael Duncan, Neal Yonson, and Aaron Sihota to the Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending September 2010.

That Council appoint Neal Yonson and Michael Duncan (Councillor or member at large) to the University Athletics Council to a term commencing immediately and ending September 2010.

That Council appoint Madeleine Schaefer to the UBC Premier Undergraduate Scholarship Committee for a term ending November 30, 2010.

That Council appoint Matthew Naylor (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.

... Carried

For (28): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Elena Kusaka, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for Tahara Bhate), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

31. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council appoint _______ (Councillor) to the Oversight Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.”

Candidates: Iggy Rodriguez (Science), Ekaterina Dovjenko (Commerce)

Council chose Ekaterina

32. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council appoint Ekaterina Dovjenko (Councilor) to the Oversight Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2010.”

... Carried

For (22): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron
Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for Tahara Bhate), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Abstained: Timothy Chu, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Johannes Rebane, Jimmy Yan

P) Discussion Period

Parking
Jeremy McElroy announced that the provincial government had introduced a law to give UBC power to impose parking fines.

Etiquette
Andrew Carne said Councillors shouldn’t make long speeches and then call the question; that was rude.

Goodbye
Matthew Naylor read out a farewell message from departing Arts Councillor Will Davis.

Business Update: Ross Horton and Tom Dvorak

33. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED EKATRINA DOVJENKO, THIRDED JIMMY YAN:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went into the In Camera session at 10:28 pm.

The meeting left the In Camera session at 10:47 pm.

Q) Submissions:

VP External updated 2nd Quarterly

R) Next Meeting:

October 21, 2009

S) Adjournment:

34. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

For (19): Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Courtney English, Daniella Fergusson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Stephen Russo, Madeleine Schaefer, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for Tahara Bhate), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt
Against (1): Fraser Young

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 pm.

T) Social Activity:
### The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Kalyeena Makortoff (Ubyssey), Brad Morrison (Arts), Elliott Morton (LFS), T. Johnson (Arts), David Guroday (Arts), Tamin Asgari (Engineering), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Kelli Seepaul (Communications), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Ravi Parhar (Forestry), Suzanne Jolly (Health, Safety and Environment), Anthony Smith (SAS Presenter – Student)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm.

1. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That Maria Cirstea, Dia Montgomery and Fraser Young be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

For (20): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Tahara Bhate, Barnabus Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Colin McInnes, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Erin Abler, Mike Silley, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Matthew Naylor

2. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED TAGH SIRA:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

• It was agreed to move the Thrive Week presentation up, to add a Sustainability presentation, and to put the CASA motion after the CASA presentation.

3. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED TAGH SIRA:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Natalie Swift, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (1): Mike Silley

B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:
C) Presentations to Council:

**UBC Thrive Week – Suzanne Jolly**

- Big initiative from UBC’s Health, Safety and Environment department.
- Student, staff, faculty, alumni events.
- Promoting health.
- Events include:
  - Cooking show with President Toope (how food affects mood)
  - Suicide Awareness Day (film in Norm)
  - Wellness Fair in SUB (interactive activities, testing blood pressure, etc.)
  - Positive change workshop
  - Fast Food Nation
- It would be great if student groups hosted a Thrive event.

Questions
- Lin Watt: Engineering is doing a pancake benefit with a speaker.

**Sustainability Academic Strategy – Anthony Smith**

- Anthony Smith introduced himself as the AMS representative on the University’s Sustainability Academic Strategy Working Group, adding:
  - Key priority areas:
    - teaching and learning
    - research and partnerships
    - operations and administration (UBC already a world leader in this)
    - implementation
  - Three priority points:
    - South Campus Academic Plan (Farm, developments)
    - Centre for International Research on Sustainability (CIRS)
    - Okanagan campus
  - Two overarching themes:
    - campus as living laboratory
    - agent of change
  - Discussion paper presented to UBC Executive; final review in November.
  - Looking for motion of support from Council to show that students care and to give reason for UBC to adopt the proposal.
  - Teaching and Learning:
    - Want to improve access to sustainability learning for all students; introducing a Sustainability minor.
    - Going to hire staff who are leaders in sustainability teaching.
    - Co-curricular opportunities, recognizing sustainability experience outside the classroom, on transcripts.
  - Research and Partnerships:
    - Five fellows in Sustainability research.
    - Using campus as laboratory, e.g., work at the farm.
    - Work in partnership with one or more B.C. communities.
    - Develop events, especially high level conferences with international figures.
  - Operations and Administration:
UBC a leader, received a B+, but still room for improvement.
Aiming to be a net positive energy and water campus.
Create a fund to be able to invest in green technology.
Create a Sustainability campus plan.
Ethics/sustainable investment.
Campaign to motivate people to change behaviour.

- Implementation:
  - University Sustainability Centre as hub for all these changes (CIRS building).
  - November 10 groundbreaking ceremony for CIRS building.
  - Telling story to world, showcasing accomplishments.
  - Rewards for profs for interdisciplinary work on Sustainability.

Questions
- Geoff Costeloe: These are huge structural changes. Students should take some pride in this.

3. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE:

"That the agenda be amended to have the SAS motion take place now."

... No objections

4. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED TAGH SIRA:

"That the AMS endorse the recommendations of the Draft Sustainability Academic Strategy Discussion Paper as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

5. MOVED MIKE SILLEY:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

6. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED TAGH SIRA:

"That the AMS endorse the recommendations of the Draft Sustainability Academic Strategy Discussion Paper as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried without dissent

For (32): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabus Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Galego
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Abstained: Lin Watt

C) Presentations to Council:

Committee Reform – Matthew Naylor

- Been reviewing 50 pages of changes to the Code line by line at the Code and Policies Committee. Won’t do that here, but will give overview of amendments.
- Chairs of standing committees have to report.
- Planning Groups are being abolished.
- Agenda procedures are being moved to the Agenda Committee instead of the President.
- Five new standing committees (names changed from previous version of proposal):
  - the Education Committee;
  - the University and External Relations Committee;
  - the Legislative Procedures Committee;
  - the Business and Facilities Committee; and
  - the Student Life Committee
- Removing power to create ad hoc committees. Issues should go to regular committees.
- Removing the restriction on the number of committee members from each Constituency.
- Committee chairs: transition/honorariums.
- Size of committees has shrunk a bit, to 11 instead of 14 (6 non-Executive Council members, 3 Students at Large, 2 Execs).
- Jurisdiction and responsibilities of the five proposed committees, unchanged since earlier version of proposal:
  - Education: academics
  - University and External Relations: development on campus, lobbying, relations with external bodies
  - Legislative Procedures: Code and Policies, CPG regulations, other internal regulations (including personnel procedures); also reviewing SAC policies, but no intention of taking responsibility away from SAC.
  - Business and Facilities: Renos and BOC; the health and dental plan.
  - Student Life: student engagement, equity, media relations.
- Agenda Committee: 5 committee chairs to communicate with each other and work out which motions come to Council. Also some oversight responsibilities; no separate Oversight Committee.
- Extraordinary Hiring Committees: Hiring very important jobs, e.g., the General Manager, the HR Manager.
- Elections Committee: Responsibilities not changing.
• Budget Committee: In the Bylaws. Can’t get rid of them. Will function as a subgroup of the Business and Facilities Committee.
• Agenda Committee to be responsible for training committee chairs.
• Aiming for finished revised Code for next week.

Questions
• Hayden Hughes asked about the sunset clause.
• Matthew Naylor said this was a Code provision for the SUB Renewal Committee; it will be removed when the committee finishes its work.
• Geoff Costeloe: There will be no ad hoc committees created by Council? Just the standing committees can create working groups?
• Matthew Naylor: Council can do anything, but the idea is that there should be no ad hoc committees created by Council.
• Geoff Costeloe: Motions will come from the committees?
• Matthew Naylor: Yes, but there’s still the two-Councillor rule; two Councillors can bring a motion.
• Bijan Ahmadian asked about the 10 to 12 hours of work specified.
• Matthew Naylor: That’s only for the committee chairs, and they will get remuneration.
• Laura Silvester asked about the University and External Relations Committee.
• Matthew Naylor said the idea was to avoid anything coterminous with the Executives, rivalling the Executive.
• Laura Silvester asked about referring to the University as if it were an external body.
• Matthew Naylor: It was not the intention to suggest that.
• Mike Silley: When will the changes take effect?
• Matthew Naylor: If they pass at the next meeting, there will be transition through January.
• Johannes Rebane asked how it was envisioned that all the committee work could be accomplished.
• Matthew Naylor: Working groups. Also, most can be done offline, through email, etc. Committees will be responsible for allocating their own time. We do not want to create a rival executive; that would be dangerous to the Society.
• Aaron Sihota: Shouldn’t Council have the ability to choose which Executives sit on which committee?
• Matthew Naylor: Working groups. Also, most can be done offline, through email, etc. Committees will be responsible for allocating their own time. We do not want to create a rival executive; that would be dangerous to the Society.
• Matt Naylor: The chair would be responsible. You could be working with them even if not voting. You could also go directly to Council with another Councillor.
• Tom Dvorak asked if research had been done into how similar sized organizations do this.
• Matthew Naylor: We did look at different sorts of organizations, the UBC Senate, the University of Calgary student union. It’s difficult to find an organization with a similarly sized board because we’re quite large.
• Tom Dvorak: Why choose UBC Senate?
• Geoff Costeloe: The Senate works really well. You will see Council meetings shrink because debate happens at committee.
• Matthew Naylor: We had access to people at the UBC Senate.
• A straw poll on committee reform showed most Council members in favour.

**CASA Presentation – Timothy Chu**

• Timothy Chu presented a chronology of the AMS’s participating in CASA and said the External Policy Committee was recommending ceasing affiliation with CASA and remaining unaffiliated with any federal organization for no less than one year.

**Questions**
• Tagh Sira asked about the overall feeling from the open sessions for students.
• Timothy Chu: The minutes were circulated, and the External Policy Committee has come up with this.
• Geoff Costeloe asked about discrepancies in information that’s been circulated and about the AMS not having been an associate member yet for a year.
• Timothy Chu: We moved the motion in October 2008, but it did not take effect until April 2009.
• Adrienne Smith: We voted in October, then wrote to CASA, giving 30 days’ notice. The step down took effect in April 2009. There are various different rules, constitutions, a contract.
• In response to a question about the 1996 withdrawal from CASA, Sheldon Goldfarb explained that it had to do with concerns about the stability of the organization because of allegations of misappropriation of funds at that time. When things were straightened out two years later, the AMS rejoined.
• Bijan Ahmadian asked about confusion over the recent timeline.
• Adrienne Smith: We were not sure which rules were in force. Notice began on October 21, 2008. Thirty days was over on November 21. We didn’t start paying associate member fees until April.
• Dave Tompkins: Council can decide to withdraw, whether it happens in April or November.
• Tom Dvorak: Did we ever confirm which constitution we’re under?
• Adrienne Smith: There is some doubt. The new constitution was rejected by Industry Canada and this Council. CASA is halfway between their old constitution and the new.
• Tom Dvorak: Did we seek a professional legal opinion?
• Adrienne Smith: No.
• Matthew Naylor: Will our actions be in accord with both constitutions?
• Adrienne Smith advised following old and new constitutions and the contract. The safe thing would be to give CASA 30 days’ notice and in thirty days confirm. And the safest time to have our status change is in April. We must do something at the one year point; it’s debatable whether that is now or in April. The worst thing would be to have it take effect today.
• Kyle Warwick: So we’re reasonably legally covered if we do it as of April.
• Adrienne Smith: Yes, and with 30 days’ notice by some sort of legislative mechanism.
7. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“Whereas the AMS has been engaged in independent federal lobbying efforts, incurring costs in addition to those funds paid CASA; and

Whereas the allocation of funds towards federal lobbying represents a proportion of the overall external relations budget disproportionate with the impact that the federal government has on post-secondary education; and

Whereas there are insufficient concrete returns on investment to warrant continued CASA membership; and

Whereas significant AMS concerns with the constitution under which CASA is operating, most notably the fact that such a constitution was rejected by Industry Canada, have not been rectified in a timely manner; and

Whereas AMS efforts to reform CASA governance structures, or embark upon a process that would lead to the recommendation of such reforms, have not been treated as a priority by CASA; and

Whereas CASA’s efforts to develop campus-centered campaigns to complement more conventional lobbying efforts have been either insubstantial, ineffective or non-existent; and

Whereas AMS ability to steer the organization is incongruent with the AMS contribution to the organization; and

Whereas CASA institutional rules prevent the GSS from becoming a CASA member; and

Whereas the voting structure of the organization gives a disproportionate voice to regional voting blocs and;

Whereas the Member Driven Principle continues to remain undefined on an organization wide basis, and insufficient safeguards exist to prevent situations of excessive staff control or ensure that the priorities acted upon and the policy priorities reflect the will of the membership,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia - Vancouver cease its affiliation to the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS remain unaffiliated to any federal lobbying organization, for no less than one year; and

Be it further resolved that if the AMS considers affiliation with an external lobbying organization, it negotiate with CASA first.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Timothy Chu noted that the resolution clause now states “one year” instead of two; “two” was a transcription error.
- Dave Tompkins said he was ruling this to be a policy requiring a two-thirds vote because the second and third resolutions have a policy flavour.
- Timothy Chu: The External Policy Committee has decided to bring this motion because of a history of problems with CASA.
- Tom Dvorak: One interpretation is that we have to give 30 days’ notice before we can do anything legislative. We should get a further legal opinion and give proper notice, do our due diligence.

8. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That Motion 7 be postponed to the December 2, 2009 Council meeting.”

- Tahara Bhat: A legal opinion would not help. There’s no legal authority governing what we can discuss. It would not be democratic to just have Tim send an email. It’s democratic to discuss it here.
- Matthew Naylor: I, too, prefer to deal with this tonight. April is the pull-out date. We’ve already paid fees till March 31, 2010. It would be inappropriate for Blake and Tim to give notice prior to being given authorization by Council. This is the beginning point. A legal opinion is unnecessary and would be enormously expensive. If we fulfill all the constitutions, there’s no problem.
- Dia Montgomery: The opinion of the law students here is that CASA has gone rogue and we’re perfectly entitled to act. We need to signal our intention, and we’re perfectly within our rights to do so tonight.
- Johannes Rebane: We should hedge against the possibility of a lawsuit for contravening any legal requirements. As a Director, I don’t feel comfortable making assumptions, especially if there’s a small risk of a lawsuit.
- Bijan Ahmadian: The intention would be to give CASA 30 days’ time, so they have a chance to do lobbying. It’s worth getting legal advice.
- Dave Tompkins: CASA has sent a letter in which they say that the main thing is not the 30 days but the one-year requirement: we can’t act until April.
- Colin Simkus: The traditional purpose of notice is to give a chance to those impacted by a motion (in this case CASA) to respond. If this room has the intention to do it, then give the notice. Signalling an intention is not binding. It kickstarts the clock. We should not decide in aggressive language now. That’s for 30 days from now.
- Blake Frederick: CASA is not concerned with the 30-day issue but with when the AMS is leaving the organization. We should make it clear that we’re leaving next April.
- Hayden Hughes asked if the letter from CASA made it look as if they were willing to litigate.

9. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

…No objections
10. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That Motion 8 be postponed to the December 2, 2009 Council meeting.”

For (14): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Will Galego (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Colin McInnes, Johannes Rebane, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Lin Watt

Against (18): Tahara Bhate, Barnabus Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Fraser Young

Abstained: Sam Law

11. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED TAGH SIRA:

“That Motion 8 be amended by replacing the first resolution clause with the following:

<Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia Vancouver give notice of intent to withdraw from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, with such withdrawal coming into force April 1, 2010.>

- Tahara Bhate: CASA has no jurisdiction over what we discuss. This gives time to CASA to address our concerns.
- Kyle Warwick wondered if this changed resolution clause would work with the other two resolution clauses, since the other two act as if withdrawal was a fait accompli.
- Geoff Costeloe: We’re haggling over little details. Let the people whose job it is to write policy write policy.
- Tahara Bhate said she wanted the change to deal with the legal issues.
- Lin Watt: If we pass this amendment and then the main motion, will there be no further debate on CASA?
- Dave Tompkins: If this motion passes and nothing else happens, we would be withdrawing from CASA on April 1.
- Adrienne Smith said some further legislative action would be required. The proper thing would be another debate by Council within thirty days.
- Dave Tompkins: If nothing else happens, if this stands on its own, this would mean withdrawing.

12. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED TAGH SIRA:

“That Motion 8 be amended by replacing the first resolution clause with the following:
<Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia Vancouver give notice of intent to withdraw from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, with such withdrawal coming into force April 1, 2010.>

... Carried

For (31): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabus Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Galego (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Colin McInnes, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Fraser Young

Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi)

Back to Main Motion:

- Geoff Costeloe said he was ashamed to be part of an organization that treats other organizations unprofessionally. The minutes show there was misinformation on the cellphone issue. He also asked the VP External how often he talked to CASA before the October 8 meeting.
- Timothy Chu: Once every two or three weeks.
- Geoff Costeloe: Other schools were having biweekly communications. There has been mismanagement of relations with outside bodies: the University Administration, the Olympic Secretariat. And the External office failed to lobby the premier because of personal feelings. This is our Executive not doing well in our relationship with CASA.
- Michael Duncan: Some of the issues with CASA are not material, for instance, cellphones and staff roles. We’re being contradictory. But I am still in favour of withdrawing. Our fees are $70,000, and we lack influence. Our priorities don’t coexist well with CASA’s. If we weren’t a member, we could find lots of better ways to spend $70,000. We do a horrible job of provincial lobbying; we need to dedicate more of our time to that. CASA will continue to do its job.
- Tom Dvorak questioned the figure of $70,000.
- Michael Duncan: It’s $45,000 for membership and $20,000 for all the rest of CASA.
- Tom Dvorak: That’s not what we’re paying this year.
- Michael Duncan: As a full-time member, we would be spending $70,000.
- Blake Frederick:
  - He’s had many interactions with CASA over the past two years and had given the organization a chance.
  - The AMS is not suited for CASA; we don’t need CASA; CASA doesn’t offer us enough.
  - CASA is not useless, but it has lots of problems.
Re cellphones: last year they did spend more money on cellphone bills than on member relations.
It does good for students, but it’s not the best use of money by the AMS.
We don’t need the resources offered by CASA that other student societies do. The others are small; they need CASA for communications, policy advising, etc. We don’t need that.

- Mitch Wright: There’s been too much stress on Tim’s dealings with CASA. The problems predate Tim. This has been going on for a long time, or at least a year.
- Hayden Hughes: What did we spend with CASA last year? Outside of CASA, what do we spend on lobbying federally and provincially?
- Tom Dvorak: We budgeted $57,000 last year. This year $33,000.

13. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

For (20): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Tahara Bhate, Barnabus Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Blake Frederick, Will Galego (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Guillaume Houle, Colin McInnes, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Mike Silley, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Fraser Young

Against (3): Ekaterina Dovjenko, Sam Law, Johannes Rebane

Abstained: Maria Cirstea, Mitch Wright (proxy for Katherine Tyson)

Debate was thus closed on the resolution clauses. There was then debate on the whereas clauses.

- Natalie Swift: I’m not happy with the overall negative tone of the whereas clauses. If we pull out, I’d like to maintain relations with them.
- Michael Duncan agreed.
- Neal Yonson questioned the claim that there was a regional voting bloc; maybe they just happen to share views.
- Matthew Naylor: What’s the difference?
- Neal Yonson: There may be problems, but they’re not the same problems as stated before.

14. MOVED BIJAN AMANDIAN, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the question be called on the whereas clauses.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated
For (16): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Barnabus Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Blake Frederick, Will Galego (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Guillaume Houle, Elena Kusaka (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Colin McInnes, Dia Montgomery, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Mitch Wright (proxy for Katherine Tyson)

Against (14): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Mike Silley, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Abstained: Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy

- Matthew Naylor: The process began with critical letters from the Executive, which was within their prerogative. That was fine for initiating. Committees have now become more involved. These are the problems identified by the committees, so this version is the most reflective of AMS views.
- Tahara Bhate: Some of the concerns raised before were not justification for leaving the organization. These now are more serious.

15. MOVED NATALIE SWIFT, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the following whereas clause be struck:

‘Whereas significant AMS concerns with the constitution under which CASA is operating, most notably the fact that such a constitution was rejected by Industry Canada, have not been rectified in a timely manner; and’.”

- Michael Duncan: I’m concerned about new reasons being introduced. I never saw this one before.
- Matthew Naylor: There are concerns about the constitution.

16. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

17. MOVED NATALIE SWIFT, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the following whereas clause be struck:

‘Whereas significant AMS concerns with the constitution under which CASA is operating, most notably the fact that such a constitution was rejected by Industry Canada, have not been rectified in a timely manner; and’.”

... Defeated
For (12): Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Sam Law, Johannes Rebane, Erin Abler, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Natalie Swift, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (16): Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Barnabus Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Blake Frederick, Will Galego (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Guillaume Houle, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick, Mitch Wright (proxy for Katherine Tyson)

Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian

- Natalie Swift said she was withdrawing her complaint rather than go through the rest of the whereas clauses she had concerns about.
- Michael Duncan: When does the one-year period in the second resolution clause start?
- Dave Tompkins: After April 1.

18. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“Whereas the AMS has been engaged in independent federal lobbying efforts, incurring costs in addition to those funds paid CASA; and

Whereas the allocation of funds towards federal lobbying represents a proportion of the overall external relations budget disproportionate with the impact that the federal government has on post-secondary education; and

Whereas there are insufficient concrete returns on investment to warrant continued CASA membership; and

Whereas significant AMS concerns with the constitution under which CASA is operating, most notably the fact that such a constitution was rejected by Industry Canada, have not been rectified in a timely manner; and

Whereas AMS efforts to reform CASA governance structures, or embark upon a process that would lead to the recommendation of such reforms, have not been treated as a priority by CASA; and

Whereas CASA’s efforts to develop campus-centered campaigns to complement more conventional lobbying efforts have been either insubstantial, ineffective or non-existent; and

Whereas AMS ability to steer the organization is incongruent with the AMS contribution to the organization; and

Whereas CASA institutional rules prevent the GSS from becoming a CASA member; and

Whereas the voting structure of the organization gives a disproportionate voice to regional voting blocs and;
Whereas the Member Driven Principle continues to remain undefined on an organization wide basis, and insufficient safeguards exist to prevent situations of excessive staff control or ensure that the priorities acted upon and the policy priorities reflect the will of the membership,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia Vancouver give notice of intent to withdraw from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, with such withdrawal coming into force April 1, 2010.

Be it further resolved that the AMS remain unaffiliated to any federal lobbying organization, for no less than one year; and

Be it further resolved that if the AMS considers affiliation with an external lobbying organization, it negotiate with CASA first."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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Against (2): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi)

Abstained: Tom Dvorak, Sam Law, Johannes Rebane, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift, Lin Watt

D) President’s Remarks, or Blake’s Broadcast (Blake Frederick):

- MHPM – project planning implementation session for the new SUB.
- Negotiating with the University.
- Spoke at a rally for a $25 U-Pass for other institutions.

E) Executive Remarks:

VP Academic – Johannes Rebane

- Meeting with the new HR Manager and the Appointments Review Committee to see about sorting out hiring.
- Looking into effect of Bill 13 on campus development.
- Looking at UNA noise policy.
- UNA also discussing governance, especially in wake of Bill 13.
- Faculty research.
- Campus plan consultation.
- University Commission meeting.
• LEAD initiative.
• Academic Quality Committee: seeking to engage more professors.

VP Finance – Tom Dvorak

What I’ve been up to since Oct. 6:

AMS Win! VP Students office has come through for us on policies of UBC Conferences in regards to how catering options are presented. Operational Integration is still something I’m following up on, but direction has been given to have AMS Catering presented along with Wescadia to UBC Conferences clients.

Rezgo online registration system – FINALLY got it all to work on the back end. Back end integration is up and working. We did $25,000 in revenue through this system in September, and that was just as a pilot program with a few groups.

Lots of interested groups that we hope to get up and running with front end education and info systems for January.

Attended open info sessions in order to learn a bit more about CASA. In touch with Alumni Association in regards to Alumni Centre project as well as work with start-up of student Alumni Relations Coordinator team.

Fincom: clubs and constituencies are going through over $4 million in cash flow. Added to operating and business operations budget, the AMS is an organization that takes in around $26 million.

Lunch with Brian Sullivan and Stephen Toope. Very nice, informal discussion about where we sit on various points.

Tail-end of opt-outs. I think I’ve seen every reason possible as to why someone shouldn’t have to pay student fees. My absolute favourite was someone stating that they had no idea that they had to pay student fees as a UBC student, even though that when you accept admission to UBC that is clearly stated online before you hit “accept”.

Draw attention to submission. Received invitation to a stakeholder meeting from our health and dental plan provider. My predecessor Brittany Tyson attended in 2007, and I’ve enclosed her report. Thought at exec is that council should be informed in advance to mitigate any concerns of accepting the invitation.

VP Admin – Crystal Hon

• SUB architect selection sometime in January; UBC has asked us to postpone this because of need to work on other agreements, still negotiating on the draft development agreement; still planning to submit four agreements to Council in January.
• Renos meeting on video cameras.
• Baby change tables have arrived.
VP External – Timothy Chu

What I’ve been working on:

CASA Meeting
- External Policy Committee organized an open session where councilors and interested students came to discuss about CASA
- CASA was also present to answer any questions or concerns
- Minutes from these meetings have been circulated

U-Pass Subsidy Applications
- Subsidy applications have closed – total applicants: 524
- Reviewing these subsidies on Friday

Coffee and Cuts Campaign
- October 13, 2009 – we set up a tent with music and free coffee
- We had volunteers ask people to sign a postcard – thank you to all the volunteers and staff
- We are still currently doing classroom announcements – please see me if you would like to do one
- We have over 1000 postcards signed
- If you would like to get involved, please email vpexternal@ams.ubc.ca

Olympics
- Transit plan has been finalized now for the UBC area
- If you would like more information, please come and see me

What I will be working on:
- U-Pass Transit Service Review Meeting with TransLink
- Visiting SFU to do some strategic planning with the SFSS
- Reviewing the U-Pass Subsidy
- Planning the next steps for the Cuts Campaign – we will potentially be doing something similar

Hair cut and Halloween Costume – see my kick-butt costume at the AUS Halloween Bzzr Garden this Friday which is the official tailgate party for the UBC Thunderbirds!

Executive Coordinator Student Services – Pavani Gundasa

Much of my time over the last two weeks, apart from keeping up with various administrative duties, has been dedicated to organizing and promoting all the events and components of Suicide Awareness Day. I have also been helping out with Thrive week, which Suzanne Jolly from the Department of Health Safety and Environment described in the presentation earlier this evening. I would like to encourage all of you to come out to these events. There will be a campus-wide broadcast e-mail sent out next Monday with all the details. I have also been working on wrapping up the 2009 Shinerama Campaign and putting together a workshop for the Student Leadership Conference in January 2010.
Yesterday I met with the directors of the AMS and GSS Advocacy offices, the AMS and UBC Ombuds Offices, and Bijan Ahmadian, who is on the UBC Ombuds Advisory Committee, for the first roundtable discussion with all of these parties. I initiated the meeting as there was a consensus that now that we have a UBC Ombuds Office, there is a need to share and review the distinct role and future direction of each office, determine areas of overlap and explore opportunities for collaboration. I think that a lot of good discussion came out of that meeting and we hope that it will be the first of many regular meetings throughout the year.

Finally, I have been spending some time investigating and exploring the role of the AMS Safety Coordinator. As you know, with the creation of the Equity Coordinator’s role, a number of responsibilities were taken off the plate of the over-burdened Safety Office. However, at that time, we did not review the Safety Coordinator’s role to determine how the creation of the Equity Office would affect the services offered by the Safety Office. As the position is currently vacant, the Executive Committee felt that this would be the ideal time to look in to this. I look forward to reporting back to the Committee this Thursday.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Human Kinetics – Fraser Young:
- Famous Halloween Boat Cruise October 30.
- Career Fair moved to January.
- President nominated to be an Equity Officer.

Arts – Guillaume Houle:
- Whistler retreat went well.
- Beer Garden.
- Presentation to Dean of Arts about Buchanan Courtyard.
- Arts Last Lecture, narrowing down list to three possible speakers.
- Trying to organize a large interfaculty event in spring.

Law – Dia Montgomery:
- Project for new school went late to tender.
- No building after 2011: losing space in Sage; have to get new building done.

Music – Sam Law:
- VP External in place.
- Winter formal.
- Focus on getting faculty involved in undergrad events.

International Students – Nazanin Moghadami:
- First event of the year was a success.
- Global Lounge open.

Engineering – Lin Watt:
- Halloween party update (to the tune of the Twelve Days of Christmas).
Science – Tagh Sira:
- Retreat last weekend was epic.
- First year Halloween dance at Ladha.
- SUS and CUS Oktoberfest.
- Bridge to Cool Planet on Saturday.
- Campus media student media event night.

Library-Archival – Erin Abler:
- Colloquium on video games.
- Student newsletter, The Overdue, being revived.
- Directors task force – discussing curriculum and involvement.

Commerce – Laura Silvester:
- CUS and SUS Oktoberfest.
- New website up.
- International Business conference and Sustainability Conference.
- Push on continuity for next year, would welcome ideas.
- Meeting with UBCO to discuss interaction between campuses.

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

Board of Governors – Michael Duncan:
- UBC has gained new powers.
  o Blake Frederick: Was UBC lobbying for these?
  o Michael Duncan: No. The Board of Governors has now been mandated to control parking, noise, etc., and has been given power to create bylaws generally.
  o Adrienne Smith: This is through Bill 13, which also includes Olympic sign restriction powers; it changes various Education Acts to make University boards more like municipal governments.
- Bijan Ahmadian: Incorrect report out about a new UBCO president; it’s a new UNBC president.

Senate – Geoff Costeloe:
- Sustainability Academic Strategy coming to Senate; it’s important.
- Standard form for motions
- He was elected vice chair of the Senate, the first time a student has held this position.
- Good students are making a difference at the Senate.
- It’s worth attending Senate.
- Dinner with the president.
- Bill 13 is a clarification of powers the University thought they already have, but neither Brian Sullivan nor Stephen Toope want to be mayors.

Ombudsperson – Hayden Hughes:
- 6 cases since last meeting, including ones on course policy and refunds.
- Meeting with UBC Ombudsperson, GSS Advocate, AMS Advocate.
- Involved with hiring of Elections Administrator.
Student Legal Fund Society – Matthew Naylor:

- The SLFS is making a grant to the BC Civil Liberties Association for Olympic activities (a Know Your Rights workshop for activists; functioning as a legal observer for the campus).
  - Tom Dvorak: Student fees are funding a protest movement?
  - Matthew Naylor: No, but you can speak to an SLFS director about this; it’s facilitating people’s legal right to protest.
  - Aaron Sihota of the SLFS said he’d be happy to send minutes. The amount of the grant is $17,500.
  - Andrew Carne: Is that within the mandate of the SLFS? Aren’t they supposed to help students with personal legal issues?
  - Matthew Naylor: No, that’s not their mandate; that’s a program the Law students offer. The SLFS provides assistance in matters of law. It was the judgment of the SLFS board that this was within its mandate.
  - Andrew Carne asked about the current level of funds.
  - Aaron Sihota: $260,000.
  - Neal Yonson: When was the last case the SLFS was involved in?

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

19. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Council minutes dated September 23, 2009
External Policy CASA Information Session minutes dated Oct 1, 2009
Meeting with CASA minutes dated October 8, 2009
Business Operations Committee minutes dated August 11, 2009
Business Operations Committee minutes dated August 25, 2009
Business Operations Committee minutes dated September 15, 2009
Business Operations Committee minutes dated September 22, 2009
Business Operations Committee minutes dated September 29, 2009
Oversight Committee minutes dated September 25, 2009
Minutes of the Campus Planning & Development Committee dated July 23, 2009
Minutes of the Campus Planning & Development Committee dated Sept. 18, 2009

... Carried

For (24): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Barnabus Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Galego (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Fraser Young

Abstained: Ekaterina Dovjenko
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:

20. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Administrative Commission minutes dated September 22, 2009
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated September 29, 2009
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated October 6, 2009.”

... Carried

For (16): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Barnabus Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Will Galego (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Erin Abler, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Fraser Young

Against (2): Mike Duncan, Matthew Naylor

Abstained: Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Guillaume Houle

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

P) Discussion Period

Electoral Reform – Andrew Carne:

- Seeking feedback on the slates ban and on the use of paper ballots in elections (should we go fully electronic?).

