STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Keith Hester (AMS), Rae Barilea (AMS), Jude Crasta (AVP External), Kathleen Simpson (AMS External Office), Tobias Friedel (GSS), Ron Gorodestsky (AMS Student Services Manager), Andrew Lavers (AMS Elections Administrator), Tracey Gaydosh (SAC), Pierre Cenerelli (AMS University & Government Relations), Abby Blinch (AMS Communications), Hussain Khan (SPHR), Eviatar Bach (Social Justice Centre), Sam Heller (Hillel), Gabriel D’Astous (student), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (AMS Admin), and many others (mostly students at large)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 pm.

1. MOVED CARMEN WONG, SECONDED MOHAMED SHAABAN:

“That the meeting be held in the SUB Ballroom.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds 

… No objections

B) Speaker’s Business and Land Acknowledgement:

• The Speaker explained some basic Robert’s Rules.

2. MOVED SERENA NG, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

3. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:

“That the Student Court appointments and President’s Remarks be removed.”

… No objections

4. MOVED SERENA NG, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… Carried unanimously

For (30): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Ayman Azim, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Mohamed Shaaban, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford,
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C) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute period):

Referendum Procedures – Sheldon Goldfarb

- The referendum must take place 10-30 days after a petition with 1000 student signatures is received, unless Council decides the question is ambiguous, in which case it may refer the question to Student Court.
- Student Court would then have a week to provide an unambiguous question, and the 10-30 day clock would start then.
- However, a referendum must take place within the School Year, which AMS Bylaws define as ending on March 31.
- For a referendum to succeed, the Yes side must get more votes than the No side and must also meet the 8% quorum rule: at least 8% of the eligible voters must vote Yes.
- With over 50,000 AMS members this year, quorum will probably be close to 4100, but the final number will be determined by the Elections Committee.

Ombudsperson – Camelia Toghiani-Rizi

- My role is not to advocate for a side, except in the interests of equity and fairness.
- I have 60 separate cases about the BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) referendum, from students, staff, faculty, the public.
- The AMS mission statement encourages free and open debate. The AMS constitution says the AMS is to promote unity and goodwill. The AMS Respectful Environment Policy prohibits discrimination and bullying and anything causing humiliation.
- The Respectful Environment Policy has allegedly been violated.
- I have to make sure no one feels bullied.
- The question from SPHR (Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights) implies an answer. The language in the question gives rise to further questions: which companies and which companies are meant?
- There is $1.4 billion trade between Canada and Israel: does this question call for a boycott of Canada?
- The question is vague and unclear, and can’t be answered Yes or No.
- There were also complaints about signing procedures for the petition. Some students felt they were under duress to sign.
- If people have felt intimidated, the question should not be valid.
- As the AMS Ombudsperson, I recommend that Council take a No stand. That would mean the AMS would be upholding its values.
- My recommendation is not about BDS itself, but about the procedural issues and the wording of the question.

Questions

- In response to a question about what rules had been violated, the Ombudsperson referred to the Respectful Environment Policy and the AMS Bylaw requiring a clear yes-no answer. She said the question leads people to say Yes.
In response to a request for details about alleged violations of the Respectful Environment Policy, the Ombudsperson said she could not provide them because the cases are confidential. She could provide them to Council in camera, but not in public.

Executive Committee Recommendations – Tanner Bokor

The question reads:

- “Do you support your student union (AMS) in boycotting products and divesting from companies that support Israeli war crimes, illegal occupation and the oppression of Palestinians?”

We received the petition at 4 pm last Thursday and sent it to Davis (the AMS lawyers) on Friday to verify the signatures.

After this audit by the lawyers, which was just completed at 5 pm today, we discovered that the petition had 994 valid signatures (eliminating duplicates etc.), leaving it six short.

We contacted the party circulating the petition, asking them to get more signatures, and the petition is now in order. (Additional signatures were vetted by the VP Academic and the Executive Director.)

Our guiding question is how do we ensure that we are following a fair, transparent, and equal process for our students and following our governing documents. Also, how can we make sure we’re being respectful to the varying points of view and encouraging responsible dialogue?

Now we have a quorate petition and must hold a referendum between 10 and 30 days after receipt.

The actual receipt date is today, when the petition reached 1000 signatures, so we cannot hold the referendum next week with the AMS elections (because that is less than 10 days away). We could hold it the week of March 16-20.

In any case, we wanted to ensure time for debate.

The Executive is recommending that the AMS not take a position on the question, but instead should act as a facilitator of a fair process, encouraging respectful and responsible dialogue.

The decision should be left to the students at the ballot box.

We could send the question to Student Court now, or not send it at all, or send it after the vote.

Student Court is not yet filled, so there’s actually no one to send it to now.

Legal counsel has advised that the question is capable of being answered Yes or No, so it is not ambiguous.

The Executive recommends sending the question to the Court later, if the referendum passes, for them to interpret how to implement it.

The Executive is recommending that the AMS hold mediated debates on the question to encourage robust conversation.

This issue has a great deal of sensitivity. It is the students’ referendum. We support freedom of expression.

Questions

Guest: The Ombudsperson has found the question leading. Wouldn’t it be contrary to everything the AMS stands for to submit a leading question? Should we not delay until we have a question that’s fair?

Tanner Bokor: I certainly hear the concern. We did not see a means to have this sent to Court.
• Gurvir Sangha: How many applications have been received for the Court positions?
• Lauren Telford: 24.
• Guest: How is a basic description of the facts leading?
• Another Guest: Did you take into consideration the effect on Israelis and Jewish students? If even one student cannot be himself, isn’t that against AMS rules?
• Tanner Bokor: This is one of the questions we’ve considered. Our job is to uphold academic freedom. Sometimes we do get controversial questions.
• Guest: Did the AMS Executive take into account recent rulings of the University of California Student Court that this violated bylaws on discrimination, which then went through legal review and legal counsel said they did not believe that is the case.

5. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED SERENA NG:

“That the question period be extended for five minutes.”

… No objections

• Jenna Omassi: Did the Executive consider whether the AMS should be discussing foreign policy?
• Tanner Bokor: We did look at that and our mandate.
• Aaron Bailey: Has the AMS begun looking into the holdings that would be affected?
• Tanner Bokor: A member of the Executive has asked SPHR what is intended. Our General Manager has told us that we have no holdings in the state of Israel.
• Guest: The question does not just refer to companies within Israel, but companies engaged in dealings with Israel. This could include the Canadian government.
• Tanner Bokor: There is a lot of ambiguity around the question.
• Anne Kessler: A Google search of BDS produced lists of companies. I asked SPHR if this is the sort of thing they meant. They said yes. The lists did not include the Canadian government or Microsoft. We do not purchase products from or have any holdings in the relevant companies.
• Guest: I’m confused by the implications of the question. I don’t think any companies would say they support the oppression of Palestinians or illegal occupation.
• Anne Kessler: Sodastream, Sabra Hummus, Eden Feta – it’s not a huge list.
• Guest: They say they support Israeli war crimes?
• Anne Kessler: These are the companies that the BDS movement has identified that they have concerns with.

6. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

“That the question period be extended for ten minutes.”

… No objections

• Guest: Sabra Hummus has been bought by Pepsi-Cola. Every Apple computer has processors made in Israel: for iPods and iPhones. Will we boycott Apple and Pepsi?
• Tanner Bokor: We’ve raised this with AMS Legal. There is nothing in the question that is legally binding on the AMS. If the referendum passes, AMS Council could develop a policy.
• Mohamed Shaaban: Can the petitioners agree on adding a list to the question?
• Anne Kessler: In the end the interpretation is up to Council. We have tried to assess what is meant. We’ve gone to the source. It seemed reasonable to go to them. They’re not listing Apple or Pepsi-Cola.
• Tanner Bokor: We can send this to Student Court to interpret what divestment means.
• Guest: You say you can’t submit to Court now because there is no Court. Isn’t there a legal obligation to wait till Court is in place?
• Jenna Omassi: The Code rules are in place for a Court. The Court could be in place next week.
• Anne Kessler: If delayed, that could mean September for the referendum.
• Guest: There are Palestinian students in this room: 2000 of our countrymen were killed in one summer. This affects the well-being of students in this room.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

**Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights – Hussain Khan**
• We need this as soon as possible.
• I like to think the universe has a moral arc; it depends on people’s actions.
• I think there will be a day when Palestine will be free, and then the question will be: Where were you? What did you do?
• Neutrality in the face of oppression is complicity.
• I’m all for respectful dialogue, but that’s never been the cause of the fall of oppression. South African apartheid and American Jim Crow fell because of boycotts.

**Social Justice Centre – Eviatar Bach**
• We’ve been working with SPHR for many years.
• Never have I seen discrimination or hateful slurs during the signature collection process.
• Claims of anti-Semitism against SPHR are grotesque.
• The No campaign does not speak for all Jewish students (I’m Jewish).
• The 1987 referendum to boycott South African apartheid failed, but it’s important that this one go through.

**Hillel – Sam Heller**
• The BDS campaign has brought a divisive atmosphere to campus.
• BDS does not cultivate unity and does not encourage free and open debate, in accordance with AMS policy. It does the exact opposite. It labels one side right and the other wrong.
• The proposed referendum turns Jews and Israelis into the Other. There was an assault on Monday against a Hillel staff member by someone shouting BDS slogans.
• The question is deliberately ambiguous.
• Israel has never been convicted of war crimes.
• The question mentions companies but does not say which ones.
AMS rules require referendum questions to specify if contracts will be broken. This question does not do that.

7. MOVED CHRIS ROACH, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on the AMS’s position.”

Chris Roach: We’ve been talking a lot about the BDS question, and heard a lot about timing. This is the time for us to have this discussion.

8. MOVED CHRIS ROACH, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on the AMS’s position.”

... Carried

For: (30): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Tiffany Dinh, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Ayman Azim, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Vyas Saran, Mohamed Shaaban, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi), Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Abeer Siddiqui

Abstained: Gurvir Sangha

9. MOVED CHRIS ROACH, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“Whereas the topic of Palestine-Israel relations is often divisive and polarizing; and

Whereas the president of UBC has urged all members of the UBC community to commit to the free, respectful expression of ideas; and

Whereas the adoption of positions regarding international relations is outside the scope of the Alma Mater Society’s (AMS) purposes as outlined in its Constitution,

Be it resolved that the AMS supports the ideals of a well-informed student body, robust debate, and students’ right to learn in a safe space.

Be it further resolved that the AMS supports the free, respectful expression of ideas to better engage and educate its members on complex and controversial issues and will commit to this goal.

Be it further resolved that the AMS has no official position on foreign policy.

Be it further resolved that the AMS promotes a safe and discriminatory free community for all its members.
Be it further resolved that the AMS dis-endorse a yes vote, as one of the AMS’s primary objectives, as outlined in the AMS Constitution, is to promote unity and goodwill amongst its members.”

- Chris Roach:
  - I am neither Palestinian nor Israeli, nor am I an expert on the area. It’s a very complex question.
  - This motion is not intended to make any argument on the issue.
  - I think a Yes vote goes against our values.
  - The purpose of this motion is to say the AMS believes in safe, non-discriminatory space.
  - Because of this we want to encourage students to vote any way but Yes.

- Anne Kessler:
  - I have two main problems with this motion. First, saying that the AMS has no official position on foreign policy is a vague sort of statement, and I don’t believe the referendum is about foreign policy; it’s about internal holdings.
  - My bigger concern is with dis-endorse Yes. That suggests we are ceasing to endorse something, but that’s not what we’re doing.
  - I want the AMS to promote respectful dialogue. If the AMS takes any stance, it undermines our ability to be as neutral as possible. I don’t think we should be endorsing or dis-endorse any side.

10. MOVED CHRIS ROACH:

“That the final clause be amended to replace „dis-endorse” with „endorse voting any way but Yes”.”

The Speaker ruled both the original wording and the proposed amendment out of order on the grounds that the Code rules allow Council to take one side or the other or to remain neutral, but not to dis-endorse a side or endorse anything but a particular side.

Jenna Omassi challenged the chair.

11. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED PAUL McDade:

“That the ruling of the Chair be sustained.”

- Jenna Omassi: The Chair is assuming there are only two sides. Chris has brought forward an alternative. This is supporting another side. Dis-endorse is a side we can take. Code doesn’t specify a Yes or No side; it just says a side.
- Aaron Bailey: This side would just be a roundabout way of supporting a No vote.
- Mohamed Shaaban: By our definitions, there’s only two sides. Questions have to be Yes or No. We have to be supporting the Yes or the No campaign.
- The Speaker said the motion defeats the aim of the Code.
- Mohamed Shaaban: If this motion passes, would it mean a No stance for the AMS?
The Speaker said it was open to interpretation.
Aaron Bailey: Is an abstention a vote?
Sheldon Goldfarb: To abstain is not to vote.
Colúm Connolly: If that’s true, this is supporting a No vote.

12. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED MOHAMED SHAABAN:
“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried unanimously

For (30): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Ayman Azim, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi), Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

13. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED PAUL McDADE:
“That the ruling of the Chair be sustained.”
... Defeated

For (12): Colum Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Mohamed Shaaban, Abeer Siddiqui, Tom Wierzbicki

Against (16): Tanner Bokor, Ayman Azim, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Veronica Knott, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi)

Abstain: Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Alexandra Lee Mann

The ruling of the chair was overturned. Council returned to the main motion.

14. MOVED CHRIS ROACH, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:
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15. MOVED CHRIS ROACH, SECONDED TANNER BOKOR:

“That the final clause be amended to replace „dis-endorses” with „endorses any vote but a yes vote”.”

- Chris Roach: This wording sticks to the Code.
- Mohamed Shaaban: This is simply a No stance. I agree with taking a neutral stance.
- Anne Kessler: This amendment makes the intent of the motion clearer. I disagree with that intent, but it's true this amendment means we can debate it more easily.

16. MOVED CHRIS ROACH, SECONDED TANNER BOKOR:

“That the final clause be amended to replace „dis-endorses” with „endorses any vote but a yes vote”.”

For (29): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Saniel Chand, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Ayman Azim, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi), Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Colúm Connolly

Abstain: Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Mohamed Shaaban

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18. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED GURVIR SANGHA:

“That Council recess for five minutes.”

For (25): Tanner Bokor, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Ayman Azim, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Mohamed Shaaban, Abeer Siddiqui, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (4): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi)

Abstained: Paul McDade, Lauren Telford

Council resumed at 8:30 pm.

- The Speaker said that since Robert’s Rules says abstentions are not votes, the phrase “any vote but a yes vote” means a No vote.
- Ava Nasiri: I’m against all these motions. We should not be endorsing either side. To take one side or another risks alienating one or the other part of the student population. And I don’t like doing something just because the UBC President has recommended it.
- Aaron Bailey: The third be it resolved clause (on foreign policy) is not an action. And the final clause is misleading: endorsing any vote but Yes is the same as endorsing a No vote.
- Jenna Omassi: Endorsing anything but a Yes vote means questioning the Yes side. The Yes side marginalizes students on campus. If even one student feels uncomfortable ...
• Anne Kessler: If we want people to get informed, we should say that. That's not what the wording of this motion says. This wording is saying don't vote yes.

• Tanner Bokor:
  o There's no right or wrong on moral issues, but as President I have to reflect all 50,000 students and be a unifying voice.
  o Any debate we have should be on the basis of ideas, not identities.
  o There should be equal opportunity and inclusiveness.
  o I am in support of a fair, transparent process and respectful and responsible debate.
  o Council needs to be a guide, the steward of equitable processes.
  o We need to celebrate the diversity of our community; it's not our place to advocate on foreign issues.
  o This motion is a starting place for communication.

• Bahareh Jokar: I do not support this motion. It's not our place to take a side. It's not our place to disenfranchise the group of students who put forth this question. Our role is to ensure safety for students.

• Chris Roach: I recognize that this is an incredibly difficult issue. At times this Council has been inactive. This is a time to step up. Bahareh says it's not our place to take a stance that disenfranchises students. What if this referendum passes? If we follow it, could we not be disenfranchising students?

• Joshua Galbraith: As the AMS we can engage in a safe and respectful way and still take a No position. It's also not disenfranchising a side by allowing the referendum to go forward.

• Paul McDade: The AMS should not be taking a position on these issues; a No result is a way not to take a side; a Yes vote would require us to be taking a side.

• Ava Nasiri: Engagement should be the focus rather than us telling students how to vote.

• Bahareh Jokar:
  o We're hosting the referendum. Elections BC wouldn't take a stance on a referendum.
  o If we take this position, we have to tell students to vote No or abstain.
  o If the referendum passes, and we have this No position on our books, it will make things difficult. We still have to act on issues like tuition and divestment.
  o It's incredibly inappropriate to take a stance.

• Gabriel D'Astous [guest]: You guys represent us. A portion of the students came with a petition. It's wildly inappropriate for you take a stance. It's not for you to tell us what to do. We tell you.

• Benjamin [guest]: When a referendum is in violation of AMS ideals, it's Council's duty to take a No side. Council does have jurisdiction because they're the elected representatives. I support this motion and I support sending the question to Student Court so there can be a clear question and no mystery list.

• Jenna Omassi:
  o Code allows us to take a side. Should we? If we take this side and Yes passes, there's a problem. I think student leaders have to listen to students.
  o We should be discussing what's best for students.
  o As to Student Court, I think the referendum question is quite clear.
  o The question by itself doesn't go against AMS values, but its implications may.
o I personally think abstention is probably the best position.

19. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:

“That the foreign policy be-it-resolved clause be removed.”

- Anne Kessler: It’s not an action, and it’s just kind of weird. It’s irrelevant to the rest of the motion.
- Tanner Bokor: Better to make it a Whereas clause.

20. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:

“That the foreign policy be-it-resolved clause be removed.”

… Withdrawn

21. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the foreign policy be-it-resolved clause become a Whereas clause stating that the AMS currently has no official position on foreign policy.”

… No objections

22. MOVED CHRIS ROACH, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“Whereas the topic of Palestine-Israel relations is often divisive and polarizing; and

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- Veronica Knott: We were elected to represent all students. Taking either a Yes or a No stance will isolate some part of our membership. I would like us to take an abstention stand.
Gabriel D’Astous: The status quo is extremely discriminatory. My Palestinian friends are shaking. We are on unceded land. Is it not discriminatory for the AMS to take money from Palestinian students to buy from companies that support occupation? To endorse a motion that we cannot support a referendum is against the constitution. I think the status quo is against the constitution.

23. MOVED CHRIS ROACH, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, THIRDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That the vote be conducted by secret ballot.”

- Chris Roach: A lot of students on our Board [AMS Council] would feel safer if it’s not known how they voted.
- Tanner Bokor: I disagree. Directors have a responsibility to be accountable. I understand that some of us may be uncomfortable, but as Directors we have a responsibility to be transparent.
- Bahareh Jokar: If we wanted to reconsider this motion, we wouldn’t know who voted Yes [and only those voting Yes can move to reconsider].
- Chris Roach: Personally, I have no problem with my vote being known and I agree with transparency, but do we value that above Councillor safety? I don’t think so.
- Anne Kessler: Is there a reason to feel our safety is at risk? I don’t think anyone in this room would bring harm to anyone for how they voted. I’d be really sad if that happened, and there are authorities at the University who can deal with unsafe behaviour. There haven’t been any threats.
- Aaron Bailey: There is precedent at other universities where personal safety is put at risk. We’ve made a commitment to dialogue. A secret ballot is required here.

24. MOVED CHRIS ROACH, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, THIRDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That the vote be conducted by secret ballot.” … Carried

For (20): Aaron Bailey, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Ayman Azim, Marjan Hatai, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi), Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against: Tanner Bokor, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Ava Nasiri, Abeer Siddiqui

Abstained: Saniel Chand, Joshua Galbraith, Paul McDade, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Mohamed Shaaban

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Whereas the AMS currently has no official position on foreign policy,

Be it resolved that the AMS supports the ideals of a well-informed student body, robust debate, and students’ right to learn in a safe space.

Be it further resolved that the AMS supports the free, respectful expression of ideas to better engage and educate its members on complex and controversial issues and will commit to this goal.

Be it further resolved that the AMS promotes a safe and discriminatory free community for all its members.

Be it further resolved that the AMS endorses any vote but a yes vote, as one of the AMS’s primary objectives, as outlined in the AMS Constitution, is to promote unity and goodwill amongst its members.”

… Carried

The Speaker announced, after a count of the ballots, that the Yeas had it.

- Benjamin asked if this meant the question was not going to Student Court and that the referendum would be going ahead as is.

26. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a discussion topic about next steps.”

… No objections

Discussion Period

Next Steps
- Veronica Knott: We need to discuss the implications of this decision. Will we be doing a campaign? How? Is a Constituency obligated to act on this stance? We need clarification on promoting this.
- Tanner Bokor: My staff have started work on two possible campaigns, one on abstention, and another. The first step is to establish a Referendum Committee, headed by a Referendum Coordinator. We don’t have to run a full campaign. There is a budget.
- Ava Nasiri: I have met with both sides, but given that we’ve committed to a No or Abstain position, I need clarification of what I should say now. Up to now I’ve been saying we would be neither for nor against.
- Jenna Omassi: The questions to deal with now are procedural. The important thing is how we will be engaging students.
• Marjan Hatai asked how the guests in the audience felt.
• Tracey Gaydosh: My main concern is that if any discrimination happens, how will Council support us?
• Ava Nasiri: Now that the AMS has passed this motion, some students may not feel comfortable coming to us.
• Sheldon Goldfarb: On the obligation of Constituencies, our Bylaws state: “The activities of subsidiary organizations [i.e., Clubs and Constituencies] shall comply with any regulations made or resolutions passed from time to time by the Society or Council.”
• Tanner Bokor: If Council makes no motion to send the question to Student Court, I will announce tomorrow that the referendum will take place March 16-20.
• Paul McDade: I personally would like to send the question to Student Court if we can do it without violating the Bylaws or the Code. But if the judges are not going to be appointed until next week …
• Tanner Bokor: There is a provision in Code for Council appointing judges without waiting for a recommendation from the Hiring Committee.
• Veronica Knott: Do we want a full campaign?
• Tracey Gaydosh: I think Council should not make any campaign.
• Veronica Knott: So Council has not directed the Executive to take any action. It just took a stance.

27. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDEDAVA NASIRI:

“That Council recess for five minutes.”

… No objections

Council resumed at 9:59 pm.

• Tanner Bokor: The options are launching a full-scale grand campaign or issuing a single statement or communication. My recommendation, for reasons of practicality, is the latter. We have limited resources at the moment. We’re moving to a new building.

28. MOVED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on next steps.”

… No objections

29. MOVED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, SECONDED ABEER SIDDIQUI:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council not launch a full campaign and further direct the Executive Committee to release a single communications statement that states the AMS’s stance on the BDS referendum.”

• Ava Nasiri: Going about it this way, as opposed to launching a full campaign, lets the students decide without making them feel forced to vote a certain way. If we launched a full-on campaign for this stance, it would affect the comfort level of students.
• Chris Roach: I also support this. It’s important to allow our members to state their own views. I’d like us not to run a full campaign.
• A guest asked if the AMS stance would appear on the ballot.
• Sheldon Goldfarb: Generally, that sort of statement does not appear on the ballot.

30. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED PAUL McDADE:

“That the motion be amended to add the following clause:

„Be it further resolved that AMS Council direct the Executive Committee to develop a comprehensive plan for the creation of open and safe spaces of dialogue prior to and during the referendum period.”“

31. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“That the meeting be extended until midnight.”

… No objections

32. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED PAUL McDADE:

“That the motion be amended to add the following clause:

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• Aaron Bailey: The motion we passed on our stance encourages us to create open and safe spaces.

33. MOVED BAHAREH JOKAR, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That the amendment be amended to say „an ad hoc committee” rather than the Executive Committee.”

• Bahareh Jokar: This should not fall on the Executive. The Executive decided to be neutral, so they are not in the right place for this. There are lots of people well versed in this.
• Tanner Bokor: It would be more productive to direct the President. With such a short time period, it’s not realistic to create a committee.
• Paul McDade: The Executive had already agreed to be neutral. That’s kind of what we’re looking for. In that respect, the Executive Committee would be the right option.
• Jenna Omassi: The Executive Committee is the most appropriate place. Maybe open it up to Councillors if they want to get involved. An ad hoc committee means a lot of red tape and boundaries.
• Ava Nasiri: It’s interesting that we as a Board feel comfortable taking a stance but also directing the Executive to take a neutral stance.
• Jude Crasta: It’s weird that we took a stance and then we say we’ll be neutral.

34. MOVED JOSHUA GALBRAITH, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (17): Saniel Chand, Nick Echeverria, Ayman Azim, Joshua Galbraith, Anne Kessler, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (5): Aaron Bailey, Colúm Connolly, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer)

Abstained: Marjan Hatai, Harry Li, Mohamed Shaaban

35. MOVED BAHAREH JOKAR, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That the amendment be amended to say "an ad hoc committee" rather than the Executive Committee.”

... Defeated

For (3): Bahareh Jokar, Veronica Knott, Mateusz Miadlikowski

Against (24): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Saniel Chand, Colum Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Alexandra Lee Mann, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi), Tom Wierzbicki

Abstained: Harry Li

Back to the original amendment.

36. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED PAUL McDADE:

“That the motion be amended to add the following clause:

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• Ava Nasiri: I'd appreciate it if members of Council who are in favour of the motion would add a be-it-further-resolved clause to say what safe spaces would be.

37. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED GURVIR SANGHA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
For (25): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Ayman Azim, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi), Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against: Joshua Galbraith

Abstained: Veronica Knott, Christopher Roach, Mohamed Shaaban, Abeer Siddiqui

38. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED PAUL McDADE:

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... Carried

For (22): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Ayman Azim, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Alexandra Lee Mann, Paul McDade, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi), Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (2): Bahareh Jokar, Mateusz Miadlikowski

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith, Veronica Knott, Harry Li, Christopher Roach

39. MOVED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, SECONDED ABEER SIDDIQUI:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council not launch a full campaign and further direct the Executive Committee to release a single communications statement that states the AMS’s stance on the BDS referendum.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council direct the Executive Committee to develop a comprehensive plan for the creation of open and safe spaces of dialogue prior to and during the referendum period."

- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Is there a date when we’ll get an update on that?
- Tanner Bokor: If passed, I’ll have a plan drafted for next week’s Council meeting.

40. MOVED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, SECONDED ABEER SIDDIQUI:
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... Carried

For (22): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Saniel Chand, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Ayman Azim, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Alexandra Lee Mann, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Enav Zusman (proxy for Chhavi Tripathi)

Abstained: Bahareh Jokar, Harry Li, Mohamed Shaaban

41. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on communications.”

... No objections

42. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That the communications statement include the full motion that was passed at the March 4 meeting of AMS Council.”

- Paul McDade: The position that the AMS took is a little more complex than a simple No stance, and I’d like the full motion sent to students.
- Colúm Connolly: Who will read a full motion?
- Aaron Bailey: Which full motion is meant?
- The Speaker: The main motion passed today [the one on the AMS stance, moved by Chris Roach].

43. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That the communications statement include the full motion that was passed at the March 4 meeting of AMS Council.”

... Carried

For (12): Nick Echeverria, Ayman Azim, Anne Kessler, Paul McDade, Serena Ng, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (5): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Sarah Fernando, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer)
Referendum Timing

- Tanner Bokor: Does Council have an opinion on running the referendum March 16-20?
- Sarah Fernando: If we send the question to Student Court, what would the timeline look like?
- Tanner Bokor: If we sent it today, the Court would have seven days to come back. But there’s no Court. We have to appoint one first. If that happens at the March 11 Council meeting, then the Court would have until March 18 to come back with a question, after which we’d have to wait 10 days to begin the referendum.
- Ava Nasiri: If that happens, it would be very late in the term.
- Jude Crasta: Considering that Council has taken a stand, what would we achieve by going to Student Court?
- Jenna Omassi: Given that we’re not holding it at the time of the elections, does it matter if it’s March 16-20? It could be later. Giving more time may be a good thing. What does the Elections Administrator think?
- Andrew Lavers (Elections Administrator): Realistically, we can prepare for any time, but we need to give 7 days’ notice, so that would give us only three business days to prepare for March 16.
- Jenna Omassi: I would propose that we wait for March 23-27 to allow more time.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: On the issue of Student Court, waiting till March 11 to send a question, and getting a revised question back on March 18, wouldn’t work, because then there would have to be a ten-day wait, until March 28, and it would be impossible to hold a five-day referendum within March then.
- Veronica Knott: I don’t think the focus should be on Student Court. Council is not interested in sending to Student Court.
- Tanner Bokor: I’m concerned about the later timeline: we may be moving into the building.
- Ava Nasiri:
  - We may be moving then; we may not be.
  - Both sides are pretty ready.
  - If we go later than March 16, it will be the last two weeks of term, with exams coming up. Students will be less engaged.
  - Three business days should be enough time to prepare.
  - I’m a strong advocate for March 16.
- Paul McDade: On the issue of whether Council is interested in sending to Student Court: There are Council members who are interested, but it doesn’t seem possible.
- Anne Kessler: Quicker means adding to the workload of the Elections Administrator, but waiting means a couple of weeks extra of the referendum.
- Sarah Fernando: There are definitely Council members who would like to go to Student Court, but we’re concerned about violating Code if that happens.
- Guest: You should dignify the efforts of the thousand students who signed the petition and not issue a statement saying their actions are wrong. The AMS should add a line saying why students shouldn’t vote Yes.
- Jenna Omassi: It’s a valid point. I do think the clauses in the motion make clear why we don’t support a Yes vote. We’re not trying to de-dignify what was done by the thousand students.
- Ava Nasiri: We should be able to cater to general students. Perhaps invite Councillors to help craft the message.
- Guest: I understand making sure some students feel safe, but students who brought the petition need to feel safe too, that they belong.

44. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on referendum timing.”

… No objections

45. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“That Council recommend that the President announce the referendum dates to be March 23-27.”

- Sarah Fernando: Rationale?
- Tanner Bokor: I’m presenting an option. If you fail this, I’ll go with March 16-20.

46. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the motion be amended to read March 16-20.”

- Ava Nasiri: It’s backwards to put forward a motion to fail.
- Jenna Omassi: Does the President need a resolution to choose the dates?
- The Speaker: No.

47. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the motion be amended to read March 16-20.”

… Defeated

For (5): Colúm Connolly, Joshua Galbraith, Anne Kessler, Ava Nasiri, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer)

Against (15): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Saniel Chand, Sarah Fernando, Marjan Hatai, Alexandra Lee Man, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jenna Omassi, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstain: Abeer Siddiqui

48. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“That Council recommend that the President announce the referendum dates to be March 23-27.”
Chris Roach: I’m for this motion. We need more time to organize. The referendum will still stop two weeks before the end of classes.

49. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“That Council recommend that the President announce the referendum dates to be March 23-27.”

... Carried

For (17): Aaron Bailey, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Ayman Azim, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Veronica Knott, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Mohamed Shaaban, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (9): Saniel Chand, Joshua Galbraith, Anne Kessler, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Abeer Siddiqui, Angela Tien

Abstain: Tanner Bokor, Alexandra Lee Man, Jenna Omassi

T) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: March 11, 2015

U) Adjournment:

50. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Carried

For (21): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Nick Echeverria, Ayman Azim, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (3): Colúm Connolly, Sarah Fernando, Mateusz Miadlikowski

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 pm.
# February 25, 2015 Attendance

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March 11, 2015

PLACE: Council Chambers

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Robyn Freiheit (KUS/School of Kinesiology), Jamiu Abdsalami (EUS), Aaron Law (student), Moira Warburton (CiTR), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Pierre Cenerelli (AMS University & Government Relations), Ron Gorodestsky (AMS Student Services Manager), Rae Barilea (AMS), Jude Crasta (AVP External), Kathleen Simpson (AMS External Office), Carol Dou (AMS SAC), Tracey Gaydosh (SAC), Saarah Ghazi (AMS), Viet Vu (VSEUS), Craig Levido (AMS Food & Beverage), Samantha So (student), Siaw Yee Chew (KUS), Sarah Richter (KUS), Reid Mitchell (KUS), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (AMS Admin)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

1. MOVED JOSHUA GALBRAITH, SECONDED TANNER BOKOR:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED SANIEL CHAND:

“That the agenda be amended to move up the linen contract.”

… No objections

3. MOVED JOSHUA GALBRAITH, SECONDED TANNER BOKOR:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… Carried


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

Welcome to our new Members:

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Economics, Education, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark's,

Good-byes: Tobias Friedel (GSS)

C) Speaker's Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):
The software is slow tonight.  
The meeting is taking place on unceded Musqueam land.

D) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute question period):

AMS 2030 – Tanner Bokor  

- This a 15-year strategic plan.
- We had a strategic framework back in 2005-06 which got lost in transition and had little buy-in.
- Last year Caroline Wong created a Vision Task Force, which was passed on to me, and which I rebranded as AMS 2030.
- The idea is to have long-term macro-direction for when we enter the New SUB, looking for how to benefit students in our new home.
- Looking for direct member engagement.
- I wish we could have had a working document by this stage, but we do not yet.
- This is our chance to dream big and also to provide stability.
- In addition to the 15-year macro plan, the idea is to have annual action plans and medium-term 5-year plans.
- There will be four non-binding strategies as part of the overall plan:
  - Access AMS – transparency and accountability through technology (Laserfiche, Orgsync).
  - Engage AMS – communications.
  - Ignite AMS – community and external partnerships.
  - Invest AMS – sustainability and equity.
- I will be submitting the four strategies to Council, and will pass them along to the AMS 2030 Committee and the next President.
- I’d also recommend taking them to students in a referendum.
- Governance review is part of all this, and a governance review is underway now.
- This is my proudest project, but there was not enough time to complete it.

Questions

- Jenna Omassi: Why has the committee never met?  
  - Tanner Bokor: We used doodle polls, but couldn’t find a time, and eventually gave up.
- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: What attempts were made to consult with students?  
  - Tanner Bokor: We wanted to hold consultative forums, but we realized that first we needed something to consult on. And in the summer there were few students around. We took information from the Academic Experience Survey.
- Niloufar Keshmiri asked about using Outreach AMS.
- Mohamed Shaaban asked about the sense of ownership referred to in the presentation.
- Tanner Bokor: Students may not know what the AMS is. We want to make them feel themselves to be stakeholders in the organization.
- Anne Kessler: What are the implications of taking this to referendum? Will that make it binding? What if the situation changes?  
  - Tanner Bokor: The intent is not to have it binding on the AMS. The question would say “should” instead of “must.”
• Anne Kessler: I’m surprised this didn’t come to the Executive Committee.
• Tanner Bokor: We needed something to consult on and planned to lay it out to everyone at the same time.

4. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ANNE KESSLER:

“That the question period be extended by five minutes.”

… No objections

• Jenna Omassi: What are the plans for implementation? This doesn’t seem ready.
• Tanner Bokor: More will come in updates.
• Jenna Omassi: Is the hope that consultations will start post-turnover?
• Tanner Bokor: I would like to do some before, but the bulk will be later.

Engineering students arrived at 6:33 pm with pies for fundraising for charity.

5. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That there be a 15-minute recess.”

… No objections

Pieing took place.

Council resumed at 6:59 pm.

New SUB Update – Ava Nasiri
• We will open in April by any means necessary even if not all things are complete.
• The builders are working their butts off, but we’re still not as far along as we want. We will open as soon as we get to safety check-off.
• We’re doing well with the budget. It’s at $97 million. We’re looking at options from various banks that could save us $6 or $7 million.

Questions
• Marjan Hatai: Will the opening be at the beginning or end of April?
• Ava Nasiri: Closer to the end for opening ceremonies. We may open the doors before that.
• Niloufar Keshmiri: How are we doing bookings if we’re not sure when we’ll be open?
• Ava Nasiri: We are taking bookings. We have this building as a back-up. We may have bookings in both buildings. If we’re delayed another three months, there’s a contingency plan.
• Gurvir Sangha asked about panelling.
• Ava Nasiri: The fins on the Nest are going pretty well. The most important thing that could hold us back is the millwork.
• Ron Gorodetsky: Is there a date for the move?
• Ava Nasiri: This is also flexible. We’re looking at zero-based move scheduling.

BDS Communications Plan – Tanner Bokor
• I have sent out a memo including the communications plan.
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- We will put a single communication on our website stating the AMS position. There will also be an FAQ about the referendum process.
- The Executive Committee is exploring formats for events.
- A number of Executives will be able to speak to the issues.
- There’s a working group starting shortly.

Questions
- Chris Roach: No messaging has been sent out yet?
- Tanner Bokor: No.

6. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED NILOUFAR KESHMIRI:

“That the agenda be amended to move the BDS discussion to after the Canadian Linen motion.”

… No objections

7. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:  [SCD515-15]

From BAGB
“That on the recommendation of BAGB the business contract with Canadian Linen be approved as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Craig Levido (the new Food & Beverage Manager):
  - I’m the new Nancy [Nancy Toogood, the former Food & Beverage Manager].
  - The new building will be larger, and we’re going for a new look, with new uniforms.
  - This is a standard contract for cleaning the uniforms.
  - We looked at a number of companies. Canadian Linen was best.
  - It’s for three years, so that’s why it’s come here.

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Abstained: Gurvir Sangha

R) Discussion Period

BDS Communications Discussion
- Andrea Palmer: Is the memo going up on the website?
- Tanner Bokor: Only Appendix A (the FAQ’s on referendums) and Appendix B (the statement of the AMS position).
- Andrea Palmer: Appendix A says there will be events and says to check back soon for more information. What does that mean?
- Tanner Bokor: There will be specifics about events.
- Chris Roach: I have a feeling of general dissatisfaction with our not having released any information yet. We passed a long motion after much debate. Other groups may interpret that now. We should be the first to do that. Over a week has gone by, and we haven’t done anything. Why have we waited?
- Tanner Bokor: We have already sent two broadcast emails this month. We didn’t think it reasonable to send another; we thought it was more appropriate to put this on our website. We also wanted to wait for this meeting to let Council have a chance to look at the message.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: Policies on Respectful Environment and Non-academic Misconduct are relevant. It’s relevant to mention that.
- Veronica Knott: I’m concerned about the contents of the statement. I don’t like the cited examples of past referendums on marijuana and divestment. And we can’t say we’re a facilitator: we’ve taken a stance; we’re not unbiased anymore. Why not put out the bare minimum of information?
- Anne Kessler: Those past referendums were just listed as examples, but we could remove the references.
- Tanner Bokor:
  - We engaged a crisis communications consultant who advised us to use two extremes as examples.
  - Voting information will be put online by the Elections Committee
  - The AMS will be treated like a Yes or No committee. We’ll need to get our communications approved by the Elections Administrator.
- Gurvir Sangha: Last week the conversation became larger, but we should be focusing on the effect that BDS will have here.
- Anne Kessler: We’ve got some names for conflict mediation; looking to get one of them as a moderator for an event.
- Ava Nasiri: The Council motion last time said we were not to launch a full campaign, but to release one statement. No timeline was attached to that. The Executive didn’t sense urgency, and we wanted to hear from Council about what we released, since the Executive was for being neutral; it was Council that wanted us to take this different stance.
- Veronica Knott: We were told it was going online before.
- Tanner Bokor: We did change tacks.
- Chris Roach: We were not re-informed.

E) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

F) Appointments
9. MOVED CASSANDRA CUMMINGS, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That ______ (1 x Councillor and 1 x member at large) be appointed to the University & External Relations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 2015 as determined by the Agenda Committee.”

Councillor Nominations: Andrea Palmer (EUS)
At Large Nominations: Jamiu Abdsalami

“That _____ (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Build AMS Committee for a period effective immediately and ending March 30, 2015.”

No nominations

10. MOVED CASSANDRA CUMMINGS, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That Andrea Palmer and Jamiu Abdsalami (1 x Councillor and 1 x member at large) be appointed to the University & External Relations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 2015 as determined by the Agenda Committee.”

… Carried

For (27): Ayman Azim, Colúm Connolly, Cassandra Cummings, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Robyn Asgari (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Cole Leonoff, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Jason Quach, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Andrea Palmer

G) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Tanner Bokor
- Build AMS.
- AMS 2030.
- Thanks to SLCC for the All-Presidents Dinner
- Just Desserts: Thanks to Joanne and the Constituencies.
- To Victoria on Friday.
- Talking to UBC Development about contribution to the AMS.
- Meeting with BMO re New SUB financing
- Block Party April 10 at Tef 3.
- Daniel’s wife is having a baby.

H) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski
- Sending fee schedule to the Board of Governors.
- Budget process has started: speaking to BAGB about the businesses, expecting budgets from departments, discussed overhead.
- Cloud software applications for systems for reimbursement.
- Increased applications to funds.
- Sustainability Project Fund meeting.
- Hiring.
- Sent fees to Athletics.

VP Administration – Ava Nasiri
- SAC:
  - Orgsync going super well. Almost all set.
  - Coordinating club move into basement: now have basement for year and a half.
  - Collaborating with UBC on Clubs Guidebook.
  - Inter-constituency mingler.
  - SAC policy fiesta party.
  - Club executive orientations coming up.
  - Competitive clubs – meeting with Athletics.
- Document for Elections Administrator.
- CiTR had fundraiser.
- Whistler Lodge has been sold. We now have $1.4 million for the Endowment Fund.

VP Academic – Anne Kessler
- Academic Experience Survey done; hoping to send it out next week.

VP External – Bahareh Jokar
- Transit referendum going well.
- Lobby Days with ABCS: met 40 MLA’s and Ministers.

I) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Legislative Procedures Committee – Jenna Omassi
- SASC Code changes.
- Committee appointment timeline changes.
- Working on alcohol consumption policy.
- Agenda changes, in camera Code, Agenda Committee powers.
- Vantage and Unclassified Students.
- Capital Projects Fund.

SLCC – Serena Ng
- All-Presidents Dinner successful.
- Two more projects:
  - “Before I graduate I want to do [this]”: a bucket list.
  - Naming rooms in the Nest.

University & External Relations Committee – Joshua Galbraith
- PSE funding and Tuition Referendum.
- Residential Tenancy Act or some other act for student tenants.

Educom – Armin Rezaian-Asel
- Mobile friendly technology.
J) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Jenna Omassi
- Successful CoffeehAUS.
- Limitless networking event.
- Crafting mission statement.
- Working on Arts Student Centre statement and goals.
- Formal coming up.
- ACF revival event coming up.
- Elections.

Commerce – Niloufar Keshmiri
- Team returned from Prince George, meeting business associations.
- Hiring.
- Sauder summit case competition.
- Social entrepreneurship conference.
- Five Days for the Homeless.

Engineering – Veronica Knott
- Pie week! May be a record number of pies.
- Elections.
- Looking at new policy manual.

Forestry – Ayman Azim
- Planning coconut party.
- LFS and Forestry hosting bonfire on Friday.
- Occupational First Aid for students.
- First coffeehouse coming up.

GSS – Colúm Connolly
- AGM next week.
- Motion about the GSS relationship to the AMS.
- Hired a GM.

Kinesiology – Jason Quach
- Gearing up for elections.
- Referendum question.
- Kin Games coming on Friday.

Law – Alina Khakhuda
- Elections.

SLAIS – Abeer Siddiqui
- AGM.
- Elections.

Planning – Cassandra Cummings
- Symposium went well.
- Our elections were done months ago.
• National planning conference next week.

**Pharmacy – Tom Wierzbicki**
- Had elections last December.
- Pharmacy Awareness Month.
- Trouble with bookings on concourse.
- Skits Night.

**Regent College – Joshua Galbraith**
- Elections in two weeks.
- Next week is our reading week.
- Puppy day in April.

**Science – Carmen Wong**
- Career fair.
- Elections.
- Science Grad.
- Curriculum changes discussed.

**VST – Kate Fisher**
- Elections.
- Hiring director of Indigenous Studies Centre.

**K) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):**

**BoG – Chris Roach**
- No report.

**Senate- Cole Leonoff**
- No report.

**Ombuds – Camelia Toghiani-Rizi**
- Working on transition.

**L) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

11. **MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:**

   "That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

   Executive Committee minutes dated February 23, 2015 [SCD516-15]
   Executive Committee minutes dated March 2, 2015 [SCD517-15]
   Legislative Procedures Committee minutes dated Jan 29, 2015 [SCD518-15]
   Legislative Procedures Committee minutes dated Feb 4, 2015 [SCD519-15]
   Legislative Procedures Committee minutes dated Feb 12, 2015 [SCD520-15]

   ... Carried

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Abstained: Colúm Connolly, Mohamed Shaaban

M) Executive Committee Motions:

12. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED ANNE KESSLER:

“Be it resolved that Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(6) of the
Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to set the fee levy for undergraduate
students in the Vancouver School of Economics at $25 starting in the Winter
Session 2015-16, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board
of Governors.

Be it further resolved that the Vice-President Finance notify the Board of Governors
that these undergraduate students in the Vancouver School of Economics are no
longer to be charged the Arts Undergraduate Society fee.”

- Tanner Bokor: Per the meeting before last, there was a request to bring forward
  the VSEUS fee. I checked the documentation, so it’s there.
- Jenna Omassi: I understand why this has been brought forward, but we have to
  ask ourselves whether we want to look at the question from last year or look at
  the current students.
- Viet Vu: We have been talking to current students and haven’t encountered any
  opposition to the $25 fee, though I don’t have numbers on this.
- Anne Kessler: There was a referendum; how can there not be numbers?
- Viet Vu: We have numbers from last year’s referendum, just not from the
  current students.
- The Speaker displayed last year’s voting results on the screen: 111-13 in
  favour of the fee.
- Paul McDade: We haven’t had a fee referendum in Science for years and we
  still pay the fee approved by our predecessors. Most of the VSEUS students
  this year were students here last year, and accept the results as valid. I think
  we should just approve this.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: We don’t re-affirm fees every year.
- Jenna Omassi: I understand that. What I was trying to say was that now we’ve
  recognized VSEUS. But they weren’t recognized last year when they held this
  referendum. This is different from a referendum by an established
  Constituency.
- Viet Vu: The lack of recognition has nothing to do with the fee referendum.
- Veronica Knott: At no time did we question the fee referendum. I believe it was
  held fairly.
- Colúm Connolly: How many eligible voters were there, and did it meet quorum?
- Viet Vu: 916 and yes.
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Abstained: Jenna Omassi

N) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

14. MOVED JASON QUACH, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER: [SCD521-15]

From the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society
“That on the recommendation of the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society, Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Community Health Science Centre, as presented.”

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- Jason Quach:
  - Robyn Freiheit has been working very hard on the agreement [which is connected to a $250 fee for Kinesiology students (plus 2% annual increases for inflation) to support construction of the new Community Health Science Centre].
  - There is currently no Kinesiology building; this will be a first.
  - It's a huge value for Kin students.
  - There will also be other health disciplines in the building.
  - We established the fee through discussions with current students and the School of Kinesiology.
  - There was some disagreement over whether to include 2% annual increases or use CPI.

15. MOVED JASON QUACH, SECONDED GURVIR SANGHA:

“That there be a five-minute recess.”
Council resumed at 8:31 pm.

- Ava Nasiri: Why will the money be collected only when the building opens rather than as soon as there is Board approval?
- Jason Quach: To be fair, we decided not to make students pay till the building is open.
- Ava Nasiri: Have you had a chance to talk with the AMS Director of Finance about interest rates and alternate sources of funding?
- Robyn Freiheit: Not really. The bulk of the funding is from the government. UBC will be the hub. We’re aiming for a $60-80 million government contribution.
- Ava Nasiri: I see you talk of fitness space. Have you chatted with UBC Athletics? They’re also planning that, for the Life Building.
- The Speaker asked Robyn Freiheit to identify herself.
- Robyn Freiheit said she is part of the Make Your Mark Campaign, which has been working on this project, and said she is currently hired by the School of Kinesiology.
- Robyn Freiheit: Initially we discussed recreation space with the VP Students, then came up with the fee as a sort of membership fee for priority Kin space with an emphasis on education. It will be a sort of perk for Kin students.
- Anne Kessler: The document makes reference to a committee with both graduate and undergraduate students on it. Will grad students also pay the fee?
- Robyn Freiheit: The grad students are not comfortable with holding a referendum on this fee now. But we’re taking their needs into account.
- Anne Kessler: Redevelopment on University Boulevard includes a Kin building on the site of the old GSAB building. Is this that building? Or are there two?
- Robyn Freiheit: They are separate. The first is short-term and would only accommodate a quarter of the staff and students. There’s not enough space on that lot.
- Vyas Saran: What type of consultation did you do when deciding that the fee should not be charged until the centre is built?
- Jason Quach: A $250 fee is hefty. It would be a lot of money to pay for someone not receiving the benefit of the building. This was the most strategic way to do it.
- Gurvir Sangha: Will there be other groups in the GSAB building?
- Robyn Freiheit: Athletics, Admin, Arts.
- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: The MoU talks of 2% for inflation and not CPI.
- Jason Quach: KUS Council thought this was better, given the unpredictability of CPI.
- Bahareh Jokar: Is the fee for amenities or the building?
- Robyn Freiheit: This is a building construction fee to pay off the building, but students will get tangible benefits: a gym membership, study space, etc. at no extra charge.
- Bahareh Jokar: Is this a mandatory fee? The government is concerned about student associations levying excessive fees.
- Mateusz Miadlikowski:
  - Why is the MoU coming so late if the referendum is so soon?
o Or why do you need the MoU before the referendum? For the brewery and for the EUS space, it was the other way around: that would give you leverage because you’d have the money promised.

o Why is the MoU term for 30 years?

o Where are the profits going (from the food outlets in the building)?

• Jason Quach:
  o The food outlets are not run by the KUS, so the profits will not go to the Kin students.
  o As to timing, we had a memo, not an MoU. Tanner and Sheldon saw a red flag, said we needed a proper MoU. We went to UBC Legal and they drafted this.

• Robyn Freiheit: We were advised to do the MoU first. Our aim is to protect the interests of the students.

• Mohamed Shaaban: If undergraduates pass this referendum, then how would things work for the graduate students?

• Robyn Freiheit: Our discussions indicate that the grad students will follow. In the meantime, if they’re not paying, they’re not using it.

• Mohamed Shaaban: After the loan is paid off, how will the fees work?

• Robyn Freiheit: After that, the KUS will make a new fee model.

• Niloufar Keshmiri: This document makes reference to a financing agreement. Does that exist?

• Robyn Freiheit: That would come after Board 1 approval.

• Niloufar Keshmiri: We have a similar agreement [in Commerce]. You give equal representation to grad students and they haven’t committed to a referendum. That’s concerning. Our inflation increase was to pay for wear and tear; yours just goes to paying off the loan. That’s problematic.