**Paper Ballots**

- Iggy Rodriguez: How many votes were cast by paper ballot, and how many online?
- Mitch Wright: Last year there were a substantially higher number of online votes. Paper ballots are a big task and a huge expense, and the return is not worth it.
- Andrew Carne: We still might have information booths around campus.
- Guillaume Houle asked about maintaining the visibility of the elections.
- Joel Mertens: Could set up computer voting stations and get more people that way.
• Mitch Wright: For visibility, booths could be set up. We have data on the polling at each station, so we know which are the most effective locations.
• Adrienne Smith: What happens if the computer system goes down?
• Andrew Carne: Provisions should be in place.
• Dia Montgomery: A back-up system will be needed.
• Mitch Wright: There was lots of protection last year.
• Tagh Sira asked about making the system available to the Constituencies.
• Andrew Carne said he was not sure that was a Code issue.
• A straw poll showed support for moving to an exclusively online voting system.

Slates
• Andrew Carne: This is a contentious issue.
• Sheldon Goldfarb: Slates were dominant beginning in the 1990’s and up to 2004, when they were banned. It was argued that the situation was unfair to independent candidates. For one 12-year period, out of 60 Executives elected, 56 were slate members. The banning of slates also seemed to decrease partisan antagonisms in the first few years after 2004.
• Dave Tompkins: If you bring slates back, you will need regulations for them. In the past, there was at least one example of someone who wanted to run but couldn’t because they couldn’t get on a slate.
• Tom Dvorak said he was against slates. If there had been a slate process to go through, he was not sure he would have run, and it makes things hard for independents.
• Hayden Hughes: Others may say the slate rule is too subjective and leaves too much to the discretion of the Elections Administrator. Potentially, there needs to be a more clear definition of slates.
• Andrew Carne: Whatever we decide, there will need to be some clarification of the rules.
• Adrienne Smith: We haven’t defined slates. Some slates had democratic nomination procedures; some say there should be rules requiring that sort of thing.
• Dave Tompkins: Not all slates had such procedures.
• Kyle Warwick: We should acknowledge that slates exist already. The issue is whether to have them transparent or opaque. It’s inevitable that you’ll get groupings that organically emerge. Most students can’t understand the current opaque system.
• Matthew Naylor: I am pro-slates. Ambiguity last year was a big problem. I’m interested in seeing an open, fair nomination process. In provincial and federal politics, a slate system engages the population.
• Iggy Rodriguez: Slates would encourage student engagement. There should be open and transparent nomination processes procedures. On an apathetic campus, political parties would be useful.
• Lin Watt: Slates will not promote engagement; they will make things less representative, and fewer students will get involved. This will create another step in the way of running for the AMS, and will make things a lot more cliquey. Outsider perspectives are valuable. This would decrease the involvement of students not studying politics.
• Joel expressed concern about slates and asked if they had mostly been focused on one issue.
• Sheldon Goldfarb: The Radical Beer Faction focused on one issue, but the others were more general.
• Dave Tompkins: Political issues make up only 20% of what the Executive does; the rest is administrative.
• Bijan Ahmadian: During the slates period, the AMS let the slates do the general promotion work for the elections; this created a barrier for independent candidates. But now with online voting and more promotion by the AMS it could be different. And as Kyle says, we have slates actually. Underground slates are unfair to others trying to play by the rules. There’s a fundamental right to associate with others. The slate ban tells me I can’t say who I’d prefer to work with. We should allow that while making sure to advertise the elections to remove barriers for independents.
• Blake Frederick: In an ideal world, there should be slates for Council as well. There are challenges around slates, but they are good overall. If I’m a student and want to vote, I have to research 30 to 40 candidates in the current system; it’s an unreasonable burden. It makes sense to group individuals together.
• A straw poll showed Council divided on the issue.
• Matthew Naylor: After the slate ban, a whole bunch of white men got elected; there was a loss in terms of diversity.

Campus Plan Stage 5

• Johannes Rebane: Read the document sent out and send in your input, or else students will not have much of a voice; consultation ends soon.
• Bijan Ahmadian: The submission deadline is tomorrow at midnight. This is our chance to provide input. This plan lasts for 20 years.
• Andrew Carne: If you don’t have time to look at the whole plan, look at the hub concept; it’s one of the biggest changes; also the proposed land use for the bus terminal, public realm, and transportation.
• Johannes Rebane: The issue is not to turn the old bus loop into market housing, but student housing.
• Adrienne Smith asked about the farm.
• Johannes Rebane: That’s a different plan.
• Neal Yonson: That’s being consulted on too.
• Blake Frederick asked about market housing and student housing.
• Andrew Carne: There’s 417 units; a percentage will be at a student rate, but a low percentage.
• Michael Duncan: There are no definite answers.
• Bijan Ahmadian: The Campus Planning and Development Committee is pursuing this.

Q) Submissions:
Studentcare conference notification
Campus Plan Phase 5

R) Next Meeting:
November 4, 2009
S) Adjournment:

21. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” … Carried

For (19): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Tom
Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Will Galego (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Crystal
Hon, Guillaume Houle, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin
Abler, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Tagh Sira (proxy for Jimmy Yan), Kyle
Warwick, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (1): Jeremy McElroy

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 pm.

T) Social Activity:
# The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Alex (SLAIS), Isabel Ferreras (Elections Administrator), Anthony Smith (UBC Geography), Kalyeena Makortoff (Ubyssey), Patty Hambler (Student Health Service), Justin McElroy (Ubyssey), Julian Ritchie (Engineering), Jung Ho Park (Arts), Samantha Jung (Ubyssey), Kristin Foster (Studentcare), Sophia Haque (Studentcare), Min Lee (Arts), Eunice Hii (Assistant to the VP Academic), Colin Simkus (Student), Adrienne Smith (AMS Policy), Kelli Seepaul (AMS Communications), Joyce Shen (AMS Sustainability), Hayden Hughes (AMS Ombudsperson), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archives), Patrick Crawford (Commerce)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm.

1. MOVED MARIA CIRSTEA, SECONDED LIN WATT:

“Be it resolved that Hayden Hughes, Fraser Young, Dia Montgomery, and Fraser Young be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried

For (20): Erin Abler, Tahara Bhate, Maria Cirstea, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Ryan Trasolini, Ada Tsang (proxy for Eric Zhang), Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian

2. MOVED HANNES DEMPWOLF, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

• It was agreed to move up the motions on first year seminars, the Elections Administrator, and Committee Reform and to add a motion on censuring the President.

3. MOVED HANNES DEMPWOLF, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (30): Erin Abler, Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Madeleine Schaefer, Mrigank Sharma, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Ryan Trasolini,
Ada Tsang (proxy for Eric Zhang), Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (1): Blake Frederick

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

C) Presentations to Council:

First Year Seminars Presentation – Eunice Hii (AMS First Year Seminars Commissioner)

- Looking at building on existing initiatives in Arts, Science, and Commerce to develop seminars for first year students.
- Three seminars in each of the three faculties, each for three credits.
- Seminars would each have 15 first year students and one professor.
- Researched similar programs at U of T, McGill, UCLA, Harvard, Berkeley.
- Seeking a TLEF grant as an incentive to get the faculties on board, to show that the project can grow and enhance the first year experience.

Questions
- Dia Montgomery: How will students get into the seminars?
  - Eunice Hii: By application. Professors will decide on application procedures.
- Lin Watt asked about the benefits to students and about the amount of money being applied for.
  - Eunice Hii: The NSSE report showed that there’s a need to get more student engagement; smaller classes for students in first year would help. There are no exact numbers yet on the amount of money.
- Hayden Hughes: How long will seminars be?
  - Eunice Hii: It depends on the professor; probably 2-3 hours a week.
- Dia Montgomery: Will marking be based on papers or exams?
  - Eunice Hii: It will depend on the professor, but probably papers.
- Kyle Warwick: Will students be able to take seminars in other faculties?
  - Eunice Hii: There will be nothing preventing that.

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“Whereas the proposed new first year seminar program would be a means of increasing first-year engagement on campus, and

Whereas the program is seeking funding from the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF),

There for be it resolved that the AMS endorse the proposed new first year seminar program and its application for TLEF funding.”

- Andrew Carne asked how the seminars would fit in with first year schedules.
• Johannes Rebane: These will be electives, not mandatory courses. Work will have to be done with the faculties to fit them in.

• Geoff Costeloe: UBC scores badly on engagement. This is really important. U.S. schools score better because they have these programs. But why not make them 1-credit instead of 3?

• Johannes Rebane: The current standard is 3-credit, and students are trying to fill their credit requirements, so a 1-credit course might cause problems. But these things may change; more flexibility and more power to individual departments may be coming.

• Jimmy Yan asked if professors have been lined up.

• Johannes Rebane said more than enough are interested; a decision will have to be made on what to start with. At the beginning there may not be 9 courses. The aim is to get 6-9 courses to see if it works, as a pilot project.

• Joel Mertens: If the aim is to give access to all first years, then it will be an issue to get professors. Re the TLEF application, what is the funding breakdown? Will the money go to the professors, to organizers? And will you be relying on TLEF in the future?

• Johannes Rebane: We don’t want professors who don’t already want to do this, who don’t have a passion to teach this. The TLEF funding will be temporary; departments will provide the funding in the future. The money will primarily go to pay professors’ salaries.

• Joel Mertens: Is this a one-year or recurring TLEF application?

• Johannes Rebane: We’re thinking one year, but it’s not final yet.

• Michael Duncan asked if a motion endorsing a TLEF application had ever come to Council before. No one could remember one. Michael Duncan said a policy on this is needed. This was very ad hoc.

• Tahara Bhate: Is there something about this proposal that needs AMS Council support?

• Johannes Rebane: Council approval would express student backing for this. It would be a small indication to show we value this. And just because we haven’t done this sort of thing before doesn’t mean we shouldn’t do it today. This is a program I campaigned on.

• Tahara Bhate said she was opposed to Council support for any TLEF applications. There are an incredible number of people applying for grants, many of which are equally valuable. We’re not seeing the full breadth of applications. It would be harmful to politicize the process. Good as this project seems, it’s going to be expensive to pay for extra professors’ salaries for a small number of students. Also, have you asked the faculties to pay?

• Johannes Rebane: Yes.

• Tahara Bhate: So why are you asking for a TLEF grant?

• Johannes Rebane: They are somewhat hesitant.

• Tahara Bhate: And without seeing a budget …

• Ben Cappellacci asked about the timeline.

• Johannes Rebane: The pilot program would begin in September. After a year, there would be a review.

• Ben Cappellacci: And if there’s no TLEF grant …

• Johannes Rebane: It would be really helpful to have this. We’re supporting undergraduate teaching. It’s only 150 students in the first year, but elsewhere this sort of program ends up serving thousands. It’s worth supporting. It’s a full
cultural shift. The VP Academic portfolio has been working on this. The AMS is doing this.

- Kyle Warwick: I want this program to succeed, but I do also see we need a standard for directing money to be disbursed. As Directors, we have to scrutinize the Executive statements. I’m skeptical of the lack of detail in this proposal. This is indirectly asking for money from us.
- Lin Watt asked how many of these courses there are now.
- Johannes Rebane: None.

Lin Watt: Isn’t there one for commuters?
Johannes Rebane: It isn’t formalized.

Crystal Hon: It’s not for credit.
Johannes Rebane: There are lots of specialized first year programs which have been successful; that’s why we’re pushing this.

Lin Watt: The seminars are only in Arts, Science, and Commerce.
Johannes Rebane: But they’ll be available to all students, and we’re hoping to expand later.
Lin Watt: But for now only those three faculties. How will approval be obtained for the new courses this quickly?
Johannes Rebane: Professors are already drafting proposals; there’s lots of excitement over this.
Lin Watt: There’s not a lot of depth presented here. I’m not convinced it will be ready for September. I’m not seeing value for students from Day One. And I don’t think Council should be supporting grant applications this way.

Hayden Hughes: How are these programs funded elsewhere?
Johannes Rebane: Through departments. After Year One it will be like that here too.

Hayden Hughes: Contingent on the success of this year.
Johannes Rebane: This is the model we have.

Hayden Hughes: If the faculties are somewhat hesitant now, why will they be enthusiastic in Year Two?
Johannes Rebane: If not, then it’s not a worthwhile program.

4. MOVED LUKE LUUKKONEN, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (20): Erin Abler, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Lauren Dawson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Arvind Saraswat, Mrigank Sharma, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Fraser Young

Against (16): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhat, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Crystal Hon, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan
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5. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Motion 3 be postponed indefinitely.”

... Carried

For (31): Erin Abler, Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhathe, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Ada Tsang (proxy for Eric Zhang), Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (2): Lauren Dawson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick

Abstained: Sam Law, Johannes Rebane, Mrigank Sharma, Laura Silvester, Ryan Trasolini

L) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Isabel Ferreras be appointed Elections Administrator for a term commencing October 30, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010.”

- Johannes Rebane: The new Elections Administrator brings a vision to increase student turnout. She has a commanding personality; no troublemakers will be able to come up against her.
- Isabel Ferreras said she’d reported on AMS elections for the Ubyssey. She hoped to increase voter turnout. She would be spending more money on promotion and nominations. She was planning an information meeting.
- Jimmy Yan asked if there was a conflict of interest from her having been involved in the Ubyssey’s elections.
- Isabel Ferreras: The Ubyssey editorial board elections do not go through the AMS, just the election for the Ubyssey’s board of directors, people who are without affiliation with the paper.
- Jeremy McElroy asked how many applied.
- Johannes Rebane: Five.
- Jeremy McElroy asked if there would be a repeat of Lougheedgate.
- Isabel Ferreras: No.
- Hayden Hughes: Three outside bodies have their elections run by the AMS, and we have no contracts with them. This is something to look at.
7. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Isabel Ferreras be appointed Elections Administrator for a term commencing October 30, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010.”

... Carried Unanimously

For (33): Erin Abler, Tahara Bhat, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Lauren Dawson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Arvind Saraswat, Madeleine Schaefer, Mrigank Sharma, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Ryan Trasolini, Ada Tsang (proxy for Eric Zhang), Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

C) Presentations to Council:

*Studentcare Presentation – Sophia Haque and Kristin Foster*

- Kristin Foster:
  - Claims are up, opt-outs are down.
  - Studentcare has been managing the health and dental plan for the AMS for 8-1/2 years; at the start Studentcare was just a small start-up, and UBC was one of its first clients; now Studentcare represents 50 student unions and 400,000 students.
  - Studentcare plays an HR role and a broker role.
  - As broker, it crunches the numbers and negotiates with insurance companies, but that takes up only three weeks in a year.
  - Mostly they spend their time explaining the plan to members.
  - Their work involves communication, promotions, awareness, solving problems, managing opt-outs, managing networks.
  - They are also an advocate for members with the insurance companies over lost claims, etc. That’s the most rewarding part of the job, going to bat for students.

- Sophia Haque:
  - Still doing paper outreach (posters, ads, brochures), but also emails; finally got approval from UBC to get access to student email addresses; fewer brochures now.
  - Website.
  - Campus presence: Imagine, Wellness Fair, various campus events, such as FarmAde.

- Kristin Foster:
  - Highest category of claims: prescriptions (contraceptives, preventative medicine).
  - Free coverage of laser eye surgery; no premiums required. Because in the long term this saves money reimbursing for glasses.
Travel insurance a big benefit; providing the only travel product of its kind in Canada. Trip cancellation/interruptions automatically covered.

- Sophia Haque: 31,414 enrolled in Fall 2009.
- Kristin Foster:
  - Paramedical claims growing, especially for counselling.
  - Concern over increase in surgical/restorative work (more fillings) on the dental side. If students go for regular check-ups and cleanings, we would expect less surgical/restorative.

Questions

- Tahara Bhate said she was happy that opt-out information went out early this year and that the online system was better.
- Ben Cappellacci asked about the absence of orthodontic claims.
- Kristin Foster: It’s not covered. It’s very expensive and applies to a very narrow proportion of the population. Most students do it before university.
- In response to a question about money taken in and paid out, Kristin Foster said there are $5 million in claims and 90% of what is collected is paid out. The other 10% goes to administration and fees.
- Nazanin Moghadami asked about students who don’t have MSP; can they then not use the AMS/GSS plan?
- Kristin Foster: You must be covered by MSP in BC. But even if you don’t have MSP, you can still claim for additional services.
- Nazanin Moghadami: Many international students who come here don’t apply for MSP.
- Sophia Haque: Dental claims don’t require MSP.
- Kristin Foster: Also physiotherapy, glasses, prescriptions, etc. are all independent of MSP.
- Nazanin Moghadami: Travel to one’s home country isn’t covered.
- Kristin Foster: That was a difficult decision. There’s no capacity for us to introduce coverage for students returning to their home country. It has to do with liability and risk.

Voice Project Presentation – Pavani Gunadasa

- A video was shown on the Voice project at UBCO.

J) Executive Committee Motions:

8. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“Whereas the UBC Okanagan has used a study called the Voice project to learn and do more about students’ health and wellness concerns and build a healthier campus; and

Whereas the Student Health Service at UBC Vancouver is proposing a similar study, for which it is seeking funding from the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF),
Therefore be it resolved that the AMS endorse the UBC Vancouver project and its application for TLEF funding."

• Dave Tompkins ruled this a policy motion requiring 2/3rds because it is endorsing something external to the AMS.
• Patty Hambler:
  o This project has been underway for 17 months at UBCO, and now the proposal is to bring it to UBC Vancouver.
  o The idea is to promote campus health through a participatory research project, first finding out what is healthy on campus and what needs to improve and how, then engaging faculty members, addressing the problems.
  o At UBCO 18 issues were unearthed, including water quality.
  o Seeking AMS endorsement to get student involvement.
  o This connects to various AMS Services: SASC, Speakeasy, Safewalk.
  o The aim would be to partner with AMS Services.
• Blake Frederick: It would be good for us to support this application. The University is asking us to partner with them. This is an opportunity for the AMS to strengthen relations with the University.
• Tahara Bhate: Would AMS support be useful generally or specifically for the grant?
• Patty Hambler: For both. We want to show that we’re partnering with students.
• Tahara Bhate: I don’t really want to support a TLEF application, but if we endorsed this program without supporting the TLEF application, would that be essentially the same?
• Patty Hambler: Yes.

9. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JIMMY YAN:

“That Motion 8 be amended by deleting the indicated part of the resolution clause:

‘Therefore be it resolved that the AMS endorse the UBC Vancouver project and its application for TLEF funding.’"

• Geoff Costeloe: Even with the amendment, we’re still at the same place as with the other TLEF motion.
• Jeremy McElroy: Striking the last bit changes the intent of the motion.

10. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“ That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

11. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED JIMMY YAN:

“That Motion 8 be amended by deleting the indicated part of the resolution clause:
‘Therefore be it resolved that the AMS endorse the UBC Vancouver project and its application for TLEF funding.’

... Carried

For (21): Erin Abler, Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhave, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Lauren Dawson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Courtney English, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Madeleine Schaefer, Mike Silley, Ada Tsang (proxy for Eric Zhang), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (6): Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Mrigank Sharma, Aaron Sihota, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson

Abstained: Geoff Costeloe, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Mona Maghsoudi, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Johannes Rebane, Laura Silvester, Fraser Young

• Kyle Warwick said he supported the project, but the motion still had the same problem as the first TLEF one.

12. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED GEOFF COSTELOE:

“That Motion 8 be postponed indefinitely.”

... Carried

For (22): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhave, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Guillaume Houle, Mona Maghsoudi, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Ada Tsang (proxy for Eric Zhang), Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (5): Erin Abler, Timothy Chu, Lauren Dawson (proxy for Lindsay Clark), Blake Frederick, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Hannes Dempewolf, Courtney English, Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Johannes Rebane, Mrigank Sharma, Laura Silvester

C) Presentations to Council:

Impacts Committee (report on the Lighter Footprint Strategy) – Tom Dvorak (VP Finance) and Joyce Shen (Sustainability Coordinator)

• Joyce Shen: Outreach initiatives:
  o Connecting and collaborating with other environmental groups on campus.
  o Water bottle campaign.
• Tom Dvorak: Operations and Administration:
  o FarmAde.
  o Eco-friendly days replaced by month-long campaigns.
  o Recyclable and bio-degradable materials.
  o Compostable cutlery.
  o Reduction in use of cutlery altogether.
  o New compostable containers.
  o Waste audit.
  o Still challenges: composting in the building, staff issues, arranging for removal of compost bins.
• Joyce Shen: Teaching and Learning:
  o Applied for $1,000 funding for workshops.
  o Sustainable academic strategy: sending a message to the University.
• Joyce Shen: Forthcoming:
  o Improving web page.
  o Campaign on waste reduction and responsible purchasing.

Questions
• Hayden Hughes asked about putting something in AMS collective agreements about composting.
• Tom Dvorak: This is University staff; it’s not just the SUB that has these challenges.
• Hayden Hughes asked about cost differentials for bio-degradable materials.
• Tom Dvorak: It’s 5 cents versus 1 cent.
• Johannes Rebane suggested that given the number of meetings in 266J it would be good to have a recycling bin within 20 metres of the room.
• Ben Cappellacci asked about reducing the impact of the SUB itself.
• Tom Dvorak said the broad solution was to build a new SUB.
• Blake Frederick commended Joyce’s work, saying it’s challenging to promote sustainability in the bureaucracy of the AMS. He recommended that in future Council provide more resources for sustainability.

Committee Reform Presentation – Matthew Naylor

• The spring 2009 Committee Reform proposal was followed by consultation and has led to the current proposal.
• Councillors will chair the standing committees, their responsibilities will be like those of Associate Vice-Presidents, and they will be paid as much.
• There will be no ad hoc committees.
• After in principle approval last spring and consultation with the staff, a draft of the required Code amendments was prepared. The Code and Policies Committee has now done a line by line review of those amendments, which were then sent to Council.
• One change from the current system will be that whereas now most of the 25 committees are chaired by Executives, in the new system there will be five committees instead of 25, all chaired by non-Executive Councillors.
• There will be Executives on the committees.
• There will also be a new motion flow; motions will go to the Agenda Committee.
• There will also be standing meeting times for the committees.
• There are coming into force provisions for the new system in the hopes of avoiding a transitional disaster:
  o Next time we will appoint to the committees; then at the following meeting appoint the chairs.
  o The new committees won’t function until January; the old committees will still function until then.
  o Old chairs will wrap up and transfer information to the new chairs.
  o Over the winter break the new chairs will prepare for new meetings.
• AUS Council endorsed this on Monday without dissent.
• It’s not perfect; no system is; we will work on the problems over the next months.
• Staff concerns have been addressed by requiring meetings to be scheduled when staff can attend.

L) Committee Motions:

13. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Committee Reform’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that Council direct ARC to set a rate of remuneration for Committee Chairs, and report back by next meeting for approval.

Be it further resolved that the Code changes in ‘Code Changes 2009: Committee Reform’ shall have the following coming into force provisions:

• All current committees shall continue existing until the first day of the first term of 2010, after which point they shall be dissolved.

• Members of Council will be appointed to the new committees at the next meeting of Council.

• These new committees shall conduct no business until the New Year.

• At the December 2, 2009 meeting of council, Chairs and Students at Large shall be appointed.

• During the winter break, chairs shall be expected to arrange the transition to the new committee system, including ensuring that all the business of the current committees is placed on the agenda of the new committees, and arrange and report back, for the purposes of booking rooms and publicizing meeting times, on a standing meeting time with the members of their committees.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Before the moving of the motion, changes to the proposal were accepted, inserting the word "unbudgeted" twice in the section on price changes and other changes in the businesses, raising the threshold to $25,000 from $5,000 in the same section, and removing part of the Agenda Committee’s oversight functions.

• Hayden Hughes asked who would oversee the Ombudsperson.

• Matthew Naylor: The Agenda Committee.

• Tom Dvorak asked about finding money for the $30,000 to $45,000 required to pay the new chairs.

• Matthew Naylor said this would be the responsibility of the Budget Committee. We don’t know how much these people will be paid. That’s why there’s a reference to the ARC.

• Geoff Costeloe asked what could be done about a bad chair.

• Matthew Naylor: Council could remove them.

• Adrienne Smith said it wasn’t clear which staff members would be attending which committees and what effect there would be on staff hours.

• Matthew Naylor: Hours and responsibilities will not change. Committees can reinvent how they do these things year to year. It will be variable, but no different from how it is now.

• Sophia Haque asked about the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee.

• Matthew Naylor: The new Business and Facilities Committee would appoint members to that contractual committee.

• Johannes Rebane: Would the structure work if the chairs were volunteers?

• Matthew Naylor: No, the whole package is meant to get Council more involved. Given the time expected, we have to compensate; without compensation we would be better off sticking to the current system.

• Matthew added that the chairs would work 10-12 hours a week.

• Dave Tompkins: In the presentation you said they would be like AVP’s.

• Matthew Naylor: They will make around what an AVP makes.

• Michael Duncan said he was still concerned about staff input. It will be a challenge to schedule the big committees during business hours, and staff will be spread out to more committees. How can we continue to use our staff effectively? If we don’t have staff at meetings, how will we function effectively? Also, he wondered about the correlation or similarity between Executives and Chairs; will their powers be clarified?

• Matthew Naylor: Their powers are clarified in Section V; it lists the powers of chairs. Execs on the Code and Policies Committee did not have a problem with this.

• Michael Duncan said he could still see a lot of potential for conflict,

• Matthew Naylor: There’s a lot of potential for conflict in any system, but chairs will be related to the legislative side as opposed to what the Executives will be doing, which will be operational. As to the staff question, there have been changes made to the original proposal to create something adequate.

• Blake Frederick: I think it’s fine, but it’s important we have a solid transition, including a handbook for chairs including their obligation to invite staff to committee meetings. I think it won’t be a problem. If it is, then we should change it.

• Alex Monegro asked about recruitment for the chair positions. Will it be like the selection of committee chairs now? One-minute presentations at Council? Given that this seems to be increasingly technical, is it appropriate to have
such a light application process? We’ll be selecting at random someone to get a salary and to be involved in important operations of the Society.

- Matthew Naylor: It shouldn’t be light. But it should be up to Council to demand what is needed for the process. Any Council will demand more than is done now.
- Alex Monegro expressed concern about the variability in the quality of the work that will be done by the new chairs.
- Matthew Naylor: They will be selected by and from Council and can be removed by Council; there will be checks on quality.
- Lin Watt said Council members don’t have 10-12 hours a week. If we do adopt this model, we need to publicize what it means to be on Council.
- Ben Cappellacci asked about the timeline.
- Matthew Naylor: We didn’t want these to come in with the new Executives. We want the committees up and running. We’re trying to create a greater separation of powers.
- Kelli Seepaul expressed concern about staff roles on committees. She is on several committees now where she is responsible for things relating to her job, but is not confident she will be included in the new system. She was worried that the wording in the proposal concerning staff attendance was not strong enough.
- Bijan Ahmadian said that given the concerns raised, one of the new committees should evaluate the system after a year.

14. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That the Motion 13 be amended by adding the following clause:

Be it further resolved that the new Legislative Procedures Committee report back to Council in November 2010 on the transition to the new committee structure.”

...No objections

- Kyle Warwick: It’s great to have debate about the details of this plan, but the focus should be on the significance of the changes and the flawed nature of the current system.
- Laura Silvester asked if the Executive had a position on the changes.
- Blake Frederick: The Executive does not. Members of the Executive have positions.
- Jeremy McElroy: This is an exciting, progressive democratization. There’s a fundamental shift here in putting powers into the hands of Council. Empowering committees will make us a little more similar to the U.S. Congressional system. Committee chairs will have a say in policy.
- Geoff Costeloe said it was not that progressive; Senate has had this since World War II. But it’s a good thing as a structure. However, if our staff is not happy, then we’ll be a worse Council. Committee times should be scheduled before chairs and members are selected so students will know which committees they can attend.
- Matthew Naylor said he wholeheartedly supported that. It won’t happen for the January-March period, but he hoped the committees would establish standing times.
• Geoff Costeloe asked for something stronger.
• Matthew Naylor: We have to have trust in us. We all know how important it is to have the staff at meetings, so we should schedule meetings to do that.
• Geoff Costeloe asked if codifying would satisfy the staff.
• Kelli Seepaul noted that not all the staff were at the meeting.
• Adrienne Smith: There is also the problem of the subcommittees; and there’s no provision to make sure meetings will be held in working hours.
• Ross Horton said he’d been hearing from senior staff on the issue of attendance at committee meetings. It’s a unanimous concern. It’s not that the staff is going to walk out. The concern is: We can’t help you if we’re not at the meetings.

15. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That the Motion 13 be amended by adding the following clause:

Be it further resolved that the new Legislative Procedures Committee investigate codifying standing meeting times for Committees and working groups by March 2010.”

... No objections

16. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“That Section V, Article 5(4) in the proposed new Code be changed to read:

<Specific staff of the Society shall have the right to attend every Standing Committee and Working Group meeting that pertains to their portfolios. Furthermore, Committee meetings and Working Group meetings shall be scheduled during regular business hours.>”

• Tahara Bhate opposed this amendment, saying it would hamstring the committees, creating unnecessary bureaucratic red tape and forcing them to go to Council to suspend Code. But she was in favour of committee reform and if Council saw this amendment as necessary to pass committee reform, she would accept it.
• Blake Frederick said he had been fairly confident language to this effect was already in the proposal; it seems it wasn’t. It should be included, and then he hoped staff concerns would be mitigated.
• Johannes Rebane suggested adding the phrase “except with the permission of the staff on the Working Group or Committee.”
• Dave Tompkins said that would be premature since the working groups have not been defined yet.
• Johannes Rebane: In the old Code, certain staff are specified for each committee.
• Dave Tompkins: That’s one of the biggest changes.
• Iggy Rodriguez questioned applying this change to all committees, even if no staff are on one. This is not the best way to address the problem. It might be better to allow meetings outside of business hours. This clause is unnecessarily restrictive.
• Tom Dvorak: The fact that we have this sort of staff concern raises the question of the extent to which we solicited staff concerns.
• Matthew Naylor: We interviewed staff. We can circulate transcripts.
Tom Dvorak: We spend $1.4 million on support staff, and now we’re thinking of a governance structure that won’t be using this investment.

Blake Frederick: I attended a meeting of the senior managers, and they seemed satisfied, but partly that was because I told them committees would meet during business hours. I thought that was in.

17. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED LUKE LUUKKONEN:

“That the question be called on the amendment to the proposal.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (25): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoudi, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (1): Hannes Dempewolf

Abstained: Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift)

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Against (1): Luke Luukkonen

Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Sam Law, Mona Maghsoudi, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt
Tahara Bhate said she'd been involved with this for several years. It will invigorate the society. We want to try this at least; we've never seen anything like this. The Code and Policies Committee has done the best it can to create a workable vision of how it will work. It's our duty to try it. There may be transitional problems, but it's a change for the better.

Blake Frederick asked if the staff present were satisfied with the modified version of the proposal.

Ross Horton said the staff will do its best to make this work.

Adrienne Smith expressed concern that the proposal was unworkable because of the difficulty the student members on committees will have attending during business hours.

Kelli Seepaul said she was concerned that working groups were undefined and also that it may sometimes be difficult for staff to attend even during business hours.

Sheldon Goldfarb reported that other staff not at the meeting had expressed concerns about the new system increasing the number of hours staff will have to spend at meetings, because there will be both working groups and committees. He said there had also been concerns raised about conflicting directions that might be received from Committee Chairs and Executives. But no one really knew how the new system would work. It was a bit of a leap in the dark, but we would just have to see what happened.

Elena Kusaka asked about the Agenda Committee.

Matthew Naylor said it would set the Council agenda and coordinate the committees. He would like to create motion submission forms.

Andrew Carne: It's uncertain whether this proposal will work. We don't know. But we're trying to make things better. If there are problems, we can refine things. At the same time, we are acknowledging that the current system is flawed. It's important to take a radical step.

Joel Mertens: Code can't specify every situation. We can make this work.

19. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

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Be it further resolved that the new Legislative Procedures Committee report back to Council in November 2010 on the transition to the new committee structure.

Be it further resolved that the new Legislative Procedures Committee investigate codifying standing meeting times for Committees and working groups by March 2010.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (34): Erin Abler, Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (2): Mike Duncan, Mrigank Sharma

21. MOVED LAURA SILVESTER, SECONDED BEN CAPPELLACCI:

“Whereas under Code Section IV, Article 4(1)(d), the AMS President is the Society’s official spokesperson, and the President’s remarks to the public and media must be made with great prudence and professionalism to further the Society’s mission and must reflect AMS Council’s sentiment; and
Whereas the quality of AMS’ relationship with the University of British Columbia (UBC) greatly impacts the Society’s ability to further its mission, and the AMS Council desires to maintain a positive and functional relationship with UBC; and

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- Laura Silvester said she took no pleasure in bringing this motion, but she saw the President’s press release as a violation of the values of professionalism and representation and as causing harm to the relationship between the AMS and UBC. She said it was important to repair the damage done to that relationship at this time, when we are in the midst of negotiations on important issues, and she wanted to separate AMS Council from the press release. She asked that Blake respond.
- Dave Tompkins asked if she had specific questions.
- Laura Silvester: What made issuing the press release important? What was going through your mind?
- Blake Frederick referred to the letter of explanation he had sent out and added:
  o UBC decided to cancel the $40 million bus loop which the AMS had opposed for many years.
  o The press release was sent out before the decision; the aim was to make an announcement before UBC could divert new money to the bus loop; the aim was also to hold UBC to account.
  o I ran for election to devote myself to opposing the bus loop; the policy of the AMS is to oppose the bus loop.
  o I do believe it is important to maintain good relations with UBC, and I agree that the language in the press release was overly harsh.
  o UBC showed disrespect in ignoring the views of thousands of students who opposed the bus loop.
  o The University has been spending money on the bus loop while the AMS has been spending $100,000 a year on child care and while the University has been suffering from a structural deficit that has forced it to make 30% cuts.
  o The AMS continues to have a good relationship with UBC. AMS Executives have had meetings with UBC Executives since the press release and they have been cordial and productive. This motion will not change that situation.
- Tahara Bhate:
  o Most students don’t see a distinction between the Executive and Council.
  o Never have we seemed so disorganized, petty, and unprofessional as we have this year.
How can we move forward? This incident has been damaging, but passing this motion may be more damaging.