• Tanner Bokor:
  o We met with Jason and Robyn. They had a memo, not an MoU. We wanted to ensure there was a legally binding document.
  o It sounds like there’s unease here; it may be better to postpone.

16. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“That this motion be postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council.”

• Tanner Bokor: It sounds like there are many questions on the construction of the MoU. We’re happy to work with the KUS on this.

• Jenna Omassi: Would postponing affect the timeline of the referendum?

• Tanner Bokor: The KUS can go ahead with the referendum.

• Veronica Knott: The KUS has been building up momentum to do this referendum now.

• Chris Roach: It’s a little disrespectful to postpone. People were just asking questions; that doesn’t mean unease.

17. MOVED MOHAMED SHAABAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
The debate on postponing resumed.

- Anne Kessler: Has this gone to AMS Legal? I do have concerns. The CUS has had a lot of problems with their agreement.
- Robyn Freiheit: It’s gone to UBC Legal, not AMS Legal.
- Cole Leonoff: If the referendum passes, you can still back out. But if you sign the agreement …
- Robyn Freiheit: Even after that, the KUS can change things. The MoU is not the financial agreement.
- Ava Nasiri: If we postponed, would it affect the timing of the referendum?
- Jason Quach: We’ll run the referendum regardless, but it may sway some of the votes if the MoU has not been signed. I’m reluctant to defer.

18. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“That this motion be postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council.”

… Defeated

For (1): Tanner Bokor

Against (29): Ayman Azim, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Robyn Asgari (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Cole Leonoff, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Jason Quach, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Mohamed Shaaban, Abeer Siddiqui, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Sarah Fernando, Alina Khakhuda, Liam Reeve

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi:
  - Does Council want to be engaging in this discussion? It’s a really big decision on a building in the works for many years. It’s a matter of making sure Council is comfortable.
  - A lot of buildings have not followed this process. Why were things done this way rather than the way other Constituencies did them? What is the validity of this approach?

- Robyn Freiheit:
  - The MOU was built off the Engineering plan and also one at UBCO.
  - Not charging before the building gets used is a new idea, but one we’re very passionate about: from a student point of view, would I want to pay $250 prior to using the building?
  - We want Council’s support and feedback. It’s been a long process.

- Jenna Omassi: The Arts Student Centre has done it differently. I wonder why, before the referendum passes, we are discussing this MoU. Why are we seeing the document now?

- Robyn Freiheit:
  - We don’t have a building on campus. We’re one of the only programs without an academic hub; we’re spread over 10 buildings.
  - As to timing, some things took longer than planned, but we’ve long planned for a March 16 referendum.
  - Our leverage time is now. We don’t have alumni donors.
  - We didn’t know we had to come to Council until a week ago. We were misinformed about the process.
  - We were told we needed an MoU.

- Cole Leonoff: I’m highly alarmed that this hasn’t gone to AMS Legal. We in Commerce have had extreme difficulty getting what we thought was in our agreement. We really need to make sure we have lawyers look at this. Issues concerning the use of student space have to be made clear.

- Chris Roach: A couple of valid points have been raised, but some are just saying this is what our Constituency did. This is what the KUS wants.

- Robyn Freiheit:
  - We are working off the failures and successes of other buildings.
  - As to AMS Legal, we have not received the attention we needed when we asked what we needed to do. Unfortunately, it has all come down to the past three weeks.

- Colúm Connolly: We could amend to send to Legal.

- Camelia Toghiani-Rizi: Why has the Executive not heard about this before?

- Tanner Bokor: When this came to me, I spoke to Finance and was advised that the first thing to do was to get an MoU about the use of the space firmed up prior to the referendum, and then afterwards do a financing agreement. But I’ve been hearing some legitimate concerns tonight that are making me change my mind.

- Camelia Toghiani-Rizi: Why was this not sent to AMS Legal?

- Tanner Bokor: There hasn’t been time to send it to Legal.

- Anne Kessler:
  - I have concerns about approving this now. It should go to our Legal. We have to do our due diligence.
I hear the concerns about affecting the referendum, but this needs to be looked at. There have been issues in the past.

- Ava Nasiri:
  - This is an exciting project.
  - This is just an MoU, and MoU's are easy to change later.
  - This is giving Kin students a voice.
  - It would be good to send it to Legal.

- Mateusz Miadlikowski:
  - I received this only a few days ago, attached to an email saying Urgent: Sign Here. I recommended it come to Council because it’s a multi-year contract and I was not comfortable signing off on it.
  - The students can vote first before the MoU is signed. The KUS could put some of the conditions from the MoU into the text of the referendum question without first passing the MoU and without referring to the MoU in the question.

- Bahareh Jokar: I respect the Make Your Mark campaign for this building. Can we amend the motion to endorse the campaign?

- The Speaker ruled that such an amendment would not be germane.

- Cole Leonoff:
  - We have to respect what the students want. But it’s not unprecedented for Council to slow things down out of fiduciary duty.
  - Sending things to Legal does not mean we’ll get a Yes or No on the MoU. It means getting help from Legal to craft a better MoU.

- Jenna Omassi: Kin was advised to bring the MoU here, but it’s been rushed. Is the MoU needed for the referendum to pass? Not necessarily.

20. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That that this motion be postponed until such time as the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society referendum has passed.”

- Jenna Omassi: If the referendum passes we have reason to pass this motion and approve the MoU. If the students vote Yes, then we’re in a stronger position.
- Tanner Bokor: This MoU is to run a referendum. If the referendum passes, is there value in bringing this MoU back, or should it come back as a financing agreement?
- Jenna Omassi: I don’t see the detriment in bringing it back.
- Mohamed Shaaban: If this gets postponed, would we send it to Legal in the meantime? Should we include that in the motion?
- Tanner Bokor: I’ve sent this to Legal already. It will be looked at tomorrow.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: If we bring it back, does it have to be the same document, or can it be a different MoU?
- The Speaker: It could come back as a different document.
- Veronica Knott: I’m concerned that this motion is not addressing the root issue, the KUS concern that they were not receiving appropriate attention.
- Jason Quach: Why we brought this now rather than saying in the question that the fee would be conditional on reaching agreement on an MoU was that we thought that having an MoU in place would sway some votes. But we could do
what Mateusz suggests and put conditions in the referendum question without mentioning the MoU.

- Mateusz Miadlikowski: Then we wouldn’t have to worry about the MoU.
- Paul McDade: What would get to the root of the issue that Veronica raised, the issue of providing proper attention to the KUS?
- Veronica Knott: Assign a person to be responsible.
- Tanner Bokor: It could be the VP Administration on the student side and the Director of Finance on the staff side.

21. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That that this motion be postponed until such time as the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society referendum has passed.”

... Carried

For (27): Ayman Azim, Tanner Bokor, Colúm Connolly, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Robyn Asgari (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Jason Quach, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Mohamed Shaaban, Abeer Siddiqui, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith

O) Committee Motions:

22. MOVED CARMEN WONG, SECONDED PAUL McDADE: [SCD522-15] From the Legislative Procedures Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Committee Appointment Times” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi: This Code change would move appointments from April to May because turnover of representatives for most Constituencies has shifted to May.
- Niloufar Keshmiri expressed concern about Extraordinary Committees.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said this is only for Standing Committees.
- Joshua Galbraith said there might be an effect on summer jobs.
- Jenna Omassi, as a Standing Committee Chair, declared a conflict of interest and noted that there’s a fiscal effect for all Standing Committee Chairs.

23. MOVED CARMEN WONG, SECONDED PAUL McDADE:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Committee Appointment Times‟ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (20): Tanner Bokor, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Andrea Palmer, Jason Quach, Liam Reeve, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Colúm Connolly, Joshua Galbraith, Robyn Asgari (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Armin Rezaiean-Asel

24. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED CARMEN WONG: [SCD523-15]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: SASC‟ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi:
  - This is about how SASC (the Sexual Assault Support Centre) is in the Code. We want Code to match current practice.
  - We did consultation with the SASC Manager, the Executive Director, and the Student Services Manager.
  - The consensus was that SASC should remain a Student Service as it is now in Code, but because it is different in many ways from the other Services, this should be noted in the Code.
  - So the Code change would introduce a number of exceptions for SASC, notably that the SASC Manager would report to the Executive Director and not to the Student Services Manager.
  - We also added in the mandate for SASC, emphasizing that it is a non-gendered service. We wanted that in Code and not just in an Operations Manual.

- Paul McDade questioned the appropriateness of putting the mandate in the part of Code that otherwise just lists the Services.

- Jenna Omassi: We discussed where to put the mandate. We agreed that it was important to put it in. If there is advice on where else to put it, we could take it back to LPC.

25. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED CARMEN WONG:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: SASC‟ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

For (22): Ayman Azim, Tanner Bokor, Nick Echeverria, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Robyn Asgari (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Cole Leonoff, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Colún Connolly, Kate Fisher, Joshua Galbraith, Paul McDade

26. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

“That the meeting be extended to 11:07 pm.”

... No objections

27. MOVED SERENA NG, SECONDED NICK ECHEVERRIA:

From the Hiring Committee

“That Alex Hur be appointed Student Court Clerk until May 31, 2015.”

... Carried

For (21): Ayman Azim, Nick Echeverria, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Robyn Asgari (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Colún Connolly

28. MOVED SERENA NG, SECONDED PAUL McDADE:

From the Hiring Committee

“That Kirk Gehl and Giles Ayers be appointed as Student Court Judges effective immediately until May 31, 2015.”

- Lauren Telford: We’ve found two Judges. Need to find two more and a Chief Justice. Haven’t found a Chief Justice yet. Perhaps the pay rate is too low. We could consider raising it.

29. MOVED SERENA NG, SECONDED PAUL McDADE:

From the Hiring Committee

“That Kirk Gehl and Giles Ayers be appointed as Student Court Judges effective immediately until May 31, 2015.”

... Carried

For (24): Ayman Azim, Tanner Bokor, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Robyn Asgari (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Cole Leonoff, Paul McDade,
Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Colúm Connolly

30. MOVED CARMEN WONG, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:  [SCD524-15]

From the Hiring Committee
“That Council adopt the „Composting Assistant“ job description on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Lauren Telford: We just passed this before the Council meeting. It’s essentially the same as what came before.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: Why did this only go to Hiring today?
- Lauren Telford: I didn’t get it until yesterday.

31. MOVED CARMEN WONG, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

From the Hiring Committee
“That Council adopt the „Composting Assistant“ job description on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (21): Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Robyn Asgari (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Cole Leonoff, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith

P) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

32. MOVED CARMEN WONG, SECONDED BAHAREH JOKAR:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:
SAC minutes dated February 4, 2015  [SCD525-15]
SAC minutes dated February 11, 2015  [SCD526-15]
SAC minutes dated February 25, 2015  [SCD527-15]

… Carried

For (23): Tanner Bokor, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Robyn Asgari (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Cole Leonoff, Paul McDade,
Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Jason Quach, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Ava Nasiri

Abstained: Colúm Connolly

Q) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

R) Discussion Period

S) Submissions:
   GSS attendance memo [SCD528-15]
   LPC February 2015 report [SCD529-15]

T) Next Meeting:
   March 25, 2015

U) Adjournment:

33. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED CARMEN WONG:
   “That the meeting be adjourned.”
   ... Carried

   For (19): Tanner Bokor, Colúm Connolly, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Niloufar Keshmiri, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Jason Quach, Liam Reeve, Christopher Roach, Lauren Telford, Carmen Wong

   Against (1): Joshua Galbraith

   The meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm.

S) Social Activity:
March 11, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Leor Oren (Student), Moira Warburton (Ubyssey), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Pierre Cenerelli (AMS University & Government Relations), Ron Gorodestsky (AMS Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (AMS Director of Finance), Uli Laue (Director of Operations), Rae Barleia (AMS), Jude Crasta (AVP External), Kathleen Simpson (AMS External Office), Andrew Lavers (AMS Elections Administrator), Daniel Munro (AMS AVP Academic), Philip Edgcumbe (BAGB), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Saarah Ghazi (AMS), Viet Vu (VSEUS), Chiyi Tam (AMS Sustainability Coordinator), Rae Barilea (AMS), Jude Crasta (AVP External), Kathleen Simpson (AMS External Office), Andrew Lavers (AMS Elections Administrator), Daniel Munro (AMS AVP Academic), Philip Edgcumbe (BAGB), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Saarah Ghazi (AMS), Viet Vu (VSEUS), Chiyi Tam (AMS Sustainability Coordinator), Neal Yonson (GSS), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (AMS Admin)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm, with Tanner Bokor in the chair in the absence of the Speaker.

1. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED COLE LEONOFF:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED LIAM REEVE

“That the agenda be amended to move the Statements from Students at Large to before the presentations.”

Carried unanimously

For (30): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Sarah Simon (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Mohamed Shaaban, Lauren Telford, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

3. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED COLE LEONOFF:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

Carried unanimously

For (24): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Sarah Simon (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Cassandra Cummings, Sarah Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Cole Leonoff, Harry Li, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Naman Paul, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Vyas Saran, Mohamed Shaaban, Lauren Telford, Carmen Wong
B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members: Tobias Friedel (GSS)

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Economics, Education, Journalism, Music, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark’s,

Good-byes: Jaelem Bhate (Music)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

The Speaker is ill. Tanner Bokor acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on unceded Musqueam territory.

E) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each): - earlier on agenda

Leor Oren
- In the ongoing BDS referendum, every student was sent a copy of the question as if it was fact. The AMS has taken an anything but yes position, but it’s not readily available. It should be attached to the question.
  - Jenna Omassi: This is a very well put point. I hope there can be messaging out to students. We haven’t properly messaged our position.
  - Cole Leonoff: My impression was that we didn’t want to badger students, but still it should be made transparent. Sending out our policy on this seems like a reasonable exception.

4. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT:

“That the agenda be amended to add a discussion on communications on BDS.”

... No objections

D) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

*Elections Report – Andrew Lavers (Elections Administrator)* [SCD530-15]

- New timeline structure because of Bylaw changes: nominations were before Reading Week, then there was a week off for Reading Week, and then there was another blackout week, which was for approval of election materials, though no one used it.
- Because of the greater length of time between nominations and the elections, there was a greater number of dropouts.
- Our polling stations brought in a few hundred votes in addition to the regular online voting.
- For Voter Funded Media we required more content for the blogs that entered. There was a relatively good discourse.
- Turnout was 6155, or 12.9%. A little low. There was no referendum to help increase turnout.
- The abstention rate was 22.3%.
Email blasts announcing the elections led to spikes in the voting. It’s a fantastic method, but it also led to complaints. And questions have been raised about its legality because there’s no way to unsubscribe. We’re looking into that.

One voter irregularity:
- Students who graduated in Term 1 were able to vote.
- There was a miscommunication with UBC IT.
- Last year they were not included on the voters’ list.
- These are illegitimate votes.
- We spoke to Simply Voting and attempted to pull out these voters, identifying them by their unique ID’s.
- We discarded 83 votes; that’s not a large enough number to have affected the outcome of any of the elections.

Overall the election was a moderate success, except for that one hiccup. There were no appeals, and few complaints.

Executive Results:
- President – Aaron Bailey
- VP Academic – Jenna Omassi
- VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski
- VP Administration - Ava Nasiri
- VP External – Jude Crasta

Board of Governors
- Veronica Knott
- Julie Van de Valk

Student Senators at large:
- Aaron Bailey
- Eric Zhao
- Gurvir Sangha
- Jenna Omassi
- Marjan Hatai

Student Legal Fund Society
- Cameron Sharpe (Students for Responsible Leadership)
- Carol Dou (Students for Accountability)
- Jude Crasta (Students for Accountability)
- Kathleen Simpson (Students for Accountability)
- Ron Gorodetsky (Students for Accountability)
- Tanner Bokor (Students for Accountability)

Questions
- Aaron Bailey asked about recommendations for Voter Funded Media.
- Andrew Lavers: Maybe there needs to be some fine tuning. This year I wanted to make sure things were actually published on the blogs.
- Paul McDade: You were able to identify 83 voters whose votes were invalid. Is there any way to figure out how they voted?
- Andrew Lavers: Yes, but I don’t have access. UBC IT had to go in the back end.
- Paul McDade: So in theory we could find out how someone voted.
- Andrew Lavers: In theory, but I highly doubt that UBC IT would give us this. UBC IT could probably figure it out.
- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Why is there an asterisk for Syrup Trap on the VFM list?
- Andrew Lavers: There was a question about whether they published enough posts. Their award was prorated.
• Andrea Palmer asked about the 83 voters deemed ineligible. Aren’t they still students? They haven’t graduated yet.
• Sheldon Goldfarb: We should clarify with UBC about who’s still in a program.

5. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:

“That the question period be extended by five minutes.”

… No objections

• Veronica Knott: These are still paying members of the Society. They should be included. Even if they finish in December they are still enrolled, and they have paid the annual AMS fee. They should have the right to vote.
• Anne Kessler asked about the Continuous VFM program.
• Andrew Lavers: Continuous VFM is a separate program run all year by Mark Latham; we don’t administer it.

Sustainability Report – Chiyi Tam
[SCD531-15]
• The Sustainability report last October set the tone. Now I’m reporting on what we’ve done since then.
• Our new staff system seems to be working, achieving the aim of freeing the Coordinator to look overall at the Lighter Footprint Strategy.
• Various programs:
  o Composting machines (Citypod): we don’t produce as much waste as we thought. We’re going to add post-consumer composting. There will be a station outside Pie R Squared.
  o Dashboard monitoring project in the new building (monitoring building energy).
  o Art project for New SUB: Three are 95% done; two are in storage waiting to go up. Mechanical tree problem: a little delay.
  o Waterfillz: Five machines around campus. Very popular, but they need lots of maintenance. The goal was to seek a maintenance contract, and we achieved that.
  o Sustainable Food Truck: Waiting for analysis to see if it’s cost efficient. Aiming to own a carbon-neutral truck in the summer.
  o AMS Extending Seasonality Project: Canning workshops; an awesome way to extend seasonality.
  o Pedal-powered charging station: This is actually going to happen in the New SUB.
  o Umbrella Sharing – Umbracity: $2 membership, five kiosks.
  o Sustainability Projects Fund: We have awarded $48,791 for 31 projects. There had been a drop in applications in 2014. We tried to revive interest and were successful. (Hosted a gala, invited people to apply.)
  o Some unusual projects, e.g., studying graffiti in washrooms.

Questions
• Aaron Bailey asked about Waterfillz costs and locations.
• Chiyi Tam: Macmillan, Kaiser, Swing, two in SUB. Already paid for.
• Andrea Palmer asked about composting stations on the second floor.
• Chiyi Tam: We could get something. We’ll look into it.
• Niloufar Keshmiri: How many applications to the Sustainability Projects Fund are for recurring projects?
• Chiyi Tam: About 15–20% are recurring, e.g., for conferences.
• Ron Gorodetsky: Has UBC approved the food truck?
• Chiyi Tam: We haven’t asked yet. We’re still looking at the concept.
• Uli Laue: On the northwest side of the Nest there will be a barbecue area where a truck could go.
• Ron Gorodetsky: Is it more efficient to have a station instead of a truck?
• Alexandra Lee Mann asked about the effects of the Waterfillz machines.
• Chiyi Tam: Bottled water sales went down 60% after installation of the machines.
• Ayman Azim asked about vermicomposting.
• Chiyi Tam: We switched out of it; can give what we have to the UBC Geo-garden or the Nest’s rooftop garden.

Nest Update – Ava Nasiri (VP Administration)

• The earliest date now for walkthrough occupancy is April 27, with partial occupancy by mid-May. So the earliest possible opening would be mid-May.
• Why?
• Millwork, the finishing stage, is coming out of one workshop that’s trying to produce cabinets for the whole building.
• There have been distractions, e.g., the false alarm over sprinklers.
• We don’t have enough teams on the site, but it would take too long to train new ones.
• Coming up: Smoke evacuation ducts. May have to install.
• Finances: exploring an external loan through the banks. Update next time.
• Opening is on pause.

Questions
• Harry Li asked for clarification about the April 27 and mid-May dates.
• Ava Nasiri: Moving could be as early as April 27. Opening could be in mid-May. Those are the earliest possible dates.
• Mohamed Shaaban: If we do an opening in May, will we do another grand opening in September?
• Ava Nasiri: We’re not planning anything now; we’re waiting till we have occupancy. We have draft plans for January, for April – any time we open, we’re ready.
• Niloufar Keshmiri asked about bookings.
• Ava Nasiri: There is a wedding scheduled for May 30 and we’re trying our best not to move it.
• Uli Laue: We’ve moved a few people over. We lost a 600-plate dinner because they didn’t want to be in the old building.
• Ayman Azim: Who’s in charge of supervising construction?
• Ava Nasiri: UBC Properties Trust and Bird Construction.

6. MOVED LAUREN TELFORD, SECONDED AYMAN AZIM:

“That the agenda be amended to add job descriptions.”
● Aaron Bailey: There’s no need to do these now.
● Jenna Omassi: I don’t see the point of rushing this.
● Ava Nasiri: The one for the SAC Art Gallery Commissioner is important.

7. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED MOHAMED SHAABAN:

“That the first three job descriptions be postponed to the next meeting.” … Carried

For (24): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Liam Reeve, Gurvir Sangha, Vyas Saran, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Against (4): Niloufar Keshmiri, Cole Leonoff, Andrea Palmer, Christopher Roach

8. MOVED LAUREN TELFORD, SECONDED AYMAN AZIM: [SCD533-15]

“That the changes to the SAC Art Gallery Commissioner’s job description be accepted as presented.”

● There was a question about whether the current Commissioner had provided his approval.

9. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:

“That this motion be tabled until later in the meeting.” … Carried

For (23): Ayman Azim, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith, Harry Li, Jenna Omassi

E) Appointments

10. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That Council appoint ______ (1 x Councillor) and Neal Yonson (1 x alumni member) to the Impacts Grant Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

Councillor Nomination: Kate Fisher (VST)
“That Council appoint _____ (1 x Councillor) to the University’s Student-Directed Seminar Committee for a period effective immediately and ending March 31, 2016.”
Nomination: Jenna Omassi (Arts)

11. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That Council appoint Kate Fisher (1 x Councillor) and Neal Yonson (1 x alumni member) to the Impacts Grant Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

“That Council appoint Jenna Omassi (1 x Councillor) to the University’s Student-Directed Seminar Committee for a period effective immediately and ending March 31, 2016.”

… Carried

For (26): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Ayman Azim, Sarah Fernando, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith, Paul McDade, Mohamed Shaaban

F) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Tanner Bokor:
• BDS media work.
• Transition.
• Taking UBC Development through the New SUB.
• April 27: hold the date.
• Hoodies being ordered.
• Block Party sold out in 49 hours.
• Congratulations to Daniel Levangie for his new baby boy.

H) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Administration – Ava Nasiri
• SAC Art Gallery is closed for a while.
• Launched OrgSync.
• Club executive orientations April 13: giving them the new handbook.
• Guidebook.
• SAC Policy Overhaul Fiesta (revising the SAC policy handbook).
• Shinerama: thinking about expanding our philanthropy beyond Shinerama.
• Arts and culture district coming.

VP Academic - Anne Kessler
• Academic Experience Survey: more than 1000 complete now.
• BDS: successful mediated event: listening and learning.
• April 4 First Nations Studies Association Pow Wow.
VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski
- New treasurers/treasurer orientation.
- WUSC: Problems with understanding how the funds are allocated; changing it to being in three instalments.
- Waiver forms going electronic.
- Clubs fixed asset assessment.
- Club financial software upgrade.

VP External – Jude Crasta for Bahareh Jokar
- Transit referendum.

Executive Director – Daniel Levangie
- UBC Centennial fund: one major acceptance, for the history book. Also art gallery.
- Referendum: Can speak to me or Abby.
- Staffing reviews in Services.

Old Election Report – Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist)
- In 1951 turnout was 47%, and the Ubyssey complained that that was low (one of the facts unearthed while researching the history book).

I) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

University & External Relations Committee – Joshua Galbraith
- Two motions on agenda.
- Update on wood building.

Education Committee – Armin Rezaiean-Asel
- No report.

Legislative Procedures Committee – Jenna Omassi
- Code changes done: housekeeping about the agenda; also on proxies.
- Working on policies, Executive Director code, and revised code for the Agenda Committee.
- Also, Oversight overhaul, conflict of interest code, DAP students representation, Vantage College, email votes on committees.

Student Life & Communications Committee – Serena Ng
- Responsible communications policy.

J) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Jenna Omassi
- Mission statement.
- Elections.
- Great Arts Sendoff April 30.
- Summer Sendoff April 8.

Science – Carmen Wong
- Career Info Fair a success.
• Elections just finished.
• Science grad this Friday.

Forestry – Ayman Azim
• Pineapple event.
• First aid course.
• Food safe course.

Commerce – Niloufar Keshmiri
• Turnover next Wednesday.

Pharmacy – Tom Wierzbicki
• No report.

Regent College – Joshua Galbraith
• Elections next week.

VST – Kate Fisher
• Elections coming up (“we just give the positions away”).
• Indigenous centre gearing up for summer school.

Law – Alina Khakhuda
• Elections.
• May become the Allard Law Students Society.

GSS – Chris Roach
• AGM last week: Motion to investigate if the GSS should remain part of the AMS or follow the model elsewhere and become a separate society. We’re not necessarily saying we’re going.

Engineering – Veronica Knott
• Elections happening: 20% turnout already.
• Blood Drive.
• Yearbook is out.
• Wellness Fair (puppies).
• One of our departmental clubs had a 95% voter turnout.

Planning – Cassandra Cummings
• Applying to host a national planning conference next year.

Medicine – Steven Pi
• Elections.

K) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

BoG – Chris Roach
• No report
Senate – Cole Leonoff
- Formal dissolution of the College of Health Disciplines. No longer needed for the aim of fostering collaboration.

Ombuds – Camelia Toghiani-Rizi
- Four more BDS complaints about AMS communications.
- Systemic issue with opt in / opt out process.
- Two issues in Constituencies.

L) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

12. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee Minutes   March 9, 2015   [SCD534-15]
Budget Committee Minutes   October 28, 2014   [SCD535-15]
Budget Committee Minutes   November 21, 2014   [SCD536-15]

- Anne Kessler: Could Council minutes for March 4 and 11 be expedited?
- Veronica Knott: Is the dental clinic not happening?
- Anne Kessler: That was a proposal from a private dentist for a mobile dental truck; nothing to do with the New SUB.

13. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

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... Carried

For (26): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Ayman Azim, Sarah Fernando, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Harry Li, Kate Fisher, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi

M) Executive Committee Motions:

N) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

14. MOVED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, SECONDED CARMEN WONG: [SCD537-15]

From the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society
“That on the recommendation of the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society, Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Community Health Science Centre, as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ava Nasiri: I’ve spoke with Jason (the KUS President). The referendum passed, but it's wise not to address this now. We should look at this at a later date.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: It’s a concern that the Make Your Mark campaign stated that the AMS has approved the MoU.

15. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the KUS MoU motion be postponed until the April 29 meeting of Council.”

- Anne Kessler: What version will we be approving?
- Tanner Bokor: The version presented then.
- Daniel Levangie: If Council thinks the MoU is not a good deal, it should not pass it.
- Veronica Knott: Without the KUS here, we can’t get an explanation of the details. We should wait till April 29.

16. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the KUS MoU motion be postponed until the April 29 meeting of Council.”

For (29): Aaron Bailey, Sarah Simon (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Ayman Azim, Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaian-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Saniel Chand

17. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VERONICA KNOTT:

From the GSS

“Whereas in the Graduate Student Society (GSS) elections 2015, no graduate student ran for the two faculty of graduate and post-doctoral student senator positions; and

Whereas the Alma Mater Society (AMS) is the only recognized student society by UBC senate and will be asked to provide two names to UBC senate for the two graduate student senate positions; and
Whereas the GSS is the independent voice of graduate students at UBC Vancouver campus, representing all graduate students at UBC Vancouver,

Be it resolved that the AMS defer the decision regarding the two Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies student senators to the GSS.

Be it further resolved that Code Section IV, Article 2(2) be suspended to dispense with the requirement that AMS Council make the recommendation to Senate.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Chris Roach: AMS Code says the AMS makes the recommendations for student vacancies. The GSS is asking that the AMS defer in this case to the GSS.

18. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VERONICA KNOTT:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried unanimously

For (28): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Sarah Simon (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Ayman Azim, Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Niloufar Keshmiri, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

O) Committee Motions:

19. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD: [SCD538-15]

From the Business and Administration Governance Board (BAGB)
“That Council accept the following report from BAGB:
Whereas BAGB has reviewed new financial projections and assumptions,

Be it resolved that AMS Council be informed of the new projected contribution from AMS businesses of -$532,000 for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year of May 1st, 2014 to April 30th, 2015.”

- Philip Edgcumbe (Chair of BAGB):
  o We originally budgeted a business contribution of $485,000.
  o In November we made a reforecast to say that instead of that contribution there would be a loss of $320,000.
  o Now the bad news continues: We are making a second reforecast for a loss of $532,000.

- Ross Horton (General Manager):
  o We are $592,000 behind budget and $792,000 behind last year.
  o The original budget was based on a schedule of moving into the Nest in January. We were expecting revenue from the Nest. We did a reforecast when we found out that was not going to happen.
  o Meanwhile in the old SUB traffic is down more than anticipated. Our average check is up, but the number of transactions is down.
  o Also labour costs are out of whack, due in part to a forecasting error: we did not include the increased staff levels needed to get into the New SUB. There were also some unforeseen HR issues and some other unforeseen expenses (fridge repairs, a vehicle replacement).

- Keith Hester (Director of Finance):
  o We were carrying a small deficit already.
  o This year there’s an additional business deficit of $532,000.
  o The deficit has been partially offset by fees and investments.
  o We also sold Whistler Lodge, producing $1.45 million, which has gone into the Endowment Fund, so we actually have a surplus of $752,194.

- Aaron Bailey: If there is a further delay and if new revenue doesn’t materialize, what is Operations’ plan for cauterizing the wound?

- Ross Horton:
  o At a high level, this building is old and past its lifecycle. The businesses are old too. If we had not been planning for a new building, we would have reinvested in the old building.
  o In the new building we’re expecting more traffic and business. That wouldn’t have come to the old businesses.
  o This issue is a result of timing. If we had moved in January, we would have broken even.

- Aaron Bailey: If there is further delay, what is the contingency?

- Ross Horton:
  o There’s nothing we can do now, at the end of the busy season.
  o The longer the delay goes, the less we will get from conferences and catering (over the summer).
  o The only disaster would be to delay beyond the beginning of the next school year.
  o Probably none of our businesses will open till June.
  o The longer it goes, the worse it gets.
Viet Vu: Any thought on how the Aquatic Centre construction and other construction will affect us?

Ross Horton:
- Once the precinct is done, it will be magnificent, but it will probably be four or five years before that happens, and there’s word of even more new construction to come.
- Our hope is that our traffic will go up based on the beauty and offerings in the new building; also we will be more accessible in the new building.

Viet Vu: What is the estimated loss of revenue?

Ross Horton: It’s hard to put a number on that.

Anne Kessler: About the staffing issues, could the hirings have been pushed back till the building was done? Is BAGB satisfied with the answers on that?

Philip Edgcumbe: We know we’re ramping up for the new building. We asked if it was appropriate to be hiring at this time. In retrospect, we might have delayed more.

Ross Horton: We’ve been delaying hiring when possible. Originally, the move was planned for January 5, then Reading Week, then April 1, and now mid-May. Once hired, we didn’t want to let people go and pay severance. It’s been immensely frustrating.

Philip Edgcumbe: It’s a challenging situation.

Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Is the optimism for the new building because it’s new and the businesses are new? Or are there other things?

Ross Horton: Improved offerings and higher food quality are also part of it. There will also be better capacity in the new building. And the Nest is spectacular.

Chris Roach: We’re expecting higher revenue, but if we do not see this revenue and we have increased labour and administration costs, what is the plan?

Ross Horton: A lot would come within individual businesses. We’d start with labour: have less people on. We could run fewer businesses and rent the space out instead: that’s less risk than running our own businesses.

Chris Roach:
- It would be nice to see planning for this now instead of a year from now.
- And I think it’s misleading to say we have a surplus. That’s from the Whistler Lodge sale, so it’s really not a surplus.

20. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

From the Business and Administration Governance Board (BAGB)

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… Carried

Ng, Andrea Palmer, Steven Pi, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Saniel Chand, Sarah Fernando, Marjan Hatai, Kate Fisher, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve

21. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

From the University & External Relations Committee

“That the policy on Institutional Housing be approved as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Joshua Galbraith: Postsecondary housing is exempt from the Residential Tenancy Act. Currently, UBC can decide unilaterally on lots of issues to do with housing on campus. We want the province to introduce regulations and eventually legislation covering institutional housing.
- Jenna Omassi: I feel some unease that we haven’t actually heard much about this process or these documents. Do we need more time to look at the report?
- Anne Kessler: The report was sent out before, in January or February, as a submission. It’s been on the website for a month.
- Chris Roach asked about a “to be completed” phrase in the consultation section of the policy.
- Anne Kessler: That was from a draft. It should be taken out. We’ve been talking to RHA (the Residence Hall Association). UBC Student Housing never responded to us.

22. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

“That the policy be amended to remove „to be completed‟ and that the motion say that the policy is approved „as amended‟.”

... Carried

For (15): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Joshua Galbraith, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Sarah Fernando, Marjan Hatai, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve

23. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

From the University & External Relations Committee

“That the policy on Institutional Housing be approved as amended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (21): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Kate Fisher, Paul
McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Sarah Fernando, Cole Leonoff, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Christopher Roach

24. MOVED SERENA NG, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH: [SCD540-15], [SCD 541-15]

From the University & External Relations Committee
"That the new Tuition Policy be approved as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Joshua Galbraith:
  - This is responding to the referendum of January 2014, in which the students voted to call on the AMS to advocate for reduced tuition.
  - We’re going to give recommendations to the University and to the province (asking for increased funding).
  - We want to make sure increases in international student tuition are no larger than increases for domestic students.
- Anne Kessler: We’ve also submitted a draft letter about this year’s 2% increase – pending this policy being approved.
- Chris Roach:
  - This is the eleventh draft of the policy, but previous concerns have still not been addressed.
  - There’s a problem with point 2 about us opposing increases until UBC lowers tuition. What if they lower it by one cent?
  - The referendum can be interpreted in many ways; the Academic Experience Survey showed that 58% of students are against a reduction if it affects the quality of education.
- Anne Kessler: We can fix the technicality (about the one cent decrease). As to the Academic Experience Survey, 25% were unsure on that question, and part of the policy calls for increased government funding.
- Veronica Knott: The previous draft accepted tuition increases as long as they were within the 2% inflation cap: to ensure universities could continue to provide current services. Now we’re shifting drastically to a reduction/freeze. I don’t think that was the direction Council gave last time.
- Joshua Galbraith:
  - We’re looking for a strong negotiating stance; we will be able to say here’s a way to reduce tuition (through extra provincial funding).
  - We were told that accepting increases up to 2% contradicted the referendum. The issue in part is how to deal with referendum questions generally.
- Cole Leonoff:
  - The referendum question was very sweeping but vague. But the implicit point in it was that we should oppose increasing tuition, and a survey doesn’t take precedence over a referendum. A referendum is binding.
The problem is that the referendum question was worded unclearly; we should send it back to referendum.

- Paul McDade: Anne said the clauses on increasing government funding negate the first three clauses, but the strength of the first three clauses is quite clear: regardless of how our lobbying of the government goes, we’d still need to lobby for reduced tuition – even if the government did nothing. Maybe the focus should be more on lobbying provincially.
- Aaron Bailey: I don’t believe the referendum question was misworded, but I do feel that with large questions like this, we need to get consultation after the fact. Not another referendum; that’s not a conversation. We need to focus on finding out what students want us to do.
- Anne Kessler: How would you suggest doing that?
- The Chair ruled this line of debate out of order.
- Jude Crasta: Not all referendums are binding. If they’re just about policy, they’re not.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: Consulting students after a referendum is problematic. Can consultation change the spirit of the referendum? Can we contradict the referendum?
- Sheldon Goldfarb: Our bylaws say referendums are binding. All referendums.
- Tanner Bokor: Our lawyers have said that if it's about policy, it may not be binding. It's up in the air.
- Chris Roach: Re the 25% of the students who said they were unsure about reducing tuition if it affected quality: yes, that’s a large number, but an even larger number (58%) said no to reducing tuition if it affected quality.
- Alina Khakhuda: Clause 5 shouldn’t refer to a freeze on tuition increases; it's confusing if what we are really advocating is a tuition reduction.
- Aaron Bailey: We shouldn’t stop talking to students. We don’t have enough direction from the students.
- Joshua Galbraith: If we consult the students, they would probably say to reduce tuition but also to reduce it in a smart way. I think the policy does answer that question by referring to funding alternatives.

25. MOVED JOSHUA GALBRAITH, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

“That the policy be amended by removing the phrase in Point 5 about a freeze on tuition increases.”

- Joshua Galbraith: Alina’s point is a good one. This change will bring more consistency.

26. MOVED JOSHUA GALBRAITH, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

“That the policy be amended by removing the phrase in Point 5 about a freeze on tuition increases.” … Carried

For (22): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Joshua Galbraith, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz
Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, 
Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen 
Wong

Abstained: Sarah Fernando, Jenna Omassi, Christopher Roach

27. MOVED SERENA NG, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

From the University & External Relations Committee
“That the new Tuition Policy be approved as presented.”

- Jenna Omassi: There’s still a large problem here. All the specifics mean we’re 
losing the spirit of the referendum, which was for more accessibility. And the 
submission linked to the policy has a much different tone; there’s a discrepancy.
- Cole Leonoff: We need some tangible examples of how better to consult 
students. I don’t see how we can do that. Almost 10,000 students voted in the 
referendum. It would be really hard to get a group like that together.

28. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED SERENA NG:

“That this motion be referred to committee.”

- Paul McDade: Clearly there are lots of points to be brought up, and there’s a 
Board submission which needs wordsmithing. Better to do that in committee.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: Council can’t reconcile the referendum question and 
advocating to the Board of Governors. That can’t be solved at committee.
- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Perhaps we should just fail this and let a new team work 
on consultation.
- Anne Kessler: If we refer to committee, then Unecorn will need direction. The 
first version in October people didn’t feel was in line with the referendum. Now 
we have a version that’s more in line with the referendum, and Council is still 
not happy. Perhaps we don’t want a policy now.
- Jenna Omassi: This is the eleventh version. The committee keeps making 
changes. We need to be voting on the policy now.
- Ava Nasiri: If we don’t pass the policy today and we don’t send it back to 
Unecorn, and if we wait for a new Council, then we’ll lose momentum. Maybe 
we need a working group to tackle this.

29. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED SERENA NG:

“That this motion be referred to committee.”

... Defeated

Against (23): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha 
So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan 
Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Kate 
Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna 
Omassi, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, 
Lauren Telford, Tom Wierzbicki
Abstained: Andrea Palmer, Angela Tien

30. MOVED SERENA NG, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

From the University & External Relations Committee
“That the new Tuition Policy be approved as presented.”

... Defeated

For (4): Cassandra Cummings, Joshua Galbraith, Anne Kessler, Ava Nasiri

Against (19): Saniel Chand, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Alina Khakhuda, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Andrea Palmer

31. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion saying we won’t send the tuition letter.”

... Carried

For (22): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Niloufar Keshmiri, Alina Khakhuda, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Steven Pi, Liam Reeve, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Armin Rezaiean-Asel

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Andrea Palmer

32. MOVED LAUREN TELFORD, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“Be it resolved that Council not send the submission entitled „AMS Submission to BoG on Tuition“ to the Board of Governors.”

- Veronica Knott: It’s in the best interests of Council not to send the submission.
- Anne Kessler: The consultation on the 2% increase ends tomorrow. We need to send something.
- Aaron Bailey: Are we mandated to send something?
- Anne Kessler: No, but in the past we have always sent something. Under our previous policy we said we’d like a reduction but we’re okay with a 2% increase.
- Veronica Knott: Given the uncertainty in this room, we should not send anything.
- Anne Kessler: I have a concern about us not sending anything. Many thousands of students voted to express their opinion. I can make the submission factual: This is the referendum question; therefore we are opposed.
• Paul McDade: If you send something like that, that’s good. Just factual, not interpretation.
• Ava Nasiri: Not sending anything would be going against the referendum.
• Aaron Bailey: Would you also include data from the Academic Experience Survey or only use the referendum? Is that factual?
• Anne Kessler: A referendum question is different from a survey question, and this referendum question gave a clear direction. To refer to the survey would make things more complicated.
• Aaron Bailey: Why can’t we say that it’s complicated?
• Anne Kessler: I’d weight the referendum question above the survey.
• Kate Fisher: We’re the translators of what students want. They say tuition is a big issue, but it’s nuanced.
• Alexandra Lee Mann: A lot of this comes back to the interpretation of the referendum question. It would be beneficial to come up with something for Anne to say. We should settle this.
• Sarah Fernando: What’s the urgency?
• Anne Kessler: Tuition goes to the Board committee on April 1 and to the full Board April 14. The window for consultation closes tomorrow.
• Ava Nasiri: I trust Anne’s work. We should send something tomorrow. We can have a straw poll.

33. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED NILOUFAR KESHMIRI:

“That Council be extended to midnight.”

… No objections

34. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED NILOUFAR KESHMIRI:

“That there be a 10-minute recess

… No objections

35. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the motion be amended to add:

„Be it further resolved that the VP Academic create a new submission based off of the feedback of Councillors.‟”

… Carried

For (22): Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Jenna Omassi, Christopher Roach
36. MOVED LAUREN TELFORD, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

"Be it resolved that Council not send the submission entitled „AMS Submission to BoG on Tuition“ to the Board of Governors.

Be it further resolved that the VP Academic create a new submission based off of the feedback of Councillors."

- Jenna Omassi: I think it’s quite clear from what’s been said that we should refer to the survey as well as the referendum question.
- Anne Kessler: I didn’t hear that as definitive.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: We can include both without causing confusion.
- Jenna Omassi: The survey was meant to clarify the referendum question.

37. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That Council move into committee of the whole for fifteen minutes."

… Carried

For (14): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Cole Leonoff, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Jenna Omassi

Abstained: Sarah Fernando, Marjan Hatai, Alexandra Lee Mann, Kate Fisher, Liam Reeve, Christopher Roach, Lauren Telford

Council moved into Committee of the Whole at 10:15 pm.

- Anne Kessler: I don’t know what tone to take in the submission.
- Jenna Omassi: We should say we’re opposed to increases generally. We should refer to the referendum question. The survey should inform that. The students didn’t say they’re against the 2% increase.
- Aaron Bailey: Just report what the students said. This is the referendum question; this was the result.
- Ava Nasiri: Write an objective journalistic report. You could ask the Ubyssey for advice. [Laughter.]
- Niloufar Keshmiri: Make reference to the cost of learning index, the discrepancy between domestic and international increases …
- Paul McDade: We don’t have time to wordsmith or refer to other things. It’s not unfair to say we oppose the increase. However, the survey showed that if quality would be affected, we’re not opposed to an increase.
- Sarah Fernando: Should we reference the survey?
- Gurvir Sangha: Referencing it shows we’re coming from a rational perspective. We could even express a desire to work in tandem with the University to lobby for more funding.
- Chris Roach: We could say we’re for lower tuition that does not affect the quality of the academic experience at UBC.
Councl returned to normal session.

38. MOVED LAUREN TELFORD, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

"Be it resolved that Council not send the submission entitled ‚AMS Submission to BoG on Tuition‘ to the Board of Governors.

Be it further resolved that the VP Academic create a new submission based off of the feedback of Councillors."

... Carried

For (22): Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Liam Reeve, Christopher Roach

39. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN: [SCD542-15]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‚Code Changes 2015: Agenda‘ and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi: This Code change cleans up the agenda for Council meetings. It moves Statements from Students At Large up before Presentations, provides for accompanying motions to go with Presentations, creates a Consultation Period to go after Presentations, and allows Councillors to ask questions of the Executives and Committee Chairs after their updates.
- Joshua Galbraith asked who would be able to consult in the Consultation Period. Perhaps it should be specified in Code.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: It says that consultations are to be added “at the discretion of the Agenda Committee.”
- Paul McDade: Why add this Consultation Period?
- Jenna Omassi: We’ve been struggling to have proper consultation. It could be done in the Discussion Period at the end of the meeting, but that’s too late in the meetings. The Board submission issue could have been brought as a consultation.
- Paul McDade: Why not leave them to the end of the meeting?
- Tanner Bokor: We already have a Notice of Motion section that could be used for consultation.
- Andrea Palmer: If we automatically put related motions with their presentations, then other presentations may have to wait a long time.
- Jenna Omassi: Typically, we already move these motions up to be with the presentation. It would be up to the discretion of the Agenda Committee.
- Paul McDade: When has the Agenda Committee ever met quorum?
- Tanner Bokor: Once in my term.
- Jenna Omassi: We’re working on the Agenda Committee.
- Cole Leonoff: For questions to the Executive, could one person use up all three questions? Why not allow Council to extend to more questions?
- Jenna Omassi: There’s no restriction on who can ask questions; it’s up to the Speaker’s discretion. We don’t want these to be more than clarifying questions. It gets tricky if you allow more than three.
- Cole Leonoff: I think there should be something allowing Council by motion to allow more questions.
- Anne Kessler: I can see putting the Consultation Period at the beginning. At the end there may be quorum questions, and people may not be as on the ball. The Notice portion of the agenda is just an FYI sort of thing, not for discussions.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: Yes, putting consultation earlier does mean there will be time to discuss, but it doesn’t mean a shorter meeting. It means prioritizing consultation. We need to crack down on our core items. We don’t get to Discussion Period because we go so long on earlier items.
- Paul McDade: If we have consultation at the beginning, it can take forever and we’ll lose out on other potentially important items. We could have consultation offline.
- Cole Leonoff: We already have presentations pushing back substantive business.
- Jenna Omassi: I hear your concerns. Substantive motions are important to get to. But a lack of consultation can mean later we go round and round in Council. It does need to go where it is. We need productive discussions so that when the substantive motions come they have already been well discussed.
- Anne Kessler: We were talking of doing governance training for councillors. That didn’t happen this year, but might be useful. Did LPC discuss having a consent section of the agenda?
- Ava Nasiri: Is this time sensitive? Would it be detrimental to go back to committee?
- Jenna Omassi: We’re already doing a lot of this. We already amend the agenda at every meeting to do these things. It wouldn’t be detrimental to go back to committee, but the committee would probably come back with the same ideas. We can try this now and change it later if necessary.
- Sarah Fernando: LPC has considered this. We should just vote.

40. MOVED SARAH FERNANDO, SECONDED LAUREN TELFORD:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (21): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Against (2): Niloufar Keshmiri, Cole Leonoff
41. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Agenda” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (23): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Angela Tien, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Joshua Galbraith

42. MOVED ANDREA PALMER, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI: [SCD543-15]

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Proxies In Camera” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi: Our recent changes to the in camera code were not as great as we thought. By asking proxies to leave for the vote on whether they can stay in camera, we could lose quorum. We’ve tried to fix that.
- Cole Leonoff: But now the rule says they can stay while people justify staying in camera, so the proxies will know something about the in camera business even if they’re ultimately asked to leave.
- Jenna Omassi: LPC did realize this. Proxies normally stay in the end anyway. This is the opposite of what we previously brought in, which caused the quorum problem.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: Is there a circumstance in which we would not let proxies stay?
- Sheldon Goldfarb: The rule used to allow proxies to stay automatically. Then some said that since proxies aren’t actually Directors, it shouldn’t be automatic. So we brought in the rule that there would have to be a vote on whether they should stay. Since we brought in that rule, there has not been a single instance of them being asked to leave.

43. MOVED ANDREA PALMER, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Proxies In Camera” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried
For (23): Aaron Bailey, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Christopher Roach

The tabled motion on the Art Gallery Commissioner was brought forward again.

44. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the changes to the SAC Art Gallery Commissioner job description be accepted as presented.”

- Ava Nasiri: There has been extra work because of the move to the New SUB: moving the permanent collection, the new vault, the first show. The Commissioner has agreed to the change in terms.
- There was discussion about typos and inconsistencies in the revised job description.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: We were told New SUB didn’t have more money, but this is coming out of the New SUB budget.
- Ava Nasiri: The line item for improvements are maxed out, but this is a different line item, for hiring.
- Veronica Knott: Why was this rushed? It’s not ready. Why did it have to come tonight?
- Ava Nasiri: I sent this to the Hiring Committee, but wasn’t invited to address them. Then the job description wasn’t sent to Council by the committee. Should I have to chase after the committee?
- Lauren Telford: It failed the first time at committee. After that, it didn’t come back for a week.
- Jenna Omassi: The hours were going to be 20-40-20; the committee changed it to 20-30-20.

45. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the motion be referred back to the Hiring Committee.”

- Paul McDade: This is not ready. The kinks need to be worked out in committee.
- Ava Nasiri: I agree. But when it comes back, Council shouldn’t refuse it because it’s retroactive.
- Jenna Omassi: It’s inappropriate to send it back. The problem was the job description. It would be more appropriate just to postpone. It doesn’t need to be discussed in committee.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: Somebody can’t work if it’s not in their contract. So there should be no request for retroactive pay.
• Paul McDade: I'm not comfortable approving a job description with a number of errors. I think the committee is the right place to do these small corrections. And he shouldn't be working if the extended hours haven’t been approved.

• Anne Kessler: These are just some clerical errors. If someone’s pay is on the line, we should approve this. There’s an issue here of what has to come to Council and what could be delegated.

• Aaron Bailey: Since the timeline for the move has been shifted, is there still urgency? Or could this wait two weeks?

• Ava Nasiri: The number of things that have to be done hasn’t changed.

• Veronica Knott: Hiring is not a standing committee; the chair is not paid. This is something to consider.

• Lauren Telford (chair of Hiring): The workload has increased five times.

46. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the motion be referred back to the Hiring Committee.”

... Defeated

Against (22): Aaron Bailey, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Cole Leonoff, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith

47. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the changes to the SAC Art Gallery Commissioner job description be accepted as presented.”

• It was agreed to change the dates of the hour changes to be:
  o May 1, 2014 – March 25, 2015: 20 hours
  o March 26 – April 25, 2015: 30 hours
  o April 26 – May 30, 2015: 20 hours

48. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

49. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the changes to the SAC Art Gallery Commissioner job description be accepted as amended.”