The presence of this motion indicates Council’s disapproval.

The issue is trust. If we trust you and defeat this, will you commit to retracting the press release and issuing an apology to President Toope and the University community at large?

Blake Frederick: No, I will not issue a written apology. I have acted according to the policies and bylaws of the AMS. To be frank, I think the University should be apologizing for going ahead with the bus loop. I am committed to having a good relationship with UBC, and I do believe that will be restored.

Dia Montgomery: Young leaders learn how to become better leaders. A censure motion could have a positive effect if it makes us be careful in our decisions. But does a motion of censure make us look weak?

Kallan (UBC alumnus) supported the censure motion, saying the AMS has been a source of embarrassment for alumni and in the corporate community.

Eric (a guest) said he was a fourth year Science student and also on the Thunderbirds. He had never come to a Council meeting before, but he was concerned about this issue. This event tarnished students’ views of the AMS and the community’s view of UBC. It’s not about the bus loop. He wanted an assurance that events like this would not happen again and some sort of responsibility taken.

Margaret Orlowski (email read by Dave Tompkins):

I am discouraged to know that money was wasted on the underground bus tunnel, I am glad that I found out about it, and I would like to know exactly how much money was misspent and how such mistakes will be prevented in the future.

There will surely be a heated debate over this topic, as there should be: student and public money has been grossly mismanaged. If the UBC administration is embarrassed about the cancellation of the underground bus loop and its publicity it is because they made a big mistake in pushing for a poorly thought-out project.

I was one of the students who was actively against the underground bus loop, and helped circulate a petition that got thousands of student signatures to stop that plan. It is really regrettable that it had to end this way though – not from the petition or the consultation that followed (which by the way did not ALLOW any conversation about the bus loop though it obviously should have) – but it has ended instead with millions of dollars wasted and a public image of negligence.

However, the AMS has not lost any credibility over this mistake. In fact, you supported the anti-U-Blvd petition and this is a good lead-in to how you, as students’ elected representatives, can force the administration to work together with students, honestly this time, to examine the current transit plan and to make a new transit plan ONLY if it is necessary. And it might not be necessary; we won’t know until dialogue and consultation has taken place.

I think AMS Council can make excellent use of this opportunity to hold President Toope and the Board of Governors accountable for their decisions, and you can use their previous mistake as leverage to insist on the importance of meaningful student involvement in all campus development projects. Students weren’t involved before, but now is an excellent opportunity to get involved so we can help prevent further errors.
• Maria Cirstea asked if the intent of the press release had been to prevent the University from putting money into the bus loop.
• Blake Frederick: My concern was that with TransLink pulling out, the University’s next step would be to find additional money in their budget to keep the project going. The press release was meant as a measure against that.
• Joel Mertens: In the past, Council censured Executives for going against the will of Council. I don’t think Blake has done that here, given our policy on the bus loop, though the wording of the press release was not as professional as it might have been.
• Geoff Costeloe:
  o Some in the Administration are very upset with the AMS. There are issues of rhetoric, image, motivation, and trust.
  o This is part of an aggressive and antagonistic approach that our Executive has adopted.
  o This started last year or even before. Last year’s VP External got arrested.
• Blake Frederick: Point of order. Discussion should be on this censure motion. It’s not relevant to bring up the actions of past Executives.
• Geoff Costeloe: I want to talk of our relationship with UBC.
• The Speaker ruled the comments in order; anything to do with past censures or the history of the bus loop would be in order.

22. BLAKE FREDERICK:

“Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?”

... Carried

For (26): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Courtney English, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoudi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (4): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Mrigank Sharma

Abstained: Guillaume Houle, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Mike Silley

• Geoff Costeloe:
  o We look like idiots.
  o President Toope’s wording was the strongest I’ve ever seen him use in two years.
  o We’ve tarnished the reputation of the University and jeopardized our relations with them. Is that a victory?
  o I don’t believe you, Blake, when you say you have never stopped University representatives from attending Council.
  o This could have been the biggest year in AMS history.
  o We could have been working for goals that serve all students; we don’t.
  o We’re a small fish in a big pond; we rely on the Administration; your comments have ruined so much.
You’re out of touch with the students and with Council; it’s time to shape up.

- Michael Duncan:
  - We frequently upset the University. If we didn’t, we wouldn’t be doing our job for students.
  - I don’t agree with the press release; it was bad timing. Last year I got Council upset over a press release and had my wrist slapped, but these sorts of motions don’t help; they divide Council, and UBC knows we can’t negotiate as strongly if we’re fighting amongst ourselves. This should be done by other means, such as the Oversight Committee.
  - Censuring is too strong here. It’s for bigger things, not for a strongly worded press release.

- Kelli Seepaul asked about the new press release mentioned in the motion.

- Dave Tompkins said it would have to be brought to Council before being released.

- Adrienne Smith noted that press releases are usually for news and by the time this one gets released it won’t be news.

- Jimmy Yan said he’d felt a betrayal of his trust when he read the press release, which he found unprofessional and aggressive, treating the University as the enemy, but the motion seemed a little harsh and would show us to be fragmented.

- Andrew Carne:
  - I was shocked to see the press release. It contained speculation and factual inaccuracies, and there’d been no checking with the University. It was rude to the University and very disappointing.
  - We need to be unified and not work against our Executive.
  - I was dismayed that Blake was not prepared to apologize; it would be nice if there were an apology.
  - I am concerned about growing antagonism between the AMS and the University and concerned to read that President Toope says University officials have not been able to communicate with Council when they wanted to. They were not allowed to come see us about the Olympics.
  - I am distressed to see the damage. How do you see us moving forward?

- Blake Frederick: I will continue to negotiate with University officials. I am looking forward to sitting down with President Toope about this issue, about what damage has been done from their perspective. That’s the most important step forward: one-to-one to make sure we can work together.

- Guillaume Houle: This has been a lesson to all of us. You have to separate your own interests from Council’s views. We have been making concessions in negotiations with the University, but that does not justify the language in Blake’s press release. President Toope says we must mutually respect each other and resolve this situation.

23. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That Council be extended to midnight.”

... Carried

For (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens,
Matthew Naylor, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

Against (7): Timothy Chu, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Sam Law, Madeleine Schaefer, Mrigank Sharma, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Luke Luukkonen

Back to censure motion:

- Bijan Ahmadian:
  - This is a PR issue. What does it mean if we pass this motion? Does it make us look weak?
  - When the press release went out, it went not on behalf of Blake but on behalf of the AMS. Those reading it will think we directed Blake.
  - We need to detach ourselves. We need to pass this. If this fails, Executives will feel they can get away with this sort of thing.
- Ben Cappellacci: Blake has misrepresented students on several issues; there's a misalignment of the Executive and Council's wishes. We have to trust him to make decisions for us, but how? I want to know what you're going to do to change your trust with us and with the University.
- Blake Frederick: I do regret the tone in the press release. Council is obviously not on board with what was said. I want to go forward with the University. I don't think it's had that big an effect. It's affecting my relationship, but it does not affect this Council.
- Timothy Chu:
  - Sending out the press release is one issue, a protocol issue.
  - Another issue is: Did Blake represent Council policy?
  - The SUB has somehow been brought up. There were students out at the Knoll; it was a student-driven process; 2700 students signed the petition; that's how the AMS position came about.
  - There needs to be discussion about various issues, but not here at Council.

24. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That this motion be referred to the Oversight Committee.”

... Failed for lack of a seconder

- Kyle Warwick:
  - The Oversight Committee will take a role in this however the vote turns out
  - The letter from President Toope was unprecedented in its severity. I didn’t at first realize the seriousness.
  - I didn’t like the press release, but am not sure about censure. But if we do nothing, there’s a perception of us supporting the press release. Perhaps we can separate renunciation of the press release from censure.
- Tom Dvorak:
  - This makes our relations with the University brutal.
I heard from senior University Executives and members of the alumni who were very upset with the actions of the AMS.

I'm disappointed. This takes a meat cleaver to our relations with the University. The issue is not the underground bus loop, but professionalism.

We're dealing not with the University as an institution but with individual people; if we annoy them, they're not going to help us. And this is not an isolated incident.

- Ryan Trasolini: This motion makes us look fragmented. The wording of the press release was wrong, but the message was right. Something has to be done about the tone issue. What is the process for press releases?
- Blake Frederick: Press releases go to me and Kelli. I make political decisions; Kelli makes decisions about how the press release is sent out and does some editing. In the end, it's the President's discretion; it's largely a one-person process.
- Ryan Trasolini: This procedure is not working; it needs to be refined.
- Iggy Rodriguez: The press release was done for the right reasons, but it was wrong, bad for the Society. You, Blake, are the face of the Society. This was unprofessional. You appeared to be laughing at the University. The University is right to be unhappy with us. We have to show the University that we're willing to acknowledge that this was not right. We must save face with the University and the students. A lot of students don't respect this Council; they don't think we're professional.
- Matthew Naylor:
  - I've not been happy with a lot of press releases this year. There have been misrepresentations and unwarranted attacks. Something needs to be changed in the vetting process.
  - We can't just renounce the press release because that says the President does not speak for the AMS.
  - I'm concerned that Blake does not see the damage that has been done, but to vote Yes would be to censure a dedicated Executive.
  - However, some response is warranted by Council. An apology is in order.
  - Censure may make us seem weak, but it might alleviate the damage, and Blake is not of a mind to apologize.
- Jeremy McElroy: We do need the University: the SUB Renew project, the first year seminar program, and other issues. We shouldn't be angering them. Where did this press release come from? How did it come to be?
- Blake Frederick: In late September the University Executive informed me that the underground bus loop would not go forward if TransLink did not approve expenditures. They said not to release that information. Once TransLink voted not to fund the bus loop, I became concerned that UBC would take $10 million from general operating funds to make up the difference. I saw an opportunity to pre-empt the University by sending out the press release as a mechanism to ensure cancellation of the bus loop. Say what you will, it was effective.
- Michael Duncan: Is censuring the answer? How many times has UBC responded to our concerns about the bus loop? This is the first time they've responded and we react by censuring our President.
- Johannes Rebane spoke about the impact of the press release on his ability to do his job. University officials he works with were saying they weren't sure they could co-operate with the AMS. The first half of meetings were now taken up with this issue. It's not in the best interest of the AMS to undermine the efficacy
of our actions. He did not want a situation in which University officials say: Oh, the AMS; we don't think we can work with you.

- Hayden Hughes said he had received two comments that the press release was unprofessional.
- Crystal Hon: There’s been a lot of speculation about how the press release will affect SUB negotiations. I’m one of the members of the negotiating team, and I can tell you that censuring Blake will not help with negotiations with UBC. If we censure Blake, the University will think they can ignore what Blake and I say. We need the University to listen to us. We can’t have them think that Council doesn’t trust us. Censuring is not going to fix this problem.
- Alex Monegro: Crystal makes a good point. This is why this has to be a lot more constructive. Council is not happy with the way things are being done. We want this to change. There are no other tools. We don’t want to appear divided. We need to figure out how to go forward with this.
- Tahara Bhate asked Blake if he was sorry for the tone in the press release.
- Blake Frederick: Yes, I am sorry.
- Tahara Bhate: Will you employ such a tone in the future?
- Blake Frederick: No, I will not.
- Tahara Bhate: I wanted to hear Blake say he would not act in this manner in the future, and he said he will not. I’d like to think he will act in a professional and mature manner. I will vote against censure; Blake has been duly chastized.

25. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED FRASER YOUNG

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (15): Erin Abler, Tahara Bhate, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (13): Bijan Ahmadian, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Mike Duncan, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Luke Luukkonen, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Andrew Carne, Sam Law, Joel Mertens, Lin Watt

- Michael Duncan:
  - It’s not as true as people say that this is damaging our relations. With all due respect to Johannes, the academic wing of the University does not care about this stuff.
  - To some extent the University is using this as a ploy to get their way in negotiations.
26. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the motion be divided.”

27. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called on dividing the motion.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (30): Erin Abler, Tahara Bhate, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Alex Monegro (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Julian Ritchie (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Mrigank Sharma, Laura Silvester, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (4): Bijan Ahmadian, Geoff Costeloe, Aaron Sihota, Ryan Trasolini

Abstained: Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Johannes Rebane, Mike Silley

28. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the motion be divided.”

... Carried

For (17): Andrew Carne, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Alex Monegro (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Arvind Saraswat, Julian Ritchie (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Mrigank Sharma, Mike Silley, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

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Abstained: Carolee Changfoot, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Fraser Young

On the first resolution only, the motion to censure:

- Michael Duncan: To some extent it’s a power play by the University.
- Bijan Ahmadian: I disagree. This is a symbolic moment. We signalled to the public; we made baseless accusations. If we censure Blake, it lets our audience know we have separated ourselves from those accusations. This
gives the University a little relief that we're not all about an adversarial approach.

29. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... No objections

30. MOVED LAURA SILVESTER, SECONDED BEN CAPPELLACCI:

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D) President’s Remarks or Blake’s Broadcast (Blake Frederick):

- Thank you for not censuring me. I have heard loud and clear what Council has been saying. I take this very seriously. I will ask you to watch me very carefully and will keep you informed about relations with the University. Thank you for taking a pro-active position.
- Been doing media interviews on the bus loop and CASA.
- Christmas party.
- Photos for Council.
- Deal with UBC Athletics and Recreation for free tickets to Varsity games.

E) Executive Remarks:

Johannes Rebane – VP Academic:

- Hired Elections Administrator.
- PPPAC meeting: child care strategy
- Four Ubyssey interviews (on UBC ranking, housing, teaching innovation, UNA noise bylaw).
- Negotiations to allow students to run food outlets; consultations on selection of food outlets.
- First year seminar plan.
- ARC and transitioning with David Hannigan.
- Old Barn – Bean Around the World.
- Student travel abroad policy.

Crystal Hon – VP Administration

- Walter Gage Memorial meeting
- Renos: Changing design of IFPO/Copyright project
  o Changing tables have been installed in 2 washrooms
- SUB Negotiations:
  o Mission statement should come to Council next time.
  o UBC Program cost estimate. UBC is doing their own.
  o Both sides are going back to look at the financing agreement.

Tom Dvorak – VP Finance:

Updates to budget. There have been a lot of tweaks to it since we approved it in July; finally sat down and aggregated it all!

Very exciting BOC meeting last week. Our Business Promotions Coordinator, Mike Brown, presented the fruit of about a month’s worth of labour in the results of some comprehensive market research. Saw some very intriguing results that we hope to draw action items from at our next meeting.

Fincom meetings, ARC meeting.
Away in Montreal at a Stakeholder Meeting with Studentcare. The meeting involved myself several other student union executives from across the country from various provinces and sizes. Studentcare essentially wanted to bring together a sampling of each of its clients to get live, group feedback and discussion. Lots of takeaways and I feel that we were able to effectively contribute to Studentcare’s ongoing development.

Also took the opportunity to visit some of my counterparts at Queen’s University, at the only other AMS in the country. They are a very different model in terms of how much they rely on student staff involvement. Right now, they’re actually running it without a General Manager.

**Timothy Chu – VP External Affairs**

**TransLink Meeting**
- Discussed transit issues
- There will be 24 hour bus service to UBC during the period of the Games. The N17 will be running once every 30 minutes
- The Expo line will be running every 108 seconds during the daytime with 6 cars per train as opposed to 4 cars per train.
- 10 reserve buses will be used for the UBC area during the Games to help alleviate pressure points
- Olympics and Paralympics ticket holders will have free transit. This will have a huge implication for students when they are trying to get to school during the Paralympics
- TransLink also approved the $130 million supplement for the 10 year plan funding plan. This means no major expansions but just maintenance of existing system.

**U-Pass Subsidy Applications**
- Applicants will be receiving emails about who got the subsidy
- Aggregate debt of all students who applied is approximately 14 million.

**Equity Committee**
- Sent out the RFP for the organizational review on systemic discrimination
- We are receiving responses

**AMS Foundation**
- Reading through by laws and constitution

**Cuts and Coffee Campaign**
- Everything has been finalized for the next postcard drive
- November 13, 2009 9:00 am – 1:00 pm SUB North Plaza (near Brock Hall)
- Rory sent out a doodle poll asking for volunteers, please fill it out.

**What I will be working on:**
- External policy committee next week
- Cuts and coffee November 13th
We need help with making banners and putting up posters prior to the event
- UBC Line Transit study

Pavani Gunadasa Executive Coordinator Student Services

This past week I spent a lot of time working on the logistical details leading up to Suicide Awareness Day, which was yesterday, and Thrive Week (this week!). I will provide a more detailed update about these events at the next Council meeting. Last Thursday I participated in a panel discussion about Careers in Student Affairs where I was joined by UBC Student Affairs staff from various departments to speak about the roles we play in working in Student Affairs, our various career paths, job requirements and skills needed for a career in this field. I strongly encouraged students to get involved with the AMS as it is the ideal way to acquire the practical skills and experience they need to pursue a career in Student Affairs once they graduate. We are currently reviewing the applications for the Safety Coordinator position and hope to begin interviews immediately. Other than that, I have been working on wrapping up the last few details of the Shinerama Campaign and in putting together an informal student group that can mobilize around mental health awareness/mental wellness promotion.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

**Arts – Guillaume Houle:**
Buchanan Courtyard development delayed by 2 months for schematic review.
AUS design expansions – 5 possibilities presented – 1 accepted.
Arts Week Jan 11 – 15.
Meet the Dean – re sexual violence.
Arts Last Lecture – invited guest speaker.

**Law – Dia Montgomery:**
Continuing to bring U of T professors to UBC.
Still waiting for building.

**GSS:**
Met with Minister of advanced education.
Under external review.

**Forestry – Ravi Parhar**
Stanley Park talk.

**Education – Courtney English:**
Just got back from practicum.
ESA Council in infancy.
Trying to plan formal winter wonderland.
Commerce – Laura Silvester:
Board retreat.
Starting newsletter.

Engineering – Lin Watt:
Halloween party.
Charity auction.

Science – Jimmy Yan:
Halloween events.
Movie nights.

Human Kinetics – Fraser Young:
Boat cruise.
KIN Games.

Library-Archival – Erin Abler:
Student-run colloquium a success.
Johnston memorial lecture.
Information conference being held here.

International Students:
Allocated all Work Learn funding, which is good news.

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

BoG
Nothing important at this time.

Senate
For the first time a student may become chair of a standing committee.

Ombudsperson – Hayden Hughes:
Working on 7 cases
Assisted in hiring of EA and Safety Coordinator.
Issue of elections for external organizations that we oversee.
Met with Oversight.
Sought legal advice from UBC Ombuds office on issue of whether ombuds offices can be forced by the courts to disclose information; the answer is grey.
Most difficult case to date had a good solution.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

33. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOHANES REBANE:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Council minutes dated October 7, 2009
Campus Planning & Development Committee minutes dated July 23, 2009
Campus Planning & Development Committee minutes dated Sept 18, 2009
Code and Policies Committee minutes dated September 29, 2009
Code and Policies Committee minutes dated October 5, 2009
Code and Policies Committee minutes dated October 19, 2009.”

For (23): Erin Abler, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Crystal Hon, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Julian Ritchie (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Mike Silley, Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Blake Frederick, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Laura Silvester

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

34. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED MIKE Silley:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Renovations Planning Group minutes dated October 1, 2009.”

... Carried

For (23): Erin Abler, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Crystal Hon, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Julian Ritchie (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Mike Silley, Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Blake Frederick, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Laura Silvester

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

35. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Administrative Commission minutes dated October 13, 2009
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated October 20, 2009.”

... Carried

For (19): Erin Abler, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Courtney English,
Crystal Hon, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Madeleine Schaefer, Mike Silley, Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (2): Mike Duncan, Matthew Naylor

Abstained: Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick

36. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“THAT _________ (Councillor) be appointed to the Appointees Review Committee for a term ending April 30, 2010.”
Candidate: Katherine Tyson

“THAT _________ (Councillor) be appointed to the External Policy Committee for a term ending April 30, 2010.”
Candidates: Katherine Tyson, Iggy Rodriguez, Mrigank Sharma
Council chose Katherine Tyson

“THAT _________ (Councillor) be appointed to the President’s Scholarship Committee.”
Candidate: Crystal Hon

“THAT _________ be appointed to the UBC Ombudsperson Committee.”
Candidate: Hayden Hughes

37. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“THAT Katherine Tyson (Councillor) be appointed to the Appointees Review Committee for a term ending April 30, 2010.”

“THAT Katherine Tyson (Councillor) be appointed to the External Policy Committee for a term ending April 30, 2010.”

“THAT Crystal Hon (Councillor) be appointed to the President’s Scholarship Committee.”

“THAT Hayden Hughes be appointed to the UBC Ombudsperson Committee.”

... Carried

For (28): Erin Abler, Tahara Bhate, Ben Cappellacci (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Johannes Rebane, Iggy
P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:
Notice of the AMS Foundation Annual General Meeting
AMS Foundation Balance Sheet 09

R) Next Meeting:
November 18, 2009

S) Adjournment:

38. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

For (17): Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Luke Luukkanen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Ravi Parhar (proxy for Natalie Swift), Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (2): Julian Ritchie (proxy for Madeleine Schaefer), Mike Silley

The meeting was adjourned at midnight.

T) Social Activity:
## The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council Attendance

**Meeting Date:** November 4, 2009

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Voting Records

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Jordan Marks (student), Kalyeena Makortoff (Ubyssey), Stephanie Findlay (student), Nick Sertic (Engineering), Rory Green (AVP External), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archives), Kelli Seepaul (Communications), Adrienne Smith (Policy), Emma Ellison (Equity), Mitch Wright (Arts), Beatrix Tam (Science), Anne Wu (Science), Chantelle Chan (Forestry), Elin Tayyar (Student Administrative Commission), Andrea Morgan (Friends of the Farm), Stephen Owen (UBC VP External), Nancy Knight (Campus & Community Planning), Neal Yonson, Bowen Tang, Rosalind Ho, Elena Kusaka, Andrew Rooney, and numerous other supporters of a seat for students with disabilities

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

1. MOVED AARON SIHOTA, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That Maria Cirstea, Hayden Hughes, Emma Ellison, Tim Chu, and Ekatrina Dovjenko be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

... Carried


Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Matthew Naylor

Agenda discussion:

- It was agreed to move up the motion on the seat for students with disabilities and to add motions on a Grad Class Council bylaw change, an error in the Code of Procedure, Matthew Naylor working for SUB Security, and the recent Metro Vancouver bylaw. It was also agreed to add a presentation by Stephen Owen and another on electoral reform.

2. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the agenda be amended by adding a motion from the Oversight Committee on Executive Committee meetings.”

- Blake Frederick said he had not been aware of this proposal before. He would have preferred to have talked about it instead of being blindsided.

3. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:
“That the agenda be amended by adding a motion from the Oversight Committee on Executive Committee meetings.”

... Carried


Against (2): Blake Frederick, Fraser Young

Abstained: Mona Maghsoodi, Mike Duncan, Crystal Hon, Sam Law

4. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED JIMMY YAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (32): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Tahara Bhate, Mona Maghssoodi, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Aaron Sihota, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Erin Abler, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Against (1): Blake Frederick

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

5. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED LUKE LUUKKONEN:

“That the following limits be applied to the debates at tonight’s meeting:

a) Individual speakers limited to three minutes per speech and two speeches per motion.
b) Automatic calling of the question every 30 minutes.
c) After 90 minutes on any motion a 2/3rds motion will be required to continue debate vote.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (33): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Mona Maghssoodi, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu,
Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Aaron Sihota, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

C) Presentations to Council:

Disability Seat – Rory Green (AVP External) and Emma Ellison (Equity and Diversity Coordinator)

Rory Green:
- AMS representation by faculty leads to underrepresentation of certain categories of UBC students.
- Issues for students with disabilities include an inaccessible SUB and academic issues; also the cuts to students with disabilities were the harshest of all the recent education cuts.
- There’s no champion for students with disabilities; we have Resource Groups, commissions, committees, but no student voice for students with disabilities.
- Creating a seat on Council for students with disabilities would help level the playing field and provide easier access to AMS resources and the bureaucracy.

Emma Ellison:
- Students without Council membership don’t get agendas in time to make arrangements to create accommodation.

Rory Green listed other student associations that have such seats.

Emma Ellison:
- The proposal is to have students with disabilities self-identify; it’s a broad definition. There’s no drawback to being inclusive in this way.

Rory Green listed other non-voting seats on Council, adding:
- This will not alter the voting structure; double representation will not be an issue. And it won’t lead to a voting seat, because to create a voting seat is a difficult procedure.

Emma Ellison:
- This will benefit Council; it will make the AMS more inclusive and aware of issues affecting students with disabilities.
- It will make Council accountable to students with disabilities.
- This will ensure continuity; there will be a go-to person; in past years, the interest of the AMS in disability issues has fluctuated.

Rory Green read out letters of support from student societies with disability seats.

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
6. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That Council adopt the report entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Seat for Students with Disabilities’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Blake Frederick: I fully support this motion. For Councillors who don’t support this motion, it’s important that you make an effort to represent your constituents and show we’re a body that will respond when people come to us with requests.
- Dave Tompkins read a letter of support for the motion.
- Bijan Ahmadian: I am passionate to find ways to include marginalized students, but Council is not the best way to do that. Council is a politicized environment. A seat on Council does not translate into doing things on issues. The AMS should create an advisory board, a non-political entity that can bring issues to Council.
- Guest: Being a student with disabilities can be a political identity. On October 7 Councillors voted for the Equity assistant’s position to maintain an accountable Council. Voting for equity means voting for a student with disabilities seat.
- The guest began reading out the names of those who voted in favour of the Equity assistant’s position.
- Jimmy Yan raised a point of personal privilege, saying he wasn’t comfortable with the reading out of names.
- The Speaker said it was a matter of public record.
- The guest continued by saying that Bijan’s framing of the question was problematic because marginalized groups don’t all have the same issues. The role of the disability student representative would be to relay information between Council and the students, relaying information about the AMS to make it accessible.
- Dave Tompkins read another email in support of the proposal.
- Guest 2: An advisory committee would be problematic; it would be essentializing all people in such groups as having similar experiences.
- Other guests said the current situation is societally shameful and that it is important to have a person on Council; students with disabilities are going to want to know there’s someone on Council with an understanding of the variability of disabilities, someone who can relate.
- Aaron Sihota asked about the definition of disability and whether it includes temporary disabilities like a broken arm. If such a person were able to run for this seat, that would be wrong; they could not represent people with permanent disabilities.
- Emma Ellison: We have to consider whether that would be a problem. If that person is experiencing life with a disability, if they feel that their experience has affected them enough so that they want to speak out as an advocate, it would be up to the student body to adjudicate.
- Aaron Sihota asked about creating a Disability Resource Group as an alternative.
Emma Ellison: The AMS is strapped for money. Also, it would be premature. A student group without outside support would not have the resources of a person on Council.

Dave Tompkins read an email from someone opposed to the seat on the grounds that a single representative could not represent both cognitive and physical disabilities, adding that it was absurd to say there were no disabled students on Council already; two Council members had registered with the Disability Resource Centre and there were two others.

7. MOVED RYAN TRASOLINI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (9): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Courtney English, Guillaume Houle, Dia Montgomery, Ryan Trasolini, Eric Zhang

Against (21): Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Tahara Bhat, Mona Maghsoodi, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Blake Frederick, Aaron Sihota, Sam Law, Luke Luukkanen, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abier, Natalie Swift, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Abstained: Mike Silley, Jimmy Yan

Luke Luukkanen asked if UBC students with disabilities are organized in any way.

Rory Green: There’s no student organization on campus.

Luke Luukkanen: Would it be easier to establish one if there were a seat on Council?

Emma Ellison: Yes.

Luke Luukkanen: Why not take all the people who are here now?

Rory Green: It’s no one’s job to do that. It could be done. The proposed position would have a mandate to organize students with disabilities.

Luke Luukkanen: For them to create an organization doesn’t require us to create a seat.

Emma Ellison: There would be very tangible barriers to students with disabilities organizations on campus without institutional resources and ease of access to the internal bureaucracy of the AMS.

Nader Beyzaei: Will this lead to other seats for aboriginals, based on sexual orientation, etc.?

Matthew Naylor stated his strong opposition to the proposal, adding:

- Our Council operates under a certain structure: representation by population by faculty. Our job as faculty representatives is to represent everyone in our faculties. Those other student associations work under a
different paradigm. If we want to go to that, fine, but we should do it holistically, not piecemeal.

- If we do it piecemeal, then we’re forced to decide who deserves a seat and who does not, and I'm very uncomfortable doing that.
- Our Affiliated Institutions, Regent and VST, should have votes at Council; it’s just that our bylaws, which are hard to change, prevent it.
- There is an issue of double representation here.
- Bijan’s advisory council is a good idea.
- And a Resource Group would not cost the AMS money; there’s a dedicated fund for the Resource Groups.

- Dave Tompkins read two more emails in support of a disability seat.
- Kyle Warwick:
  - It's amazing to have this huge crowd attend a Council meeting, which is often an incestuous affair. But it's not clear how a seat will be very effective.
  - It's glaring to not have a Resource Group on this.
  - There was a First Nations non-voting seat, but it ended up sitting vacant because the people it was supposed to be for felt it was an empty meaningless gesture.
  - Now we’re hearing something different; it was not seen as an effective tool then.
  - I’m not sure a structural overhaul makes sense.
- Rory Green: I appreciate that it’s the job of Council members to represent all UBC students. There’s a difference between being a representative and being an advocate, a voice. You can hear people saying your constituency is engaged: open your ears.
- Tahara Bhate:
  - I object to Blake’s statement that those not in favour of this motion should consult their constituents. I went to my Constituency and asked for feedback. It was not at all clear that a majority of them want this.
  - This motion implies there is systemic oppression. I’m not sure this is always true. We have a person on SUS council with serious hearing disabilities; he’s found a way to participate through normal channels.
  - I don't think a seat at the Council table is necessarily the best way to increase engagement.
  - Last year when we approved the international seat I said we will have others coming, and lo and behold, here is one. Who is next? What about a seat for Roman Catholics?
  - I am also against people associated with equity coming here and creating a hostile environment towards anyone who doesn’t have a view in step with their own.

Automatic calling of the question

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (15): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Mona Maghsoodi, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike
Duncan, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Jimmy Yan

Against (17): Silas Archambault, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Aaron Sihota, Crystal Hon, Jeremy McElroy, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Bonnie Wong, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

[Mona Maghsoodi has Campbell Bryson take over as her proxy]

- Elena Kusaka: As has been noted, there is a heterogeneity of people with disabilities. I think the person who would take this seat would recognize this. We need this seat to have someone to look at these barriers.

- Jennifer (guest): International students organized in a similar way for their seat. We should ask Councillors why they’re putting up different barriers for students with disabilities.

- Timothy Chu:
  - We all need to recognize that our current system is not really working in terms of representation. I was only one of two Chinese students on Council last year. And though 70% of Arts students are female, there was only one female Arts rep.
  - We need to bring forward different perspectives. Students with disabilities have unique barriers.
  - Council is the highest decision-making body; this is the centre of power; we have students saying they’re not being represented. This is not a solution to all problems; this is a first step.
  - This is an equity seeking group that has been marginalized and suffers stigmas.

- Dave Tompkins read more emails.

- Bowen Tang:
  - We know we’re represented by faculty reps, but how much time do they have to deal with issues of students with disabilities?
  - I’m the one Tahara referred to who sits on SUS council, but I am not there just for disability issues; no one is there for that.
  - I am one of the few students with disabilities willing to go out and be involved in activities; many people with disabilities can’t overcome the stigma.
  - By creating this seat, we offer them a chance, an encouragement, to get active.
  - And if there’s a representative on Council, Council can learn more about disabilities.