... Carried
For (17): Aaron Bailey, Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Alexandra Lee Mann, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Carmen Wong

Against (2): Veronica Knott, Christopher Roach

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer

P) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

50. MOVED KATE FISHER, SECONDED ANNE KESSLER:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Finance Commission minutes dated February 3, 2015 [SCD546-15]
Finance Commission minutes dated February 24, 2015 [SCD547-15]

• Niloufar Keshmiri: These minutes just contain motions. Shouldn’t there be motivation and a summary of the discussion included?
• The Chair ruled the minutes out of order and sent them back to the Commission.

51. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED NILOUFAR KESHMIRI:

“That Code Section II, Article 15 be suspended to allow the taxi rule to be invoked now (11:35 pm) and be extended to everyone in the room.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

Q) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

R) Discussion Period

BDS Referendum
• Veronica Knott:
  o Leor (the Student At Large who spoke at the beginning of the meeting) feels that the AMS has not clearly communicated its stance.
  o The Elections Administrator has sent out a blast email, resulting in a significant jump in voter turnout. He wants to stay neutral and has received complaints about the blast email because there is confusion about who is motivating the question. People think the AMS or the Elections Administrator himself brought the BDS question forward.

52. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED CHRIS ROACH:

“That Council direct the Elections Administrator to send a blast email reminding students to vote in the BDS referendum and prominently including the AMS stance
on the referendum by Thursday, March 26th at 12:00 pm with a link to the AMS opinion.”

- Camelia Toghiani-Rizi (Ombudsperson):
  - This should not come from the Elections Administrator or the Elections Committee. They’re supposed to be neutral.
  - I’ve received complaints from students asking why they received the blast email. Both sides have complained.
  - It would be nice to have a website showing the No side so students can see either side.
- Marjan Hatai: The Elections Committee facilitates the referendum; they should just make clear this doesn’t come from the Elections Administrator personally.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: It shouldn’t be the Elections Committee. The AMS should send an email.
- Anne Kessler: A factual link in the email would be good. Link to a page with the Yes, No, and Council sides. Just sending out the AMS opinion would be wrong. In the past, we have not had the Elections Administrator send out something with the AMS stance.
- Gurvir Sangha: If this motion fails, could the AMS make a case on appeal?
- Tanner Bokor: Anyone can appeal anything. You could direct the Executive to send the email. We might have to suspend Code because we have already sent two emails this month.
- Ava Nasiri: I agree with not having the Elections Committee send out our stance. It’s good that we have a policy saying we won’t send an email blast with our stance.
- Paul McDade:
  - We can send an email through the Student Life and Communications Committee without suspending Code.
  - We voted to send out a single statement; I thought it would be put somewhere that students could see it.
  - We should send something so students know our stance. We need to explain ourselves.
- Daniel Levangie: The reason this never went out as a blast email was that the interpretation of what Council directed was: Don’t publicize the referendum.
- Paul McDade: Was that expressed in an Executive meeting?
  - [The answer was No.]
- Chris Roach: We were not going to run a campaign, but I thought we were going to put out a statement by Friday. We were promised it would be on the website in a prominent place, but it was buried. That’s not what Council intended. We need to rectify that.

53. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED NILOUFA KESHMIRI:

“That Council be extended for an hour.”

... Carried

For (10): Aaron Bailey, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Paul McDade, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Carmen Wong
Against (5): Cassandra Cummings, Marjan Hatai, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Armin Rezaiean-Asel

54. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED CHRIS ROACH:

“That Council direct the Elections Administrator to send a blast email reminding students to vote in the BDS referendum and prominently including the AMS stance on the referendum by Thursday, March 26th at 12:00 pm with a link to the AMS opinion.”

55. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED SARAH FERNANDO:

“That the motion be amended to say AMS Communications instead of the Elections Administrator.”

- Ava Nasiri: The ballot already links to the stances.
- Camelia Toghiani-Rizi: I’m angry with the whole process. Is it true some students didn’t even get the original email? I thought there was going to be an email sent out. Students deserve one sent out.
- Tanner Bokor: The balloting email from the Elections Administrator didn’t go to everyone.
- Andrea Palmer: It’s not a bad thing to send out our position, even to those who have already voted. Where’s the downside?
- Niloufar Keshmiri: If it’s purely through AMS Communications, it doesn’t have to be neutral: it can be just the AMS stance. If from the Elections Committee, it would have to be balanced and impartial.
- Paul McDade: We’ve taken a stance. Students should know. But we shouldn’t hide the referendum. And we shouldn’t just be showing our side. We have an obligation to show all sides because it’s so controversial.

56. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED SARAH FERNANDO:

“That the motion be amended to say AMS Communications instead of the Elections Administrator.”

... Carried

For (18): Aaron Bailey, Sarah Simon (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Kate Fisher, Liam Reeve

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58. MOVED AVA NASIRI:

“That the motion be amended to say that the email will include “all stances received by the Elections Committee” and not just the AMS stance.”

- Jenna Omassi: I see the point of adding other stances. The problem is that students don’t know our stance. We never sent it out. Our duty is to send out our stance.
- Chris Roach: I agree with Jenna. I don’t think we need to provide other sides. The purpose is to let our members know Council’s stance.
- Andrea Palmer: We should have the message in the body of the email, not as a link. The AMS stance should be the primary thing in the email.
- Anne Kessler: I disagree. Students are really confused. The web page has useful background. If we’re talking about informing students, that should be the focus.
- Jenna Omassi: I don’t think this is because students are confused. The point is that the AMS stance has not been sent out.

59. MOVED JOSHUA GALBRAITH, SECONDED CHRIS ROACH:

“That the question be called on the amendment.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

60. MOVED AVA NASIRI:

“That the motion be amended to say that the email will include “all stances received by the Elections Committee” and not just the AMS stance.”

… Defeated

For (5): Anne Kessler, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Andrea Palmer

Against (16): Aaron Bailey, Sarah Simon (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Veronica Knott, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith

61. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That the main question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (22): Aaron Bailey, Sarah Simon (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Sarah Fernando, Joshua
Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Kate Fisher, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Carmen Wong

62. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED CHRIS ROACH:

“That Council direct AMS Communications to send a blast email reminding students to vote in the BDS referendum and prominently including the AMS stance on the referendum by Thursday, March 26th at 12:00 pm with a link to the AMS opinion.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds (because suspending the email policy)

… Carried

For (18): Aaron Bailey, Sarah Simon (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Cassandra Cummings, Samantha So (proxy for Nick Echeverria), Marjan Hatai, Niloufar Keshmiri, Veronica Knott, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Lauren Telford, Carmen Wong

Against (3): Anne Kessler, Kate Fisher, Ava Nasiri

Abstained: Sarah Fernando, Joshua Galbraith

- Camelia Toghani-Rizi: Can we discuss extending the referendum since some students did not get the original email?
- Anne Kessler: I would be uncomfortable if Council does that. It’s something for the Elections Committee.
- Niloufar Keshmiri: We’re not impartial; we should not interfere.
- Camelia Toghani-Rizi: This is not interfering. We should be aware of this issue. Some people don’t even know there is a referendum running. I’m feeling dismissed.
- Ava Nasiri: We’re not being dismissive. This is a process issue. We need to have the Elections Committee involved.
- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Why did some people not get the email?
- Veronica Knott: There was a segment of voters that was not sent the email.

U) Adjournment:

63. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED NILOUFAR KESHMIRI:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” … No objections

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 am.

S) Submissions:

AMS Residence Contract Assessment and Recommendations [SCD548-15]
Beyond the Residential Tenancy Act

AMS/GSS Health & Dental Committee Minutes:
September 16, 2014
October 20, 2014
November 24, 2014
February 18, 2015

Council attendance – Music

T) **Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: April 8, 2015

S) **Social Activity:**
### March 25, 2015 Attendance

#### The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Jude Crasta (AVP External), Andrew Lavers (AMS Elections Administrator), Daniel Munro (AVP Academic), Mark Bancroft (student at large), Jamiu Abdosalami (EUS), Sareena Mohammad (EUS), Adrian Talingdan (AUS), Veronika Bondarenko (Ubyssey), Olivia Law (Ubyssey), Kosta Prodanovic (Ubyssey), Neal Yonson (GSS), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (AMS Admin)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm with President Tanner Bokor in the chair.

1. MOVED HARRY LI, SECONDED ANNE KESSLER:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED NICK ECHEVERRIA, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on the VP Academic’s goals and an appointment motion from BAGB.”

... Carried

For (28): Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Eccherverria, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Naman Paul, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Mateusz Miadlikowski

3. MOVED HARRY LI, SECONDED ANNE KESSLER:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried unanimously

For (27): Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Eccherverria, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Naman Paul, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

4. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion reappointing the Speaker.”
5. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion approving new goals for the VP External.”

For (26): Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Naman Paul, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Chris Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Viet Vu, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Paul McDade

Abstained: Benjamin Israel

6. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED RAJEEV BAGGA:

“That Council appoint Abdul Alnaar as Speaker of Council with a term beginning immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

For (26): Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Anne Kessler, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Naman Paul, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Chris Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Viet Vu, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (1): Jenna Omassi

Abstained: Vanessa Lau

Abdul Alnaar took the chair.

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

Welcome to our new Members: Rachel Chan, Vanessa Lau, Rajeev Bagga (Commerce), Benjamin Israel (Law), Viet Vu (Economics), Justin Tsang (Kinesiology)
Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Education, Journalism, Music, Nursing, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark’s,

Good-byes: Lauren Telford, Niloufar Keshmiri, Vadim Chernenko (Commerce), Alina Khakhuda (Law), Peter Kent (Nursing), Jason Quach (Kinesiology)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

- The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on ancestral Musqueam land.
- The Speaker reported that he had been asked to rule on a PAI/Oversight question, but had not had time to do so.
- The Speaker yielded to Anne Kessler to announce the Member at Large of the Year and to Ava Nasiri to announce the Councillor of the Year.
- Anne Kessler: The Member at Large award goes to Mark Bancroft, the workhorse on AMS committees.
- Ava Nasiri: The Councillor of the Year award goes to Veronica Knott, an outstanding individual, passionate, working to represent her Constituency, serving on LPC and Oversight, and a strong voice on Council.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Presentations to Council & Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

**BDS Referendum – Andrew Lavers (Elections Administrator)**

- Official results of the referendum on the question of boycotting and divesting.
- There was an official Yes committee, but no official No committee.
- Voting was from March 23-27.
- Turnout was 11.9% (slightly lower than the general election), with an average of 1300 voters a day.
- The referendum failed for lack of quorum. The Yes side received 3493 votes, 637 short of quorum (4130).
- The final count was 3493 to 2223.
- Concern over the email blast that didn’t go out:
  - There were 10 segments of voters; each segment had to be emailed separately. Through a clerical error, one segment did not get scheduled.
  - The voters in that segment were still able to vote.
  - The problem was identified at the last Council meeting, and an eblast went out to that segment the next day (Thursday).

Questions

- Tanner Bokor asked about the quorum calculation and eligibility issues.
- Andrew Lavers: There were concerns over who was eligible. There were discussions with IT, and we added voters in. We are going to meet with Enrolment Services to clarify.
- Gurvir Sangha: Did leaving out that segment originally affect turnout?
- Andrew Lavers: I don’t think so, and there were very few complaints.
Vantage College – Joanne Fox (Vantage Academic Director)  

- This has been the first year for Vantage, the special program for international students doing the equivalent of first year in Arts or Science with additional English language support. They meet all the academic requirements for admission except the language requirement.
- They’re living in Vanier now, but we will be moving to a mixed model, with them living in several residences.
- We’re rethinking the first year experience for them.
- There’s been 88% retention (164 students). They’ve performed comparably to other students.
- What’s working:
  - It’s been possible to make explicit connections between their language courses and their discipline courses.
  - Collaboration.

7. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED BENJAMIN ISRAEL:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

Joanne Fox (continuing):
- What’s next? New streams in Engineering and Management at both UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan.
- Looking to more of a mixed model: international students mixed in with others so you won’t know who’s a Vantage student.
- Looking to see how to incorporate Vantage students on AMS Council.
- Next year will have students in second year.

Questions
- Viet Vu: What issues have the students brought up?
- Joanne Fox: They’d like more opportunities for speaking in English and interacting with other students. Looking at Rez Life programming.
- Bahareh Jokar: Are the core courses specific to Vantage students?
- Joanne Fox: They take regular UBC courses, but a section specific to Vantage College. They’re all in the same class together. We’re looking at opportunities to mix. They can also take electives.
- Bahareh Jokar: Is this only for international students?
- Joanne Fox: International students who don’t meet English standards.
- Benjamin Israel asked about a CBC report on a residence tower for Vantage students.
- Joanne Fox: That’s Orchard Commons, but it’s not just for Vantage students. And it’s not just a residence: it’s mixed academic and housing.
- Ava Nasiri: It’s great to integrate Vantage College students, but numbers have increased at the Jump Start Program, leading to a decrease in quality. What is being contributed by Vantage College?
- Joanne Fox: There’s a financial contribution; also faculty members as mentors.
- Ayman Azim: After their Vantage year, can they explore other faculties?
- Joanne Fox: Yes, they can apply to transfer, the same as any other student.
8. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That the question period be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

- Mohamed Shaaban: The 12% who didn’t stay in the program: did they leave UBC completely or did they meet English language requirements in first term and enter mainstream courses?
- Joanne Fox: No, these were students who struggled.
- Mohamed Shaaban: If someone did meet the language requirements in their first term, could they transfer?
- Abdul Alnaar: No, due to the deadlines.
- Aaron Bailey: What was the rationale for assigning only to Vanier this year? And why change?
- Joanne Fox: They’re here for 11 months and need a longer residence contract, and we wanted to minimize moving, but it turns out they have to move in May anyway, so we rethought. Also the feedback told us that the students want to be incorporated into UBC, and that makes good sense for language acquisition.
- Aaron Bailey: Considering the amount of dedicated academic support required, is now the best time to expand the streams?
- Joanne Fox: Expanding offers more opportunities for students.

9. MOVED ANDREA PALMER, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the question period be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Do you have a breakdown of nationalities? Are you targeting emerging markets?
- Joanne Fox: We’re aiming to attract diverse students. We’re not targeting by country. The current cohort is not as diverse as we’d like: 80% are from China. There are 22 countries represented altogether. This year’s applicant pool is more diverse.
- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Was there a focus on marketing in certain areas?
- Joanne Fox: We marketed diversely.
- Anne Kessler: Has there been additional attrition since first term?
- Joanne Fox: No, not since then.
- Viet Vu: Were grades scaled?
- Joanne Fox: The norm of each department was followed.
- Mohamed Shaaban: Do students get into UBC first and then Vantage or Vantage first and then UBC?
- Joanne Fox: They can apply to both.
- Mohamed Shaaban: Theoretically, you could have a not full Vantage College.
- Joanne Fox: Yes, and we can turn students away.
- Marjan Hatai: How are their language skills measured?
- Joanne Fox: They take the standard tests but are one band lower. They are competent, but their academic English lower.

Oversight – Veronica Knott and Daniel Levangie

Veronica Knott:
This is not the allocation report.

It concerns some questions that have come up about Oversight’s job: what we can do and not do. The Executive Director and I spoke to the AMS lawyers on this.

Our Bylaws say complaints go to the Ombudsperson, but in the past complaints about the Executive relevant to the PAI process have gone to the Oversight Committee.

This year we have two such performance complaints. The lawyers tell us that “complaint” is not the appropriate word for this concept, but a review of performance of duties is within the PAI process conducted by Oversight.

I wanted to inform Council that Davis said this is within Oversight’s purview.

The two concerns are about the whole Executive.

Daniel Levangie:

- The lawyer’s interpretation was that these were not complaints. They are questions to be inquired into as part of the PAI process. If they would have no impact on PAI, then they would not fall to Oversight.

Questions

- Jude Crasta: Is this an investigation?
- Veronica Knott: In the sense of clearing up the question at hand. The idea is to have Oversight create a report as to what happened and make recommendations.
- Viet Vu: Is there a specific date for this?
- Veronica Knott: April 29, with the PAI allocation.
- Mohamed Shaaban: How will this fit in with transition?
- Veronica Knott: This will be wrapped up on April 29.
- Mohamed Shaaban: If one of the Executives has been re-elected, does the review still take place?
- Veronica Knott: Yes, this is just for their first term.

10. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED SERENA NG:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to investigate and report back.”

... No objections

11. MOVED ANDREA PALMER, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by 30 minutes.”

... No objections

12. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:

“That Council direct the Oversight chair and _____ to investigate the requests for review outlined and to return to Council with a report, along with the PAI allocation, by April 29.”

Nomination: Viet Vu (Economics)

13. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:
“That Council direct the Oversight chair and Viet Vu to investigate the requests for review outlined and to return to Council with a report, along with the PAI allocation, by April 29.”

... Carried

For (26): Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Chris Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Tanner Bokor, Sarah Fernando, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Naman Paul, Viet Vu

Back to the Oversight Presentation:
- Veronica Knott: There is a second issue. On March 27 Tanner made an aggressive and disrespectful phone call to me, saying he might be retaining counsel. It was very inflammatory, showing a disregard for the Code and for the authority of the committee.

14. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion reprimanding the President.”

- Mohamed Shaaban: What are the implications of a reprimand?
- The Speaker: I can't say what the consequences are.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: Council has passed censure motions in the past. One Speaker said such a motion has no practical effect. However, the motion goes on the record, and one President was concerned enough about a potential censure motion that he brought a lawyer with him and said he would sue.

15. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion reprimanding the President.”

... Carried

For (24): Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Andrea Palmer, Naman Paul, Liam Reeve, Chris Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Cassandra Cummings, Sarah Fernando, Bahareh Jokar, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Armin Rezaiean-Asel

16. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That AMS Council officially reprimand the AMS President for impeding on the process and procedures of the AMS Oversight Committee.”
• Veronica Knott:
  o A reprimand is a stance.
  o This is an incident that happened in my role as Oversight Chair.
  o This type of behaviour is not okay.
  o The severity of the incident was extreme.

• Tanner Bokor:
  o This has been a very difficult three weeks for me. I was in hospital
coughing up blood and was diagnosed with heart problems. I was very
upset.
  o On the Friday I was feeling personally attacked. I did react a little
strongly. I apologized right away.
  o The Oversight Committee had been informed by the Clerk of Council that
complaints should go to the Ombudsperson; I was following up on that
and asking questions about Oversight’s rights to conduct an investigation.
  o I do apologize again, but I think it is important to provide context.
  o This year on many occasions I have felt attacked, made fun of. Council is
not a place where I have felt safe.
  o Some things are my fault, some not.
  o There was an issue about the President getting access to records.

• The Speaker: I have been asked to interpret on the question of whether the
President can ask for all documents and attend meetings of the Oversight
Committee.

• Mohamed Shaaban: Wouldn’t that create a conflict of interest?

• The Speaker: It might.

• Aaron Bailey: If you felt unsafe around this Council, why bring this up now and
not before? It seems reactive to what’s on the floor.

• Tanner Bokor: I never wanted to bring this to Council. I’ve heard from my
predecessors that this sort of thing goes with the territory. I didn’t want to
complain. As I’m leaving office, not because of this motion, I wanted to raise
this now.

• Chris Roach:
  o I’m concerned about your health, but what you said did not address the
question. It’s not clear whether you are admitting the actions and seeking
to excuse them or whether you are denying the actions.
  o Were you yelling and swearing on the phone?

• Tanner Bokor: No.

• Chris Roach: You demanded information?

• Tanner Bokor: Yes, but not demanded: requested.

• Chris Roach asked the questions of Veronica Knott.

• Veronica Knott: Tanner said he had heard about four complaints and said, You
need to tell me what they are.

• Chris Roach: Were you screamed or yelled at?

• Veronica Knott: I felt that way. Other individuals in the room said they could
hear the President talking in an aggressive way on the phone.

• Chris Roach: Was it demanded that documents be released?

• Veronica Knott: Yes.

• Chris Roach: Based on my experience on the GSS Oversight Committee,
there needs to be a firewall between the Oversight Committee and the
Executive. Council needs to make clear that breaching that can’t be done
Sarah Fernando asked who had been told about the incident.
Veronica Knott: Other members of the Oversight Committee and the Executive Director, who signed a non-disclosure agreement.
Viet Vu: Have you worked with the Ombudsperson on this?
Veronica Knott: I’ve been unable to get a response from the Ombudsperson.

17. MOVED PAUL McDADE SECONDED VIET VU, THIRDING GURVIR SANGHA:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The meeting went in camera at 7:56 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:02 pm.

18. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That AMS Council officially reprimand the AMS President for impeding on the process and procedures of the AMS Oversight Committee.”

19. MOVED HARRY LI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Defeated

For (11): Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Nick Echeverria, Sarah Fernando, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Harry Li, Ava Nasiri, Naman Paul, Liam Reeve

Against (14): Tanner Bokor, Cassandra Cummings, Kate Fisher, Bahareh Jokar, Paul McDade, Serena Ng, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Chris Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Viet Vu, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Benjamin Israel, Andrea Palmer, Justin Tsang

20. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That AMS Council officially reprimand the AMS President for impeding on the process and procedures of the AMS Oversight Committee.”

Mohamed Shaaban: I’ve been on Oversight. I agree there was some negative feeling against Tanner, as he is suggesting. Even with that, a legal threat would affect the job of that person, so he should be reprimanded.
Viet Vu: I went through a health problem and handed over responsibility. If you’re not able to do the job, then you should step down.
Tanner Bokor:
Re impeding process and procedures: I had been informed by the Clerk of Council that Code and Bylaws say complaints are the purview of the Ombudsperson, not Oversight. My research says the President is on all committees.

I want the Speaker to rule on these issues.

I did apologize, but do not feel I was impeding.

- Aaron Bailey: Should litigation be taken against an individual thought to be violating bylaws?
- The Speaker: That’s one possibility.
- Tanner Bokor: I have no intention of launching litigation. I consulted my personal counsel, and did say that on the phone, but realized it was a horrible idea.
- Anne Kessler: Can the President vote on this if he is in a conflict of interest?
- The Speaker: I do not consider this a conflict of interest.
- Benjamin Israel challenged the chair.
- The Speaker said conflict of interest, as defined in the Code, relates to personal gain. Also Robert’s Rules states that in such a situation the member does not have to abstain.

21. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL:

“That the ruling of the Chair be upheld.”

... Defeated

For (5): Cassandra Cummings, Kate Fisher, Jenna Omassi, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Tom Wierzbicki

Against (16): Aaron Bailey, Nick Echeverria, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Chris Roach, Tobias Friedel, Gurvir Sangha, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Rajeev Bagga, Colúm Connolly, Sarah Fernando, Vanessa Lau, Harry Li, Naman Paul

The President was declared to be in a conflict of interest.

22. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That AMS Council officially reprimand the AMS President for impeding on the process and procedures of the AMS Oversight Committee.”

23. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED BAHAREH JOKAR, THIRDED NICK ECHEVERRIA:

“That the vote on this motion be by secret ballot.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Liam Reeve: Because of the sensitive nature of this topic, having to vote in public may sway the vote.
• Benjamin Israel: We’re AMS Councillors. We’re responsible to those who elected us. We should reveal how we voted. There should not be any cloaking.
• Mohamed Shaaban: We should vote against this for transparency.
• Kate Fisher: This feels like a personal issue.
• Aaron Bailey: In the BDS vote, I supported a secret ballot because of the safety issue. Safety is not in question here.
• Bahareh Jokar: Safety can mean different things to different people.
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: People will have to work with people for the next three weeks. This is a personal matter.

24. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED BAHAREH JOKAR, THIRDED NICK ECHEVERRIA:

“That the vote on this motion be by secret ballot.”

Note: Requires 2/3rs

... Defeated

For (16): Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Bahareh Jokar, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Viet Vu, Tom Wierzbicki, Carmen Wong

Against (11): Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Sarah Fernando, Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Paul McDade, Chris Roach, Tobias Friedel, Mohamed Shaaban

Abstained: Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

25. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That AMS Council officially reprimand the AMS President for impeding on the process and procedures of the AMS Oversight Committee.”

... Carried

For (16): Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Nick Echeverria, Benjamin Israel, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Chris Roach, Tobias Friedel, Mohamed Shaaban, Viet Vu, Carmen Wong

Against (8): Cassandra Cummings, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Gurvir Sangha, Angela Tien, Tom Wierzbicki

Abstained: Rajeev Bagga, Colúm Connolly, Vanessa Lau, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Justin Tsang
Oversight presentation – Veronica Knott (continued)

- An AMS Executive has asked to opt out of the PAI evaluation because of health issues.
- Our lawyers have told us that Oversight is mandated by Code to do the evaluation, but Oversight would like Council to suspend Code to allow Tanner Bokor to withdraw from the process and give him a 0* allocation.

26. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the agenda be amended to add a Code suspension motion.”