- Andrea Morgan, a former Resource Group coordinator, said it is incredibly difficult to organize a Resource Group, and there is currently no space in the Resource Group Centre for another one. Resource Groups are essentially AMS clubs with funds. They are meant for advocacy, but they do not have the same access to the internal bureaucracy as Council members do.

- Andrew Carne questioned the suggestion that the new seat should be for an advocate rather than a representative, adding:
o No one around this table is supposed to advocate. We’re a representative body. We’re here to represent.

o I hear that we need issue-based advocacy for students with disabilities, but I’m not sure this model does that. Bijan’s suggestion of an advisory council might be more effective at that.

o As to concerns about systemic discrimination at the AMS, we’re currently trying to undertake a review. We don’t know yet what its findings will be. I’d rather wait for the review. We’ve agreed there are probably problems, but I’d like to wait.

• Jeremy McElroy:
  o We’re a board representing various faculties; that’s entrenched in our bylaws.
  o I don’t see the benefit of creating seats without power. Meetings are open; committee meetings are open.
  o This is the first time I’ve had random people email me on an issue; that’s the issue: lack of communication.

• Katherine Tyson:
  o This is framed in an offensive way, as if people with disabilities look at everything the same way. Mental disability is not the same as a temporary broken leg. This is branding anyone with any disability as the same, but they’re not.
  o This should have gone through Code and Policies, the right channels.
  o Council should be based on faculties and inclusiveness. The AMS is not about special interest groups. We shouldn’t have advocacy groups on Council.

• Andrew Carne explained that the proposal did in fact come to the Code and Policies Committee as something from an outside group seeking help drafting Code changes, but the committee didn’t feel it had a mandate to bring it forward itself.

• Rosalind Ho: The AMS is about students, and students with disabilities are still students. The AMS should not be based on faculties; that’s not all that students are about. A seat will help ensure that we are not silenced but have a voice.

• Natalie Swift:
  o Everyone cares about this issue. We’re debating one solution, one of a number of alternatives. Regardless of how people vote, that doesn’t mean they don’t care about this issue.
  o There is a review currently occurring; it’s supposed to suggest ways of dealing with barriers. I suggest tabling this motion until the review is complete.

Automatic calling of the question

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Defeated

For (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Guillaume Houle, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy,
Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Erin Abler, Mike Silley, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Against (11): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Aaron Sihota, Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

- Emma Ellison:
  - We need to ask ourselves, Who is the UBC student? And how can we represent their experience?
  - There are issues that affect access to education and the AMS.
  - We need a disability seat to give some attention to the experience of disabled students.
  - Our constituents come to us and say they need a seat. Why should they have to wait? They won’t go away even if the vote is against.
  - We need to listen to their voices so that there’s not just a bunch of able-bodied white people on Council.

- Katherine Tyson raised a point of personal privilege, saying: They have no idea who on Council has disabilities. Not everyone on this Council is able-bodied.

- Guest: You are not listening. It is so disrespectful of students with disabilities to refer to them as a special interest group. They have to overcome anxiety just to be here; you have no idea how hard it is for these students to show up. Please listen. You are our representatives.

- Ariel (guest): The University’s Disability Resource Centre (DRC) is great, but hopelessly over-extended. The AMS often doesn’t engage with the DRC; this would solve that problem.

- Guest:
  - There’s been a lot of talk of how to represent students with disabilities, but how would not having a seat be more effective?
  - As to the hostile environment when talking of these issues, it’s not hostility but frustration from the lack of representation and from horrible statements like being called a special interest group.
  - There are reasons these people are coming out and emailing; it’s important; it speaks to something.
  - As to using normal methods, there’s no such thing as normal.

- Ryan Trasolini said that though he agreed with the merits of the cause, a seat was unnecessary. Students with disabilities could run to be faculty reps, or they could tell their issues to their faculty reps, or come to Council and express their concerns.

- Aaron Sihota said that the proposal should be altered to allow the whole student body to vote for the seat to bring the issues to the forefront.

- Guest: The idea of double representation is weird for a non-voting seat. You have more of a voice as a Councillor. Stigmas and barriers around students with disabilities prevent the formation of a society.

- Bijan Ahmadian: Everyone around this table cares about representation and student interests. This is presented as a solution, but it’s not really good for students with disabilities. This body is political; problem solving does not happen in this room. It happens outside.
8. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

The Speaker reported that, in accordance with Code, there had been a request from three Councillors for a secret ballot vote.

“That the vote be by secret ballot.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Defeated

For (17): Tahara Bhate, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Sam Law, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Jimmy Yan

Against (16): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Erin Abler, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Kyle Warwick, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Abstained: Aaron Sihota, Luke Luukkonen

9. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That Council adopt the report entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Seat for Students with Disabilities’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Defeated

For (10): Silas Archambault, Timothy Chu, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Dia Montgomery, Mike Silley, Fraser Young, Eric Zhang

Against (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Aaron Sihota, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Sam Law, Erin Abler, Natalie Swift, Bonnie Wong
C) Presentations to Council:

_A Metro Vancouver Bylaw - Stephen Owen (UBC VP External, Legal & Community Relations) and Nancy Knight (UBC AVP Campus and Community Planning)_

Stephen Owen:
- This is not about rapacious development and market housing.
- It's not about saying, Let's get together and have a planning group.
- UBC is tightly regulated under the Official Community Plan, with as rigorous a planning process as any municipality in the GVRD.
- What is not regulated are academic lands; they are exempted and referred to UBC's authority under the University Act.
- This proposal, if it goes through, could possibly be unlawful because it is about the academic lands, affecting areas in the academic precinct, including student housing, the health sciences building, the new SUB, and the new Pharmacy building.
- We have to work out our own democracy here; we don’t want it determined by 35 people in Burnaby, where we have only one seat: it would be 35 politicians from all over the GVRD telling us what to do.
- This proposal is not just a starting point; it’s not just talking; they’ve started a working group.
- We’re not taking part; we’re against the whole process.
- It’s a 15-member group with one student, one UBC administration representative, and one representative from UBC Properties Trust.
- The proposal is riddled with authoritarian statements, and they did not talk to us about it. It’s full of toxic items.
- They want to rezone so that the botanical gardens will be in a zone where no research is allowed, but research is what goes on there.
- The new zoning would mean we could not do the new SUB.
- They say UBC is in a conflict of interest in regulating the land we own, but the GVRD regulates Pacific Spirit Park, which it owns, and the City of Vancouver does the same for some of its lands.
- The Marine Drive Towers project was an earlier example of this. It cost students millions of dollars because a single interest group using bogus arguments swayed the GVRD, forcing UBC to remove two floors from the towers.
- As President Toope’s letter says, this is a threat to academic freedom.
- It is not the role of municipal government to decide on academic issues in an independent academic community. The role of municipal government is to supply services.

Questions
- Andrew Carne asked if UBC had asked what Metro Vancouver’s motivation might be.
- Stephen Owen: Not yet. We are looking forward to that conversation.
- Andrew Carne: Possibly they have concerns about the model UBC uses. There may be room for improvement in how UBC does things. Change may be needed at UBC.
• Stephen Owen: If UBC as an academic community wasn’t open to change, then we wouldn’t deserve to be an independent academic community.
• Bijan Ahmadian asked what the impact of the proposal would be on such academic buildings as the Law building, which are currently not regulated by the GVRD.
• Stephen Owen: Within the academic precinct, the proposal would create seven zones. If UBC decided to build something not within a zoning prescription, it would have to go for a zoning amendment. That could take one and a half years and put us in an uncompetitive position in regard to time-limited applications and partnerships.
• Nancy Knight: Rezonings are not guaranteed; you can get turned down.
• Hayden Hughes: Does UBC have legal recourse through the courts? Will UBC use that?
• Stephen Owen: We’re considering that. We don’t have a final legal opinion, but my pop legal view is that there is a legitimate expectation issue here: if you are given a right, it can’t be taken away without a legitimate process.
• Matthew Naylor: I’m not sure Metro Vancouver regulates well, but I have problems with how UBC regulates too. Would you and the University be in favour of a new governance structure, such as municipal incorporation?
• Stephen Owen: I think we should be looking at different models and consider what structures can properly recognize us as the University of British Columbia. We have to look at some very dramatically different structures.
• Matthew Naylor: By what process?
• Stephen Owen: This is part of the process here.
• Michael Duncan said he was not sure the Metro Vancouver proposal presupposed certain outcomes. Wouldn’t the best response be to talk to Metro Vancouver? We’ve had problems with how UBC develops land; we’ve been disappointed.
• Stephen Owen: We talk to the GVRD in any way we can. This proposal is disrespectful of our board by their board. As to disappointments, we all have disappointments. That’s why we stand up and speak. On the farm, for instance, the community came forward and said, We’re worried. And now we’re close to an extraordinary result.

A vote on whether to continue the presentation carried.

• Johannes Rebane: There is interest on campus in the governance issue. Would you be interested in bringing this issue forward?
• Stephen Owen: I think it’s always healthy to discuss these issues. Nothing should be static; there is value in looking at a whole new legal status for UBC. But it’s a Board of Governors decision.
• Neal Yonson: On the conflict of interest issue, just because Vancouver regulates its own land too doesn’t make it right.
• Stephen Owen: My point is simply that this was not a reasonable frame to put it in; it’s as applicable to the GVRD itself as to us.
• Alex Lougheed:
  o If the AMS and the UNA worked together, they could force a referendum on governance. It is the community that ultimately has control.
  o In some ways, the AMS has more allies at Metro Vancouver than at UBC.
A broader discussion on our internal rules needs to take place. As to the farm, it was not an example of democracy working at UBC. It was the pressure of the Friends of the Farm supported by the AMS and by Metro Vancouver that caused the Board of Governors to cave.

Stephen Owen: If the student body mobilized with the UNA to make a representation for a change of governance, that’s your right. The signatures the Friends of the Farm mobilized constituted a persuasive act of democracy. The Board of Governors didn’t cave; it listened to the public.

Tahara Bhate noted that other universities in Canada are part of municipalities and asked if UBC’s situation was unique.

Stephen Owen: Most universities in Canada are within municipal boundaries, and they tend to have a simple single zone around their university precinct. That’s not dissimilar from us under the OCP. Yes, they’re within municipal boundaries, but we seem much more regulated than other universities.

Blake Frederick:
- The farm was not an example of UBC listening. It took eight months of lobbying, campus-wide student protest, and the intervention of Metro Vancouver to exert pressure on the UBC Board.
- This proposal is an opportunity; we should review the governance of this area in a meaningful way.
- The Board of Governors has been reluctant to make this area more representative, especially of students, the largest group here.
- This proposal is a signal that something is wrong with the way the University is governed.

Stephen Owen: Any organization’s governance can always be open to discussion, so let’s start that conversation. But we have to think carefully about succumbing in any way to what Metro Vancouver is suggesting.

Jeremy McElroy: What would you have us do?

Stephen Owen: Any issue starts with thinking carefully about the issues. This Council is representative of the most important constituency at the University.

Jeremy McElroy: Recent years have seen the respect of the University for its student body erode. The University Administration wants us to fight together with them, but are you serious about taking us seriously?

Stephen Owen:
- I haven’t experienced a diminution of respect for students, and as evidenced by the farm issue, I haven’t noticed shyness or reticence in student bodies about expressing views.
- You should think about it, stand up, and articulate what you think should happen. I doubt that the voice of the students would not carry the day.
- I know that you have to take care to see that you have your constituency with you. I invite you to consult your constituency too.

Andrea Morgan:
- As past president of the Friends of the Farm, I can tell you that gathering 15,000 signatures is not easy. I don’t think the University wants students forgetting their studies to spend time to save their classrooms.
- Also, during the campaign, Metro Vancouver was far more accessible than the Board of Governors was. Metro Vancouver allowed long discussions and responded in an informed way. The Board of Governors
allowed only a brief time for a presentation and then held a discussion behind closed doors.

- The farm aside, how can students help increase dialogue and access to the Board of Governors?

- Stephen Owen: I stand in awe of the passion around the farm. The 24 hectares issue moved forward because of the advocacy and the raised consciousness in the University community. Advocacy works in an academic community that listens and learns.

- Neal Yonson: How early could Metro Vancouver put its proposal in place?

- Nancy Knight: There’s four months for the working group; then a revised bylaw, three readings at the Metro board, a public hearing, a fourth reading. It could be six months to a year.

10. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN, SECONDED FRASER YOUNG:

“Whereas Metro Vancouver is considering a new set of bylaws for UBC,

Be it resolved that Council direct the AMS Campus Planning & Development Committee to investigate this matter and report back to Council no later than the second meeting in January.”

... Carried

For (30): Bijan Ahmadian, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Aaron Sihota, Guillaume Houle, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Eric Zhang

Abstained: Maria Cirstea, Jimmy Yan

VP Finance Trip - Tom Dvorak

- Partly the trip was for a stakeholder meeting with Studentcare and he came away certain that Studentcare is the correct health plan provider for us, the only student-centred business among a bunch of big insurance companies seeking to get into the student market.

- He also did research at Queen’s, where the student society has students for managers who turn over every year in IT, Food and Beverage, and Communications. This wouldn’t work here; they’re much smaller. But perhaps we can take something away from that: get more student internships and learning into our model.

- Also, their student fees have a sunset clause; they have to go to referendum on them every three years.

- And one lesson from them: Don’t compete with the bookstore.

- They advertise their walk home program in their pub.

- They also sell large pitchers in their pub, which would be nice, but against BC law.
Questions
- Iggy Rodriguez asked about meeting quorum in their referendums.
- Tom Dvorak: They have an easier time meeting quorum because they’re smaller.

D) President’s Remarks or Blake’s Broadcast (Blake Frederick):

See quarterly.
The two largest things:
- SUB negotiations
- The Metro Vancouver bylaws: they could be good for our cause.

E) Executive Remarks:

**Johannes Rebane – VP External:**
- See quarterly.
- TLEF.
- Themed student housing, living and learning communities.
- Read In Flanders Fields at the Remembrance Day ceremony.
- UNA Board Meeting: Salt Spring Coffee evicted. Metro Vancouver.
- Campus safety.
- Undergraduate writing programs.

Questions
- Tahara Bhate asked about the AMS exam database.
- Johannes Rebane: It exists, or did. The University is trying to get it going; we’re working with them; we’re not the ones doing anything.
- Lin Watt: The EUS thinks your AVP is helping.
- Johannes Rebane: Not officially.

**Crystal Hon – VP Administration**
- Talking to the Alumni about future uses of space, sharing.
- SUB update coming; presentation next time with UBC, including finance model.
- Renos: revamp concourse re seating and space; new couches in Executive offices.

**Tom Dvorak – VP Finance**
- Follow-up on some takeaways from the trip to Montreal and Kingston.
- Reviewing IPF Applications; meeting tomorrow morning!
- Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting.
- In camera session revived during governance review; now used more comprehensively
- Potential tax return increase for students! --> university athletics fee can be considered for tax credit - roughly $4.50 per student. Special thanks to Henry Chen for doing the discovery and legwork around this, and look out for future updates!
- Impacts committee meetings.
• Wrote a quarterly and then another quarterly – Thank you to those who read it! There are many detailed updates within.

Pavani Gunadasa – Executive Coordinator Student Services
• Details are in my quarterly.
• Joint Meeting – Student Development and Services Directors and AMS Services Coordinators to gain better understanding of AMS Services.
• Suicide Awareness Day.
• Thrive Week.
• Safety Coordinator.
• CLC/LEAP Student Advisory Committee.
• Internship Information Sessions.
• UBC Ombuds Office opening reception.
• Finalized the hiring of the Support Services Coordinator for SASC.

Timothy Chu – VP External
What I’ve been working on:

TransLink
- New B-Line stops at Arbutus and Fraser
- BC Comptroller General’s report is out and it recommends:
  o Mayor’s Council to be expanded to include other stakeholders
    ▪ Province must be included
    ▪ Potential for representative from UBC Area
  o Mayor’s Council be renamed to Transit Authority and the Transit Authority given the power to remove Board members

U-Pass Subsidy Applications
- Applicants will be receiving emails about who got the subsidy
- Sending the information to the University has slowed down a bit because we are busy inputting the data into a spreadsheet

Cuts and Coffee Campaign
- It was cold and windy, but volunteers still came out to help
- Collected over 500 postcards

Third Quarterly Report
- Accidentally forgot to update the summary section of the report, so the summary is a summary of the second quarterly report… oops.

What I will be working on:
- Cleaning his office

F) Committee Reports:
G) Constituency Reports:

Arts – Guillaume Houle:
- External review made public Friday.
- Night of 1000 dinners (about landmines) on Tuesday.
- Arts Last Lecture – waiting for speaker to say yes.
- Lace up for Kids fundraiser.
- Meet the Dean session on sexual violence on campus.
- AUS WAG movie dissolve.
- End of term social: Frostbite.

Forestry – Natalie Swift:
- Talk on Dec 1 on restoration of Stanley Park.
- Social hockey with Geers.
- Logger Games.

Library-Archival – Erin Abler:
- CBC Vancouver talk.
- Dec 4th end of term pot luck.
- Planning for annual career fair.

GSS – Luke Luukkonen:
- No report.

Engineering – Lin Watt:
- Playing hockey against Forestry.

Commerce – Laura Silvester.

Science – Jimmy Yan:
- Fundraising: Lace up for Kids.
- Grad photos keeping Ladha Centre busy.
- Reviewing Science club grants.

Education – Courtney English:
- Social tomorrow at the Pit.
- 3 year contract with grad photo company.

Law – Dia Montgomery:
- Law Library is noisy due to construction.

Human Kinetics – Fraser Young:
- Lace up for Kids – double the teams from last year.

The Speaker asked for a vote to extend Council for one hour

... Carried
For (13): Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Luke Luukkanen, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (3): Ekaterina Dovjenko, Guillaume Houle, Johannes Rebane

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

Board of Governors – Michael Duncan:
- Committees meet next week:
  - Strategic Plan
  - University Act amendments from Bill 13
  - U Square, Alumni Centre Memorandum of Understanding
  - Olympics
  - South Campus

Senate – Geoff Costeloe:
- Graduated students.
- New budget model.
- UBC Equity & Diversity plan
- Strategic Plan endorse
- Out of province applicants can use Grade 11 marks
- Upped Alberta students’ rate by 2% because Alberta grades tend to be lower.

Ombudsperson – Hayden Hughes

11. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That Council direct the Executive Committee to meet at least once prior to each regularly scheduled meeting of the AMS Council prior to the next AMS Annual General Meeting.”

- Kyle Warwick:
  - This is from the Oversight Committee. The committee feels there is not enough communication between Executives and is concerned that scheduled Executive meetings are not happening. The lack of communication has been reflected in things happening at Council.
  - He was sorry it seemed like blindsiding. He thought he’d communicated it.

- Blake Frederick: I am very insulted, and it’s absolutely ridiculous that the Oversight Committee is making decisions about scheduling of Executive meetings without consulting the Executive. It would be better to discuss this with us at Oversight meetings. I feel disrespected by this. The censure motion was fine, but is this going to be a weekly thing? I did feel blindsided.
• Tahara Bhate: Is there a particular reason the Executive Committee wasn’t meeting regularly?
• Blake Frederick: It’s your assumption that it was not. We have a weekly meeting time, a standing time. If a meeting is not needed, no meeting is held. Or if people are away at other meetings or ill, there may not be a meeting.
• Tahara Bhate: There’s been problems with Executive dynamics this year, but it might be better to have the Executive meet every week. I’m not sure this is the correct way to do it. I do take issue with the suggestion that you may not need to have meetings every week. As with the censure issue, will you do this voluntarily, or do we need a motion?
• Blake Frederick: We do meet informally outside the Executive meetings.
• Jimmy Yan: The Executive seems fragmented. It seems the Executive doesn’t know what it’s doing. Communication seems to be a problem.
• Katherine Tyson: You should meet once a week; there’s a lot of business. This motion just says once every two weeks. This would help get you on the same page.
• Geoff Costeloe: I’m in favour of the thoughts behind this motion; there have definitely been conflicts in the Executive and between Council and the Executive. But I’m not sure frequent meetings will help. Also, it’s up to the Executive to do it. Council can’t dictate every little thing the Executive does.
• Timothy Chu: I’m the biggest fan of regularized committee meetings, and the Executive Committee does have regularized meetings. We meet every Thursday at 2 pm. When we don’t have any business, then we don’t meet. Recently there have been meetings people couldn’t attend, largely because of illness.
• Jeremy McElroy: I went off on last year’s Executive for not submitting minutes. Now I’m three times as mad. There are no minutes and no meetings. Have meetings. Submit minutes.
• Iggy Rodriguez: Council and Oversight act as a check on the Executive. We’ve found something on which the Executive is erring; our job is to push you. Have the meetings, so you don’t waste our time.
• Bijan Ahmadian: We don’t want to impose things. We shouldn’t be telling the Executive to be meeting. But the fact that this has come to us indicates there’s a problem.
• Tahara Bhate asked about minutes from Oversight.
• Kyle Warwick: The chronological crunch didn’t allow that.
• Matthew Naylor: Executive Committee meetings felt like torture to me at the end of my term, but I went because it was my job. Suck it up. Do your job.

12. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (26): Bijan Ahmadian, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Courtney English, Aaron Sihota, Guillaume Houle, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes
Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (2): Tahara Bhate, Blake Frederick

Abstained: Tom Dvorak

13. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That Council direct the Executive Committee to meet at least once prior to each regularly scheduled meeting of the AMS Council prior to the next AMS Annual General Meeting.”

... Carried

For (23): Bijan Ahmadian, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Aaron Sihota, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (2): Tahara Bhate, Geoff Costeloe

Abstained: Timothy Chu, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens

14. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED CAROLEE CHANGFOOT:

“That Council accept the Grad Class Council bylaw changes as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Alex Lougheed (Grad Class Council president): Please help us be useful. We get $9 each from fourth-year students and use it for wicked stuff: the Grad Class gift and planting a tree. But we’ve been unable to meet quorum; there’s a Cycle of Fail. The changes will force an election if we can’t get quorum by November and also lower quorum at a general meeting.

15. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED CAROLEE CHANGFOOT:

“That Council accept the Grad Class Council bylaw changes as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (24): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan
Against (1): Geoff Costeloe

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

16. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Minutes of Student Council dated October 21, 2009
Minutes of the Oversight Committee dated October 28, 2009.”

... Carried

For (21): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Geoff
Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Aaron Sihota, Crystal Hon, Luke
Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor,
Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Katherine
Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoudi), Timothy Chu,
Ekaterina Dovjenko, Guillaume Houle, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Fraser
Young

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

C) Presentations to Council:

Electoral Reform – Andrew Carne

• Three proposed Code amendments:
  o Appeal deadlines. The current rule of 72 hours after the occurrence is
    hard to define and potentially unfair. To make it more clear, appeals will
    now be allowed until at least a week after the close of balloting for any
    irregularities in the whole electoral process.
  o International Student Seat: Currently, there is no definition of international
    students in the Code and no procedures for the international student
    election. In line with the original purpose of the seat, the proposal is that
    only international students can run or vote for the position, but for
    logistical reasons anyone will be allowed to nominate, and only 20
    nominators will be needed, as opposed to 50 for Executives.
  o Slates. Slates were banned five years ago. There has been much
    discussion about bringing them back. The committee is leaving the
    decision to Council. If the motion on lifting the ban on slates fails, then
    the committee has prepared another one to clarify slates.
    ▪ A survey showed support for unbanning slates, but not for
      eliminating paper ballots, so the committee decided to stick
      with the status quo on the use of paper ballots.
Questions

- Geoff Costeloe asked for details on the plan to clarify slates, but it was decided to wait to see the result of the unbanning proposal.

L) Committee Motions:

17. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: International Student Election’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (15): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Luke Luukkanen, Dia Montgomery, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (1): Matthew Naylor

Abstained: Geoff Costeloe, Aaron Sihota, Guillaume Houle, Joel Mertens, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick

18. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Election Appeals’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (30): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Aaron Sihota, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Luke Luukkanen, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Joel Mertens

19. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Unbanning Slates’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Andrew Carne noted that there had been a last-minute change in the proposal to remove a clause putting a financial limitation on the amount of money slate members could spend on slate materials (the 1/x clause). Now slates will be able to pool all their money.
- Mitch Wright said it seemed unfair that slates can pool their money when independent candidates can’t.
- Andrew Carne: We felt that the idea was to allow slates, and that clause would be unduly limiting the slate; it would limit every candidate to spend only a small fraction of their expenditures because they’d want to spend everything on slate materials.
- Iggy Rodriguez: This is such a good thing. What makes slates great is that they unify people behind an idea. This will increase student engagement. My constituents overwhelmingly say it’s stupid not to have slates. The survey showed students are overwhelmingly in favour of slates. Slates lead to more diversity because slates want to appeal to a broad base. If you want to favour diversity, vote for this.

20. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the word Senate be struck from the Code change.”

- Geoff Costeloe: The Senators are elected by faculty; it’s not political. Having slates would be confusing in Senate elections. The Senators are separate from AMS politics, which gives us legitimacy.
- Matthew Naylor: Everything we do is political; the Senate too. Five of the Senators are elected at large. As for the Constituency Senators, that should be up to the Constituencies.
- Joel Mertens: Last year we didn’t have enough candidates for Senate. There are already enough hoops; adding slates would be another set of hoops. On Senate, as opposed to the AMS, all the students have the same viewpoint; you’re there to represent all students; there’s no reason to have slates.
- Bijan Ahmadian: The proposal wouldn’t force you to run on a slate, and these days in the Facebook environment you can be elected as an independent even if others are on a slate. We should allow candidates to associate with who they want; candidates should have freedom of expression.
- Dave Tompkins read an email saying slates lead to extreme swings.
- Alex Lougheed: In the slate era, the slate candidates for Senate were often throwaway candidates picked to fill diversity quotas; it undermined our Senate reputation. There’s a camaraderie at the Senate; introducing explicit politics is very corrosive.

The Speaker asked for a vote to extend Council for one more hour.

… Carried

For (22): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhat, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan,
Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (7): Ekaterina Dovjenko, Aaron Sihota, Guillaume Houle, Luke Luukkonen, Johannes Rebane, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson

Abstained: Carolee Changfoot

Back to debate on the Senate amendment

- Blake Frederick: Student Senate Caucus is political; it’s an advocacy job. I don’t think having the Caucus be political is damaging; it clearly is political, and slates would not change that.
- Iggy Rodriguez: What would happen if a VP Academic candidate on a slate ran for Senate?
- Campbell Bryson: Most students don’t know what Senators are. If I saw a candidate on a slate, as a regular person I would be more inclined to vote for them, or vote for Senators in general, if they were on a slate I liked.
- Dave Tompkins: On the question of a VP Academic candidate running for Senate, I think their VP Academic posters could indicate slate affiliation, but their Senate posters could not.
- Geoff Costeloe: These are Senate-run elections; I’m not sure what the Administration would do. I don’t want the politicking seen in the AMS to enter the Senate Caucus. Senators have been good this year.
- Matthew Naylor challenged Alex and others to find anyone on a slate who would say they were a throwaway candidate. And the University was okay before when slates were here. Slate Senators did positive work; the Library hours extension was thanks to them.
- Adrienne Smith: The other half of the equation is that Senators also sit on this board. It’s wrong to say that they’re apolitical when they come to Council.
- Bijan Ahmadian: Senators on slates were not lower quality. They chose to run for Senate because they didn’t want to make the time commitment needed to be an Executive. There were some very highly qualified candidates. If we allow slates for some and not for others, we invite complaints.
- Joel Mertens: We decided to allow Constituencies to make their own decisions. We’ve heard Senators speak out against having slates. Why not allow Senate to make its own decisions, which would be against slates. Slates are not a good fit for Senate.

21. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the word Senate be struck from the Code change.”

...Carried

For (15): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Aaron Sihota, Crystal Hon, Joel Mertens, Dia
Montgomery, Julian Ritchie, Natalie Swift, Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (10): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Courtney English, Guillaume Houle, Luke Luukkonen, Johannes Rebane

Back to main motion

- Matthew Naylor: Slates are a means of engagement. In federal elections, people get involved not because of Elections Canada, but to support a political party. The idea that slates would stop fractious executives: that didn’t happen. There are slates already; it’s just a question of whether or not you are caught or whether you have a logo on your poster. If there are slates already, let people know. It’s a question of transparency and openness.

- Michael Duncan:
  - The slate system hinders your ability to win if you’re an independent.
  - There’s no democratic process for choosing candidates for a slate, so in an election under slates we’re not electing the people; we’re electing the strong people who control the slate.
  - Slates are about getting elected, which leads to tokenism and diversity; you pick a Varsity candidate and a Residence candidate. That’s not necessarily best for the AMS; it’s just best for getting elected.
  - We have fractious executives now, yes, but it was worse when there were slates.
  - On a slate you can’t pursue your own independent thoughts.

- Alex Lougheed: Slates will change the entire dynamic of elections. In the non-slate world there are implicit slates; friends get together. But it’s still implicit; there’s a fear of getting caught. It changes the mentality. Slates encourage party lines and polarization.

Automatic calling of the question.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

…Defeated

For (10): Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Ekaterina Dovjenko, Courtney English, Aaron Sihota, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Ryan Trasolini, Fraser Young

Against (18): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Julian
Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

Abstained: Jimmy Yan

- Lin Watt: Slates will increase barriers for students who are not part of the politicization process or the insider AMS group. I don't think slates will increase student engagement. They will actually decrease student engagement. Slates will lead to the most popular candidates getting elected, not the best. If the best were elected, they should be able to work together because they'll have a level of professionalism.
- Joel Mertens: I guess Iggy and I talked to very different groups of people. People around when slates were around or at other schools with slates are all against slates. Slates tend to waste more time and money; there's bickering between slates, jostling for power. There's a tendency to like slates in this room because it makes it easier to concentrate power and it makes it harder for those outside to get involved.
- Tahara Bhate said she had gone back and forth on this issue. If there were a formal nomination process for slates, they might be okay; there'd be mechanisms of recourse. She'd like regulations for slates. But Code and Policies didn't think that was a good idea. She suggested a compromise: informal slates.
- Tom Dvorak: You probably wouldn't have seen me run if there had been slates. It would have been just another hoop or layer of bureaucracy to get through. And the idea of having to compromise to bend to a party line I'd have trouble with.
- Blake Frederick:
  - It's easier to get involved if there are slates. It would have been easier for me if I'd had a team.
  - It's a benefit to the electorate to make the slates explicit.
  - Now elections are based on personality and if you're a member of a club that supports you. Slates would shift the emphasis to ideas.
  - It would be easier for the voter; now there are too many candidates to evaluate.
  - I don't think there'd be muzzling to a party line.
- Bijan Ahmadian: Slates worked well together as a team, but definitely had conflicts. There was no particular party line pressure.
- Colin Simkus: Let's not fool ourselves. There are slates. Shed some sunlight on them. Sunlight is the best disinfectant.

Automatic calling of the question

Note Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (16): Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Tahara Bhate, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mike Duncan, Courtney English, Aaron Sihota, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Ryan Trasolini, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young
Against (14): Bijan Ahmadian, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Blake Frederick, Joel Mertens, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt

- Bijan Ahmadian: The underlying assumption is that voters are not intelligent enough. We didn’t have enough information then. We didn’t have Facebook then. We no longer have that barrier to independent candidates. If we keep the ban, the Elections Administrator will have lots of complaints. We have to have rules that are reasonable.
- Timothy Chu: If slates create additional hoops, that may not be such a bad thing. They may make candidates really want it. Slates will create a new level of engagement; they’ll bring people in. Bickering etc. – that’s democracy. This is the way to keep Council accountable.
- Johannes said two students had told him they thought they’d have no shot if slates were implemented.
- Julian Ritchie expressed opposition to slates, saying they’d increase voter turnout but make voters stupider. It would mean voting for candidates just because you like others on the slate.
- Aaron Sihota said he was not convinced slates would increase voter turnout. Voter turnout went up last year without slates. Slates are a barrier to independent candidates.
- Guest: He was against slates because people in slates would not be able to express personal opinions on major issues.
- Another Guest: With slates you at least know the candidates will work well with others on that slate.
- Geoff Costeloe: Slates could provide a bit more oversight on the Executive. In slates, if you’re bad, you’ll hurt others in your slate. Also, slates may provide a transfer of knowledge to others running next time. The current system is broken. Changing it wouldn’t break it more.
- Kyle Warwick said those he consulted thought it ridiculous we didn’t have slates and bordering on an infringement of the Charter. It’s a natural tendency to form associations to advance common interests.
- Natalie Swift said her Forestry constituents are not in favour of slates. She didn’t think slates were the way to address the oversight issue.

22. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That the motion on slates be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.”

[Aaron Sihota has Paul Godin take over as his proxy]

- Iggy Rodriguez: Council is divided; we need further discussion in committee.
- Andrew Carne: Code can’t rule on this issue. It’s not an issue of wording; it’s a political decision. Also, we don’t have time; nominations open before the next Council meeting.
- Blake Frederick: There are some compromises that could be made to make Council happy.
• Guillaume Houle: There’s a nomination meeting on Monday; we need to decide now.
• Joel Mertens: There is a compromise that’s been suggested if we don’t like this motion.
• Iggy Rodriguez: Council is not happy with this form of this motion; it needs to go to committee.
• Bijan Ahmadian: We have to be conscious of the Election Administrator’s timeline, but that can be adjusted. It sounds like people are happy with ending the ban, just don’t want formal slates.

23. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds  … No objections

24. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That the motion on slates be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.”

… Defeated

For (10): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Blake Frederick, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick

Against (21): Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

25. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That the question be called on the main motion.”

… No objections

26. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Unbanning Slates’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds  … Defeated

For (14): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Blake
Frederick, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (15): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Paul Godin (proxy for Aaron Sihota), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Natalie Swift, Katherine Tyson, Lin Watt

Abstained: Carolee Changfoot, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko

The Speaker asked for a vote to extend Council for one hour. ... Carried

For (24): Tahara Bhate, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Julian Ritchie, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (4): Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Ekaterina Dovjenko, Iggy Rodriguez, Katherine Tyson

Abstained: Paul Godin (proxy for Aaron Sihota), Johannes Rebane

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

27. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Sima Shoker and Jeremy Jaud be reinstated as members of SAC until May 1, 2010.”

- Crystal Hon explained that the Bylaws say SAC members lose their seats if they miss a certain number of SAC meetings, but they can reinstated by Council. Sima had been ill and Jeremy had spent a lot of time at the Art Gallery, not leaving him time to attend SAC meetings. But they both will attend now.

28. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Sima Shoker and Jeremy Jaud be reinstated as members of SAC until May 1, 2010.”

... Carried

For (25): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea,
Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Paul Godin (proxy for Aaron Sihota), Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (1): Jeremy McElroy

Abstained: Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Matthew Naylor, Katherine Tyson

29. MOVED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the agenda be amended to add a transit motion.”

...No objections

30. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“Whereas TransLink has proposed a Canada Line YVR Add Fare which would require a passenger, travelling between Bridgeport and Templeton Canada Line stations in either direction, to pay $2.50 in addition to the applicable zone fare for travel to Richmond; and

Whereas TransLink has indicated that, if implemented, U-Pass holders would be required to pay the YVR Add Fare; and

Whereas TransLink has agreed to provide U-Pass holders unlimited use of TransLink funded bus (including Community Shuttles), SkyTrain, and SeaBus transportation services within the GVRD,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS oppose the inclusion of U-Pass holders in the scope of the YVR Add Fare; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS President submit comments to the TransLink Commissioner prior to November 30, 2009, articulating the AMS’s position on this matter.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Michael Duncan: We have an agreement; isn't this illegal? Can’t we sue them?
• Tahara Bhate: TransLink is not fully responsible for the Canada Line; there’s another company involved. This motion raises public awareness.
• Adrienne Smith said it was not advisable to sue right away.
• Blake Frederick: This is good; you can direct me to do this.

31. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED BLAKE FREDERICK:

“Whereas TransLink has proposed a Canada Line YVR Add Fare which would require a passenger, travelling between Bridgeport and Templeton Canada Line
stations in either direction, to pay $2.50 in addition to the applicable zone fare for travel to Richmond; and

Whereas TransLink has indicated that, if implemented, U-Pass holders would be required to pay the YVR Add Fare; and

Whereas TransLink has agreed to provide U-Pass holders unlimited use of TransLink funded bus (including Community Shuttles), SkyTrain, and SeaBus transportation services within the GVRD;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS oppose the inclusion of U-Pass holders in the scope of the YVR Add Fare; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS President submit comments to the TransLink Commissioner prior to November 30, 2009, articulating the AMS's position on this matter."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (29): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Tahara Bhate, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Paul Godin (proxy for Aaron Sihota), Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Natalie Swift, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

32. MOVED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the agenda be amended to include the other slate motions.”

- Tahara Bhate: The Elections Administrator says these aren’t needed right away, so we can postpone them till next meeting.

33. MOVED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the agenda be amended to include the other slate motions.”

... Defeated

For (6): Andrew Carne, Mike Duncan, Paul Godin (proxy for Aaron Sihota), Joel Mertens, Julian Ritchie, Lin Watt

Against (16): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Tahara Bhate, Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Jeremy McElroy, Dia Montgomery, Iggy Rodriguez, Natalie Swift, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young
Abstained: Guillaume Houle, Johannes Rebane

34. MOVED JIMMY YAN

“That the Standing Committee motions be postponed to the December 2 Council meeting.”

… Defeated

For (10): Campbell Bryson (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi), Courtney English, Paul Godin (proxy for Aaron Sihota), Dia Montgomery, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (13): Bijan Ahmadian, Nader Beyzaei (proxy for Laura Silvester), Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Natalie Swift, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick

Abstained: Carolee Changfoot, Blake Frederick, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Ryan Trasolini

P) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

35. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That ____________ be appointed to the University and External Relations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.

Nominees: Andrew Carne (Engineering), Bijan Ahmadian (BoG), Tahara Bhate (Science), Kyle Warwick (Arts), Katherine Tyson (Arts), Joel Mertens (Senate), Iggy Rodriguez (Science), Carolee Changfoot (Arts), Eric Zhang (Social Work)

Council chose: Andrew Carne, Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Kyle Warwick, Katherine Tyson, and Joel Mertens

That ____________ be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.

Nominees: Fraser Young (Human Kinetics), Jimmy Yan (Science), Michael Duncan (BoG), Ryan Trasolini (Arts), Jeremy McElroy (Arts), Carolee Changfoot (Arts), Mike Silley (Arts), Sam Law (Music)

Council chose: Fraser Young, Jimmy Yan, Ryan Trasolini, Jeremy McElroy, Michael Duncan, and Carolee Changfoot

That ____________ be appointed to the Business and Facilities Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.
Nominees: Ekatrina Dovjenko, Aaron Sihota, Jimmy Yan, Carolee Changfoot, Luke Luukkonen, and Mike Silley

That ________, __________, _________, _________, __________, ________ (Council members) be appointed to the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.

Nominees: Julian Ritchie, Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Iggy Rodriguez, Matthew Naylor, and Dia Montgomery

That ________, __________, _________, _________, __________, ________ (Council members) be appointed to the Education Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.

Nominees: Lin Watt, Aaron Sihota, Tahara Bhate, Geoff Costeloe, and Joel Mertens

36. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED GUILLAUME HOULE:

“That Andrew Carne, Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhat, Kyle Warwick, Katherine Tyson, and Joel Mertens be appointed to the University and External Relations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.

That Fraser Young, Jimmy Yan, Ryan Trasolini, Jeremy McElroy, Michael Duncan, and Carolee Changfoot be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.

That Ekatrina Dovjenko, Aaron Sihota, Jimmy Yan, Carolee Changfoot, Luke Luukkonen, and Mike Silley be appointed to the Business and Facilities Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.

That Julian Ritchie, Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Iggy Rodriguez, Matthew Naylor, and Dia Montgomery be appointed to the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.

That Lin Watt, Aaron Sihota, Tahara Bhate, Geoff Costeloe, and Joel Mertens be appointed to the Education Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2010.

For (23): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

35. MOVED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the rest of the appointments be postponed to the December 2nd Council meeting.”

... No objections
Note: Matthew Naylor left the room for the next motion.

36. MOVED FRASER YOUNG, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“Whereas Code precludes a sitting Council member from starting work with the AMS; and

Whereas the Business Office has stated that they would be comfortable that no conflict of interest would arise in this situation,

Therefore be it resolved that Council suspend the appropriate section of Code to allow Matthew Naylor to work as an AMS Security Guard

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Blake Frederick: I don’t think this is a good idea. The rule is in place for good reason. If Board members are employees, it raises HR issues. I’m concerned about the precedent.
• Jeremy McElroy: Elena and I worked while Council members.
• Tom Dvorak: It wasn’t right.
• It was noted that Elena had been an employee first, so it was all right in her case.
• Jimmy Yan: Justin Yang resigned his AMS seat to become an AMS employee.
• Kyle Warwick: I have trouble seeing how Council will do anything to impact something operational like a Security Guard position.
• Tom Dvorak: Directors should not also be employees. Matt would have a boss and he’d be that person’s boss. It’s a really bad precedent.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Defeated

For (7): Mike Duncan, Jeremy McElroy, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Fraser Young

Against (6): Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Jimmy Yan
Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Joel Mertens, Julian Ritchie

38. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Restoring Agenda Deadlines’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Andrew Carne: When we did committee reform, we forgot to include some changes we made in the summer.

39. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Restoring Agenda Deadlines’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (19): Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (1): Matthew Naylor

Abstained: Guillaume Houle

40. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE:

“That the agenda be amended to include a cab fare motion.”

… No objections

41. MOVED KATHERINE TYSON, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council approve late night travel expenses for Councillors as prescribed in Code.”

… Carried

For (20): Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Dia Montgomery, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Mike Silley, Ryan Trasolini, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Blake Frederick
P) Discussion Period

Q) Submissions:
   Quarterly Reports

R) Next Meeting:
   December 2, 2009

S) Adjournment:

37. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED CAROLEE CHANGFOOT:

   “That the meeting be adjourned.”

   The meeting adjourned at 1:08 am.

   For (17): Andrew Carne, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Guillaume Houle, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Mike Silley, Katherine Tyson, Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

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A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

1. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

   “That Council rise for recess for five minutes and reconvene in the Hebb Theatre.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

   ... No objections

2. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   ... Carried

The meeting reconvened at 5:16 pm in the Hebb Theatre.
3. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED GEOFF COSTELOE:

“That Hayden Hughes, Maria Cirstea and Dia Montgomery be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

... No objections

4. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED GEOFF COSTELOE:

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... Carried

5. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

... No objections

6. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

7. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That video recording be allowed during the meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

8. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED HAYDEN HUGHES:

“That debate be limited in the following ways:

- 2 minute speaking limit
- 30 minute debate limit, after which a 2/3rds vote must pass to continue debate. If such a vote does not pass, a vote shall be held
- The speakers list should alternate between Councillors and students at large when possible.”

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

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

The Speaker asked if there were any objections to skipping sections C – N on the agenda.

... No objections

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President's Remarks:

E) Executive Remarks:

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

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

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

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:

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

10. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KATHERINE TYSON:
"Be it resolved that Council retract the complaint to the UN against the BC and Canadian governments, and direct the AMS Communications Department to issue a press release stating that this was not the will of the Society, and that, as the President overstepped his bounds in taking this action, this should not be construed as an action of the Society.

Be it further resolved that Council prohibit the expenditure of any further AMS resources of any nature on this action."

- **Matthew Naylor:**
  - There are a number of reasons to pass this motion. The first has to do with the procedures of the AMS.
  - Actions like the UN complaint should be the actions of Council. The press conference was not approved by the Communications Planning Group. The External Policy Committee was not consulted or informed of this massive shift in policy. The action was taken without informing most of the Executive Committee.
  - Not only does this action not have a particularly high degree of merit, but it was not properly done. This is not the way to get things done.
  - This is a stunt and one the AMS didn’t approve, so we have to retract it.

- **Dia Montgomery:**
  - Speaking as the Law representative, she knows that law students are often not involved in AMS issues. But this action has raised a lot of ire among them, for two reasons.
  - First procedurally. Even if it is technically true that Blake followed all the letter of the law, it should not be allowed that the President can conspire with a colleague and pretend it’s the whole school; he can’t pretend to act for us when it’s just him and some dude.
  - Secondly, there are more pressing human rights issues, such as child labour, slavery, sexual slavery, infanticide; and here in BC homelessness and hunger.
  - While tuition needs to be lower to make education accessible, before taking care of tuition, we need to take care of the people sleeping under bridges in the cold of winter.

- **Greg (member at large):** As to the procedural issue, procedures are supposed to facilitate, not limit the capacity to act, so the main issue is substantive. I’ve heard the action called a stunt. Granted, it may be a stunt, but sometimes stunts get you what you want. As a student paying a ridiculously amount of tuition, I’m fine with this.

- **Michael Duncan:** We may have to pay money to Pivot for work already done.

11. **MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN:**

   “That the motion be amended by changing ‘expenditure’ to ‘allocation’ and by deleting the phrase ‘of any nature’.”

   … No objections
• Phoebe (member at large): She described herself as a friend of Blake’s and said she thought education was a right. It shouldn’t be pitted against homelessness; they are both issues. She then presented several questions:
  o Is it your fault if you can’t afford tuition? Some people were lucky enough to be born into a family that could afford to pay for their education, but others weren’t.
  o Do we know for sure that Pivot Legal will cost more money?
  o What is the goal of impeachment?
  o What are the negative consequences of appealing to the UN?
• Iggy Rodriguez read an email he had received, which stated:
  o It was ridiculous and unfounded to go to the UN.
  o Blake has grievously abused his position as AMS President and is wasting time and money better spent on other issues.
  o If you thought this would have been supported by students, why didn’t you put it to a vote?
  o Blake should withdraw his claim, resign, and apologize.
• Iggy said the email sums up student feeling, adding that as a professional organization we must retract this statement that we did not make.
• Campbell Bryson (member at large): I am 100% with that email. The key word is representation. What Blake did was not representative of what I felt. It’s outrageous. I’m upset, as are all my friends. How could Blake have thought this is what we wanted?
• Jeremy Ingoldby (member at large): People at the UN are very busy. We’re not trying to ask that they pit this against other rights. It’s just a matter of priority. This is not as high priority as other problems facing the world. I think it’s an important issue. I’d love a free education, but there are more important things for the UN and the AMS to worry about.
• Geoff Costeloe:
  o I’m happy to see so many students at large here; I’m only sad it had to be on so dramatic an issue.
  o When representing 45,000 students, it’s important to weigh costs and benefits. What costs are we taking on in launching a lawsuit against the province? Why not lobby the province? I was lobbying. Blake and Tim were not there.
  o Staging stunts now and then just damages our relations with the province and the Administration.
  o The first step for us now is to take back this statement which was made under false pretences; it does more damage than good.

The Speaker (Dave Tompkins), who was about to leave, first ruled that the current motion was not a policy motion and thus did not require two-thirds.

He also reported that he had received recall petitions and declared them to be in order.

Notice of a special meeting on December 7th at 4:00 pm was given.

12. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the current motion be laid on the table.”

... No objections
13. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That Council appoint Colin Simkus as chair for the remainder of the meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

... No objections

14. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

Back to the motion to retract

• Elizabeth (member at large): For an internationally known university like UBC, our tuition really isn’t that bad. It’s not tuition so much as the cost of living in Vancouver that drives students into debt. The AMS should work on rental prices and the minimum wage.

• Jeremy McElroy: This complaint was issued on AMS letterhead. The issue is not tuition fees. Whether we should file a complaint is for Council to deliberate on; it’s not for two members of the Executive to do it after making only a one sentence comment in Executive minutes eight months before. The issue is how this was done. We were not consulted. This complaint might represent the views of a good number of students, but we can’t prove that. It did not go through the proper channels.

• Sarah (member at large):
  o It’s important to consider that this has already been released; it’s in the media. To retract it is also a statement on behalf of students.
  o Since everyone says reducing tuition fees is important, if we do retract, I hope something will be done to lobby to reduce tuition fees.
  o The reputation of the AMS is supposedly somehow decreased by this, but that should never take precedence over the needs of students, especially those who can’t afford to be here because they’re working.
  o As to the UN having better things to do, they have put in place that education is a human right.

• Bijan Ahmadian:
  o It’s not reducing tuition that necessarily makes education more accessible. Research has shown that increasing tuition can increase accessibility, because then you can take from those who can afford and give to others.
  o Blake was elected. So was Student Council.
  o We’re a globally important university. This makes us a laughing stock internationally. We need to withdraw the complaint.
Thirty minutes of debate having expired on this motion, the Chair asked for a vote on a motion to continue debate.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The Chair asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

... No objections

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Be it further resolved that Council prohibit the allocation of any further AMS resources on this action.”

... Carried Unanimously

In Favour (30): Johannes Rebane, Crystal Hon, Tom Dvorak, Guillaume Houle, Carolee Changfoot, Matthew Naylor, Kyle Warwick, Katherine Tyson, Jeremy McElroy, Ryan Trasolini, Michael Duncan, Bijan Ahmadian, Ekatrina Dovjenko, Laura Sylvester, Lin Watt, Andrew Carne, Julian Ritchie, Natalie Swift, Mona Maghsoodi, Fraser Young, Dia Montgomery, Erin Abler, Bonnie Wong, Aaron Sihota, Jimmy Yan, Maria Cirstea, Tahara Bhate, Ignacio Rodrigues, Geoff Costeloe, Joel Mertens

16. MOVED JIMMY YAN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“Be it resolved that Council request that President Blake Frederick resign from Council.”

- Bijan Ahmadian:
  - The role of the President is as the crafter of relations between the student organization and others and to contribute to the end goals of the AMS, which are to improve the educational, social, and personal lives of UBC students.
  - In relation to the Board of Governors, Blake has opposed the 2% tuition increase. Blake told the Board that raising tuition could sever relations
between the AMS and the Board at a time when SUB negotiations are underway.
  o He has damaged relations with regard to the Olympics, creating a huge gap of information for students.
  o He sent out a rushed press release about TransLink containing baseless accusations, leading the UBC President to say there isn’t a constructive relationship here.
  o Then he made students appear to be on the side of Metro Vancouver over a proposal that could undermine our university.
  o This is sabotage and shows him to be irreversible, irresponsible, and irrational. We need him to resign.
• Gregg (member at large) held up a poster put out by those calling for resignation and said they were not unbiased. He added:
  o We are hearing a lot about issues of democracy. Blake is a democratically elected leader, chosen by the students of this university. If you don’t like what he’s doing, you can vote against him in the next election. The solution is not for Council to force him to resign, but to vote against him in the next election.
  o If you’re saying Blake was undemocratic, what you’re doing here is also undemocratic. This is not an issue of democracy; it’s a question of power: your power versus Blake’s.
• Hayden Hughes said that the poster held up was not from AMS Council.
• Stas (member at large): Yes, he is the elected leader, but it all comes down to representation. And my question is, given that so many students have shown up, where’s the President?
• Joel Mertens:
  o Blake is one of my friends, but that’s not going to affect how I vote here.
  o Blake was elected. So were each of the Councillors. We have a mandate to listen to our constituents and solicit feedback. The President has a mandate to listen to Council; Council reflects constituents’ views back to the President. If the Executive is not listening to Council, then they are not listening to you the students.
  o It’s Council’s responsibility to make decisions that affect everybody. Council should be voting on contentious issues.
  o This was done behind Council’s back. There was no time rush; it could have come to Council. It should have. Therefore Blake should be resigning.
• Kristian Arciaga (member at large): This boils down to representation. Blake Frederick must resign. The UN stunt is a microcosm of his Presidency. He’s broken ties with his Executive, shed a negative light on UBC, demonstrated a lack of vision for the Olympics, and given us the TransLink press release fiasco.
• Matthew Naylor:
  o We do not elect a King with sovereign authority. Sovereign authority is vested in your Student Council. There’s a democratic framework in which policies are passed and actions are taken; proposals go to committee and then to Council.
  o This one was: Hide everything, then act on it. That’s not good.
  o This was hidden because these people knew it wouldn’t pass. They knew it was bad policy or in contravention of AMS policy. What will happen
next? What else is he hiding from us? I can’t in good conscience do anything but ask for resignation.

- Erin Abler asked what would happen if the Executives resigned.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said that according to the AMS Bylaws, there would be by-elections to fill the vacancies, and in the meantime Council would name interim Executives from among Council members.
- Jeremy Ingoldby (member at large):
  - I’ve never been as embarrassed as I have been over what’s happened.
  - This motion is the only way to go forward and distance ourselves from the irresponsible actions of the President.
  - I find it pointed that the President himself is not here; personally I would like to hear from him. I wish the President knew the importance of being here so he could present facts that might have been relevant before we vote on his resignation.
- At the request of Lin Watt, the chair read out the letter sent by the President and the Vice-President External. The time limit was suspended for the reading.
- Dia Montgomery asked about the legality of recall.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said that the letter’s reference to recall being illegal is probably a reference to a legal opinion the AMS received from one of its lawyers about the AMS Bylaw provision on recall. The AMS lawyer said that though her view, based on her reading of the Society Act and common practice, was that it was reasonable for a board of directors such as AMS Council to remove one of its directors, the only case on point says the opposite, thus making this provision arguably inconsistent with the Society Act, as she puts it at the beginning of her opinion, or clearly non-compliant as she puts it in her conclusion.
- Matthew Naylor said the plan was really just to remove the two Executives from office and not from their positions as directors on the board. They would still be able to vote.
- Jimmy Yan: Democracy does not stop when someone is elected. As SUS President, I have sought out feedback, and it seems Blake has overstepped his bounds. Some who voted for him now feel betrayed by him.
- Phoebe (member at large): Are you doing this for your own personal issues or for procedure? Or is it on behalf of students? Just calling a meeting – is that furthering student accessibility? You can say you represent students, but you don’t represent me. It would be easy to go along with the crowd and say Blake was wrong, but I think what Blake did was right. Your priority should be student accessibility. But if you impeach Blake, I hope you work on this tuition issue.
- Andrew Carne:
  - None of us are happy about this. We’d like to have a functional student government. That said, there has been wilful subversion of the democratic process. It seems clear the President does not care about the opinion of this Council and therefore of students, which has been demonstrated even further by his not being here today.
  - If we do not recall Blake Frederick, it shows that we think this is acceptable.
  - One thing to concede is that he has generated student interest – but unfortunately polarized in one direction. Most feedback has been against Blake; the vast majority of people responding call for his impeachment or resignation.
• Nick (member at large) called the President’s actions an affront to democracy and an abuse of power and implored Council to ask for his resignation or to impeach him.

• Kyle Warwick: We elect two things, a representative and an employee. As a representative, the President channels voices. As an employee, he has a duty to report to the board of directors. He’s been avoiding that. Feedback shows that 85% are in favour of recall; my clear responsibility is to vote for recall; it is a moral imperative.

• Arielle (member at large): I think it’s great that we have an AMS President who cares about lowering tuition and student rights. It’s shameful that Council is doing this.

• Nazanin Moghadami (international student representative):
  o This is the first year there’s been an international student representative on Council. Many Council members are against this representation.
  o International students are supporting our President because they pay the highest fees of anyone and they go up 5% a year. We are suffering the most.
  o I wasn’t consulted; Blake did wrong. But I support his actions.

• Campbell Bryson said he had a petition with 34 signatures of students calling for the resignations of Blake and Tim.

Thirty minutes of debate having expired on this motion, the chair asked for a vote on a motion to continue debate.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

• Aaron (member at large wearing UN hat):
  o When I came to Canada as an international student, I took on the responsibility of paying the international student fees.
  o This Executive takes symbolic actions, supporting protests against high fees in California, lodging a complaint with the UN.
  o The problem with this action is that it is not an important enough issue.
  o Speaking as a UN representative, he said: We need to invade Canada.

• Nicholas Fitzgerald (member at large) said he did not question that Mr. Frederick had the student interests at heart, but did he act appropriately as President of the AMS? He’s been burning bridges, and stunts like this are not appropriate. The ends do not justify the means. There are already organizations on campus that do things like that, the SDS for one.

• Iggy Rodriguez said he had received 30 emails, not counting the responses on the feedback form. There was a split on the merits of going to the UN, but on resignation a majority were in favour. Students are outraged over what Blake has done.

• Bob (member at large):
  o My understanding is that Blake has made multiple decisions that have damaged relations with external groups, e.g. the BC and Canadian governments.
  o He shows he doesn’t care about the opinions of students by not showing up here and by this stunt just two weeks after the censure motion.
If your MP, MLA, CEO, or Prime Minister or Premier irreparably damaged the reputation of your organization, I hope you’d ask them to resign and fight to impeach them to preserve your own integrity.

- Bijan Ahmadian: Despite the increase in international fees, enrollment of international students keeps going up. Allowing some increase in tuition fees allows for intergenerational equity, that is, creating enough resources for the next generation.
- Ole (member at large): Our priority is to uphold the reputation of UBC. The only way to do so is to ask for this resignation.
- Ryan Trasolini said he was not comfortable making this sort of decision without having Blake present to represent his position.

17. MOVED RYAN TRASOLINI:

“That this motion be tabled till Wednesday’s Council meeting.”

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- Someone asked where Blake was. Someone else said, At the NDP convention.
- Alex (guest): With 15% percent turnout at the last election, really only 7% voted for Blake. He should be looking to keep the quality of education high, not just lowering the cost.
- Jeremy McElroy:
  o The UN proposal was mentioned almost nine months ago in Executive minutes and then briefly one time after that. Just two references, two sentences. This has been in the works for nine months without telling Council.
  o This all comes on the tail of the censure motion that just barely failed. I stood up for him then and said everyone deserves one Get Out of Jail Free card, but this is the cinder block that broke the camel’s back.
  o He went behind our backs to do this. It’s just speculation, but perhaps he did not feel it would pass in Council.
  o Two Executives have circumvented procedures for nine months; it’s completely irresponsible. I call for their resignation.
- Robin (member at large): Blake has done numerous things to upset people, but only now immediately after the tuition action is there an emergency meeting. Why now? Why on such short notice? The newspapers will respond. Councillors seem more interested in their image than in tuition fees.
- Angus Cheung (student senator): Damage has been done, bridges have been burned. I was talking to the University’s Chancellor, who found out about this on the radio. It’s not proper etiquette, and it hurts me as a senator on a committee, where I get told that people are greatly concerned. What I want to work on is the push for more sustainability courses. The way he is approaching this issue will hurt all relations with the Administration.
- Colin (member at large):
  o All the elected representatives on Council were elected by students. I’m appalled that Blake has tried to subvert due diligence by not consulting the students that Council represents. As long as all the Councillors had been consulted, this would have been all right.
o Mr. Frederick, you are not the whole of UBC; you do not speak for all the students. I’m not sure Council does either, but more so.

o The focus should be on Mr. Frederick’s conduct. The issue is not tuition.

- Laura Silvester: This isn’t something sudden. We see a pattern; we have a rogue President at the AMS. We did try to bring this to his attention; we told him we want to have Council consulted. We spent hours discussing this. That message was clearly not heard, and now we’re at the stage where we have to have an emergency meeting. If you vote for resignation and he says no, you need to move forward with recall.

- Neal Yonson (UBC Insiders): Why are we without Blake tonight? We interviewed Blake on Thursday and he said he’d be here. He’s made a choice not to come. It’s appropriate that this is going on.

18. MOVED JIMMY YAN, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“Be it resolved that Council request that President Blake Frederick resign from Council.”

... Carried Unanimously

In Favour (28): Johannes Rebane, Crystal Hon, Tom Dvorak, Guillaume Houle, Carolee Changfoot, Matthew Naylor, Kyle Warwick, Katherine Tyson, Jeremy McElroy, Ryan Trasolini, Michael Duncan, Bijan Ahmadian, Ekatrina Dovjenko, Laura Sylvester, Lin Watt, Andrew Carne, Julian Ritchie, Angus Cheung (proxy for Natalie Swift), Mona Maghsoodi, Fraser Young, Dia Montgomery, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Jimmy Yan, Maria Cirstea, Tahara Bhat, Ignacio Rodriguez, Joel Mertens

19. MOVED TOM DVORAK:

“That the agenda be amended to include a discussion topic regarding Tom Dvorak and Johannes Rebane.”

... No objections

20. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED DIA MONTGOMERY:

“Be it resolved that Council request that Vice President External Affairs Tim Chu resign from Council.”

- Matthew Naylor:
  o I was VP External two years ago and care very deeply about this portfolio. It’s one of the most important things your student society does.
  o I don’t think this office has been well served this year. There was not only deceit on the UN complaint, which was carried out without consultation with or the consent of the External Policy Committee and without broad consultation. This was not an isolated incident.
During the provincial election campaign, there was lobbying for reduced tuition, which was not an AMS policy. There was also a partisan attack during that election, violating official AMS neutrality.

Tim has not taken steps to plan Lobby Days, which he said he would do in the fall.

Postcards are not a way to advance policy.

He was hiding the UN complaint because he knew it would not pass, or it would have been amended away from his ideological stance.

I urge you to end the reign of Tim Chu.

- Tahara Bhate:
  - My constituents have directed me to request Tim’s resignation.
  - As to Robin’s points. First, Why did we have to move so quickly? We needed to reduce our financial exposure. No one on Council had any idea how much we were on the hook for in the Pivot agreement. We needed to limit our exposure and damages as quickly as possible.
  - Also, next week’s agenda is relatively full. It would be unfair to students at large to make them stay late when they don’t have access to cab fare.
  - There was enough student outrage to take this outside normal venues.

- Alex Lougheed reported on a UN human rights complaint lodged five years ago by the SFU Student Society, making the new one redundant. He said he understood that something may happen on that complaint within ten years.

- Hayden Hughes reported that nine separate students had asked to raise their discontent over what Tim did.

- Azim Wazeer (student senator): The UN issue was time sensitive, but perhaps Council should rethink whether it should go ahead with the resignation motions. It would be in everyone’s best interests to engage with Blake and Tim. They should have attended tonight; they didn’t, but I’d much rather see us make a decision as free of procedural focus as possible to make us more united and to make our lobbying better. It will be said that Blake and Tim weren’t around; Council will be split; we’ll have another ten years of division.

- Andrew Carne: In the May election campaign, Tim pushed for reducing tuition, which was against policy. There was a frank discussion at Council; a motion was brought forward to stop the ads that were advocating a reduction in tuition. It was made abundantly clear to Tim that Council was not interested in decreasing tuition, at least not without first having a policy discussion. I hear that at Executive Tim said he didn’t bring the UN complaint to Council because he feared it would fail. That’s deceit.

- Josh (member at large): Blake and Tim had the right to submit a complaint as individuals, like Tristan Markle, but they stole funds from the students to do it; they put it on AMS letterhead. Neither is fit for office.

- Dia Montgomery disagreed with the suggestion that campus is split, adding:
  - It’s difficult for Blake and Tim to be here to face such criticism, but the criticism is the result of the actions they took. The only appropriate thing to do is to bring these motions.
  - And no, I’m not power hungry. This is part of our jobs, to listen to students and use our platform to speak on behalf of students. That’s not the position taken by the VP External.

- Jeremy McElroy: Tim and Blake are available. They’re on record saying they’d attend. I don’t like being judge, jury, and executioner, but almost all the board
is here and all are condemning their actions. If a board feels an employee is going behind it’s back, that employee is going to be fired.

21. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

22. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ, SECONDeded DIA MONTGOMERY:

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P) Discussion Period

Tom Dvorak and Johannes Rebane

• Tom Dvorak:
  o There’s been a call for my resignation too.
  o I can only offer my most sincere apologies for signing the contract with Pivot Legal; it was a complete error and oversight to sign without fully understanding what I was signing.
  o Our organization operates on a great deal of trust; this was an endorsement of the judgment of the person who brought it forward.
  o It’s the responsibility of a signing officer to understand what he’s signing. I personally lapsed on that.
  o My life lesson from this is: read before you sign.
  o At the time I did not feel a reason to question the trust I had put in the other signatories.
  o I did not do my due diligence and was as surprised as others have been by this. I wish I’d caught this on my radar.

• Johannes Rebane: This was an oversight on our behalf. I failed to do my due diligence. I took the level of trust I had as an excuse not to do due diligence. For that I apologize for signing that without having read it.

• Jeremy McElroy asked about the discussion of the matter at Executive Committee.

• Johannes: Those references in the Executive minutes were during update periods. That was an issue that could potentially be looked into more.
- Tom Dvorak: My understanding the first time this came up was that this was something we want to look into. And the second time was that we are still looking into it.
- Robin (member at large) asked about who could sign to move money.
- Tom Dvorak: The VP External and the President signed off only as the initiators.
- Guillaume Houle asked when the contract had been signed.
- Guillaume Houle: For how much money?
- Tom Dvorak: It’s for $3,000 so far and we’re responsible for ancillary costs. We have yet to receive a second invoice.
- Member at Large: You’re in charge of signing and knowing what’s going on. Why should I trust you in the future? What’s going to change?
- Tom Dvorak: I no longer have any trust for these signatories. That’s a change.
- Member at Large: So you’ll read everything you sign.
- Tom Dvorak: Absolutely.
- Member at Large: Thank you for accepting the responsibility.
- Jeremy McElroy: Was this not brought up outside of Executive meetings?
- Johannes Rebane: No, just in updates at Executive meetings.
- Hayden Hughes asked about the number of cheques signed in a day.
- Tom Dvorak: I can sign 200 on some days.
- Member at Large: Blake and Tim have been asked to resign. Would you be willing to be put to that test?
- Matthew Naylor: Neither the VP External nor the President has signing authority. In practice, there’s an immense amount of trust in those two in actions in their areas and that are appropriate and not violating the will of Council. Things glide through. That was certainly the case when I was VP External. It’s a horrible oversight but not outside the bounds of precedent. I don’t approve, but I understand.
- Mitch Wright (member at large): I would not be in favour of resignation; you made a mistake; it was not your wilful intent to mislead Council as it was with Blake and Tim.
- Jeremy Ingoldby (member at large): You guys made one mistake. With Blake and Tim it’s an ongoing thing.
- Member at Large: That’s one of the checks and balances that failed. Do we need a new system?
- Tom Dvorak said he would address that with the AMS Treasurer-Controller. For now every signing officer has to read what they sign carefully and exercise due diligence.
- Robin (member at large): It’s not just up to you but to Council to make sure this doesn’t happen again.
- Tom Dvorak: Signing officers should place less trust in their fellow signatories. At first I did read everything, but then since I found no errors my trust increased.
- Michael Duncan: You have to balance things. If there are too many checks, things will get too slow, and we won’t be able to get anything done. This contract should never have even come up without the will of Council.
• Tom Dvorak: I want to make something clear about staff involvement. All full-time staff directly or indirectly take direction from the President.