... No objections

27. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That Council suspend Code Section V, Article 15(3)(b) specifically relating to the AMS President Tanner Bokor and allow him to withdraw from the PAI evaluation process and award him a 0* allocation.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Veronica Knott: Tanner sent an email requesting this. I thought Council should decide. It’s to do with betterment of mental health and well-being.
- Mohamed Shaaban: I’m against this. We need to keep Executives accountable. It’s unfair to other Executives. They have to be shown what they did well and what not.
- Bahareh Jokar: What did the lawyers say?
- Veronica Knott: That it was reasonable if it was due to health and well-being.
- Jude Crasta: We have 51,000 students on campus. They don’t know what the AMS does. A person should go through the evaluation process so the students know what is going on. We should take this seriously. Students need to know.
- Benjamin Israel: The PAI process is for the purpose of awarding money, not for being transparent. We perhaps should amend Code, but the current Code isn’t about that.
- Paul McDade: The PAI process is in camera anyway; it’s not transparent. If Tanner is not taking the money, there’s no point.
- Tobias Friedel: We should ask ourselves, Should someone be allowed to opt out of an evaluation process that they knew was part of the job?
- Daniel Levangie: In the opinion of our lawyers, he can opt out of the process.
- Chris Roach: I understand the legal brief, but if we allow the Executives to opt out on the grounds that they don’t need the money, it lets those of a higher socio-economic status avoid evaluation.
- Tanner Bokor raised a point of personal privilege on the socio-economic issue.
- Chris Roach and the Speaker said that the comment was not a reference to him.
- Bahareh Jokar: The spirit of PAI is about accountability. We’re all held responsible.
- Anne Kessler: I want to be slightly meta here. Is the purpose to allocate money or to hold Executives accountable to Council and the students?
- Viet Vu: In this case we are talking about mental health. It’s not economic.
- Rajeev Bagga: Is PAI the only formal evaluation of the Executive?
- The Speaker: Yes.
Mateusz Miadlikowski: What is the difference between accountability and a performance incentive?

The Speaker noted that in Code the payment is based on the following formula:
- 10% for attendance at Executive meetings
- 20% for fulfilment of duties
- 70% for achieving goals.

Rajeev Bagga: Are Executives allowed to opt out of PAI?

The Speaker: That’s not permitted in Code.

Daniel Levangie: The legal opinion said they could withdraw from the process.

Anne Kessler: It’s not just about this case. What if I felt I wanted or needed to withdraw because of health, but couldn’t because I needed the money?

Kate Fisher: This is about mental health.

Ava Nasiri: Mental health is an important issue, but if a person is carrying on in a position and yet is not being held accountable …

28. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That Council suspend Code Section V, Article 15(3)(b) specifically relating to the AMS President Tanner Bokor and allow him to withdraw from the PAI evaluation process and award him a 0* allocation.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

…Defeated

For (4): Rajeev Bagga, Benjamin Israel, Jenna Omassi, Justin Tsang

Against (17): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Cassandra Cummings, Nick Echeverria, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Chris Roach, Tobias Friedel, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Carmen Wong

Abstained: Rachel Chan, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Naman Paul, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Viet Vu

29. MOVED MOHAMED SHAABAN, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That Council be extended by two hours.”

… Carried unanimously

For (21): Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Chris Roach, Tobias Friedel, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Next Update – Ava Nasiri
Schedule:
- Kitchens passed by Vancouver Coastal Health.
- Still on track for April 27-28: that’s the earliest for consultants to come in and say we can open.
• The earliest opening would be mid-May.
• No bad news today.

Financing:
• We may have some offers of an external loan, which would allow us to provide money to UBC and let them work on the Life Building (the old SUB).

F) Consultation Period

G) Appointments

30. MOVED KATE FISHER, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI

“That Council extend the terms of both the members of the Budget Committee and Hiring Committee until the first Council meeting in May 2015.”

... Carried unanimously

For (26): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Tobias Friedel, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

31. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to appoint a Councillor to LPC.”

... No objections

32. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That Council appoint _____ (1 x Student at Large) to the Impacts Grant Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

Nominee: Mark Bancroft
Note: Anne Kessler has been designated by the Executive to chair this committee.

“That Council appoint _____ (1 x Councillor) to the Budget Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2015.”

Nominees: Andrea Palmer (Engineering), Tobias Friedel (GSS)
Chosen: Andrea Palmer

“That Council appoint _____ (1 x Councillor) to LPC for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2015.”

Nominee: Benjamin Israel (Law)

33. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That Council appoint Mark Bancroft (1 x Student at Large) to the Impacts Grant Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”
Note: Anne Kessler has been designated by the Executive to chair this committee.

“That Council appoint Andrea Palmer (1 x Councillor) to the Budget Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2015.”

“That Council appoint Benjamin Israel (1 x Councillor) to LPC for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2015.”

… Carried

For (19): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Tobias Friedel

34. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That _____ (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Hiring Committee for a term effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2015.”

Nomination: Tobias Friedel (GSS)

35. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That Tobias Friedel (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Hiring Committee for a term effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2015.”

… Carried

36. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to appoint the Chair of the Hiring Committee.”

… Carried

37. MOVED ANDREA PALMER, SECONDED KATE FISHER

“That _____ be appointed Chair of the Hiring Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2015.”

Nomination: Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance)

38. MOVED ANDREA PALMER, SECONDED KATE FISHER

“That Mateusz Miadlikowski be appointed Chair of the Hiring Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2015.”

…Carried

39. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That on the recommendation of BAGB, AMS Council appoint Mark Fraser as an alumni representative on the Business and Administration Governance Board until August 1, 2015.”
• Tanner Bokor: The alumni term expired in February. Budget Committee began the required process to come up with a new person, but the process was not completed. So BAGB has asked us simply to extend Mark’s term.

40. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That on the recommendation of BAGB, AMS Council appoint Mark Fraser as an alumni representative on the Business and Administration Governance Board until August 1, 2015.”

… Carried

For (19): Ayman Azim, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Paul McDade, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Abstained: Tobias Friedel

H) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Tanner Bokor:
• Council food today is from the new clubs menu.
• On April 27 we’re planning a reception for Council with the full menu.
• Meeting with the University re BDS follow-up.
• Meeting with President Gupta’s Executive Director tomorrow.
• Ashley Howard is stepping down as UBC Athletics Director.
• UNA board meeting next week.
• Talks about potential loan for the Nest.
• Equity issue re AMS Council has gone to the Ombudsperson.
  o Tobias Friedel: Can you elaborate on the equity issue?
  o Tanner Bokor: Not in open session.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Administration – Ava Nasiri
• The Ubyssey is doing a feature on the New SUB.
• SAC:
  o OrgSync is a go
  o Clubs menu is a go
  o Guidebook is a go
  o Restructured club orientations
  o Mingle event on Monday
  o Talking with arts and culture
  o Hiring and budgeting for next year has started
  o Talking to Kin re MoU

VP External Affairs – Bahareh Jokar
• Went to Victoria for ABCS: 4th annual lobbying trip to the Legislature; met MLA’s, ministers.
• Transit is happening.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Anne Kessler**
- Academic Experience Survey:
  - 1300 responses so far. Not very good. Last year had 2600 responses right away.
  - We’re keeping it open longer than we originally planned.

**VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski**
- Fincom: Decreased number of applications.
- Sustainability Projects Fund: Committee met last week.
- Hired Jeff Aschkinasi as project assistant.
- Clubs Financial Assistance Management.
- IPF: Money approved but not used; figuring out what to do with it.
- Working on loan for New SUB.

**Executive Director – Daniel Levangie**
- Communications is working on PR for the Nest and on the brand package.
- Government relations: Impacts Grant launching.
- Services:
  - High usage for Safewalk after reported assaults.
  - Food Bank: Food for Fines.
- Events: Block Party on Friday.
  - People have been scalping tickets ($80 for $15 tickets), which is not allowed, but it shows the demand.
- SASC: Ashley away at a conference; also will attend the CACUSS conference.

Comments re Block Party:
- Tanner Bokor: Councillors will enter through the staff gate this year.
- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Could promote the Academic Experience Survey on the Block Party page.

41. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER

"That the agenda be amended to remove items J & K [reports from Committees and Constituencies].”

… Defeated

For (6): Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Vanessa Lau, Andrea Palmer, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha

Against (7): Colúm Connolly, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Liam Reeve, Tobias Friedel, Mohamed Shaaban, Justin Tsang

Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Kate Fisher

J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Education Committee – Armin Rezaiean-Asel
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- Tested the exam database.

University & External Relations Committee – Anne Kessler
  - Discussed the Mining Institute.
  - Talked about the Tall Wood building.

Legislative Procedures Committee – Jenna Omassi
  - Two policy reviews and Code amendments.
  - Working on conflict of interest amendment.
  - Oversight overhaul.

Student Life – Serena Ng
  - Wrapping up.

K) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Jenna Omassi
  - Summer Send Off.
  - Great Arts Send Off – April 30.

Commerce – Vanessa Lau.
  - Hiring.

Economics – Viet Vu
  - Elections done.
  - Year-end dinner was a success.

Engineering – Veronica Knott
  - Election done.
  - Puppies.

Forestry – Ayman Azim
  - Coconut a big success.
  - Team building workshop today.

GSS – Colúm Connolly
  - Laser tag event April 29.
  - GSS survey.
  - Had AGM. Discussed membership in the AMS. Passed a motion to look into holding a referendum on this.

Kinesiology – Justin Tsang
  - Kin Grad.
  - Kin Games.
  - Transitioned council.
  - Still working on MoU: ensuring we jump through the right hoops.

Law – Benjamin Israel
  - Looking into name change to Allard LSS.
• End of exam party.

**Science – Mohamed Shaaban**
- Science Grad.
- Transition.
- AGM.

**VST – Kate Fisher**
- Elections.
- Holy Week for Easter.

L) **Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):**

**BoG – Veronica Knott**
- Meeting next week.

**Senate – Aaron Bailey**
- Official closure of College of Health Disciplines.

**Ombudsperson – Camelia Toghiani-Rizi (read by Tanner Bokor)**
- Formal complaint from Wrestling Club’s former coach.
- Five complaints about the BDS referendum (about the late announcements).
- Still complaints about opt-in process for fees.

L) **Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

42. **MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED SERENA NG:**

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

- Executive Committee minutes dated March 23, 2015 [SCD558-15]
- AMS Council minutes dated March 4, 2015 [SCD559-15]
- Hiring Committee minutes dated March 25, 2015 [SCD560-15]

... Carried

For (18): Ayman Azim, Tanner Bokor, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Tobias Friedel, Gurvir Sangha, Viet Vu

Abstained: Mohamed Shaaban

43. **MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED SERENA NG:**

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to call an emergency meeting of Council for April 15 and to defer all remaining items on this agenda till then.”

- Tanner Bokor: The Equity Office motion and other remaining motions demand greater consideration than we can give at this time of night.
• Armin Rezaiean-Asel: This would be during final exams.
• Jenna Omassi: Quorum would not be reached. If there are concerns over specific items, I urge Council to move those to April 29.
• Anne Kessler: And Senate meets next week.

44. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED SERENA NG:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to call an emergency meeting of Council for April 15 and to defer all remaining items on this agenda till then.”

... Defeated

Against (25): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Paul McDade, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Tobias Friedel, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Harry Li

M) Executive Committee Motions:

45. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED HARRY LI: [SCD561-15]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the creation of the AMS Inclusion Office as outlined in the report entitled ‘AMS Inclusion Office Proposal.’

Be it further resolved that Council instruct the Executive Director and the Executive Committee to begin taking steps to implement the service as a two-year pilot.”

46. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:

“That this motion be deferred to the April 29 meeting of Council.”

... Carried

For (21): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Paul McDade, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Against (1): Tobias Friedel

Abstained: Mohamed Shaaban

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... Postponed until April 29

48. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That Council approve the expenditure of $364,000 for capital expenditures for the purchase of necessary equipment outlined in the document entitled ‘Equipment Expenditures’ from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund, totalling $274,000 and $90,000 from the SUB Management Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: $123,000 has already been spent/committed for items on this list
Note: The balance of the funds are the following:
SUB Repairs & Replacement: $692,225.71
SUB Management Reserve: $144,389.25

49. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:

“That this motion be deferred to the April 29 meeting of Council.”

- Tanner Bokor: We may have found a better way to do this. We’ll know by April 29.

For (22): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Abstained: Colúm Connolly, Marjan Hatai, Tobias Friedel

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N) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

O) Committee Motions:
51. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER: [SCD562-15]

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council rescind the old Alcohol Consumption Policy and replace it with the new policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi: We’re reviewing all our old policies and putting them in the proper format according to the Policy on Policies. Long ago we used to ask students not to drink, but some of our businesses now are based on alcohol, so this policy presents a balance: encouraging responsible consumption of alcohol while also requiring alternatives to be presented.
- Viet Vu: What is the biggest change?
- Jenna Omassi: Formatting.

52. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council rescind the old Alcohol Consumption Policy and replace it with the new policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

*For (19):* Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

*Abstained: Colúm Connolly*

53. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED AARON BAILEY: [SCD563-15]

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council rescind the old Policy on Responsible Computer Use and replace it with the new policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi: For this policy, there’s new formatting and more delineation of different aspects of the policy. SLCC will be the responsible body

54. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED AARON BAILEY: [SCD563-15]

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council rescind the old Policy on Responsible Computer Use and replace it with the new policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried unanimously
For (23): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaian-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

55. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL: [SCD564-15]

From the Hiring Committee
"That Council approve the changes made to the Assistant to the President job description as presented."

- Aaron Bailey: Changes include adding coordination of Executive special projects and increasing the pay from Tier 1 to Tier 2 to recognize the skills required.
- Còlum Connolly: Should the President be allowed to send a non-Executive to attend meetings on their behalf?
- Anne Kessler: I have the same concerns. The VP’s have AVP’s to turn to, but that’s not the same as a hired assistant. And why should this assistant have a supervisory role?
- Aaron Bailey: It’s coordination, not supervision.
- Tanner Bokor: Every President has their own way of using assistants. Some have used them to go to meetings. That’s already been in the job description. It’s not a change.
- Bahareh Jokar: An AVP would be better versed than an assistant.
- Còlum Connolly: The President is the primary spokesperson for the Society, so sending a hired assistant is an issue.

56. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

From the Hiring Committee
"That Council approve the changes made to the Assistant to the President job description as presented."

... Carried

For (17): Ayman Azim, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Veronica Knott, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaian-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Against (3): Còlum Connolly, Anne Kessler, Mohamed Shaaban

Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Benjamin Israel, Vanessa Lau, Serena Ng, Andrea Palmer

57. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED NICK ECHEVARRIA: [SCD565-15]

From the Hiring Committee
"That Council approve the AMS Secretariat job description as presented."
• Aaron Bailey:
  o This is a newly created position to provide administrative support to committees etc., taking care of administrative duties done now by Chairs, to make our time at Council more efficient.
  o It did come to Council before.
  o It’s at the Tier 1 level.
• Tanner Bokor: A fantastic idea. Did we talk to HR about the collective agreement?
• Aaron Bailey: Yes, it doesn’t violate it.
• Armin Rezaiean-Asel: I have the same issues I had before. This position has too many duties for Tier 1. Would probably need someone at least at Tier 2.
• Jenna Omassi: This was a concern in the summer, but that was different. We were asking the person to have a large understanding of the AMS. It’s very different now.
• Colúm Connolly: But then we should strike the duty to brief Councillors on agenda items. That requires a large understanding of the AMS.
• Aaron Bailey:
  o Briefing should have been clarified. It’s for summarizing large bodies of information: giving an abstract of a report.
  o Is there something you think should be removed?
• Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Scheduling meetings and taking minutes: it may be tough to find someone with the schedule to do this.
• Tobias Friedel: How would this affect Committee Chairs and their remuneration?
• Aaron Bailey: It allows more capacity to chairs to do their jobs.
• Tobias Friedel: But those are Chairs’ duties. How would you justify Committee Chair remuneration?
• Aaron Bailey: This position is a response to lack of efficiency: last minute placeholders, Agenda Committee not meeting.
• Serena Ng: It takes a while to learn about the AMS. It can be hard to find someone with expertise.
• Veronica Knott: The need for this work is evident. It’s something to try out.
• Ava Nasiri: When I started, no one told me I had to send minutes to Council. A position like this would help.

58. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED NICK ECHEVARRIA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

For (16): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Harry Li, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Justin Tsang

Against (4): Colúm Connolly, Paul McDade, Tobias Friedel, Mohamed Shaaban

Abstained: Saniel Chand
59. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED NICK ECHEVARRIA: [SCD565-15]

From the Hiring Committee
“That Council approve the AMS Secretariat job description as presented.”

… Carried

For (12): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Kate Fisher, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Justin Tsang

Against (9): Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Benjamin Israel, Paul McDade, Serena Ng, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Tobias Friedel, Mohamed Shaaban

Abstained: Harry Li, Liam Reeve, Angela Tien

60. MOVED HARRY LI, SECONDED SERENA NG: [SCD566-15]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2015: Executive Director’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi: There are many mentions of the Executive Director in Code, but unlike the General Manager, there’s no section dedicated to them: because it’s a brand new position. We wanted to have a section for them to ensure the carrying on of the position. The Article includes all the major aspects of the position.
- Tanner Bokor: It was originally not in Code because it was a trial. It’s been a success. However, we’re looking into some changes, so I would like to hold off on approving this.

61. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED PAUL McDADE:

“That this motion be referred to the Legislative Procedures Committee.”

… Carried

For (23): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Abstained: Colúm Connolly

62. MOVED HARRY LI, SECONDED SERENA NG: [SCD566-15]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2015: Executive Director’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

63. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL: [SCD567-15]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2015: Agenda Committee and Deputy Speaker’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi:
  - This journey began when the previous LPC Chair wanted to make changes to the Agenda Committee, but unlike Graham, who wanted to expand its duties, we decided to take out duties that should belong to other bodies and then make sure it meets.
  - In doing this we came across the section on the Deputy Speaker, which is in Code but has never been used. We didn’t see the use of the position.
- Tobias Friedel: Did you consider getting rid of the Agenda Committee altogether?
- Jenna Omassi:
  - A committee to help with the agenda has merit when it meets.
  - What this proposes is that an agenda cannot go out without a meeting happening, so the Committee will have to meet.
  - We’re also looking into email voting: that might make Agenda Committee meetings easier.
- Colúm Connolly:
  - Saying nothing shall appear on an agenda unless the Agenda Committee approves it seems ridiculous since it’s so hard for the Committee to meet.
  - And this means the Agenda Committee could silence members who want to bring forward motions. The Code says members can add motions.
- Tanner Bokor: The Agenda Committee had not met. I tried to get it to meet. If the Agenda Committee doesn’t meet and there is thus no agenda, Council will have to meet with no agenda (under this proposed Code change). But as long as there is going to be a future Code change allowing email votes, I’m in favour.
- Jenna Omassi:
  - I can’t promise future Code changes will happen.
  - The issue of silencing is a valid concern, but our agendas are ridiculous. The Agenda Committee could help manage agendas. The Committee should be allowed to defer a motion because it doesn’t need to be discussed today.
- Paul McDade: Code usually assumes there is no common sense and provides lots of fail-safes. This doesn’t. The Agenda Committee could end up pushing issues off for a month or two. You may want to take this back to the drawing board.
• Benjamin Israel: My concern is that everything would have to go through the Agenda Committee, and the Agenda Committee could repeatedly say No, no.
• Jenna Omassi: If a motion is sent to the President, it must appear on the agenda. The Agenda Committee could only postpone. They could say, The agenda is packed, let’s wait for a meeting.
• Benjamin Israel: That power to defer is in one clause, but another clause says nothing goes on without the approval of the Agenda Committee.
• Jenna Omassi: The idea is to ensure that Agenda Committee meets.
• Benjamin Israel: Couldn’t we just say that it must meet?
• Tobias Friedel: This is trying to make a non-functioning committee functional by basing the functionality of this Board on it. It’s not the way to go about it.

64. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That this motion be referred to the Legislative Procedures Committee.”

• Colúm Connolly: A revised version should include a clause saying that reasons must be provided for delaying a motion.
• Tanner Bokor: LPC could also consider agenda construction.

65. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That this motion be referred to the Legislative Procedures Committee.”

... Carried unanimously

For (25): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Tobias Friedel, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

66. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2015: Agenda Committee and Deputy Speaker’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Referred to committee

67. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI

“That the meeting be extended by 20 minutes.”

... No objections
68. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL

“That Council authorize reimbursements for cab fares in accordance with Code Section 2, Article 15.”

... Carried unanimously

For (23): Aaron Bailey, Tanner Bokor, Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Tobias Friedel, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

69. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED BENJAMIN ISRAEL: [SCD568-15]

From the Oversight Committee

“That Council accept the amended goals of the VP Academic & University Affairs as presented.”

- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: Because of the tuition issue and other issues, Anne’s goals shifted.
- Colúm Connolly: It’s odd to change goals just before they’re adjudicated.
- Armin Rezaiean-Asel: These changes were ongoing throughout the year.
- Anne Kessler: Changes were first made in November, but not in time for the Council meeting. Most of the changes were made in November-December.
- Tobias Friedel: We should stipulate that no further changes be made to goals after March.
- Veronica Knott: No changes were made in the third review process; these are from the second review process; they took time getting to Council.
- Paul McDade: These should be coming earlier.

70. MOVED PAUL McDADE, SECONDED BENJAMIN ISRAEL:

From the Oversight Committee

“That Council accept the amended goals of the VP Academic & University Affairs as presented.”

... Carried

For (7): Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Nick Echeverria, Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Liam Reeve

Against (2): Harry Li, Tobias Friedel

Abstained: Tanner Bokor, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

71. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That Council accept the amended goals of the VP External.”
Colúm Connolly: Will this affect adjudication?
Veronica Knott: These never came to Oversight.
Bahareh Jokar: The changes aren’t that significant.

72. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That Council accept the amended goals of the VP External.”

… Withdrawn

P) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

73. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED ALEX LEE MANN:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Revised Finance Commission minutes dated Jan 27, 2015 [SCD569-15]
Revised Finance Commission minutes dated Feb 3, 2015 [SCD570-15]
Revised Finance Commission minutes dated Feb 24, 2015 [SCD571-15]
Finance Commission minutes dated March 10, 2015 [SCD572-15]
Student Administrative Commission minutes March 4, 2015 [SCD573-15]
Student Administrative Commission minutes March 11, 2015 [SCD574-15]
Student Administrative Commission minutes March 18, 2015 [SCD575-15]

… Carried

For (20): Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Saniel Chand, Nick Echeverria, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Anne Kessler, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Paul McDade, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Andrea Palmer, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaeian-Asel, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Abstained: Mohamed Shaaban

Q) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

R) Discussion Period

S) Submissions:

Council attendance memo - Nursing [SCD576-15]
Letter re: Inclusion Office [SCD577-15]

T) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: April 29, 2015

U) Adjournment:

74. MOVED MOHAMED SHAABAN, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

… Carried
For (10): Benjamin Israel, Bahareh Jokar, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Mohamed Shaaban, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Against (3): Aaron Bailey, Saniel Chand, Paul McDade

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 am.

S) Social Activity:
### April 8, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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V7: Make Abdul Speaker
V8: BIRT Council direct the oversight chair and Viet Vu. to investigate the requests for review outlined and to return to council with a report along with the PAI allocation by April 29
V9: Amend agenda VK/AP
V10: BIRT AMS Council remain in camera
V11: BIRT AMS Council remain in camera
V12: previous in camera discussions at this council meeting
V13: Motion to remain in camera
V14: Motion to remain in camera
V15: Call To Question
V16: BIRT that the ruling of the chair is upheld
V17: BIRT that the ruling of the chair is upheld
V18: Secret Ballot?
V19: BIRT AMS Council officially reprimand the AMS President for impeding on the process and procedures of the AMS Oversight Committee specifically relating to the AMS President Tanner Bokor and allow him to withdraw from the PAI evaluation process and award him a 0*allocation.
V20: BIRT council to suspend code (Section V Article 15 3b)
V21: extend time
V22: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council extend the terms of both the members of the Budget Committee and Hiring Committee until the first Council meeting
V23: 1st set of appts
V24: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mateusz (1 x Councillor) be appointed the chair of the Hiring Committee for at term effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2015.
V25: BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of AMS Council appoints Mark Fraser as an alumni representative on the Business and Administration Governance Board until August 1
V26: amend agenda remove J and K
V27: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented
V28: amend agenda
V29: move to defer
V30: move to defer
V31: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescind the old Alcohol Consumption Policy and replace it with the new policy as presented.
V32: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescind the old Alcohol Consumption Policy and replace it with the new policy as presented.
V33: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescind the old Policy on Responsible Computer Use and replace it with the new policy as presented.
V34: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the changes made to the Assistant to the President job description as presented.
V35: Call To Question
V36: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the AMS Secretariat job description as presented.
V37: Motion to refer back to committee Code Changes 2015: Executive Director
V38: motion to refer
V39: BIRT that council authorize reimbursements for cab fairs in accordance with Code Section 2 Article 15;
V40: BIRT Council accept the amended goals of the VP Academic & University Affairs as presented.
V41: Commission Minutes Reports and Motions:
V42: BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Jason Quach (Kinesiology Referendum), Neal Yonson (GSS Gov’t Relations),
Konstantin Prodanovic (Ubyssey), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Pierre Cenerelli (AMS
Gov’t Relations), Daniel Munro (AMS AVP Academic), Kathleen Simpson (AMS External Office),
Dhrti Chandler (AMS VP Finance office), Jeff Aschkinasi (AMS Financial Software), Ian
Sapollnik (student), Jude Crasta (incoming AMS VP External), Ken Yih (AMS Human
Resources), Saarah Ghazi (AMS President Assistant), Josh Bokor (AMS Art Gallery
Commissioner), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council),
Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm.

1. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:
   “That the budget presentation and motion go together.”
   ... No objections

3. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:
   “That the Oversight item go last on the agenda.”
   ... No objections

4. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:
   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”
   ... Carried unanimously

For (28): Ayman Azim, Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Cassandra Cummings, Tobias Friedel, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Man, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:
Welcome to our new Members: Veronika Bylicki (Land & Food Systems), Melissa Lachica (Science), Jeffrey Pea (Science), Samantha So (Science), Daniel Lam (Science), Tommy Reid (Science)


Good-byes: Tiffany Dinh (Land & Food Systems), Carmen Wong (Science), Serena Ng (Science), Paul McDade (Science), Mohamed Shaaban (Science), Nick Echeverria (Science), Brandon Parker (Architecture)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Presentations to Council & Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):


- We decided to bring in Club Management software because of delays in our financial processes for Clubs, Constituencies, and Resource Groups.
- Surveys showed a lack of customer satisfaction.
- There were technological challenges.
- So this plan was brought in. Council approved money in January 2014 to do the project by the end of 2015.
- We recently picked a new vendor; a working group is in place, and we will phase in staff.
- The project closes in December 2015.
- The aim is for online submission of cheques, invoices, reports, etc., creating an automatic workflow and relieving Executives of having to sign cheques all day long.
- Things will be approved online; this will save time, and people will get paid faster.
- There will also be increased security and efficiency.
- We’re using a cloud-based solution for $19,000 a year plus a one-time training cost.
- This is a change from the plan of hosting it ourselves.
- We’re still within our budget.

Questions
- Marjan Hatai asked about the price difference. It used to be a one-time cost of $40,000.
- Jeff Aschkinasi: Now it’s $19,000 a year, but we don’t have to buy new equipment.
- Gurvir Sangha asked about insurance for the risk of information being compromised.
• Jeff Aschkinasi: Microsoft has guaranteed the security.

**Budget Presentation – Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance)** [SCD579 and 579A-15]

- Preliminary budget:
  - Records overall revenues for each division.
  - No requirement for detailed line by line breakdown.
  - Until the final budget is approved, normal expenditures are permitted.
  - No other spending allowed until final budget is approved.
- Decentralized process.
- Zero-based financing, i.e., justification required for each expense.
- Emphasizing future planning and creative thinking.
- Revenues:
  - $21,727,785 fees
  - 350,000 business
  - 350,000 investment
  - $21.9 million in total revenue
- Restrictive system: Have to allocate fees to various funds and organizations.
- This is a conservative estimate of our fee revenue, based on 48,066 students (the average number over the past three years).
- Discretionary funds (after non-discretionary allocations under the restrictive system) amount to $2.1 million.
- From that, expenditures are made to Student Government, Services, and Programs.
- We are projecting a surplus of $133,642.
- We’re still dealing with past deficits.

Questions
- Viet Vu asked about the $350,000 business projection.
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: The number from BAGB was originally $250,000, but we increased that by cutting out some capital expenditures.
- Tobias Friedel questioned the numbers.
- Chris Roach: Have to subtract $900,000 administrative cost.
- Joshua Galbraith: What is that?
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: Overhead, the cost of running the offices. These are operating costs shared by Student Government and the businesses.

5. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

**From the Budget Committee**
“That Council accept the 2015/16 AMS Preliminary Budget as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Chris Roach (chair of Budget Committee):
  o Current budget includes a surplus but doesn’t include expenditures for new Executives’ proposals. This is just bare bones.
  o So the surplus could go just like that.
  o We also don’t know that the businesses will contribute as projected.
  o And the old Services Fund is being depleted this year. We’ll have $300,000 less going forward.

6. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

   From the Budget Committee
   “That Council accept the 2015/16 AMS Preliminary Budget as presented.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   ... Carried

   For (32): Ayman Azim, Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Colum Connolly, Cassandra Cummings, Jacqueline Siu (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Man, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

   Abstained: Tobias Friedel

Nest Update – Ava Nasiri

• No bad news.
• Fins on the Nest within the Nest are pretty much done, and most are up.
• Could open in May, except for the Perch, Council Chambers, the child-minding centre, a corner of the 4th floor, and potentially the Pit.
• Millwork delays.
• Focusing on public spaces in the building.
• Move and Marketing:
  o Ready to go.
  o Waiting for site safety approval.
  o Marketing plan for opening date and move dates.
• Finances:
  o Delays did not help the budgets.
  o Have a contingency for post-occupancy issues.
  o Talking to a few banks; may get offers for an external loan.
• Projects:
  o Club Resource Centre list going to Budget Committee. Opening in September.
o Fun things: List of possibilities such as pool, foosball, pinball, etc. to New SUB Committee.
o Sustainability:
  ▪ Art projects underway.
  ▪ Interactive tree.
  ▪ Pedal-powered charging station.
o Planning for a large ribbon, but will need a large scissors.

F) Consultation Period

G) Appointments

H) President’s Remarks (5 minutes): Tanner Bokor
• Governance review – last notes being given to Aaron.
• Fee issue re seniors.
• Meeting with University vice-presidents.
• UNA: I was elected as their first student secretary.
• Health and Dental Plan meeting tomorrow.
• Talking to the banks about refinancing the New SUB loan
• Thanks to all I’ve worked with over the years since 2012. Love you all and will miss you very much.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP External – Bahareh Jokar
• Wrapping up transit.
• Thanks to everyone. It’s been the most humbling experience I’ve had.
• I’m excited for the reign of Jude.
• A special thanks to Pierre.

VP Academic – Anne Kessler
• UBC’s Provost is resigning: Angie Redish is taking over on an interim basis.
• Academic Experience Survey sent out; we’ve received an additional 1,000 replies for almost 3,000 in total, which is much better.
• Reflections:
  o I first sat at the Council table in March 2011.
  o I went away on exchange for a while, but came back.
  o Thanks to Greg Williams, who encouraged me to run and ran my campaign; to Rory Breasail, a Councillor at the time; and to Mike Silley, who spoke to me at WOW (the old Whistler Orientation Weekend) and got me to be a committee chair.
  o The AMS has very much defined my University experience.

VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski
• I’ll skip the reflections.
• The auditors are coming.
• The office is closed for two weeks to do fiscal reconciliation.
• Worked on budget.
• Working on New SUB bank loan.
• Transitioning myself.
  o Tobias Friedel: How is the transition going?
  o Mateusz: Good.

**VP Administration – Ava Nasiri**

- SAC
  - Clubs guidebook.
  - Club orientations went well.
  - Clubs menu launching next week.
  - Alpha Project – Working on app to sign up for events; very techy.
  - Bitcoin club active.

**Executive Director – Daniel Levangie**

- SASC: Inter-university Convention on Sexual Assault. The first one, and we hosted it. Brought it to UBC. It was wonderful, powerful.
- Communications: New logo as of this coming Friday. If you see the old logos, burn them.
- University & Government Relations: Impacts Grant.
- Services:
  - Huge numbers.
  - Safewalk is operating over the summer for the second time.
- Archives: Research for the book almost done.
- Events: Nest Fest and First Week will combine. Exciting.
- Orientations coming for Executive and Councillors.
- Congratulations to the outgoing Executives and Councillors.
  - Tobias Friedel asked what the new logo will look like.
  - The new logo was displayed.

**J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):**

**Education – Armin Rezaiean-Asel**

- No report.

**LPC – Jenna Omassi**

- Oversight overhaul.
- Preparing a list of things for the new Chair.
- Updating policies.
- BAGB has passed recommendations for changes to Code to comply with the Bylaws, to address the lack of Councillor representation on BAGB, and to give a vote to the VP Finance.
  - Marjan Hatai: Please clarify acronyms like LPC and BAGB.
Jenna Omassi: LPC is the Legislative Procedures Committee. BAGB is the Business and Administration Governance Board.

University & External Relations Committee – Joshua Galbraith

- Looking into concerns re a mining institute think tank.
- Heard University presentation on Brock commons and the Tall Wood Building.

Student Life & Communications Committee – Gurvir Sangha

- Serena Ng is gone.
- Event planning: Faculty Cup, All-Presidents dinner.

K) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Jenna Omassi

- Year-end review.
- Clubs review: new clubs.
- Upcoming Vantage College integration.
- Grants revamp.
- Arts student centre.
- TGAS (The Great Arts Sendoff): tomorrow night.

Commerce – Vanessa Lau

- Transitioning Execs.
- Goal setting.
- On boarding event with faculty.
- Building issues: Met Dean about 9th floor issue. Agreed we’re not taking legal action.

Economics – Viet Vu

- Meeting with School re furniture for the new building.
- Setting up an economics club.

Engineering – Veronica Knott

- Engineering student centre: will be able to move in there in July.
- Two referendum questions on fees.

Forestry – Ayman Azim

- No update.

GSS – Tobias Friedel

- Wrapping up shadowing period.
- Training for incoming Executives.
- Laser tournament.
Kinesiology – Justin Tsang
- Valedictorian elections.
- Kin Games planning.
- MoU: Consulting AMS staff and Councillors.

Land & Food Systems – Hussam Zbeeb
- No report.

Planning – Cassandra Cummings
- One-day conference went well this year. Expanding it for next year.

Regent – Joshua Galbraith
- No update.

Science – Melissa Lachica
- Turnover.
- Hiring.

L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

BoG – Chris Roach (outgoing) deferred to Veronica Knott (incoming)
- Program by program review.

Senate – Gurvir Sangha
- Marjan and I are the new Senate reps.
- Student Senate Caucus named chairs.
- Expansion of Vantage College into Management and Engineering.

Ombuds – Camelia Toghiani-Rizi

7. MOVED CAMELIA TOGHIANI-RIZI, SECONDED TANNER BOKOR, THIRDED JOSHUA GALBRAITH:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 7:27 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 7:49 pm.

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

8. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:
AMS Council minutes dated March 11, 2015 [SCD580-15]
AMS Council minutes dated March 25, 2015 [SCD581-15]
Executive Committee minutes dated March 30, 2015 [SCD582-15]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 8, 2015 [SCD583-15]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 13, 2015 [SCD584-15]
Legislative Procedures Committee Minutes dated 2015-2-26 [SCD585-15]
Legislative Procedures Committee Minutes dated 2015-3-12 [SCD586-15]
Legislative Procedures Committee Minutes dated 2015-3-19 [SCD587-15]
Legislative Procedures Committee Minutes dated 2015-3-26 [SCD588-15]
Legislative Procedures Committee Minutes dated 2015-4-9 [SCD589-15]

… Carried

For (23): Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Man, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Abstained: Rajeev Bagga, Veronica Knott

N) Executive Committee Motions:

9. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED VIET VU: [SCD590-15]

"Be it resolved that Council approve the creation of the AMS Inclusion Office as outlined in the reported entitled ‘AMS Inclusion Office Proposal.’"

Be it further resolved that Council instruct the Executive Director and the Executive Committee to begin taking steps to implement the service as a two-year pilot."

• Anne Kessler:
  o This office would be concerned with internal equity, educational campaigns, and referrals. The plan now is for a two-year pilot; that’s a change from the last time the plan was seen by Council. We think two years is more appropriate.
  o Addressing Council concerns from the discussion in January, this office will provide something different from UBC Equity; it can provide internal support.
  o Running it with permanent staff will allow those staff to identify issues over time. And we will get a better quality of knowledge and expertise.
  o Why now? It"s true there”s a lot going on, but if we do this now, the office can take part in the governance review process. Also, there”s a new UBC AVP Equity setting goals now.
We have a student staff member doing Equity already.

- The budget is $76,180 a year, which is a large ask, plus a one-time $8100 start-up cost.
- We could reduce the cost by not hiring student staff members.
- The money could come from the Student Services Fund.
- This motion is not approving the money; it’s just saying this is worth doing.
- There’s been lots of stuff in the last few years: the rape chants, sexual assaults, the head-dress incident, the BDS. We need to be looking at all this.

- Mateusz Miadlikowski: There is no money in the Student Services Fund.
- Tobias Friedel: A big new project can’t be independent of financial aspects. We could still have discussions and create policies, a code of conduct and so forth, without hiring an inclusion officer. I don’t think we can afford something this substantial.
- Viet Vu: In principle, I support this, but after the budget presentation, I’m concerned. This would use more than 50% of the projected surplus. Moving into a new building means uncertainty. Right now is not the time.
- Aaron Bailey: Two other concerns: A lot of the work would be under Daniel’s portfolio (the Executive Director), and he’s already stretched thin. Also, this could lessen the pressure we put on the University on equity. Because we have SASC, that takes the onus off UBC by not focusing on University accountability and responsibility.
- Jenna Omassi:
  - We all need to strive to make this an equitable place, but there must be other ways than spending $84,000 on an office.
  - As to the governance review coming after this, it’s the other way around. The governance review will show the way to go forward on equity.
  - We can also ask the University to do things. Instead of saying you’re not doing what we need, so we’ll do it ourselves, we can get them to do what we want. They have many resources.
- Tobias Friedel: Other universities put lots of money into equivalent offices even if they’re run by the students.
- Tanner Bokor:
  - I’m in full support of this proposal. We used to have an Equity Office. It was removed for a number of reasons. There’s a gap. The AMS doesn’t have enough resources and expertise to fill the void. This proposal is the best way to do this.
  - As to creating policies, wonderful, but who implements the policies?
  - And yes, we need to continue applying pressure to the University: having an office is a good way to exert pressure.
  - SASC is a good model for this. It does work.
  - Expensive? Yes, but for me this is a top priority. And we don’t necessarily have to go for the Cadillac option.
• Ava Nasiri: Equity is something for the governance review to focus on, but details shouldn’t get in the way of us doing this.
• Chris Roach: This proposal is important, but there are budgeting limitations. I recommend that the document be passed on to the new VP Academic.
• Camelia Toghiani-Rizi: I speak in favour. I have seen many cases this year relating to equity and inclusion. There are systemic things that need to be changed. Things are passed between offices because no one knows where they sit, e.g., the language in manuals.
• Anne Kessler:
  o I didn’t mean we shouldn’t talk about funding now. And it can be less than $84,000 if we cut out the student assistant and if you exclude the start-up costs. Then it’s about $70,000.
  o If we start up our own office, that can help with advocacy.
  o This will provide education for our clubs and Constituencies. We’re not taking ownership of what’s out there in the University.
  o If we create policies, who’s going to revise them? This doesn’t clearly sit within any Executive portfolio, and we turn over every year. It’s hard to see systemic things in the short term.
  o UBC Equity has a lot on its plate, and we’re a separate organization, so they’re unlikely to come in and help with our internal structures.
• Colum Connolly: The last service review was done one and a half years ago. Is there a Service we can wind down while starting this one up to redirect funds to this proposed service that we see as a top priority?
• Daniel Levangie: The ones that are fiscally equivalent would be Safewalk and Tutoring.
• Anne Kessler: This isn’t envisioned as a big-S Service. Not under Student Services. It’s more like our other services, such as U-Pass.
• Aaron Bailey: What has the Equity Commissioner done to review our equity policies? Internally, we have a commissioner to see how to improve our equitable practices.
• Anne Kessler: That’s not the purpose of that position. Their job is to work on policies and lobby the University.
• Aaron Bailey: Perhaps going forward we should look at reviewing their duties.
• Viet Vu: Is Equity part of the scope of the governance review?
• Tanner Bokor: It is now, in the revised version.
• Viet Vu: So we can include it in the review.
• Tanner Bokor: The current commissioner does not deal with the duties outlined here, and they’re a student who turns over. We have a Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund (SAIF): that could be used as a source of funding.
• Viet Vu questioned whether that fund could be used.
• Sheldon Goldfarb read the Code description saying the fund was for projects directly relating to sexual assault on campus.
• Jenna Omassi:
  o One of the duties of the Equity Commissioner in the proposed new job description for them is about providing support. That was not the focus this year, but that could change.
  o I understand that this is a part-time, temporary position, but we should look at what we have now and use the resources we already have. We could be ensuring that the Equity Commissioner works towards the goals outlined in the report. We can move them up to Tier 2.

• Tobias Friedel: We can’t take money from SAIF. It’s not remotely related. Money for sexual assault support can’t be used for an equity office.

10. MOVED ANNE KESSLER, SECONDED VIET VU:

  “Be it resolved that Council approve the creation of the AMS Inclusion Office as outlined in the reported entitled „AMS Inclusion Office Proposal.‟

  Be it further resolved that Council instruct the Executive Director and the Executive Committee to begin taking steps to implement the service as a two-year pilot.”

  … Defeated

For (9): Tanner Bokor, Cassandra Cummings, Joshua Galbraith, Anne Kessler, Daniel Lam, Harry Li, Ava Nasiri, Tommy Reid, Justin Tsang

Against (17): Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Melissa Lachica, Alexandra Lee Man, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Abstained: Rajeev Bagga, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

11. MOVED JUSTIN TSANG, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

  “That the agenda be amended to add a motion to postpone consideration of the motion on notifying the Board of Governors of the new Kinesiology fee.”

12. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

  “That the motion to amend the agenda be postponed indefinitely.”
13. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to strike the motion approving the results of the KUS fee referendum.”

- Veronica Knott: Best to bring the MoU and this approval at the same time. The KUS can bring this motion back in October once the MoU is complete.
- Colúm Connolly: We need to discuss the referendum question.”

14. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to strike the motion approving the results of the KUS fee referendum.”

… Carried

For (23): Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Tobias Friedel, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Man, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaian-Asel, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Against (1): Anne Kessler

Abstained: Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Gurvir Sangha

15. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“That the motion to approve the KUS referendum results be struck from the agenda.”

- Veronica Knott: I’m ready to add a discussion period topic on this.

16. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED COLÚM CONNOLLY:

“That the motion to approve the KUS referendum results be struck from the agenda.”

… Carried

For (21): Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Naman
Paul, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith, Gurvir Sangha

17. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED VIET VU:

From the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society
“That AMS Council postpone the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Community Health Science Centre, until the last Council meeting of October 2015.”

... Carried unanimously

For (32): Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Colún Connolly, Cassandra Cummings, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Tobias Friedel, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Man, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

P) Committee Motions:

18. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

From the Hiring Committee
“That Ford Thompson, Michael Henricksen and Yvan Guy Larocque be appointed as Student Court Judges effective immediately and ending May 31, 2015.”

... Carried

For (28): Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Tobias Friedel, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Melissa Lachica, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Man, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

19. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED VIET VU: [SCD591-15], [SCD592-15], [SCD593-15], [SCD594-15], [SCD595-15], [SCD596-15]

From the Hiring Committee
“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Campus Development Commissioner job description as presented.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Aboriginal Students’ Commissioner job description as presented.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the International Students’ Commissioner job description as presented.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Mental Health & Wellbeing Commissioner job description as presented.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Academic & University Affairs Commissioner job description as presented.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Associate Vice President, Academic & University Affairs job description as presented.”

- Jenna Omassi: These were all changed to update them. Small changes. Only major change was to move the word “research” down. The focus this year is action-based.

20. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED VIET VU:

From the Hiring Committee
“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Campus Development Commissioner job description as presented.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Aboriginal Students’ Commissioner job description as presented.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the International Students’ Commissioner job description as presented.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Mental Health & Wellbeing Commissioner job description as presented.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Academic & University Affairs Commissioner job description as presented.
Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Associate Vice President, Academic & University Affairs job description as presented.”

... Carried

For (25): Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Man, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith, Viet Vu

21. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY: [SCD597-15]

From the Hiring Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Equity Commissioner job description as presented.”

- Jenna Omassi: This is an appendix to the Equity discussion we just had. We’ve changed the Tier to Tier 2. We want someone with experience dealing with equity.

22. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

From the Hiring Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Equity Commissioner job description as presented.”

... Carried unanimously

For (27): Tanner Bokor, Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Tobias Friedel, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Alexandra Lee Man, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

23. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI: [SCD598-15]

From the Hiring Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Community Engagement and Philanthropy Coordinator job description as presented.”
• Ava Nasiri: We had a New SUB Engagement Coordinator and a Shinerama Coordinator. This will combine them to allow us to coordinate philanthropy projects on campus.
• Colúm Connolly: When was the last time the Shinerama campaign was reviewed?
• Sheldon Goldfarb: Does this mean removing the Shinerama Coordinator from Code?
• Ava Nasiri: Maybe later.

24. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

From the Hiring Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Community Engagement and Philanthropy Coordinator job description as presented.”

... Carried

For (22): Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Cassandra Cummings, Hussam Zbee (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Alexandra Lee Man, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Naman Paul, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Against (2): Colúm Connolly, Tobias Friedel

Abstained: Joshua Galbraith, Veronica Knott, Vanessa Lau, Liam Reeve, Samantha So, Viet Vu

25. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED ARMIN REZAEIAN- ASEL:
[SCD599-15]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Oversight“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The incoming Executives and Tanner Bokor declared a conflict of interest.

• Veronica Knott: There was a request for an overhaul last year. It took a long time to complete. Key changes:
  o A lot more responsibility for the Chair.
  o Paying the Chair.
Shifting to objective measures.
Making the process public, not in camera.

- The Speaker asked if the changes would affect current evaluations.
- The Clerk said Code amendments take effect the next day or when Council decides.

26. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED ARMIN REZAEIANS- ASEL:

“That the Code changes shall apply starting with the incoming 2015/16 AMS Executive Committee.”

… No objections

27. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED ARMIN REZAEIANS- ASEL:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Oversight” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: These Code changes shall apply starting with the incoming 2015/16 AMS Executive Committee.

… Carried

For (24): Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Cassandra Cummings, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Tobias Friedel, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Man, Harry Li, Naman Paul, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaieans-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Tanner Bokor, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer)

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

28. MOVED SANIEL CHAND, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Administrative Commission minutes March 4, 2015 [SCD600-15]
Student Administrative Commission minutes March 11, 2015 [SCD601-15]
Student Administrative Commission minutes March 18, 2015 [SCD602-15]

… Carried by unanimous consent
29. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED ANNE KESSLER:

“That the agenda be amended to add an appointment motion for Jude Crasta and Kathleen Simpson.”

... No objections

30. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED BAHAREH JOKAR:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Jude Crasta to the U-Pass Advisory Committee (UAC) effective immediately with a term ending April 30, 2016.

Be it further resolved that Council appoint Kathleen Simpson as the alternate to the U-Pass Advisory committee (UAC) effective immediately with a term ending April 30, 2016.”

- Bahareh Jokar: The UAC is having a meeting in May. Traditionally, the VP External sits on it.
- Tanner Bokor: Traditionally the VP and the AVP.
- Tobias Friedel: Can we open this up to different names?
- Tanner Bokor: This one tends to be fixed because of U-Pass.
- The Speaker ruled that this is not an open nominations motion.
- Tobias Friedel: This motion has been sprung on us with the names locked in.

31. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the motion be split.”

The motion was split.

32. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED BAHAREH JOKAR:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Jude Crasta to the U-Pass Advisory Committee (UAC) effective immediately with a term ending April 30, 2016.

... Carried

For (25): Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Cassandra Cummings, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Tobias Friedel, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Vanessa Lau, Ava Nasiri, Naman Paul
33. MOVED TANNER BOKOR, SECONDED BAHAREH JOKAR:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Kathleen Simpson as the alternate to the U-Pass Advisory committee (UAC) effective immediately with a term ending April 30, 2016.”

… Carried

For (19): Tanner Bokor, Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Cassandra Cummings, Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Alexandra Lee Man, Harry Li, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Against (3): Saniel Chand, Colúm Connolly, Tobias Friedel

Abstained: Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Vanessa Lau, Ava Nasiri, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Jeffrey Pea, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach

34. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED ALEX LEE MANN:

“That there be a five-minute recess.”

… No objections

Council recessed from 9:15 to 9:21 pm.

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Oversight Presentation – Veronica Knott and Viet Vu

Veronica Knott:
- As part of the Executive Performance Reports, we looked at complaints about Executives related to the BDS referendum and the KUS referendum. Our review looked at personal incidents not to punish, but with a view to producing recommendations for going forward.
- BDS Report, covering the March 2-25 period and six major concerns:
  1) **Timing of the referendum.** Found no misconduct, but the process could have been made more transparent, given that the timing ended up not being what was requested (with the Executive elections).
  2) **Executive recommendations to Council:**
     - It would be better to make motions instead of recommendations, but there was no wrongdoing.
     - The Executives had personal opinions different from Council’s stance. If the Executive takes a stance, are Executives bound
to vote that way? And if Council directs the Executive? We recommend looking into this.

3) **Working Group:** Should consider whether using this is a good idea if the goal is effectiveness. If so, it should have clear terms of reference and take minutes. More transparency needed.

4) **President to submit daily updates:** Not a big deal.

5) **Communication release:** Confusion over this. It was very clear that the Council position was not going to be emailed. There was no wrongdoing, but use of the term “release” was misleading.

6) **Executive Committee and Council’s concerns:** On March 23 the Executive Committee recognized that Councillors had concerns, but no official action was taken. There should be pro-active official action in such situations, not just side discussions.

- **Recommendations re the BDS Referendum:**
  1) Look at the referendum process and Council stances.
  2) The Elections Committee should publicize the last date a petition can be submitted to have a referendum included with the Executive elections.
  3) Look at the extent to which Executive stances are binding on individual Executives.

**Questions**

- Tanner Bokor: The Executive Committee was aware in Term 1 that this was coming, but the petition did not meet the threshold until it was too late.
- Viet Vu objected, saying a discussion on this point was not relevant.
- The Speaker: This is just a report.