23. MOVED MONA MAGHSOODI, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That a motion concerning the resignation of Tom and Johannes be added to the agenda.”

The Chair asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

... No objections

24. MOVED MONA MAGHSOODI, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That a motion concerning the resignation of Tom and Johannes be added to the agenda.”

... Carried

25. MOVED MONA MAGHSOODI, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“Be it resolved that Council request that Tom Dvorak (VP Finance) and Johannes Rebane (VP Academic and University Affairs) resign from Council.”

• Mona Maghsoodi: Based on their presentation, I feel Council will want this vote to answer what was asked for in Blake’s letter.
• Joel Mertens: I do not want this to pass. I don’t think we should even be debating it. I have had no feedback on whether Tom and Johannes should resign, so I will be unable to vote.
• Katherine Tyson: It would be ridiculous to ask for Tom and Johannes to resign. They had no intent. Blake and Tim had intent.
• Robin (member at large): There’s confusion about what this meeting is about.
• Dia Montgomery: A lot of things went wrong. First, what Blake and Tim did is perfectly legal; it did not violate our Code or Policy. Code and Policy need to be amended. We as the AMS have to face the fact that we have a problem. We have to start from the bottom up to change the way we do business.
• Josh (member at large): Blake and Tim’s letter implied equal participation in this act; bringing it to a vote will make it clear that Council does not support that.
• Crystal Hon: On behalf of Tom and Johannes, I say this shouldn’t pass. Any message to our signing officers has been received. We will read everything. I just read every word of a Dance Club contract I was signing. If we pass this, that will be four Executives we’ve asked to resign. There will be only me left. I’m flattered, but I can’t do all the work by myself.
• Bob (member at large): Councillors should also learn from this. This should be tabled until you can consult your constituents.
• Jeremy McElroy: It’s inappropriate for us to consider this.
26. MOVED JEREMY McELROY, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That this motion be tabled to the first AMS Council meeting in January.”

• Jeremy McElroy: We had ample time to get feedback on Blake and Tim.

27. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The Chair asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

... No objections

28. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

29. MOVED JEREMY McELROY, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

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... Carried

Q) Submissions:
Blake Frederick and Tim Chu’s Open Letter to Council
Petition to Recall President Blake Frederick
Petition to Recall VP External Affairs Tim Chu
Petition to Meet on Monday, December 7, 2009

R) Next Meeting:
December 2, 2009.

S) Adjournment:
30. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chair asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

... No objections
31. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

T) Social Activity:
### The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council Attendance

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**STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Guests: Colin Mah (Arts), Colin Hilchey (Engineering), Isabel Ferreras (Elections Administrator), Ricardo Bortolon (Chief Returning Officer), Brian Monaghan (Elections Promotion Officer), Dylan Callow (CUS Board of Directors), Brendan Guy (Forestry), Lise Gileasure (Forestry), Chantell Chan (Forestry), Gino Ruggiero L. Carlas (AUS), Kwayep Linda (LFS), Mike DiPasquale (Arts), Marie Ang (LFS, SPHR UBC Stand UBC), Duane Kirkpatrick (Commerce), Cindy (Pride UBC), Carven (Pride UBC), Kendall Noraski (Pride UBC), Eugene Sit (SEC), Helene Frohard-Dourlent (Grad Studies, Pride UBC), Allie Slemen (English & Pride UBC), Junho Lee (Science & Music), Daniel Lin (AUS), Tyson Gratton (S.A.L. Arts), Mike Kenyon (Computer Science), Karen Lee (Computer Science), Bubby Kim (Computer Science), Sonia Purewal (Senate), Paul Bucci (Ubyssey), Kai Green (Ubyssey), David Moriarty (Law), Aaragh Amouxgar (Law), Jamie Pavis (Arts), Skyler DesRoches, Scott Newson (Student), Michael Haack (Arts, Pride UBC), Jon Puetz (Student), Peder Sande, Tania May, Nicholas Fitzgerald (Science), Roel Mowurs (Ubyssey), Miguel Iriondo (Student), William Gallego (Engineering), Joel Atwater (Student), Ryan Cross (UBC Research), Brad Morrison (External Commissioner), Elizabeth Pattissas (Math Club), Mary Wong (External Commissioner), Jeremy Wood (External Commissioner), Raj Mathur (Music), Zaira Petruf (AMS Staff & Student), Faruou Bhaudlur (ESA), Jose Precliodo (Arts), Josh Johnston (Greeks), Anne DeWolfe (VP Students), John Metras (UBC Infrastructure Development), Gordon Katie (Arts), Beaner Mitchell (Pride UBC), Neal Yonso (UBC Insiders), A. Smith (Policy), Kelli Seepau (Communications), Catherine Metrychl (AMS Fin Com), Elin Tayyar (SAC Vice Chair), Andrew Walker (Greek system), Edwin Huang (Vancouver Observer), Max Marks, Yaylor Lukaun (Arts), Josh Zukwuch (Math), Arielle Friedman (Social Justice Centre), Nick Sertic (Engineering), Samantha Jung (Ubyssey), Kate Power (Arts), Edward Yan (Commerce), Sewen Chan (Commerce), Julian Markowitz (Arts), Tanja Bergen (Science), Valentina Vargas Ricca (Arts), Ryan Wallace (MOA), Trevor (Student), Ashley Eichuk (Alumna), Jordan Foo (Student), John Jose Wanez (Science), Patrick Meehan (UN Observer), Aaron Palm (UN Observer), Alex Lougheed (UBC Insiders), Michael Thomson, Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archives), Alexandra Lawson (Student at large), Sarah Nelle Jackson (Partial observer), Parker Iain McLean (queer liberal arts student), Keigh-Anne Mathieson (Science), Steve Epe (Engineering Physics), Tom Brucks (student), Graham Gold (FIZZ), Sarah Chung (Ubyssey), Stephanie L. (Student), Dodie Mak, Daniel Chow (Commerce), Justin Yang (Sceince & Arts), Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes, Stefanie Ratjen

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 pm.

1. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED LAURA SILVESTER:

   “That Ekaterina Dovjenko, Maria Cirstea and Hayden Hughes be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

   ... Carried

For (37): Silas Archambault, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Luke Luuikonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee
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Abstained: Bijan Ahmadian, Maria Cirstea, Ekaterina Dovjenko

The Speaker asked Council if there were any objections to the meeting being videorecorded.

... No objections

Andrew Carne proposed a number of changes to the agenda.
It was agreed without objection to move the President’s Remarks, Executive Remarks, and Constituency Reports to the end of the meeting and to add a motion on clarifying slates.

2. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the agenda be amended by adding a motion on Bylaw interpretation.”

... Carried

For (38): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Arvind Saraswat, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (2): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick

It was agreed to split off the October 1 Executive minutes from the other Executive minutes and to add a motion to spend $6,000 from the Clubs Benefit Fund.

3. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the agenda be amended by adding a motion to create a temporary Communications Policy.”

... Carried

For (36): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Ekaterina
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Against (3): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Arvind Saraswat

4. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the agenda be amended by striking the motions to appoint members at large to the new committees.”

... Carried

For (30): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Arvind Saraswat, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle)

Against (8): Silas Archambault, Timothy Chu, Mike Duncan, Blake Frederick, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Joel Mertens, Jimmy Yan

It was agreed to add a motion requesting a legal opinion on recall of Executives and to add as a Discussion Period topic a follow-up on the November 28 emergency meeting.

5. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (40): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Arvind Saraswat, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young
B. Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

6. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“That the following limits be applied to tonight’s debates:

2 minute speaking limit
20 minute debate limit, after which a 2/3rds vote is required to extend every 10 minutes
Alternation between Council members and members at large when possible.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Carried

For (39): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Blake Frederick, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Arvind Saraswat, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

7. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Whereas since the freeze on tuition fees was lifted in 2002, university tuition has skyrocketed; and

Whereas following the government's announcement that control over tuition fees would be returned to the universities in 2002, the UBC Board of Governors immediately raised tuition by 23%; and

Whereas BC undergraduate tuition fees have doubled and graduate tuition fees have risen by 184.4% since 2002; and

Whereas in comparison to other provinces, BC has experienced the fastest increase in tuition rates; and

Whereas since 2002, average student debt in the province has climbed to amongst the highest in Canada at $27,000; and

Whereas students with little or no debt were more than twice as likely to finish a university degree, graduation rates for students with less than $1000 of debt being 71% while for those with over $10,000 debt only 34% completed their degree; and

Whereas access to debt is not the same thing as access to education; and
Whereas Statistics Canada examined the reasons why high school graduates do
not continue on to post-secondary education and found "financial reasons" as the
most common answer; and

Whereas high tuition fees have an even greater impact on access to professional
programs and on international students; and

Whereas government grants to institutions fail to keep pace with the rate of inflation
and in 2007/2008, UBC revealed a structural deficit of $24 million; and

Whereas students fear the University will seek to make up funding shortfalls through
tuition fee increases; and

Whereas, the University recognizes the financial barriers presented by the cost of
education in its Policy 72; and

Whereas the Government of Canada is a signatory to the United Nations
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), Article
13 of which binds signatory states to make higher education equally accessible to
all, on the basis of capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular by the
progressive introduction of free education; and

Whereas the University of California Regents recently approved tuition fee
increases for California public universities of 32%, an act which has caused
occupations and public outcry from students around the world; and

Whereas Education is a Right,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS

* oppose future tuition increases

* condemn the tuition increases imposed by the University of
  California Regents

* call on the government and the University to reduce tuition
  fees to 2001 levels immediately and to work towards the reduction of tuition in
  future while replacing lost tuition revenue to the institution through increased
  grant funding

* lobby to progressively introduce free education in
  British Columbia as outlined in the International Covenant on Economic,
  Social and Cultural Rights.”

Note: Will replace non-compliant previous policies.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Blake Frederick: It has been made clear over the past week through letters to me
and Council that students are not satisfied with the current AMS policy allowing
2% annual increases in tuition; this policy does not reflect their views. It is our job to reflect the views of students. It is extremely important that this AMS Council take a stand here and now and say what they’ve been saying in debate: that no one (except one Board rep) thinks tuition increases are a good thing. There has been an outcry over process, but Tim and I would like Council to send a clear signal.

- **Dylan Callow:**
  - We do have a thing called inflation, so in real money limiting increases to 2% is actually keeping tuition at the same amount.
  - After health, education ranks next in priority in this province; education is something that the BC government takes a lot of pride in; it puts 17% of its budget into education.
  - I don’t think it’s right to increase tuition, but 2% is okay to cover inflation; and I don’t think it’s right to ask the government to give us money they don’t have to bring tuition down to 2001 levels.

- **Jeremy McElroy:**
  - There has been an epic response on this issue in the blogosphere and on websites.
  - I doubt any of us would speak against increasing access to education, but real change does not come from passing motions.
  - The responses of students have been varied.
  - Council’s role is to pass final judgment on motions after debate in committee.
  - This is not the kind of motion we can discuss tonight. We cannot pass something as poorly crafted as this.

8. **MOVED JEREMY McELOY, SECONDED FRASER YOUNG:**

   “That Motion 7 be referred to the External Policy Committee.”

- **Timothy Chu:** This is an incredibly important motion. It is disrespectful to refer it to committee when the room is packed with people who wish to discuss tuition. We have a huge lack of discussion of tuition on this campus.
- **Tahara Bhate:** Tim speaks of it being disrespectful of students who are here to refer the motion. Many students are not here. I have received messages from students who can’t be here. This discussion should involve not just those who have the freedom to be here tonight. It should go to committee; then everyone on campus can have their voice heard.

9. **MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:**

   “That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (33): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for
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Against (2): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick

Abstained: Mike Duncan, Joel Mertens

10. MOVED JEREMY McELROY, SECONDED FRASER YOUNG:

“That Motion 7 be referred to the External Policy Committee.”

... Carried

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Against (2): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick

C) Presentations to Council:

What’s Up with the Elections – Isabel Ferreras (Elections Administrator) and Ricardo Bortolone (Chief Returning Officer)

Isabel Ferreras:
- Nominations opened November 30; close January 8 at 3 pm; All-Candidates Meeting January 8 at 5 pm.
- January 18 campaign period begins.
- Facebook groups and blogs will have to be approved.
- January 25-29 voting.
- Appeal deadline February 5.

Ricardo Bortolone:
- Election will be completely online, except for paper ballots for students at VST and Regent; this was a cost benefit decision.
- Online will mean increased accuracy (no counting mistakes) and quicker results.
- There will be fewer polling stations and days.
- Focus will be on Koerner and SUB: three days instead of one.
- Other voting locations: Pan-Hellenic House, Totem, and Vanier.
- Ballots will have instructions.
- Voting time online will be increased from two minutes to five.
• Spending limits for candidates are being increased to $500 (up from $350); reimbursement limit will be $300.
• Promotions will include an Elections Mingle (aka beer garden) before voting, that is, not immediately before voting. Also, leaflets at exams, Jello wrestling for candidates, CI TR radio debate.

Questions
• Michael Duncan expressed concern that the spending limit will be $200 beyond the reimbursement limit. People with more money will have an advantage.
• Ricardo Bortolon: Reimbursement is more than sufficient, but the higher spending limit will allow any candidate who wants to do so to go above and beyond.
• Michael Duncan: Couldn’t we reimburse for the whole amount?
• Ricardo Bortolon: We don’t have the money for that.
• Bijan Ahmadian asked when campaigning closes.
• Ricardo Bortolon: When voting closes.
• Blake Frederick expressed concern over the $200 gap between the reimbursement limit and the spending limit. What indication is there that candidates need that?
• Isabel Ferreras: Multiple candidates have said they feel constrained. Some candidates in the past have not asked for all their reimbursement because they went over.
• Geoff Costeloe: Is five minutes long enough for each voter to complete their voting?
• Ricardo Bortolon said he thought it was.

L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Clarifying Slates’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Andrew Carne: Code and Policies decided not to take a stance and thus drafted amendments both to remove the ban on slates and also to clarify the ban. Council decided last time not to lift the ban, so these are the amendments to clarify the ban.

12. MOVED COLIN SIMKUS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
… No objections

13. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:
“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2009: Clarifying Slates’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

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Abstained: Silas Archambault, Blake Frederick, Iggy Rodriguez, Kyle Warwick

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

14. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“Be it resolved that Bylaw 5(3)(c)(ii) shall be interpreted with the following consideration: ‘Calendar days when classes are not in session shall not count toward the determination of the 21-31 day range for holding the by election.’

Be it further resolved that the interpretative consideration contained in this motion is to be considered the official policy of this Society, and all staff are expressly directed to abide by this interpretative consideration.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Andrew Carne: In the context of the discussion on recall, there’s been discussion about the bylaw on holding a by-election, given that the time frame to hold it in would be largely out of session. There is no clearcut interpretation of this, so in case it comes up we want to figure out the interpretation ahead of time.
- Blake Frederick: It is not appropriate for Council to be interpreting its own bylaws. We have a Student Court to interpret the bylaws, and there’s real court. This is another case of ignoring correct process. Also, I don’t think this interpretation is correct. If the recall process goes forward and Tim or I are removed from office, the dates for a by-election would not fall outside the School Year. I don’t think we should be considering this.
- Matthew Naylor: I think Blake is mistaken when he says we shouldn’t be interpreting the bylaws, especially when Coversight [the joint meetings of the Oversight and Code and Policies committees] said we should.

15. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the question be called.”
For (27): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Andrew Carne, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoudi, Jeremy McElroy, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Fraser Young

Against (1): Blake Frederick

Abstained: Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Sam Law, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

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For (24): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Mona Maghsoudi, Jeremy McElroy, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Fraser Young

Against (3): Silas Archambault, Blake Frederick, Natalie Swift

Abstained: Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Crystal Hon, Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Erin Abler, Arvind Saraswat, Aaron Sihota, Jimmy Yan

SUB Presentation – Crystal Hon and Blake Frederick

- Four agreements being negotiated for the new SUB.
- Development agreement:
  - Pending agreement on the rest of the agreements.
Architect selection will be by the AMS; UBC Properties Trust will be the project manager. MHPM project managers will function as advisors to the AMS.

Our biggest sacrifice was giving up the Project Manager.

Deadlock over whether infrastructure charges should apply to the AMS.

Also a deadlock over site servicing charges.

Financing agreement:

Disagreement over cost of total project; originally, it was going to be $120 million; we don't have that; we have $110 million, so we cut things.

UBC is offering us an interest rate of 5.75%; at that rate there will still be a funding shortfall, so we're making tweaks to the building; this is one of the more difficult areas of contention.

Lease agreement: deadlock over definition of commercial space.

SUB surrender agreement:

We can leave things in this building if we can't afford to move them.

We've been given nine areas we could leave in the old SUB.

UBC has been understanding on this.

Preliminary schedule: Important to get agreements in place this January or costs will go up.

Working on mission statement.

Curriculum projects: Jensen is working on contacting profs interested in integrating SUB issues into their courses.

Program sign-off is on schedule.

Sustainability charter to guide our efforts; it's complete. LEED Platinum. Making our building a model for others on campus.

Questions

Kat Dovjenko asked what the three main issues are now.

Crystal Hon: Financing: how will that impact the program?

Blake Frederick: Another issue is that both sides have to consult with those they're representing, which slows things down; we have to meet twice a week to make up for that.

Kat Dovjenko asked for confirmation that we're going for LEED Platinum.

Blake Frederick: To that or beyond.

Geoff Costeloe expressed concern about meeting deadlines, given the number of items on which there is deadlock or still no final resolution.

Crystal Hon: We are concerned. We're getting feedback as quickly as possible.

Mike Silley asked about the deadlock on the energy saving formula.

Blake Frederick: The MoU said any energy savings in the new building is to be shared between the AMS and UBC, but there was no agreement on the baseline for calculating the savings.

Alex Lougheed praised the work on curriculum integration but expressed hesitation about Properties Trust, saying they do not have the most stellar record on buildings, and he wondered about the point of keeping on MHPM.

Crystal Hon: MHPM is there to help us, to make sure goals continue. Since they've been with us, they know the history, which others here do too, but MHPM knows about buildings; they know the traps.

Alex Lougheed said it would be useful to compare this to the current SUB agreement.
17. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN:

“That the agenda be amended to put the Metro Vancouver motion next.”

... No objections

L) Committee Motions:

From the Campus Planning & Development Committee

18. MOVED BIJAN AHMADIAN, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“Whereas the enhancement of student engagement in the governance and land use framework of UBC is an AMS goal;

Be it resolved that the AMS recognize that local control over institutional lands and buildings is necessary for the preservation of academic freedom, the enhancement of the student experience, and the development of UBC as a globally significant university that is able to provide a high quality of education; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS request that the Governance Committee of the UBC Board of Governors meet with the AMS University and External Relations Committee and the GSS External Committee to discuss institutional student engagement in the governance and land use framework of UBC.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Metro Vancouver is looking to have a say on family housing. It's embarrassing of UBC to mix academic freedom and development. This seems obsolete because it's not directed at family housing.
- Tahara Bhate: Nancy Knight presented on this. Metro Vancouver already has a significant say over family housing. The new bylaw is to extend control over how zoning is done into the centre of campus.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (36): Bijan Ahmadian, Silas Archambault, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Arvind Saraswat, Aaron Silhota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

20. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“Whereas AMS Council gave notice at its Saturday, November 28, 2009 meeting that it intends to invoke AMS Bylaw 5(3)(c)(i)(1) to remove AMS President, Blake Frederick and AMS VP External, Tim Chu from office; and

Whereas Davis LLP provided a memo to the AMS dated March 11, 2009 which states that AMS Bylaw 5(3)(c)(i)(1) is ‘clearly non-compliant’ with the Society Act of British Columbia;

Whereas it is the fiduciary responsibility of the directors of the AMS to not put the Society in a such a position as to commit unlawful acts;

Therefore be it resolved that AMS Council declare its intention to not invoke AMS Bylaw 5(3)(c)(i)(1).”

- Blake Frederick: We already have a legal opinion that this bylaw is not compliant with the Society Act. It is not right of Council to put itself in the position of breaking the law.
- Matthew Naylor: The motion of Council is about the recall of officers, not the removal of directors; the officers will be able to remain on the board.
- Stefanie Ratjen asked how much a second legal opinion would cost.
- Ross Horton said he didn’t know but would guess in the thousands rather than the hundreds.
- A point of order was made to the effect that Council could pass this motion and still change its mind on Monday at the emergency meeting.

21. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections
22. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

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... Defeated

For (3): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Arvind Saraswat

Against (28): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Courtney English, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Silas Archambault, Hannes Dempewolf, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Sam Law, Luke Luukkanen, Joel Mertens

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

23. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Council Minutes dated November 4, 2009
Code & Policies Minutes dated November 10, 2009
Code & Policies Minutes dated November 17, 2009
Executive Committee minutes dated October 8, 2009
Executive Committee Minutes dated November 12, 2009

• Jeremy McElroy asked why some of the Executive minutes were called "edited."
• Blake Frederick said he and his assistant edited them before approval at committee."
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Executive Committee Minutes dated November 12, 2009

... Carried

For (19): Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle)

Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Maria Cirstea, Blake Frederick, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Mona Maghsoodi, Joel Mertens, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

25. MOVED MIKE SILLEY, SECONDED EKATRINA DOVJENKO:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated October 1, 2009.”

• Matthew Naylor said he was curious about whether this is wholly what happened and suggested the minutes go back to be reviewed.
• Blake Frederick: They have been reviewed by the Executive Committee.

26. MOVED MIKE SILLEY, SECONDED EKATRINA DOVJENKO:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated October 1, 2009.”

... Carried

For (12): Silas Archambault, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Mike Silley

Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Courtney English, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Sam Law, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Julian Ritchie, Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Lin...
J) Executive Committee Motions:

27. MOVED PAVANI GUNADASA, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

"Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council establish the Safety Office as a Student Service.

Be it further resolved that Council amend the Code to remove the section on the Safety Coordinator being a Vice Presidential Officer (Academic)."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Pavani Gunadasa: An operational change. Currently the Safety Office and the Safety Coordinator report to the VP Academic because originally, when this position was created, the VP Academic had a strong personal interest in safety, but over the years this has changed. The Safety Coordinator actually works closely with the Service Coordinators and the ECSS, and it makes sense that they report to the ECSS.
- Stefanie Ratjen: How long has the Safety Coordinator been reporting to the ECSS?
- Pavani Gunadasa: They haven’t been, but they work with the ECSS.
- Stefanie Ratjen: The VP Academic and the Safety Coordinator worked very closely three years ago. What’s the difference now?
- Johannes Rebane: Pavani now sits on lots of University safety committees instead of the VP Academic. That’s the change. Now the ECSS is the natural connection.
- Stefanie Ratjen: The job description hasn’t changed, so why the switch?
- Johannes Rebane: My connection with the Safety Coordinator has mostly been a meet and update. Most of the work I do in safety is with campus development; that’s not what the Safety Coordinator does; she’s involved in suicide awareness, health awareness.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (30): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Luke Luukkanen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya
(proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

29. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED _____:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approval of the withdrawal of up to $6000 from the Clubs Benefit Fund for sponsorship of the Student Leadership Conference.”

Note: Current Balance of Clubs Benefit Fund = $75,142

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tom Dvorak:
  - Student initiative to sponsor 150 club presidents, buy space on SUB Concourse.
  - This is a replenished fund; we don’t give out that much from it; not many apply; taking this money out won’t make a dent in it.
  - This passed at Executive Committee last week.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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For (31): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Sam Law, Luke Luukkanen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Matthew Naylor

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:
L) Committee Motions:

From the Primary Appointments Committee

31. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED JULIAN RITCHIE:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Ricardo Bortolon be appointed Chief Returning Officer, Vincent Chik be appointed as Logistics Officer, Brian Monaghan be appointed Promotions Officer and Will Davis be appointed as Voter Funded Media Coordinator for a term commencing November 26, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010.”

... Carried

For (33): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkanen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan

From the External Policy Committee

32. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED EKATRINA DOVJENKO:

“Be it resolved that the AMS cease its affiliation with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations in April of 2009 at the end of the current member year.

Be it further resolved that the President of the AMS communicate this decision to CASA.”

- Timothy Chu: A month ago we decided to leave CASA. Passing this motion will allow us to comply with both CASA constitutions.
- Hayden Hughes asked about the CASA response.
- Timothy Chu: We’d have to go in camera to discuss that.
- Tahara Bhate: Why say it comes from the External Policy Committee? We never met on this.
- Timothy Chu: Regardless of where it came from, it should be dealt with. We need to deal with this motion now.
- Matthew Naylor: Everything needs to go through committee.

33. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED COLIN SIMKUS:

“That this motion be referred to the External Policy Committee.”
• Blake Frederick: Everything on our agenda hasn’t gone through committee. That’s an inconsistent interpretation. And this did go through committee originally; this motion is just a technicality.
• Lin Watt: When we discussed this in October, was that to leave CASA and this is just reaffirming?
• Matthew Naylor: That was to leave CASA, and I still think that was the right thing to do, but it would’ve been nice to send this to committee.
• Lin Watt: What are the benefits of going to committee? To work on wording or on whether to leave CASA?
• Matthew Naylor: Wording.
• Lin Watt: Just to make sure we’re doing this legally.
• Tahara Bhate: My recollection is a little foggy. We passed our motion of intention to leave, with the idea being to reaffirm later. I’m not clear. I thought we had to doublecheck; that’s why it should go to committee.
• Joel Mertens: We had this motion before, but we have to pass this twice; we have to do this to satisfy both constitutions.

34. MOVED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

35. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED COLIN SIMKUS:

“That this motion be referred to the External Policy Committee.”

... Carried

For (17): Tahara Bhate, Hannes Dempewolf, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Jeremy McElroy, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle)

Against (10): Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Luke Luukkanen, Joel Mertens, Laura Silvester, Jimmy Yan

Abstained: Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Mona Maghsoodi, Johannes Rebane, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

36. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

From the Communications Planning Group
“That the AMS adopt the Communications Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Blake Frederick: This is a clarification of the existing communication policy as discussed at CPG. It’s about ensuring that all our departments use the Communications Department as a resource to ensure consistency of brands.
- Kelli Seepaul: The policy is fairly straightforward. When there wasn’t a Communications Department, things became a bit fractured, so now we can have consistent branding.
- Geoff Costeloe: Does it affect clubs?
- Kelli Seepaul: No, they’re at arm’s length unless they’re using the AMS logo.
- Laura Silvester asked about consultations on the business side.
- Ross Horton: As long as approvals happen in a timely manner, having a consistent policy is a good thing.

37. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

From the Communications Planning Group

“That the AMS adopt the Communications Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (27): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle)

Abstained: Ekaterina Dovjenko, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Fraser Young

38. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“Whereas Communications have been released that do not adhere to the proper policies and procedures of the Society; and

Whereas Council is the custodian of the Society’s name, logo external image and reputation,

Therefore be it resolved that the following Temporary Communications Policy be adopted.

Temporary Communications Policy

The Communications Manager shall issue a press release, on behalf of the Society, when approved wording is passed by a 2/3rds Resolution of Council.
This policy shall expire on January 10, 2010.

The following media communications shall not be undertaken without a resolution at a quorate meeting of the Communications Planning Group or a two-thirds resolution of Council:

- Official broadcast emails to any portion of the Society membership, with the exception of the notice list
- The issuance of press releases to any media outlets

No media communications may be undertaken without a resolution at a quorate meeting of the Communications Planning Group or a two-thirds Resolution of Council. This includes but is not limited to:

- Amendments or additions to the AMS website
- Broadcast emails to any portions of the society membership
- The issuance of press releases to any media outlets
- Use of the AMS logo, name or letterhead in any external communications.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Andrew Carne: Emails and press releases have gone out recently, and there’s been discussion of whether these have been following AMS procedures; they may not be speaking on behalf of the whole Society. We want to make sure communications are representative of what the Society feels.
- Blake Frederick: The policy as worded would absolutely cripple the Society. It’s meant to prevent me from doing certain things, but it will cripple the AMS. The website changes all the time; businesses use the logo. This won’t solve the problem you’re trying to solve. And this has not gone to CPG, though it’s been remarked several times that all motions should go through committee.

39. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That Motion 38 be referred to the Communications Planning Group.”

- Kelli Seepaul: I have to echo what Blake said. Elections are coming, and I support the EA with all her materials. The new policy is essentially saying I can’t update the website at all; we update it every day. And to have 40 people approving a press release will be too slow; what we send out will be old news.
- Point of information about who sits on CPG: Blake, Andrew, Matt, Crystal, Pavani, Lyanne from Bookings, Bill from Communications.
- Matthew Naylor: My personal feeling is that referral is an attempt to kill this motion. This is time-sensitive; we need to deal with this now.
- Timothy Chu: This should go to CPG; it’s too broad as written; it will inhibit our society’s ability to communicate.
- Geoff Costeloe: Everyone in the room knows what the intent of this is. In the past three weeks, the VP External and the President have sent out three emails without warning which caused damage. Who knows what will happen next?
Maybe we’ll have NATO here next. I don’t want to wake up tomorrow with more surprises.

- Mike [guest]: Whether recent actions damaged the reputation of the University is debatable and depends on the definition of ethical action. This motion would damage the credentials of the AMS as a democratic body; it would stifle the ability of people to speak on issues of personal conscience.
- Joel Mertens: Are CPG members willing to get together every day?
- Matthew Naylor: Every business day.
- Tahara Bhate: I can see how restrictive this could be for the businesses. My concern has to do with the email sent out Monday using the University email list that we are only to use under special circumstances. To see it used for essentially political purposes was a transgression. The list is a privilege we fought hard to get.
- Iggy Rodriguez: The policy is restrictive, but we’re in a bit of a crisis here.

40. MOVED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

41. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That Motion 38 be referred to the Communications Planning Group.”

... Defeated

For (4): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Lin Watt

Against (27): Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Sam Law, Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Fraser Young

Abstained: Joel Mertens

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- Kelli Seepaul: It’s not a University list that was used for the emails; it’s an AMS list. If this could at least be amended so day-to-day operations are not affected, e.g., for website changes, use of the logo. So many of those are not political and are not to do with the Executive.

42. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That Motion 38 be amended to specify that broadcast emails refer to emails to more than 50 members of the Society.”
• Dave Tompkins said “broadcast” implies a wide audience, not to individuals.
• Amendment withdrawn.

43. MOVED TOM DVORAK, SECONDED GEOFF COSTELOE:

“That Motion 38 be amended to delete the word ‘name’ in the phrase ‘Use of the AMS logo, name or letterhead in any external communications.’ “

... Defeated

For (6): Andrew Carne, Tom Dvorak, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Julian Ritchie, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

Against (10): Geoff Costeloe, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle)

Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Blake Frederick, Sam Law, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Erin Abler, Laura Silvester, Bonnie Wong

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• Geoff Costeloe: Halting communication for three days won’t do any damage. We can accept this for now, and then CPG can report back.

44. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That Motion 38 be amended by adding the following:

‘Be it further resolved that Council direct CPG to propose an alternate policy to be approved by Council, at which time this policy will expire.’ “

• Hayden Hughes: The intent of this motion is a direct response to what a few individuals have done. If this is meant for two people, why not direct it at two people?
• Blake Frederick: There will still be a three-day window in which the Society can essentially not do anything. I’m not the only person who does communication in this Society. This will still cause a problem.
• Iggy Rodriguez: This is a great compromise. Nothing that bad will happen by CPG meeting three days in a row. This is a response to a lack of trust. It’s just muzzling for three days.
• Kelli Seepaul: We can’t send out cheques or invoices; the logo is on everything. Three days is a long time for accounting to be behind. We need to allow day-to-day business.
• Dave Tompkins said his interpretation was that cheques were okay; they’re not external communications.
• Joel Mertens: There’s some damage to shutting down for three days, but it’s preventing potential massive damage to the Society.
• Adrienne Smith said she thought this was inadvisable for the reasons put forward by Kelli and disagreed with the Speaker’s ruling on cheques. A three-day delay is significant if the Society needs to respond to events. It’s not addressing the problem you have: muzzling all your staff because of lack of faith in two of your officers.

45. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That this motion be laid on the table until after the debate on the legal opinion.”

… No objections

46. MOVED JASON PENNER, SECONDED MIKE SILLEY:

“That the agenda be amended to include the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Council members that voted against the disabled seat be censured.”

… Defeated

For (9): Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Crystal Hon, Joel Mertens, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick, Fraser Young

Against (22): Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle)

Abstained: Maria Cirstea

L) Committee Motions:

From the Appointments Review Committee

47. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED LIN WATT:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of ARC the compensation for AMS Committee Chairs shall be set at $8.65/hr.”

Note that the hours for a committee chair are 12 hrs/week effective when the new committee chairs take office January 1, 2010.

• It was agreed that the Committee Chairs referred to mean the chairs of the five new Standing Committees: Education, Student Life, Business and Facilities, Legislative Procedures, and University and External Relations.
• Johannes Rebane said he went over options with the HR Manager and looked at other positions with similar responsibilities. AVP's get $8.65 an hour, and they're comparable.
• Aaron Sihota asked about responses to a request for email feedback.
• Johannes Rebane: Nobody sent in an email response, but there were offline discussions.
• Blake Frederick said he respected the deliberative process of ARC, but was going to abstain because he didn’t feel it appropriate to pay employees with such responsibilities $8.65/hr.
• Hayden Hughes asked what current chairs get.
• Tom Dvorak: $300 for the year.
• Johannes Rebane said there was power to amend the pay level.
• Fraser Young: Will chairs be required to document their hours?
• Johannes Rebane: I imagine. It’s a salaried position. On average a 12 hour week.
• Jimmy Yan: A committee went over the Executive’s hours. Will there be something to look over these chairs.
• Matthew Naylor: Committee chairs will be accountable to their committees.
• Dave Tompkins asked what the new ARC would be.
• Matthew Naylor: Business and Facilities.
• Dave Tompkins: So they’d do the review of compensation?
• Timothy Chu: Councillors will be determining their own pay. If Business and Facilities does the review, that committee chair also has a weird situation.
• Geoff Costeloe: It’s an ethical issue. If anyone has an intention of running for chair, they should refrain from speaking and voting and should remove themselves from any situation in which there could be a conflict.

48. MOVED JOHANNES REBANE, SECONDED LIN WATT:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of ARC the compensation for AMS Committee Chairs* shall be set at $8.65/hr."

Note that the hours for a committee chair are 12 hrs/week. effective when the new committee chairs take office January 1, 2010.

*The chairs of the five new Standing Committees: Education, Student Life, Business and Facilities, Legislative Procedures, and University and External Relations.

...Carried

For (22): Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoudi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Erin Abler, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift, Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Fraser Young

Against (1): Ekaterina Dovjenko
Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Blake Frederick, Matthew Naylor, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Jimmy Yan

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

From the Renovations Planning Group

49. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That $2,100.00 be withdrawn from CPAC for the administrative office lobby upgrades.”

Note: The current balance in CPAC is $343,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• This is for new sofas or chairs and some painting, to last five or six years until we move to the new building.
• Dave Tompkins asked if there was a budget, but none was available.
• Hayden Hughes asked for a breakdown between the couches and the paint.
• Ross Horton said the painting was being done internally, so there was no labour cost. There was just a $200 cost for the paint itself.

50. MOVED CRYSTAL HON, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That $2,100.00 be withdrawn from CPAC for the administrative office lobby upgrades.”

Note: The current balance in CPAC is $343,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (28): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Aber, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Bonnie Wong, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (1): Geoff Costeloe
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

51. MOVED JULIAN RITCHIE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Finance Commission minutes dated November 24, 2009
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated October 27, 2009
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated November 3, 2009
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated November 10, 2009
Student Administrative Commission minutes dated November 17, 2009

... Carried

For (19): Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Joel Mertens, Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Erin Abler, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Lin Watt, Bonnie Wong, Jimmy Yan

Against (2): Mike Duncan, Matthew Naylor

Abstained: Tahara Bhate, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Mona Maghsoodi, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Fraser Young

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

52. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED GEOFF COSTELOE:

“That _________ (Councillor or member at large) be appointed to the University Athletics Council for a term commencing immediately and ending September 2010.”

Nominees: Iggy Rodriguez (Science), Uni Park (at large)
Chosen: Uni Park

53. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED GEOFF COSTELOE:

“That Uni Park be appointed to the University Athletics Council for a term commencing immediately and ending September 2010.”

... Carried

For (29): Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young
Abstained: Mona Maghsoodi

54. MOVED LIN WATT, SECONDED COLIN SIMKUS:

“That Council be extended another hour.”

… Carried

For (23): Tahara Bhate, Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Crystal Hon, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Against (2): Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma)

From Timothy Chu

55. MOVED TIMOTHY CHU, SECONDED JASON PENNER:

“Whereas the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC is a registered voluntary society which promotes the development of comprehensive quality child care, women’s equality and social justice, and the rights of children and child care workers; and

Whereas the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC is a local sister organization of the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada, such that membership in the former by default includes membership in the latter, and which through shared membership, and the Child Care Council, works closely with organizations such as Building Blocks for Child Care, the Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCF), the Child Care Resource and Research Unit, the Assembly of First Nations, and the Feminist Alliance for International Action (FAFIA); and

Whereas the AMS shares the same values of inclusiveness, equality, women’s rights, and the rights of children, promotes and advocates for these values, and would find these advocacy resources and networks invaluable; and

Whereas the AMS has made it commitment to Childcare by committing $100,000 per year for ten years to fund much needed expansion of the UBC Childcare services;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS endorse and join the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC.”

Note: The organization fee is $75 or $100

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Brad Morrison: This organization has resources we don't have to work for childcare, and they know about children. It's cheap to join for the resources we'll be getting.
• Nazanin Moghadami asked what the resources are.
• Brad Morrison: Almost too many to name. There are connections to various advocacy groups, the aboriginal council, etc. There are resources from all over Canada that can give us help. They support women who want to work and be on campus.
• Matthew Naylor: All I know about this organization is their name and affiliations. I haven't seen anything about their policies. It's our job as Councillors to look over this.

56. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That Motion 54 be referred to the External Policy Committee.”

• Mike [guest]: It’s absurd to refer this to committee. It’s pathetic that people won’t vote on something that will give benefits.
• Colin Simkus: It’s not a question of the merits of child care. We don’t know what their stands are. There are lots of groups that do good things, but affiliating with groups could cause problems to our reputation. If we’re going to say this group speaks for us, we should make sure we know what they say.
• Joel [guest]: There’s no time sensitivity here.
• Iggy Rodriguez: This is another example of an external matter not going to the External Policy Committee.
• Elena Kusaka: We should trust our Child Care Commissioner. It’s time sensitive because child care is always time sensitive.
• Blake Frederick: I’m quite confused by the sudden methodology that everything must go to a committee. That’s certainly not the way this Council has operated all year. Many motions have come from two Councillors and were discussed and decided on. But if that’s the rule, let’s apply it across the board.
• Nazanin Moghadami: Time sensitivity exists if you have a child; it’s urgent then. If we join, will there be an improvement in the waiting list for child care on campus?
• Brad Morrison: In the short term, no. In the long term, I hope so. It’s very difficult to create the spaces.
• Mitch Wright: The committee structure hasn’t been working, but if we want the committees to work, we should send this to a committee, have opinions given. It’s important to have us look at things we’re voting on.

57. MOVED MITCH WRIGHT, SECONDED COLIN SIMKUS:

“That the question be called.”

Note; Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

For (22): Tahara Bhate, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Luke Luukkonen,
Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy forDia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Mitch Wright (proxy forGuillaume Houle), Fraser Young

Against (5): Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Jason Penner (proxy forMrigank Sharma)

Abstained: Andrew Carne, Mike Duncan, Mona Maghsoodi, Johannes Rebane, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan

58. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That Motion 54 be referred to the External Policy Committee.”

... Carried

For (21): Tahara Bhate, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Tom Dvorak, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan

Against (9): Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Johannes Rebane, Mike Silley, Fraser Young

Abstained: Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Mona Maghsoodi

59. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED LIN WATT:

“Be it resolved that Council direct the Student Life Committee to, in the context of the Climate Survey for which the AMS recently issued an RFP, develop recommendations for the improved engagement of underrepresented groups.”

- Matthew Naylor: This is perhaps a more constructive way of approaching disability seats and other motions. This is what we should be doing: telling our committees to do something.
- Blake Frederick: What does this mean in relation to the RFP? A firm will undertake a similar survey. How do you envision this working in parallel?
- Matthew Naylor: I would like the climate survey to identify problems and suggest solutions and the committee should work off that document.
- Blake Frederick: After the survey.
- Matthew Naylor: Yes.
- Timothy Chu expressed concern this would duplicate the work of the survey.
- It was suggested that a deadline would be useful and the following resolution clause was added:
• “Be it further resolved that the Student Life Committee report back to Council no later than two Council meetings after the report is released.”
• Geoff Costeloe said he hoped Student Life would work with other committees to make sure the academic side is dealt with.

60. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED LIN WATT:

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Be it further resolved that the Student Life Committee report back to Council no later than two Council meetings after the report is released.”

... Carried

For (32): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkanen, Mona Maghsoodi, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

61. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED LAURA SILVESTER:

“Whereas recent events have led AMS Officers and staff to be cautious regarding any legal expenditures by the Society; and

Whereas the AMS has in the past faced, currently faces, and may in the future face the need to consider the removal of elected officers of the Society; and

Whereas there may be multiple interpretations of regulations pertaining to the removal of elected officers,

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the use of up to $10,000 of budgeted legal expenditures to engage AMS legal counsel (currently Davis & Co.) to ascertain a legal opinion on questions related to the removal of officers of the Society. Specific questions will include but will not be limited to:

1. Can Council legally remove the duties and benefits of elected officers?
2. Are these elected officers considered employees of the Society?
3. Would officers have grounds for claiming wrongful dismissal if Council were to remove their duties and benefits as officers?
4. What actions would the Society have to take in order to mitigate the concerns and consequences of a wrongful dismissal claim?
5. Could removing specific duties and benefits of elected officers be legally interpreted as constructive dismissal?
Be it further resolved that Council direct the AMS General Manager, Ross Horton, to coordinate this inquiry with AMS legal counsel and report back to Council as soon as possible.

Note: Of the $25,000 budgeted for legal expenditures for the Student Government this year, roughly $17,000 remains unallocated.

- Andrew Carne: It’s important to figure out what’s legal in the current situation and also for the future.
- Joel Mertens: If we do find out that the bylaws don’t do what we want them to do, can we tie this into a referendum to fix the bylaws?
- Andrew Carne: Certain things are already slated for referendum (bylaw changes); this could be added to the list for next time. But if we just run a referendum on our bylaws, it will probably not get quorum.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Has this gone by a committee?
- Andrew Carne: It does not fall under a committee. And it’s time-sensitive.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Shouldn’t there be consultation for an expenditure of $10,000?
- Andrew Carne: This isn’t a policy motion.
- Blake Frederick: Why was there not a motion passed at Saturday’s meeting?
- Andrew Carne: Some of these issues just came up. This discussion hadn’t come up on Saturday.
- Kyle Warwick: It’s self-evident that this is completely time-sensitive. This should have been done already. It shouldn’t be delayed any further. It’s our fiduciary duty.
- Rodrigo Ferrari Nunes: Who was consulted on this?
- Andrew Carne: It was brought up by Dave after Saturday.
- Dave Tompkins: My interpretation was that the legal opinion we received is about removing directors, not officers. And it’s a legal opinion, not a legal act, based on a lower court ruling about a smaller organization. The rules may not necessarily apply to us. On Saturday I ruled this in order and also suggested getting a legal opinion.
- Geoff Costeloe: Where did the original ruling come from?
- Sheldon Goldfarb: It had been suggested to us that our bylaw provision under which Council members who miss five meetings lose their seats might be a violation of the Society Act. We consulted our regular lawyers, Davis, to ask about that and also about Council’s power to remove members of the Executive. Davis said that the provision about Council members losing their seats was okay, but that the provision for removing Executives was probably a violation.
- Geoff Costeloe: Students have been more consulted on this than on any other issue at UBC. Time is of the essence.

62. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
For (29): Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Fraser Young

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Whereas there may be multiple interpretations of regulations pertaining to the removal of elected officers,

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the use of up to $10,000 of budgeted legal expenditures to engage AMS legal counsel (currently Davis & Co.) to ascertain a legal opinion on questions related to the removal of officers of the Society. Specific questions will include but will not be limited to:

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Be it further resolved that Council direct the AMS General Manager, Ross Horton, to coordinate this inquiry with AMS legal counsel and report back to Council as soon as possible.

Note: Of the $25,000 budgeted for legal expenditures for the Student Government this year, roughly $17,000 remains unallocated. ... Carried

For (31): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Joel Atwater (proxy for
Hayden Hughes announced that he’d received an equity complaint about a lack of neutrality in the debate on the President and the VP External. He asked everyone to maintain a neutral tone.

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The Temporary Communications Policy Motion was brought back from the table. First the amendment was dealt with.

64. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That Motion 38 be amended by adding the following:

‘Be it further resolved that Council direct CPG to propose an alternate policy to be approved by Council, at which time this policy will expire.”

… Defeated

For (5): Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Joel Mertens, Julian Ritchie, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat)

Against (18): Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Blake Frederick, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Jeremy McElroy, Matthew Naylor, Johannes Rebane, Iggy Rodriguez, Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

Abstained: Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle)

Back to the main motion (Motion 38):

65. MOVED ANDREW CARNE:

“That Motion 38 be amended by replacing the resolution clause with the following:

Be it resolved that the following Temporary Communications Policy be adopted.

Temporary Communications Policy

The Communications Manager shall issue a press release, on behalf of the Society, when approved wording is passed by a 2/3rds Resolution of Council.

This policy shall expire on January 10, 2010.
The following media communications shall not be undertaken without a resolution at a quorate meeting of the Communications Planning Group or a two-thirds resolution of Council.

• Official broadcast emails to any portion of the Society membership, with the exception of the notice list
• The issuance of press releases to any media outlets."

… No objections

• Neal Yonson asked Timothy Chu if he had sent the UN complaint to anyone since the Saturday meeting.
• Timothy Chu: Yes, in an email.
• Neal Yonson: After it was withdrawn?
• Timothy Chu: To let them know what went on. I attached it to emails to students who I thought might be interested. There had been so much hype. I thought people should be able to read the UN complaint.
• Neal Yonson: Did you send it?
• Timothy Chu: Yes.
• Stefanie Ratjen: Is it online in public?
• The answer was yes. And in response to a question about whether he made it clear that the UN complain was not the policy of the AMS, Timothy Chu said:
  o No, I think I said it was launched on Thursday. I didn’t say it was policy or was rescinded.
• Geoff Costeloe raised a point of order, saying this was not relevant to the motion.

66. MOVED JOEL ATWATER:

“That Motion 38 be amended by adding the following resolution clause:

Be it further resolved that Tim Chu be restricted from sending emails from his VP External email account.”

… Failed for lack of seconder

• Mitch Wright asked Kelli Seepaul if the new policy worked for her.
• Kelli Seepaul: That definitely makes life easier.
• Mike [guest]: What are the implications if someone wants to communicate to the press about what happened? What constitutes a press release?
• Kelli Seepaul: I think the policy is referring to a written press release.
• Dave Tompkins: Typically, the President is the spokesperson for the AMS. No one else can speak on behalf of the AMS.
• Eric [guest]: This issue is what brought me to this room. I implore you to adopt this. A lot of students have been embarrassed by the barrage of communications from the AMS. The AMS needs to shut its trap for a bit and apologize for what it needs to apologize for.
• Colin Simkus: This reflects a lot of effort to find a compromise that really works, sending a message loud and clear to the Executive that we are frustrated. They’ve been warned on numerous occasions that procedures need to be followed. We’re not going to let our name, reputation, and credibility be dragged through the mud.
67. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called.”

... Carried

For (27): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhat, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Joel Mertens, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Natalie Swift, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Fraser Young

Against (2): Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick

68. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“Whereas Communications have been released that do not adhere to the proper policies and procedures of the Society; and

Whereas Council is the custodian of the Society’s name, logo external image and reputation,

Therefore be it resolved that the following Temporary Communications Policy be adopted.

Temporary Communications Policy

The Communications Manager shall issue a press release, on behalf of the Society, when approved wording is passed by a 2/3rds Resolution of Council.

This policy shall expire on January 10, 2010.

The following media communications shall not be undertaken without a resolution at a quorate meeting of the Communications Planning Group or a two-thirds resolution of Council.

- Official broadcast emails to any portion of the Society membership, with the exception of the notice list
- The issuance of press releases to any media outlets.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (33): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhat, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Maria Cirstea, Hannes Dempewolf, Mike Duncan, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Mona
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Against (1): Timothy Chu

69. MOVED JEREMY MCELROY:

“That there be a two minute recess.”

… Defeated

For (7): Bijan Ahmadian, Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Iggy Rodriguez, Mike Silley, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Jimmy Yan

Against (18): Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Laura Silvester, Natalie Swift

Abstained: Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle)

70. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR:

“That the agenda be amended to include a motion approving a press release.”

… No objections

71. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED IGgy RODRIGUEZ:

“That the following press release be sent:

‘The Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver (AMS), UBC’s student union, would like to inform the public that AMS Council passed a motion to retract the complaint to the UN against the BC and Canadian governments in regard to Article 13(c) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The filed complaint was not the will of the Society and on November 28th, 2009 the President of the AMS overstepped his bounds in taking this action. The Society did not support this filed complaint.’ “

- Matthew Naylor: This is an extension of the policy we passed on Saturday. This is just sending out that press release.
- Bijan Ahmadian suggested adding the word “unanimous”; the suggestion was agreed to.
• Blake Frederick: Upon receiving notice from Saturday’s meeting to issue a press release, I did direct our Communications Manager to draft a press release. I don’t necessarily think it prudent to have Council draft press releases, but I will support this because I think the release accurately reflects the meeting’s decision.
• Bijan Ahmadian: The original release went to the audience on Pivot Legal Society’s list. Can this one go to the same list?
• Kelli Seepaul: You would have to hire Pivot if you want them to do more work for you.

72. MOVED MATTHEW NAYLOR, SECONDED IGGY RODRIGUEZ:

“That the following press release be sent:

‘The Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver (AMS), UBC’s student union, would like to inform the public that AMS Council unanimously passed a motion to retract the complaint to the UN against the BC and Canadian governments in regard to Article 13(c) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The filed complaint was not the will of the Society and on November 28th, 2009 the President of the AMS overstepped his bounds in taking this action. The Society did not support this filed complaint.’ “

... Carried

For (32): Bijan Ahmadian, Tahara Bhate, Andrew Carne, Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Timothy Chu, Maria Cirstea, Geoff Costeloe, Hannes Dempewolf, Tom Dvorak, Blake Frederick, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Crystal Hon, Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson), Luke Luukkonen, Mona Maghsoodi, Jeremy McElroy, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Matthew Naylor, Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Johannes Rebane, Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Joel Atwater (proxy for Arvind Saraswat), Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Colin Simkus (proxy for Dia Montgomery), Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan, Fraser Young

P) Discussion Period

Saturday Follow-Up

• Geoff Costeloe: Blake and Tim eroded Council’s powers; they have no regard for the voice of Council. Blake himself said after his election that he had no mandate to act without consulting students, but it seems the only student consulted on this issue was Tim Chu. There’s a lack of respect for students’ legitimate rights through Council. I ask them to resign right now.
• Blake and Tim declined to resign.
• Stefanie Ratjen:
  o Everyone needs to take a step back. Things have gotten quite out of hand.
  o I’m standing here as a person who’s been quite involved, a former VP External.
Tim, I really have a lot of respect for you; you've done more than former VP Ex's in reaching out to students through your successful postcard campaign.

Blake, you've shaped this in so many positive ways that people in this room are not recognizing. The Lighter Footprint Strategy. The Housing Report.

Together you have made the U-Pass subsidy more acceptable than ever. You've stood up for equity, international students, students with disabilities. A lot of students not in this room do support you. This is a battleground now, but what you have done reflects positively on you.

Joel Atwater: I sat in these chairs two generations ago. The AMS is not a government; it's a society. A lot of the debate here is using emotionally charged words like impeachment and democracy. The problem is that two officers have ignored the rules of the board of directors and used Society funds to pursue their own personal crusade. Should these two individuals continue to hold positions in a society with $12 million?

There was no objection to extending the meeting by half an hour.

Allie Slemon read a letter on behalf of the Resource Groups, saying the Resource Groups were disturbed that Council would seek to thwart attempts to dismantle systems of oppression on issues such as equity and disability. Blake and Tim had constantly supported those issues. The Resource Groups stated their opposition to the AMS stand that accepted the increase in tuition fees; they also expressed concern that Council was more interested in impeaching officers than in pursuing equity.

Matthew Naylor: This has been a long and draining experience. I stand on principle, the principle of working through a democratically ordered structure which students voted for and working with student representatives to do what students want. Our student representatives have unanimously asked our President and VP External to resign. Since they have refused to resign, I cannot sit here watching their travesty.

Matthew walked out.

Nicholas Fitzgerald:

I don't see how you can support these two if they continue to betray our trust this way.

Iggy Rodriguez asked Blake if he had anything further he wanted to say.

Blake Frederick: Let me be clear when I say that I know quite clearly that what I did breached the process of this Council. I did find it particularly appropriate to apologize for sending out a complaint of such magnitude without consultation. I could argue that nothing required me to do so in Code or Bylaws, but I know it's an issue of trust. I regret what I did. I do admit I have lost your trust.
Iggy Rodriguez: Since we have lost trust in you, there’s no point in sitting here any longer.

S) Adjournment:

73. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

For (15): Andrew Carne, Maria Cirstea, Tom Dvorak, Mona Maghsoodi, Isabel Montoya (proxy for Carolee Changfoot), Jason Penner (proxy for Mrigank Sharma), Julian Ritchie, Iggy Rodriguez, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Laura Silvester, Kyle Warwick, Lin Watt, Mitch Wright (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Jimmy Yan

Against (8): Bijan Ahmadian, Timothy Chu, Blake Frederick, Luke Luukkonen, Jeremy McElroy, Johannes Rebane, Natalie Swift, Fraser Young

Abstained: Barnabas Caro (proxy for Ryan Trasolini), Hannes Dempewolf, Mark Gunther (proxy for Ekaterina Dovjenko), Dakota Karter (proxy for Katherine Tyson)

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 pm.

R) Next Meetings:

Emergency meeting December 7, 2009
Regular meeting January 6, 2010
The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council Attendance

Meeting Date: November 4, 2009

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Voting Records

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V24: Set Compensation for Committee Chairs
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The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver

PLACE: Council Chambers   Norm Theatre

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Campbell Bryson (Medicine), Amber Perreca (Educational Studies), Gregory Williams, Ben Cappellacci (CUS Senator), Mike Kenyon (Computer Science), Salomon Saache (Arts), Samantha Horton (Arts), Sarah Bihis (Arts), Gordon Katic (Arts), Paul J. Godin (Science), Raj Endra-M (Fine Arts), Jordan Moore (Arts), Allison Heath (HKUS), Arshleen Johl (Education), Helge Ratvik (Commerce), Jay Shah (Arts), Elin Tayyar (SAC), Clay Gruber (Arts), Neal Yonson, Angus Cheung (AMS Safety Coordinator), Justin Yang (SUS), Nicholas FitzGerald (Science), Adam Wasik (Science), Ben Lee (SFU), Andy Shen (SFU), Julian Markowitz (Arts), Jonathan Lerner (Arts), Isabel Montoya V, Gino Ruggiero Lapuebla Carlars (Arts), Cheryl Kornder (Arts), Josh Caulkins (GSS), Stas Pavlov (CUS), Alex Lougheed, Emily Griffiths, Mark Gunther, Tagh Sira, Phoebe, Joshabelle, Tanja, Ariel, Elizabeth, John, Sean, Joel, Adrienne Smith (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Ross Horton (General Manager), Joanne Picford (Administrative Assistant), Katie Berezan (Assistant to AMS President)

The following motion was affixed to the door of Council Chambers:

“Whereas the Council Chambers is unavailable today; and

Whereas a number in excess of the capacity of the Council Chambers is expected for today’s meeting,

Therefore be it resolved that today’s meeting (December 7, 2009) take place in the Norm Theatre.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

In Favour (26): Carolee Changfoot, Matthew Naylor, Kyle Warwick, Mike Silley, Katherine Tyson, Jeremy McElroy, Mike Duncan, Bijan Ahmadian, Lin Watt, Andrew Carne, Julian Ritchie, Natalie Swift, Luke Luukkonen, Hannes Dempewolff, Mona Maghsoodi, Fraser Young, Dia Montgomery, Sam Law, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Silas Archambault), Aaron Sihota, Jimmy Yan, Maria Cirstea, Tahara Bhat, Ignacio Rodriguez, Geoff Costeloe, Joel Mertens

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order in the Norm Theatre at 4:11 pm.

1. MOVED JOEL MERTENS, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:
“That Hayden Hughes, Maria Cirstea and Emma Ellison be appointed as the Equity Representatives for tonight’s meeting.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections.

... Carried

- Geoff Costeloe asked that there be a motion added on making the legal opinion just received by the AMS public. So added.
- Geoff Costeloe asked that the recall motions be removed from the agenda. So removed.
- It was agreed to add presentations by Blake Frederick and Timothy Chu, with question periods.
- Dia Montgomery asked that a Discussion Period topic on the actions of the other Executives be added.
- Tahara Bhate asked that a CASA motion be added.
- Andrew Carne asked that a motion on limiting Executive powers be added.

Discussion of the agenda was laid on the table in order to discuss the following motion:

2. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council make the legal opinion received from Davis & Co. December 7, 2009, publicly available.”

- Andrew Carne: The legal opinion just arrived and since it has a lot of bearing on the issues, it’s only fair to make it public to all students.

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The agenda was brought back to the table.

4. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That a motion on weekly reports by members of the Executive be added to the agenda.”

... Carried
• It was agreed to add a motion of censure to the agenda, using the language suggested in the legal opinion.

5. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEIA:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. ... Carried

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

6. MOVED AARON SIHOTA, SECONDED JIMMY YAN:

“That Council approve the following minutes:

Student Council Minutes dated November 18, 2009
Student Council Minutes dated November 28, 2009.”

• Bijan Ahmadian requested a correction to the November 28 minutes to clarify what he said about Blake’s point that raising tuition could sever relations between the AMS and UBC.

7. MOVED AARON SIHOTA, SECONDED JIMMY YAN:

“That Council approve the following minute as corrected:

Student Council Minutes dated November 18, 2009
Student Council Minutes dated November 28, 2009.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. ... Carried

O) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

6. MOVED TAHARA BHATE, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“Be it resolved that the AMS cease its affiliation with the Canadian Alliance of Student’s Association in April 2010 at the end of the current member year.

Be it further resolved that the President of the AMS communicate this decision to CASA.”
• Tahara Bhat said this was a procedural motion following up on the previous motion stating the intent of the AMS to leave CASA. Council had the debate over a month ago.
• Dia Montgomery: Did we get a legal opinion on whether we can leave CASA without consequences?
• Dave Tompkins: No, but we are making sure to satisfy both constitutions.
• Natalie Swift: What correspondence has there been with CASA since the last motion?
• Timothy Chu: We’ve been speaking with member schools and sent emails to CASA staff. We’ve been sent surveys to fill out.

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C) Presentations to Council:

Blake Frederick:

• I’ve been involved in the AMS for three years. I was an AVP under the Academic portfolio and then under the External portfolio.
• I was quite content to adopt the lobbying principle of writing well-researched reports and bringing them to government and trying to get them to adopt them, but I began to see that that was not always the most effective method; it’s not always reason that compels governmental bodies to act.
• The question is, Who has the power? When you try to convince government to adopt principles, that implies that government has the power. I don’t subscribe to that; I believe it’s students that have the real power. When we work together, we can effect change.
• I feel that’s been lacking in the AMS for a while.
• The UN strategy was based on the notion that it’s the public or students who have the power to effect change.
• There’s a misconception over the goal of the UN complaint; that was my fault; I didn’t express my goals before launching it.
• It was purely a media stunt, a tool to get coverage, a means whereby students could raise issues, such as funding from the government, grants for students, and tuition.
• It was meant to start a dialogue.
• The idea was not to have the UN drop other priorities to come to Canada to enforce lower tuition.
• There was a failure in achieving the goal because of the backlash, and that was due to my failure to bring the complaint to Council and to the students at large.
• I do fully apologize for the route I took. I do think it was a good mechanism, but I was wrong for only raising it at Executive Committee and not bringing it to Council for approval, and I realize that a majority of students feel I did wrong in this case by not bringing it to Council.
• This action should be viewed in the context of my previous record at the AMS. I always had the best intentions for the AMS, aiming to build an AMS that was as strong as it could be, even if I made a couple of mistakes.
• By continuing in office, I could create a liability for the Society because of my tendency to act without the will of Council.
• Moving forward I will do nothing but follow the will of Council.
• I tried to make that clear at the last Council meeting, for instance, with the press release drafted by Council; I directed the Communications Manager to issue it and I agreed in principle with the Temporary Communications Policy; I thought that was reasonable. I don’t think removal from office is reasonable.

Timothy Chu
• A lot of concerns were addressed in the UN complaint.
• Why the UN? The main reason was the International Covenant, which states that higher education should be accessible to all.
• The UN is the appropriate body to go to if the government has breached that covenant.
• And a second reason for not going to the domestic courts is that the courts have ruled that the University has absolute power over tuition fees.
• Internal courts don’t recognize education as a right, so the UN was the most appropriate place.
• Why did we do it? My job is to lobby the government. I have found that the most effective way to do that is to find public support (through postcard campaigns, media publicity, etc.) and then talk to politicians in the back rooms.
• The UN complaint was meant to raise awareness and start a dialogue.
• The UN complaint did get response from other student unions; their media have approached them about tuition fees. I thought this was a pretty good result because we need more people talking about tuition.
• The process was unacceptable; we should have gone a different route. I apologize to Councillors. It would have been much more effective if we had got all of Council behind us.
• I recognize there are differing opinions on Council and among students. I’m glad we’re starting to talk about issues. Let’s have a debate on tuition fees.

[Applause.]

Questions

• Geoff Costeloe thanked Blake and Tim and said it may have been wrong not hearing them last time. He added:
  o I, too, think students are an incredible power, as we saw with the Farm.
  o In truth, this debate is not about tuition; it’s about your accountability to Council, and you’ve admitted you failed. It was not appropriate for you to take this action without consulting students.
We just can’t trust you now.

The negative media has not helped us; it has hurt us.

Our loan program is the worst in the country; it would be good if we could come together on that, but we won’t now because of actions like this, calling the provincial government on human rights violations and alienating the Administration.

Why are we paying legal fees for Tristan Markle? He’s not a student paying fees now. We’re supposed to represent students who pay fees.

Timothy Chu: Under our constitution, the provincial government sets tuition fees. The nature of the complaint was to involve the provincial government. As to Tristan Markle, the lawyer said we could go ahead with the complaint without any individual students, but they also said it would be appropriate to find students and have them sign affidavits to bring in personal experience. We asked students we knew to submit affidavits and we selected Tristan’s.

Geoff Costeloe asked how many students in the room were asked to submit affidavits. [No response.]

Nicholas FitzGerald:

One can most effectively lobby when students mobilize. Where in this UN complaint did you seek to get students to mobilize? By not involving students, how could you effect united action on behalf of students?

You previously apologized over censure; after apologizing you again went ahead and transgressed to send out your opinion as if it were the opinion of Council.

Why should any one of us trust you now?

Blake Frederick:

The mobilization of students didn’t happen, as I’ve said, because of the backlash over process.

There are two issues: process, on which I admit wrongdoing, and tuition and funding.

I continue to stick to my belief that the AMS should be lobbying on tuition and funding. The process was wrong, but it’s not wrong to have a debate on tuition.

Guest: Was it a procedural error also to send out the email?

Blake Frederick: I did follow the protocols in place for the email list.

Matthew Naylor:

I’ve never been more furious.

In history there are untold examples of leaders who broke the bonds of convention to achieve ends they thought were good; there was the internment of the Japanese in World War II.

I tend to think the process matters more than the deed.

Rogue actions by Executives and Committees threaten the foundation of the Society.

I spoke some weeks ago about having faith in Blake Frederick’s intentions; I believe Blake Frederick’s heart is in the right place. I would have looked forward to a vigorous debate on his planned actions, but what he did precluded that.

This was another failure on the democratic and professional level. We have been deceived.

This has sliced a gaping hole in the fabric of our Society through which any demagogue can push a policy without due process.
The AMS must be the voice of students, not just one person.
- Perhaps it is time to reconsider Australian voluntary student unionism.
- It is wrong that the students’ name can be attached without their consent to actions like this.
- Should we have the right to have our will as students and student representatives respected? If not, why not resign?
- Tim, what happened to Lobby Days? What MLA’s have you met? How are you working to promote our policies and interests?
- How did you think this was acceptable in our democratic process?

Blake Frederick: Shouldn’t I listen to the voice of students and resign? If that is the will of the students, then yes. I don’t think there’s been unanimous student opposition to the actions I have taken. There are supporters on each side. If a recall was needed, then a referendum would be in order to give everyone a chance to have their side heard. I don’t see a unanimous call for us to resign.

Timothy Chu: We believe the membership should make the decision on resigning. As to Lobby Days, we’ve had an annual meeting since 2005 where 20-30 Councillors go to Victoria for a night or two and meet politicians and talk about education. That didn’t happen this year because it was an incredibly busy time for my office. My office was organizing a child care conference. There was the U-Pass subsidy, the postcards about the cuts. Also, we’d already met with several ministers and opposition critics, approximately 15-16 or 20 Victoria politicians.

Matthew Naylor: How did you decide they’d achieve no results and require you to take such bizarre actions?

Timothy Chu: There’s lack of continuity in our positions. The next person has to learn the ropes around the government. We need to look back over the last eight or so years. In eight years we have seen an increase in tuition fees, the elimination of grants. Look at the trends, at how often students have mobilized and still seen fees doubled.

Matthew Naylor: Will you support a motion to hold a recall referendum?

Timothy Chu: If the membership decides, I will answer to the membership.

Matthew Naylor: Would you support a referendum?

Timothy Chu: Yes.

Blake Frederick: I would support a referendum.

Josh Caulkins: I’ve been a grad student since 2001 and around student politics since 2002. I’ve never been so proud to see student leaders stand up for principles, for the platform they were elected on. I do not feel deceived or slighted. Process is an issue; I sympathize with that feeling. But my question is what will the follow-up be on these actions if the complaint to the UN is removed?

Blake Frederick: One of the goals is to start talking about tuition. The follow-up was to bring a policy to Council, which was referred to committee. We want students to have a say through a referendum on tuition policy.

8. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED TAHARA BHATE:

“That the question period be extended another 15 minutes.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.
There were no objections.

- Dia Montgomery asked about the affidavit procedure.
- Timothy Chu: We solicited feedback from students; we got a brief questionnaire which we forwarded to the lawyer. The lawyer contacted these students and then the lawyer chose.
- Dia Montgomery: You were not collecting affidavits; you were seeking a co-complainant.
- Timothy Chu: The intent was to find students who could write affidavits.
- Dia Montgomery: How much AMS money was spent on that co-complainant? How many hours?
- Timothy Chu: I don’t know exactly. We got a quote. We went with the Pivot lawyer’s quote. It was all one package. I’m not sure how much time she spent on the co-complainant. The entire package included a $3000 retainer and then additional time; also press conferencing, working with our Communications Department on a press kit. Altogether, roughly, under $6000. Maybe $5000.
- Dia Montgomery: Was it the lawyer’s idea to add a co-complainant? Or was it your decision?
- Blake Frederick: We left it to the lawyer to decide the best way to proceed.
- Tahara Bhate: I always tried to bridge the gap between the various ideological groups in this organization. This is about as strong a denunciation as we could make. Having heard what Blake and Tim said, I am disappointed and saddened. You opposed the decision to delay the tuition discussion Wednesday night. Why? It would have prevented student discussion.
- Blake Frederick: I was highlighting Council’s expediency, Council’s inappropriateness in recalling us. The tuition motion was aimed at highlighting hypocrisy over the tuition issue. It is entirely appropriate to have a discussion on tuition. It should be through referendum rather than the regular bureaucracy because it is so contentious.
- Neal Yonson: Why wasn’t this brought to Council before doing this? You have experience: Blake (three years), Tim (two years). You know how things work in the AMS.
- Timothy Chu: We apologize for the process. It wasn’t the right process. It was a rollover from last year’s Executive. We brought it to the Executive Committee at the beginning of the year. We charged lawyers to deal with that task. As to not bringing it to Council, there had been differences with Council; we’d brought several motions before to Council and before they could even be discussed Councillors would say they shouldn’t even be on the agenda. Councillors said take it off, so we took off a tuition fee motion because Councillors found it contentious.
- Iggy Rodriguez: These were motions from the External Policy Committee?
- Timothy Chu: No. We felt this was a huge political difference.
- Neal Yonson: Did you know at the time that this was an inappropriate process?
- Blake Frederick: I was actually quite surprised to see the response to the UN complaint. I viewed it purely as a media stunt, and it was very successful; it drew lots of coverage in the media. I certainly in retrospect realized it would have been better to go to Council. It did go to the Executive Committee and was signed off on.
9. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED JIMMY YAN:

“That the question period be extended another 10 minutes.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. ... Carried

10. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED LIN WATT:

“That for the remainder of the question period there be a 1.5 minute limit on questions and answers.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. ... Carried

• Nazanin Moghadami: I felt betrayed by the actions the VP External and the President took. What are you giving me to trust you?
• Timothy Chu: If we look around this room, we see something unprecedented: a wake-up call for Tim. We have never experienced backlash this strong in the history of the AMS. A second reason: Now that dialogue has been opened, I will work with Council.
• Blake Frederick: The issue of tuition was the sticking point. I believe I have had the trust of Council. I have a personal interest in not having to do this thing. There are more eyes on the AMS. If there is fear, I encourage Council to impose restrictions, as has been done, for instance on press releases. I will work to build that trust. I know for some on Council that will not satisfy.
• Adam Wasik: I’ve seen my tuition more than double. Thanks for admitting where you guys went wrong. Were you elected to report to AMS Council or UBC students? Were you elected on a platform of Education as a Right, pursuing lower tuition?
• Blake Frederick: This situation actually exposes a huge issue, of being elected on a mandate and having to follow the mandate of Council. That causes friction. My job is to make sure I have the backing of Council. I continue to think AMS policy is wrong, but my way of pursuing it was inappropriate.
• Kat Dovjenko: The complaint was not brought to Council because you thought Council would not approve it? As to the Executives signing off, was there any formal approval from the Executive Committee? Why didn’t you come to Council for help?
• Timothy Chu: On a more personal level, the thought that Council would not approve it was one of the reasons. There was updating at Executive Committee. I don’t believe there was a formal motion; it was more consensus based, as often happens in Executive Committee.

• Blake Frederick: That was a mistake, not coming to Council. We had an overly pessimistic view that Council would not be on board. We don’t like being here instead of working together. I apologize for that.

• Dave Tompkins: In the past, the Executive Committee has done things by formal motions.

• Joshabelle: Tim and Blake, thank you. It’s not very easy to be a leader. We should be kind to them. They know they made a mistake.

11. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED LAURA SILVESTER:

“That there be a 5 minute recess.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. ... Defeated

12. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council censure Blake Frederick, President, and Tim Chu, VP External, for serious breaches of the Code of the Society and the responsibilities of individual board members. In particular, that the Council censure each of Blake Frederick and Tim Chu for failing to consult with Council and failing to disclose to Council their decision to authorize external legal counsel to file the UN Complaint on behalf of the AMS.”

• Andrew Carne: They have admitted to a serious breach of procedures. Council needs to say this is completely unacceptable and we won’t accept this in the future.

• Phoebe: Why don’t you support a referendum? You guys say you represent our interests. That’s just a statement; it doesn’t prove anything. You haven’t expressed what I or my friends have wanted to say.

• Guest: What would censure effectively do to limit the powers of Tim and Blake?

• Dave Tompkins: Nothing. It goes on their record as a reprimand.

13. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That speakers alternate between Councillors and members at large where possible and that there be a 3 minute speaking limit.”

... No objections

• Andrew Carne: Point of personal privilege: It’s offensive to say we’ve voted against a referendum. It hasn’t been brought to the table.
Julian Markowitz: By their own admission, our President and Vice-President External have failed us. They went around their elected board because we wouldn’t agree with them; that was wrong. Our name has been slandered; we look schizophrenic: we made the complaint, then we rescinded it, and now our President wants to work on the same issue. This registers our discontent. We should really do more: ask them to pay out of their pockets for what they spent of our money.

Gregory Williams: You have fixed the problem by withdrawing the complaint. There’s no point to this motion; stop fighting personal battles. Also, censure will not do nothing; it will increase animosity between members of the Executive and Council.

Dia Montgomery: The question was, What does censure do? This is a democracy; the rule is to govern with consent. We could abolish the AMS and elect one person and they could make every decision for the AMS for the whole year. But the system as set up, based on the system of government in Canada, is democracy. People can bring issues to one representative, who brings it to a larger body. This is in our Code and Policy, and in the Charter. Together as a group we decide. It is not one individual, however well meaning, but the principles we live by are advise, consent, negotiate.

Guest: Will censure affect them in their future jobs and academic studies?

Dave Tompkins: It doesn’t go on their transcripts. If Googled, presumably it would come up.

Jeremy (guest): A student at the last meeting was in tears over tuition and was essentially laughed off. I’ve never been so embarrassed. I do respect that if they have gone around the rules, that was wrong. But there seems to be a notion that there is unanimous opposition to them. It’s not unanimous.

Bijan Ahmadian:
- We don’t run our Society on unanimity.
- The President’s role is as a crafter of relationships. At this our President has failed again and again. That’s why we have to censure, to send a message, a deterrent.
- The UN complaint was a stunt? Okay, if that was the strategy, and if he had come to Council, okay, that would have been appropriate. There was no strategy behind this. It was planned since March.
- There’s a pattern of Blake and Tim using the AMS to pull stunts of their own.
- On such issues as the Olympics, the relationship with the Board of Governors, Metro Vancouver, they have done irreparable damage.
- Now Blake says he is willing to have his powers limited and be a puppet of Council; we don’t want a puppet; we want a President with a good sense of judgment.
- This sends a message and goes on their employment record permanently.

Jonathan Lerner: Students feeling the sting of tuition need progress on this matter, but the actions of Tim and Blake were deplorable. They undermined trust. Through the ludicrous complaint to the UN, they embarrassed the students. And this was not an isolated event; the pattern began when they took office. The AMS needs access to government bodies, but the actions of Blake and Tim have harmed ties with municipal government, the provincial government, etc. They have crippled the AMS’s ability to fulfill its mandate.
• Iggy Rodriguez: You were elected with a slight majority and said you’d have to go to Council. Has anything changed since then?
• Blake Frederick: No.
• Iggy Rodriguez: Council needs to express disapproval for a president acting like a king. He was elected to carry out policies passed by the legislative body. We must state that we will not accept a President acting unilaterally. We failed to pass a motion of censure last time because Blake said he wouldn’t do it again. Council should not fail again.
• Stas Pavlov: Blake and Tim say they want to do what’s best for students. Did they get feedback from students? No. Council members went to their constituents for feedback. Council is elected by constituents. Council should stick to its decision to ask Blake and Tim to resign.
• Tahara Bhate:
  o There’s a lack of decorum and respect from the audience. Supporters of Blake and Tim talk of Council disrespecting them, but I see students disrespecting their peers.
  o There is freedom of speech; you should be quiet while your opponents speak.
  o We don’t represent students? I have sought feedback from my constituents and almost unanimously they’ve had a negative response to what Tim and Blake did; they almost unanimously directed me to recall them or limit their powers. That’s not a legal option, so I must vote for censure.
  o It’s not just over the UN complaint but over everything they did in the week after that, making a mockery of what Council had decided.
  o As to Jeremy’s point about the student in tears: I talked to her; she thought if we passed that tuition motion she’d not have to drop out; it was irresponsible to let that impression be created. Do Blake and Tim dare to say that if that had passed there’d be free tuition by September?
• Tanja (guest): Tuition is a huge issue for me, but to bring something to the UN, a body that deals with genocide, as a student complaining about tuition – that’s akin to prank calling 911. Can you understand how many think you trivialized something we hold dear?
• Timothy Chu: If the perception is that we trivialized human rights issues, I sincerely apologize. That was not our intent. But there is a UN covenant from 1976 that Canada signed on for. The Canadian government broke its commitment. Education plays a huge role in many people’s lives. Financial barriers obstruct potential students like aboriginal students.

14. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE, SECONDED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. ... Carried
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For: Jimmy Yan, Julian Ritchie, Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Trasolini, Natalie Swift, Laura Silvester, Johannes Rebane, Tahara Bhate, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Joel Mertens, Kyle Warwick, Maria Cirstea, Tom Dvorak, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Crystal Hon, Dia Montgomery, Nancy Pepper (Silas Archambault proxy), Michael Duncan, Ekatrina Dovjenko, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Fraser Young, Ignacio Rodriguez, Lin Watt, Carolee Changfoot, Johanna Mickelson (Guillaume Houle proxy), Katherine Tyson, Elysha Ames (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi)

Abstained: Blake Frederick, Timothy Chu

16. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“Be it resolved that the AMS President and VP External, issue weekly reports to members of Council detailing their activities on an hourly basis.”

- Andrew Carne: There’s a widely acknowledged breakdown in trust between Council and the Executive. I personally don’t trust them without knowing in great detail what they’re doing. We’re their employers; it’s our money. I want to know so that they can’t pull another media stunt. This will make them accountable to the student body.
- Adam Wasik: It’s a little bit childish to make them say when they’ve been peeing. Does this do anything substantive? Do they have any right to personal lives?
- Dave Tompkins said he would interpret this as not applying to personal lives, only to AMS activities.
- Jeremy McElroy: To those who say this is ridiculous, we already ask this of our Executive. We asked them to meet weekly and provide minutes. We want to know what’s going on. There’s been a blatant disregard of this for a number of years. The problem is that there are gaps in Code and Policies allowing people to act under the radar. This motion is really just doing what we have required, what’s already expected; it’s just fleshing it out.
- Dave Tompkins: How do things work now?
- Tom Dvorak: Currently, we have weekly Executive meetings and send the minutes to Council. That’s the official mechanism. Also, we’ve been sending timesheets to the ad hoc remuneration committee.
- Emily Griffiths raised several points:
She questioned AMS Council’s ability to represent students, saying a number of students do feel represented by Blake and Tim. Some are not here because they have become alienated because of the results of the equity motions.

She questioned the assertion that inaccessibility to education is not linked to violence and poverty.

She asked why Council was not asking the other Executives to report their hours. It’s just Blake and Tim because of their political stands; that seems fishy.

She suggested the Chair was biased.

Dave Tompkins said he was just trying to keep things light, adding: That doesn’t mean I don’t think this is serious. If you feel there’s bias, raise that at any time. I do my best to be impartial.

17. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That Motion 16 be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that the AMS President and VP External <the Executive, including the ECSS,> issue weekly reports to members of Council detailing their activities on an hourly basis.’ “

Blake Frederick: I’m in favour of reporting hours as long as this refers to hours employed for the Society. I’m already doing that and am happy to supply that to Council and publicly, except for confidential matters. I think it is important that all six Executive members do this. It would be productive to prove to Council that we’re fulfilling our duties.

Andrew Carne: The intent was to make this specific. Blake said if Council did not trust him, we should put forward measures. This is one of those measures. I still have some trust for other Executive members.

Ariel: The fact that two of the other members of the Executive signed a contract they disagreed with means they should be reporting their hours. If this is permanent, it needs to be shown that this is necessary only for those two positions.

Nazanin Moghadami expressed concerns about permanency and unfairness if it is only for two Executives.

It was agreed to add a clause stating that the reporting requirement would end at the next Annual General Meeting. The Speaker also ruled that this was an Internal Policy requiring 2/3rds.

Rory Green said she used to receive timesheets as chair of the Remuneration Committee. She asked the current chair if he was receiving them.

Aaron Sihota: Over the summer I asked the Executives to report biweekly. I have not received reports from the President or VP Academic; the other three have submitted theirs, though not biweekly.

Jeremy McElroy: The 2008-09 Executive was terrible at submitting minutes. Council has not been on top of this. All the Executives should report; everyone needs to be kept accountable.
• Elizabeth (guest):
  o All the Executive should be held accountable, but we've lost trust in the President and VP External; we need extra accountability for them. Also, nothing in the motion says what happens if they don't do it.
  o I'd love to have a $25,000 a year job and not be held accountable.
  o Every time something like this happens it devalues my degree; I can no longer be proud to say I'm from UBC when our leaders do things like this.
  o If we think we can get high quality education at low tuition, I'd like to see how.
• Julian Ritchie: There should be just one standard for all office holders.
• Geoff Costeloe: We should hold all our Executives to the same standard. Implicitly, this is aimed at two people; they know that.
• Adam Wasik: Is this only aimed at the President and the VP External?
• Andrew Carne mentioned the UN complaint.
• Adam Wasik: Were all the Executives aware of the UN complaint?
• Johannes Rebane: I may have been, I may not. I didn't question the authority of the other Executives. I've apologized.

18. MOVED KYLE WARWICK:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … No objections

19. MOVED BLAKE FREDERICK, SECONDED TIMOTHY CHU:

“That Motion 16 be amended to read:

'Be it resolved that the AMS President and VP External <the Executive, including the ECSS,> issue weekly reports to members of Council detailing their activities on an hourly basis.' “

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. … Carried

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• Neal Yonson asked about enforcement and about things being left out of reports.
• Kyle Warwick suggested a role for the Oversight Committee, or its successor.

20. MOVED GEOFF COSTELOE:

“That the question be called.”
21. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

"Be it resolved that the Executive, including the ECSS, issue weekly reports to members of Council detailing their activities on an hourly basis. Be it further resolved that this internal policy expire at the 2010 AGM."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For: Julian Ritchie, Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Trasolini, Natalie Swift, Laura Silvester, Tahara Bhate, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Joel Mertens, Kyle Warwick, Maria Cirstea, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Blake Frederick, Dia Montgomery, Nancy Pepper (proxy for Silas Archambault), Ekatrina Dovjenko, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Fraser Young, Ignacio Rodriguez, Lin Watt, Carolee Changfoot, Timothy Chu, Johanna Mickelson (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Katherine Tyson, Elysha Ames (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi)

Abstained: Johannes Rebane, Tom Dvorak

It was agreed to amend the agenda to add a motion about the AGM.

22. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held at 3:15 pm on February 12, 2010.”

- Andrew Carne: The AGM is when turnover happens. The Bylaws say it must be in February and at least 14 days after the elections. The Olympics are happening right after February 12. It’s appropriate to have turnover as soon as possible; this would be on the last day of classes before the Olympic break.
- Blake Frederick: I want to make clear for the record what the intent of this is. It’s an Olympic muzzling motion. Council thinks I’ll be a liability in the Olympic period. The President is responsible for the Society's public relations.

23. MOVED KATHERINE TYSON:

“That Motion 22 be amended to change the time to 5 pm.”

… Failed for lack of a seconder

- Timothy Chu: Can we change the date later?
- Dave Tompkins: I would assume so, as long as you follow the Bylaws.
- Timothy Chu: Is there any venue that could hold quorum?
- Dave Tompkins: Nothing in this building.
- Ariel: For any students going to the Olympics, that’s a bad day.
- Andrew Carne: If you look at the calendar, that’s the only possible date, unless we hold it during reading break.

24. MOVED ANDREW CARNE, SECONDED JOEL MERTENS:

“That the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held at 3:15 pm on February 12, 2010.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. ... Carried

25. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Society that any decisions made by a member of Executive Committee shall require ratification by a majority vote of Council, prior to implementation of such decision, if the decision is likely to materially affect (whether positively or negatively) the external reputation of the Society with the public, any level of government or non-governmental institution, including but not limited to decisions relating to the initiation of legal process in the name of the Society, publication of political or policy views on behalf of the Society, or any agreement by the Society to participate in forums of a political or policy nature.”

- Iggy Rodriguez:
  - The Executive are to serve the will of the Legislative Council even if it disagrees with the political manifesto they were elected on. We haven’t seen this from two Executive members.
  - Blake and Tim were elected to be lobbyists, not protesters. They’ve been continually doing stunts that Council didn’t approve.
  - Like so many others, I don’t trust them to make decisions on their own. All the stunts do is damage our reputation.
  - They seem to think the end justifies the means; it doesn’t.
  - So many students have been upset over the latest stunt. I have always advocated for professionalism, and it seems the only way we can get this in External affairs is by tying hands. It’s sad we have to do this, but we do.

- Dave Tompkins ruled this an indefinite internal policy requiring 2/3rds.
- Blake Frederick: This will not achieve the results intended. I’m not opposed to Council imposing extra checks and balances, but I am opposed to this because it assumes you can separate policy and politics from the rest of my job. I don’t think I can fulfill my duties if this is in force. It’s vague; I’m not sure what it affects. What examples are there of the sorts of things that would be covered?
- Adrienne Smith: This is vague, and it may have some impact on how you operate your society, which is problematic. If Council is vetting everything political, why have an Executive Committee and staff? And what will happen in an emergency? Recently, the VP Administration had to act quickly in a highly charged political situation; there was no time to come to Council. This doesn’t
even allow the Executive to issue a statement even if it’s in line with Council policies.

- The Speaker ruled that the motion was in order even though the President is responsible for public relations; he can still be responsible, but just will have to go to Council first.

[Hayden Hughes reported an equity complaint from Pride UBC concerning the earlier motion on Executives reporting their hours; there was concern about specific references to groups such as Pride. Dave Tompkins ruled that in the reports any AMS club should just be referred to as “an AMS club.”]

26. MOVED KATHERINE TYSON:

“That Motion 25 be amended to add:

‘Be it further resolved that this Internal Policy will be in effect until the 2010 AGM.’”

... No objections

- Nicholas FitzGerald:
  o Blake asked for examples of what would be covered by this policy. Here are some:

    ▪ releasing legal complaints to the UN
    ▪ sending emails from an AMS email address stating his own partisan views
    ▪ stating opinions on tuition not in accord with the policy of the AMS

  o What sort of sanctions does he think would be appropriate?

- Blake Frederick: That’s for Council to decide.

- Bijan Ahmadian: It’s appropriate for Council to impose restrictions because of his inability to exercise good judgment, but the emergency issue is a valid concern.

- Adam Wasik: Your Policy Advisor said there are holes in this policy. You should consider fixing the holes. What this is doing is turning them into figureheads without power, removing them without removing them.

- Elysha Ames: There are shades of grey, vagueness; but we live in a world of greyness. If this doesn’t pass, then one or two people have a lot of power to do big things.

- John (guest): My concern is that AMS Council is asking us to respect its judgment, but has not shown itself to be unbiased. Blake and Tim are the only ones in the past six years to bring people out, and you guys are trying to stop this. You are already paralyzed. The only thing you do is reorganize the AMS, housekeeping. You should express gratitude to Blake and Tim for finally doing something for the students of this campus.

- Kyle Warwick said that the previous speaker’s comments were insulting to him, to those who’d voted for him, and to those who’d voted for others on Council.

- Sean (guest): Two of the Executives have lost the trust of Council. The motion should target them rather than the whole Executive.

There were no objections to extending Council for another 2 hours.
27. MOVED LIN WATT, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That Motion 25 be amended to replace ‘a member of Executive Council’ with ‘the AMS President and VP External’ and to replace ‘a majority vote of Council’ with ‘a majority vote of the Executive Committee’.”

- Jeremy McElroy: This is the way the Executive should be running. We elect people as part of a team; it should not be each Executive’s prerogative to go off and do what they want. I’d really like to see this amendment pass.
- Blake Frederick: The amendment does not solve the problems I outlined.

28. MOVED LIN WATT, SECONDED ANDREW CARNE:

“That Motion 25 be amended to replace ‘a member of Executive Council’ with ‘the AMS President and VP External’ and to replace ‘a majority vote of Council’ with ‘a majority vote of the Executive Committee’.”

... Carried

For: Jimmy Yan, Julian Ritchie, Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Trasolini, Laura Silvester, Johannes Rebane, Tahara Bhati, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Joel Mertens, Kyle Warwick, Maria Cirstea, Tom Dvorak, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Crystal Hon, Dia Montgomery, Ekaterina Dovjenko, Sam Law, Jeremy McElroy, Fraser Young, Lin Watt, Carolee Changfoot, Iggy Rodriguez, Elysha Ames (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi)

Against: Blake Fredrick, Timothy Chu

Abstain: Johanna Mickelson (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Katherine Tyson

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- Tagh Sira: What we have heard over the last few weeks has taught us that we misplaced our trust in these two Executives. We gave them a second and third chance, but they continually violated our trust. We need to draw something up; we want to make sure everyone is respectful of Council. Blake, why do you feel we should give you another chance?
- Blake Frederick: The reason I oppose this is not about getting another chance. This motion is not about a second chance, but about managing liability in the future, which I don’t think is an issue, but Council does.
- Tagh Sira: You are against the Olympics. Correct?
- Blake Frederick: That is not correct.
- Dylan Callow: I think the Speaker has been doing a bang-up job. A battle of ideologies is really not what we want in the AMS. People here were elected; a majority of them probably don’t believe in the idea of pulling a stunt, and they collected feedback showing students didn’t like it. We need checks and balances so these stunts don’t happen again.
- Helge Ratvik: One thing Blake and Tim did is bring students out in fury. My main concern is that Blake and Tim, by remaining on Council, will impair the
functioning of Council. If they had student interests at heart, they would have resigned. There is much time for them to do more damage. We need this motion to limit the damage Blake and Tim could still do.

29. MOVED LAURA SILVESTER, SECONDED MIKE SILLEY:

“That Motion 25 be amended by adding:

<Be it further resolved that Council suspend the relevant section of Code to make the VP Academic the chair of Executive Committee until the 2010 AGM.>”

… No objections

- Julian Markowitz: We got lucky; they got caught. Apologies and retractions were only made after the outrage. There’s no sense of guilt on their part. We need this. As to the question of why we need Executives if they cannot speak on issues, we have Executives to execute the policy of Council.
- Jeremy McElroy: This might have been a gag order before because Council won’t meet till January; this amended version makes it more effective and efficient.
- Tahara Bhate: Is this motion flawed in its lack of specificity? Yeah. I do not trust Blake and Tim to act in good faith. Until recently, I might have. I spoke against censure and said we should give them a second chance. That very day they filed the complaint to the UN. And they have not apologized for their actions in the past week. Especially the email this past week; that was abuse of your positions; and your lack of integrity is shocking.
- Alex Lougheed: The Board wants to get rid of people, but the law says it can’t. The problem is the Society Act is not built for this type of organization. We should let the government know about that.
- Julian Ritchie: The EUS passed a motion criticizing Blake and Tim for disregarding the wishes of Council and calling for their resignation or removal. This motion is in the spirit of that.

30. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED MARIA CIRSTEA:

“Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Society that any decisions made by the AMS President and VP External shall require ratification by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, prior to implementation of such decision, if the decision is likely to materially affect (whether positively or negatively) the external reputation of the Society with the public, any level of government or non-governmental institution, including but not limited to decisions relating to the initiation of legal process in the name of the Society, publication of political or policy views on behalf of the Society, or any agreement by the Society to participate in forums of a political or policy nature.

Be it further resolved that Council suspend the relevant section of Code to make the VP Academic the chair of Executive Committee until the 2010 AGM.

Be it further resolved that this Internal Policy will be in effect until the 2010 AGM.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

For: Julian Ritchie, Bijan Ahmadian, Ryan Trasolini, Johannes Rebane, Tahara Bhate, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Kyle Warwick, Tom Dvorak, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costello, Crystal Hon, Dia Montgomery, Ekatrina Dovjenko, Jeremy McElroy, Fraser Young, Iggy Rodriguez, Lin Watt, Carolee Changfoot, Johanna Mickelson (proxy for Guillaume Houle), Katherine Tyson, Elysha Ames (proxy for Mona Maghsoodi)

Against: Blake Frederick, Timothy Chu

Abstained: Jimmy Yan, Joel Mertens, Maria Cirstea, Sam Law

P) Discussion Period

Discipline of other Executives

- Dia Montgomery: Last time we tabled until January a motion on the other Executives. It would be better to address this now in light of our legal opinion.
- Tom Dvorak: Johannes and I spoke about this at last Saturday’s meeting. Our signing the contract was a clerical oversight we feel really stupid about. We won’t let it happen again.
- Dave Tompkins asked for dates.
- Johannes Rebane: The contract was first signed by other Executives September 1. It came to us on September 9.
- Adrienne Smith: There was a September 1 cheque requisition for a retainer of $3000, the same day as the Pivot contract. There was an additional cheque this week for the remainder.
- There was a question about whether Crystal Hon signed the cheque.
- Crystal Hon: I signed the cheque, not the contract or the cheque requisition. At the cheque signing stage all I do is check that the dates and names match, that there are no administrative mistakes, no typos.
- Alex Lougheed: Once the contract was signed … I don’t think Crystal should be up there for criticism.
- A Guest asked about policy on contracts. What was different about this case?
- Tom Dvorak: In general, there are five signing officers for cheques and contracts. Contracts are reviewed by staff. What was different this time? The volume, being in a hurry.
- Joel (guest): Was it random chance it came to you to sign?
- Johannes Rebane: Monday, Tuesday, Friday I sign. Crystal signs on other days. Tom signs, the SAC Vice-Chair signs. September 9 was my day.
- Joel (guest): What mechanisms are in place to prevent someone from writing a cheque to their best friend?
- Tom Dvorak: Trust is the method in place. And the accounting staff would flag it.
- Mike Silley: Did you guys know what you were signing?
- Crystal Hon: I was just signing a regular cheque.
- Mike Silley: You’ll take more care in the future?
• Crystal Hon: Absolutely.
• Nicholas FitzGerald: Did the contract specify there would be a complaint?
• Johannes Rebane: It did have that level of specificity.
• Nicholas FitzGerald: Was there any discussion of the contract?
• Johannes Rebane: No, just updates.
• Helge Ratvik: Is it feasible to proofread everything? Could you appoint someone to aid that?
• Tom Dvorak: Is it feasible? Yes. We operate on a great deal of trust. If there is reason not to trust, we know which things to highlight and read in detail. Cheques under $250 we don’t sign; a stamp is used.
• Jeremy McElroy: Cheques have already gone through a process. This speaks to the problem of having annually elected students as signing officers on contracts.
• Joel (guest) asked if all Executives can sign.
• Crystal Hon: No, Blake and Tim cannot sign, except as initiating a project.
• Lin Watt: We’ve heard you realized you made a mistake and apologized. The EUS didn’t think any further discipline was needed.
• Dia Montgomery read a letter from the Law Students Society President saying he did not support impeachment of Rebane, Dvorak, or Hon.
• Kyle Warwick: From what I’ve heard, most do not want censure or anything beyond.
• Neal Yonson asked about what payments the AMS is duty bound to make to Pivot. For the press conference?
• Tom Dvorak: My understanding is that it is our obligation to pay for the press conference.
• Guest: It’s more important to question the system that caused this oversight than the oversight itself.
• Crystal Hon: The system may be something we have to look into.

31. MOVED KYLE WARWICK, SECONDED MIKE SILLEY:

“That Council amend the agenda to move the January motion calling for the resignation of the VP Finance and VP Academic to this agenda.”

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. ... Carried

32. MOVED LAURA SILVESTER, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council request that Tom Dvorak (VP Finance) and Johannes Rebane (VP Academic and University Affairs) resign from Council.”

• Iggy Rodriguez: On Thursday SUS Council called for disciplinary action, but not resignation.
• Blake Frederick said he did not support the motion. It was an error in judgment by Tom and Johannes. There should be some sort of disciplinary action, but resignation is overly harsh.
Alex Lougheed: What Blake just said is extremely disingenuous. Tom and Johannes took it on good faith that the people signing the cheque requisition were doing something appropriate. Blake is saying that they should be disciplined for not checking on the President.

Kyle Warwick: We haven’t done the same amount of student consultation on this as for Blake and Tim, but I’m confident I know what the AUS membership wants.

Joel (guest): The mistakes by signing officers were not in signing but in trusting the President and the VP External. They have exorbitant signing responsibilities; this couldn’t have been avoided.

33. MOVED AARON SIHOTA, SECONDED INACIO RODRIGUEZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to not having a roll call vote for this motion.

There were no objections. ... Carried

34. MOVED LAURA SILVESTER, SECONDED KYLE WARWICK:

“That Council request that Tom Dvorak (VP Finance) and Johannes Rebane (VP Academic and University Affairs) resign from Council.”

... Defeated

Against: Julian Ritchie, Laura Silvester, Aaron Sihota, Mike Silley, Joel Mertens, Kyle Warwick, Andrew Carne, Geoff Costeloe, Blake Frederick, Dia Montgomery, Ekatrina Dovjenko, Fraser Young, Ignacio Rodriguez, Timothy Chu, Johanna Mickelson (proxy for Guillaume Houle)

Abstained: Jeremy McElroy, Crystal Hon, Tom Dvorak, Johannes Rebane

S) Adjournment:

35. MOVED IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED DYLAN CALLOW:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.
## The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. - Student Council Attendance
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