**Viet Vu on the KUS referendum:**

- Concerning Executive involvement in the fee referendum.
- The Make Your Mark campaign was seeking help starting in August.

**Concerns:**

1) Which Executives should deal with Constituencies for fee referendums? There’s an unofficial guide done by Sheldon, but all the Code is not in one place. Would like LPC to look at this.

2) AMS relations with Constituencies: What resources are there for support? Focus on exploring relationships in governance review.

3) Confusion about achieving space agreement/MoU. The VP Academic should produce a report on the steps to follow to reach a space use/financing agreement.

4) AMS stand on recognizing the Make Your Mark (MYM) campaign: There was no official KUS statement supporting MYM. When is it appropriate to delegate responsibility to a group outside the Constituency? Also something to look at in the governance review.
5) Miscommunication about the IT support the AMS can offer. There is no well-defined service level agreement.
6) Don’t want to destroy KUS momentum. We recommend Council ask the VP Academic to support the KUS.
7) Does Council want an investigative team to pursue an investigation?

35. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the agenda be amended to add two motions accepting all but one of the BDS and KUS recommendations, also adding one motion directing that the final recommendation (about conducting an investigation) not be followed.”

- Veronica Knott: The recommendations are not binding, but this would mean the AMS would look at the issues raised.
- Tobias Friedel: If not binding, then why pass them?
- Veronica Knott: We could just make them a submission, then.

36. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED CHRIS ROACH:

“That the agenda be amended only to include the motion on not following the final recommendation (about conducting an investigation).”

... No objections

37. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That the meeting be extended to 11:40 pm.”

... Carried

For (22): Tanner Bokor, Saniel Chand, Colum Connolly, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Bahareh Jokar, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Harry Li, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer), Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Against (4): Rachel Chan, Tobias Friedel, Vanessa Lau, Viet Vu

Abstained: Naman Paul

38. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That Ms. Veronica Knott and Mr. Viet Vu be directed to not follow Recommendation Seven listed in the document and report presented to Council on April 29 titled „Oversight Final KUS referendum Report“.”
Viet Vu: Recommendation 7 was about looking further into the Executive Performance in the KUS campaign.

Aaron Bailey: Why did you bring this recommendation forward?

Veronica Knott: We weren’t done. Our investigation is not complete and we are looking for direction from Council.

Tobias Friedel: Wouldn’t it be better to have a positive motion?

39. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED VIET VU:

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… Carried

For (22): Frederick Wong (proxy for Rachel Chan), Colúm Connolly, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Joshua Galbraith, Marjan Hatai, Anne Kessler, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Man, Harry Li, Naman Paul, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Christopher Roach, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Abstained: Tanner Bokor, Tobias Friedel, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Aaron Bailey (proxy for Andrea Palmer)

40. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, THRIDED ALEX LEE MANN:

“That Council move in camera.”

Council went in camera at 10 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 10:12 pm.

41. MOVED COLÚM CONNOLLY, SEONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the agenda be amended to add a 30 minute discussion on the KUS referendum.”

… No objections

S) Discussion Period

KUS referendum discussion

• Colúm Connolly raised issues concerning the KUS referendum:
  o Voters were not the ones who would pay the fee; they were voting to commit later students.
The question changed six days before the vote, and it was done by the KUS Executive, not the full KUS Council.

- **Jason Quach:**
  - As to the first point, the thinking was that students should not pay for a building they’re not using. Students will pay only once the building is ready.
  - As to the second, our Exec team is our Council.

- **Chris Roach:** How informed were the students? Some have questioned how informed they were, but is that a question we ask ourselves in AMS votes?

- **Anne Kessler:**
  - My concern is that the Make Your Mark campaign was running the voting booth. In other words, the Yes campaign was at the booth. In AMS elections, the sides have to keep away from the booth.
  - I am also concerned about all the conditions on the ballot.

- **Jenna Omassi:**
  - I disagree on the voting booth concern. If the AMS takes a stance, it still runs the voting booths and chooses the Elections Team.
  - I do share the concern about all the promises in the question: could they be captured in an MoU?
  - And I have a general concern: I don’t see how the AMS can say that 40% of Kin students (referring to the number of Kin students who voted yes in the referendum) should be ignored. If they weren’t informed, that was up to them. There’s a problem with Council saying it can say Yea or Nay to student decisions.

- **Veronica Knott:**
  - The voting booth was approved by the AMS Elections Administrator. It’s weird to overrule that.
  - It seems to me that if the conditions in the question aren’t met, then the question is void. It’s not cheating the students out of their money.
  - The EUS has had external groups run our referendums. It would be inconsistent to object in this case.
  - There’s a lack of clarity in the AMS Code over which Executive is responsible. The AMS should fix that. We should not be overriding a vote by the students.

- **Jason Quach:**
  - Re the voting booth: there was no Yes or No side. They asked Make Your Mark to answer questions.
  - Re the MoU: I want feedback on this. We want to get the best bang for our buck.

- **Tanner Bokor:**
  - When you are a Director, your responsibility is to the AMS. You have to see how something will impact the AMS and all students.
Traditionally, the AMS has not thrown out referendum decisions. Our job has been to look at procedures. If there are questions about those, then we address them.

There are some questions about process. There’s still a lot of information missing.

As to the project itself, there’s concern about how the Faculty built its relationship with the KUS. The biggest red flag concerned the influence the University had on this project. The funding is going to the Faculty. The beneficiary is involved in the process; it seems wrong.

- Tobias Friedel: Just because a Constituency makes a decision doesn’t mean the AMS has to accept that decision. It’s the right of this board to make decisions in the best interests of the AMS.

- Viet Vu:
  - This is similar to creating VSEUS.
  - Council had unanswered questions. A lot of processes changed.
  - Kin students are AMS members, and 40% of them voted in favour.

- Neal Yonson:
  - This is not a dedicated student space but an academic building for the Faculty.
  - This is a backdoor tuition increase; it’s paying to access the place you learn in.
  - Student fees should be for student services.
  - It’s not clear the KUS code and constitution were followed. It would be interesting to hear how the question was approved.
  - The voting booth and Make Your Mark: it’s true that in AMS elections, the AMS puts up the booth, but candidates can’t be there. Having the Yes side at the table wouldn’t fly in the AMS.
  - Does the Minister of Advanced Education consider this tuition?

- Ava Nasiri:
  - Recently we had an opportunity to meet some AMS Executives from the 1960’s and 70’s. In the past we had control over more facilities.
  - It’s a good idea to postpone this to October.
  - It would be a good idea to have updates to keep Council in the loop.
  - Are we aiming to void the referendum?

- Veronica Knott:
  - The Faculty is not directly taking the money.
  - The building will not just be academic. They are getting specific space. They’re not paying for classrooms.
  - It may not be the best they can do, but it’s about student space access.
  - Only one vote was cast at the voting booth.
T) Submissions:

- SALA Attendance memo [SCD606-15]
- LPC March 2015 report [SCD607-15]
- VP Admin Ternary Report [SCD608-15]
- Fixed Asset Assessment [SCD609-15]
- Equity office support letter [SCD610-15]

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: May 13, 2015  Summer Term Committee Appointments

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

W) Social Activity:
# April 29, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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Vote Records

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V4: M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council
V5: Inclusion Office Proposal
V6: Motion to amend the agenda (to strike)
V7: motion to strike)
V8: BE IT # until the last council meeting of October 2015
V9: BE IT R Michael H 2015
V10: Motion 9 Omnibus Hiring Comm. Job Descriptions motion
V11: BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the "Equity Commissioner" job description as presented
V12: BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the "Community Engagement and Philanthropy Coordinator" job description as presented
V13: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled "Code Changes 2015: Oversight" and thus amend the Code as recommended
V14: BIRT with a term 2016
V15: BIRT with a term 2016
V16: EXTEND TO 11:40
V17: Be It Resolved that Ms. Veronica Knott and Mr. Viet Vu be directed to not follow recommendation seven listed in the document and report presented to council on April 29 titled "Oversight Final KUS referendum Report"
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Hannah Xiao (student), Chris Hui (student), Zhenni Jiang (student), Bree (Jie) Zhang (student), Almas Khan (student), Nicholas Fielden (student), Dario Garousian (student), Jon Parnell (student), Fareeha Salahuddin (student), Dan Zhao (student), María de Fátima Lazo (student), Keni Ng (student), Kyle Johnson (student), Sindhu Jawed (student), Hussam Zbeeb (LFSUS), Enoch Weng (SFSS President), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Keith Hester (AMS Finance), Pierre Cenerelli (AMS Gov’t Relations), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Jael Lumba (AMS), Daniel Munro (AMS AVP Academic), Kathleen Simpson (AMS External Office), Janis Vetsch (AMS), Tracey Gaydosh (AMS), Steven Ponnoosamy (AMS), Dave Nixon (Ubyssey), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm.

1. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED KATE FISHER:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”
   … No objections

2. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:
   “That the agenda be amended to add an EUS referendum motion.”
   … No objections

3. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED VIET VU:
   “That the agenda be amended to add an appointment to the ABCS.”
   … No objections

4. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED SARAH FERNANDO:
   “That the agenda be amended to add SAC and New SUB appointments.”
   … No objections

5. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VIET VU:
   “That the agenda be amended to add a Consultation Period on Nest refinancing.”
   … No objections

6. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:
   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion on paying for six Executive iPads.”
   … No objections
7. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED KATE FISHER:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (32): Jamiu Abdsalami, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Quartermain Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Veronica Knott (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Against: Tobias Friedel

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

Welcome to our new Members:


Good-byes:

Scott Pidzarko took over from Alan Ehrenholz as Alan’s proxy.

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

- The Speaker said that under the Bylaws the incoming student reps on the University’s Board of Governors take their seats on AMS Council only after they have attended a meeting of the Board or one of its committees as a voting member, and that hasn’t happened yet. However, it would be reasonable to name the incoming BoG reps to AMS Committees, effective as of the date they become AMS Council members.
- Jude Crasta: Doesn’t the University Act trump the AMS Bylaws?
- The Speaker: Not for establishing when they sit on AMS Council.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

Ombuds Annual Report – Camelia Toghani-Rizi (Ombudsperson) [SCD001-16]

- Ombuds values include independence, neutrality, confidentiality, and informality.
- January through March were busy months.
- The BDS referendum was controversial.
- It’s a stressful job, and there are communications issues: sometimes various people at the AMS make contradictory statements.
- But it’s good to help people.
• Major cases:
  o Student Court: Is there one? How does one bring a case to it? Perhaps this can be dealt with in the governance review.
  o BDS: Neutrality issue confused some people. It’s not like being Switzerland. The Ombuds office is objective, but does have to come to a resolution based on the governing documents of the Society.
  o Student fees: Issue of senior citizens who don’t pay AMS fees and don’t get some of our services (e.g., Health and Dental). Code says if they want those services they have to opt in to all AMS fees. They can then opt out of some fees, but it’s difficult to do, which is understandable: the AMS depends on its fees. But I’d recommend better communication and a better process.

8. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

… No objections

Back to the Presentation from the Ombudsperson:
• Major cases (continued):
  o Constituency relations: Misunderstandings between Constituencies and constituents.
  o Fee referendums: Tricky, and not much in Code.
    ▪ VSEUS: long process.
    ▪ KUS is the major one now. Misunderstandings around the Make Your Mark campaign. Online attack on them.
• Not sure when the new Ombudsperson will be starting.

Questions
• Viet Vu: How many cases are there for the new Ombudsperson?
• Camelia Toghiani-Rizi: A good handful.
• Tobias Friedel: Do you know how incredibly thankful we are?
• Aaron Bailey: How can people contact the Ombudsperson?
• Camelia Toghiani-Rizi: Difficult because of transition. I’ll be here till Friday.

Oversight – Veronica Knott

[SCD002-16]

9. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED TOBIA FRIEDEL, THIRDED FREDERICK WONG:

“That Council go in camera.”

Council went in camera at 7:02 pm.

Council came out of camera at 7:25 pm.
P) Committee Motions:

10. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED VIET VU:

From the Oversight Committee
“That Council spend the surplus left after PAI allocation to cover the unapproved expense of six Executive iPads.”

- Veronica Knott: The purchase of the six iPads was not budgeted for. Meanwhile there’s a surplus in the PAI allocation budget because Tanner has stated that he’s not accepting his PAI money. That will cover the amount.
- Tobias Friedel: Better to move it to a different budget line.
- Viet Vu: Can this not come from the Capital Projects Fund?
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: The fund is for software. This is hardware.

11. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the expenditure be reallocated.”

- Mateusz Miadlikowski: This is out of order. There needs to be a budget process.
- The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

12. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the expenditure be reallocated.”

... Out of order

13. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That Council spend the surplus left after PAI allocation to cover the unapproved expense of six Executive iPads.”

14. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

“That the motion be referred to the Executive Committee.”

- Frederick Wong: Does it matter if it’s this year or last?
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: With PAI, yes. With CPAC [CPF], no; it’s a fund.
- Veronica Knott: We can’t buy or return the iPads.
- Tobias Friedel: This is not about approval. It’s just to allocate the expenditure to the right line to keep the books clean.
- Benjamin Israel: Is there a budget report saying whose PAI is what?
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: Yes.
- Sarah Fernando: Why is this coming from Oversight and not Finance? Is this in the purview of Oversight?
- Veronica Knott: Because the Executive made the purchase without authority.
- Sarah Fernando: Does Mat support this?
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: Yes.
- Rachel Chan: Where did the money come from?
Mateusz Miadlikowski: The AMS has many departments. One is IT. Someone orders something from IT. There’s an expense that’s sitting in the general account. We’ve overspent according to the budget. It’s our expense; we need to take it on.

Ibraheem Dakilah: What are the consequences if it comes out of the PAI line instead of the equipment line?

Tobias Friedel: If it looks like we paid full PAI, then it looks like that person got high marks.

15. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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Abstained: Veronica Knott (proxy for Sareena Mohammad)

16. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

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Against (8): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Quartermain Lim, Veronica Knott (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ian Sapollnik, Viet Vu

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For (15): Ayman Azim, Veronika Bylicki, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Serena Ng, Naman Paul, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Samantha So

Against (8): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Quartermain Lim, Veronica Knott (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ian Sapollnik, Viet Vu

Abstained: Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Harry Li, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Adrian Talingdan

… Referred to the Executive Committee
Nest Update (5 minutes) – Ava Nasiri (VP Admin) [SCD003-16]

- (Shows photos of the new building.)
- It will not be complete when we open; we’re prioritizing public spaces. The Pit, the Perch, and the Council Chambers will open later; they’re heavy on millwork.
- We had planned to move this weekend, but that didn’t work out for a number of reasons. Potentially, the move will now happen May 25 or 26. Air quality testing will be going on first.
- The extra finances for recreational purposes ($50,000) will go to purchase pieces for the pocket lounges to animate them, make them feel like living rooms. We already own a pool table and a bubble hockey game, also foosball tables, shuffleboard, and arcade games: we’ll be creating a retro vibe like in the Old SUB.
- There’s also a baby grand piano, an upright piano, and a silent piano.
- The total cost is actually $33,000, but there will be expenses for shipping and installation.
- Engagement: We’re looking to create teams of SUB Ambassadors to conduct tours.

Questions
- Jude Crasta: Will there be beanbag chairs?
- Ava Nasiri: We’re looking at that.
- Daniel Lam: When will Council Chambers open?
- Ava Nasiri: The Pit and Perch come first, before Council Chambers and the child-minding centre, because of traffic.

F) Consultation Period
- Aaron Bailey: Our new Consultation Period will be useful for things for which we don’t need an immediate decision. It will be your first look at a topic; then there will be offline consultation sessions; then back to Council for a decision. We’re trying to make decision-making more efficient.

Nest Refinancing – Ava Nasiri and Keith Hester [SCD003A-16]

Ava Nasiri:
- Our loan with UBC for the Nest is not the worst, but not the best.
- Keith Hester (the Director of Finance) has been looking at taking out an external loan.
- UBC has lent us $68.3 million at 5.75% fixed interest; we’re allowed to pay the whole thing off without penalty. There’s no interest rate risk. UBC assumes the debt if we default, and likely we’d get to keep the building.
- We’re paying $25-40 million extra because of the high interest rate. We’ve gone to five banks to see if they could give us a better rate.

Keith Hester:
- Went to the following:
  - BMO, our existing bank
  - TD (has an ATM with us)
  - Vancity (we deal with them)
  - Scotiabank (they’re doing something similar at SFU)
  - RBC (because they’re RBC)
• BMO offered 4.8% over 25 years (and only 25 years). They also wanted a $50,000 fee up front.
• TD was not interested.
• Vancity couldn’t go beyond $45 million.

18. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That the time for the presentation part of this consultation be extended by 10 minutes.”

…No objections

Nest Refinancing continued:
Keith Hester:
• Nova Scotia:
  o They offered two loans: $69 million for the new building and a further $5 million for renovation of the Old SUB.
  o Interest rate: 3.62%, a substantial saving.
  o Fixed rate with lots of flexibility.
  o A 25-year term.
  o No fees.
  o The saving would be $64 million.
  o They would want us to register the lease.
  o They can loan only on 5-year terms, so could walk away after five years, but that would probably only happen if we seriously defaulted.
  o If we go with them for this, we’d want to go with them for everything: one issue is whether they can handle that.

• RBC:
  o Same two loans at 3.85%.
  o They’re also working with SFU.
  o Larger than Scotia; they could help with our other banking.
  o There’s a $15,000 fee and then $86,000.
  o Require us to register lease, costing $2.2 million.
  o Three-year terms; so they could walk away, though that’s unlikely.

• With RBC, save $54 million. With Scotia, save $64 million. With UBC, we’ll be paying a huge amount: $95 million.
• With a new loan, there would be future savings over 25 years, meaning that future students won’t have to pay as much.
• This would mean borrowing more than planned, but with a reduced interest rate. Can offer to pay more quickly.

Ava Nasiri:
• Interest rates are going up. The longer we wait, the less we save.
• We’ll hold a consultation session to go into details.
• Still exploratory.
• Have to chat to the Board of Governors.

Questions
• Benj Israel: Why would we be likely to switch all our banking to the bank making us the loan? What are the products Scotia can’t offer?
• Keith Hester: BMO are our longtime bankers. I’m less than enamoured with their dealings with us, so would want to move all our banking.
• Tobias Friedel: The $45 million from Vancity: would we look at that to partially pay off UBC?
• Keith Hester: They suggested looking for a partner.
• Frederick Wong: Do you have a recommendation?
• Keith Hester: I have a personal recommendation, but don’t want to influence you.
• Ava Nasiri: We’re going to have an official consultation session.
• Angela Tien: Why register the lease?
• Keith Hester: For the bank, it makes the lease more secure. There’s no upside for us, and a potential downside: it lays us open to future taxes.
• Ayman Azim: Are there conditions with Scotia?
• Keith Hester: No, they’re very flexible; only a few conditions.
• Ibraheem Dakilah: If the bank wants out (after a term), what then?
• Keith Hester: They might try to charge us extra interest. We could find another bank to go to, or go back to the University.
• Aaron Bailey: We have a secured student fee. Our risk is unlikely to change. It’s not a very risky endeavour for a bank.

G) Appointments

19. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That Council suspend Code Section V, Article 2(6)(c) requiring that advertisements for positions for Students At Large on AMS Committees be posted at least 14 days in advance of the appointment meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Aaron Bailey: I just took office May 1, so there haven’t been 14 days with me in charge. This is a transition year for the Executive; it’s the first time for a May transition. Ideally, this problem won’t happen again.
• Tobias Friedel: I’m not a big fan of Code suspensions.
• Viet Vu: A lot of people have been waiting for two and a half hours already to try to get a position on a committee. Voting no would mean they’ve been wasting their time.

For (29): Jamiu Abdsalami, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Scott Pidzarko (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Quartermain Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Veronica Knott (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Jenna Omassi, Naman Paul, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Against (1): Tobias Friedel

Abstained: Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel

Alan Ehrenholz resumed his seat.
Appointments of Students At Large

Education Committee (3 positions):
Nominees: Bree Zhang, Hannah Xiao, Kathy Kyungeun Lee, Kyle Johnson, Soohyun Kim, Soham Parelkar
Chosen: Bree Zhang, Hannah Xiao, Soham Parelkar

LPC (3 positions):
Nominees: Mark Bancroft, Delaney Griffiths, Ibraheem Dakilah, Alina Zhang
Chosen: Mark Bancroft, Delaney Griffiths, Ibraheem Dakilah

Hiring (2 positions):
Nominees: Alina Zhang, Kathy K. Lee

SLCC (3 positions):
Nominees: Dan Zhao, Fareeha Salahuddin, Keni Ng, Dan Zhae, Shrish Srivastava, Soohyun Kim, Alex Remtulla (chosen but then declared ineligible because he is the Executive Projects Assistant)
Chosen: Dan Zhao, Fareeha Salahuddin, Keni Ng

Unecorn (3 positions):
Nominees: Dario Franco Garousian, Jon Parnell, María de Fátima Lazo, Gregory Woolgar, Hussam Zbeeb, Evan Gibbard, Abdullah AbdulSattar, Nicholas Fielden
Chosen: Dario Franco Garousian, Jon Parnell, María de Fátima Lazo

Budget (3 positions):
Nominees: Christopher Hui, Rukhsar Momin, Kevin Doering, Kyle Johnson
Chosen: Christopher Hui, Rukhsar Momin, Kevin Doering

20. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED SARAH FERNANDO:

"Be it resolved that Code Section II, Article 16(2) and 16(3) be suspended to allow Mateusz Miadlikowski to serve on the CiTR Board of Directors.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Legislative Procedures Committee to review this section of Code."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sheldon Goldfarb: Our rule is that only Canadian citizens can serve on the CiTR Board. This was following the CiTR rule, which we thought was a CRTC requirement. However, it turns out that the CRTC merely requires that 80% of the members of a radio station’s board be Canadians, and CiTR has adjusted its rules to comply with that, which means Mateusz would be eligible under the rules of the CRTC and the CiTR; it’s only our Code rule that prevents it.
- Cassandra Cummings: Is there room on their board for him?
- Sheldon Goldfarb: They want Mateusz to be on their board.
- Benjamin Israel: Can we name another non-Canadian or will that exceed the 20%?"
Sheldon Goldfarb: We don’t know. We would have to check with CiTR. Meanwhile if this passes, Mateusz as the VP Finance will automatically be on their board.

21. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED SARAH FERNANDO:

“Be it resolved that Code Section II, Article 16(2) and 16(3) be suspended to allow Mateusz Miadlikowski to serve on the CiTR Board of Directors.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Legislative Procedures Committee to review this section of Code.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (29): Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Sarah Fernando, Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Naman Paul, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Abstained: Jamiu Abdsalami, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Viet Vu

More Appointments

Impacts Grant Committee (1 at large position, 1 alumni position):

At Large Nominee: Sindhu Jawed
Alumni:

Tobias Friedel: Since Code says the Alumni position is supposed to be filled on the recommendation of our University & Government Relations Advisor (UGRA), why not ask him to contact the Alumni Association?

Pierre Cenerelli (UGRA): I tried that before without much success.

Cassandra Cummings: Has this been advertised?

Pierre Cenerelli: No, that’s not required in Code, and our advertising doesn’t reach alumni well. But it could be useful to reach out to the alumni.

Brewery Committee (3 at large positions):

Nominee: Yiqi (Mitchie) Zhao

22. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That the meeting be extended until 12:15 am.”

… No objections

Sarah Fernando left and Saarah Ghazi began proxying for her.
More Appointments

Sustainability Projects Committee (2 at large positions):
Nominees: Zhenni Jiang, Almas Khan, Julian Yeo, Kyle Johnson, Soohyun Kim, Sarina Chen, Peter Siegler, Abdullah AbdulSattar
Chosen: Zhenni Jiang, Almas Khan

23. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the appointment of members at large to SAC be postponed to the next meeting.”

- Ava Nasiri: The positions weren’t advertised, and no one has applied.

24. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the appointment of members at large to SAC be postponed to the next meeting.”

… No objections

Councillor Appointments

Education Committee (6 positions):
Nominees: Samantha So (Science), Angela Tien (Arts), Sareena Mohammad (Engineering), Kate Fisher (VST), Ayman Azim (Forestry), Jamiu Abdsalami (Engineering)

Legislative Procedures Committee (6 positions):
Nominees: Angela Tien (Arts), Veronica Knott (BoG), Samantha So (Science), Jeffrey Pea (Science), Benjamin Israel (Law), Quartermain Lim (Arts)

Hiring Committee (3 positions):
Nominees: Naman Paul (GSS), Adrian Talingdan (Arts), Liam Reeve (Arts)

Student Life & Communications (6 positions):
Nominees: Samantha So (Science), Melissa Lachica (Science), Gurvir Sangha (Senate), Alan Ehrenholz (Engineering), Alex Lee Mann (Engineering), Justin Tsang (Kinesiology), Rachel Chan (Commerce)
Chosen: Samantha So, Melissa Lachica, Gurvir Sangha, Alan Ehrenholz, Alex Lee Mann, Justin Tsang

Unecorn (6 positions):
Nominees: Liam Reeve (Arts), Daniel Lam (Science), Angela Tien (Arts), Cassandra Cummings (Planning), Ian Sapollnik (Arts), Robin Asgari (Arts), Jamiu Abdsalami (Engineering), Rajeev Bagga (Commerce)
Chosen: Liam Reeve, Angela Tien, Cassandra Cummings, Ian Sapollnik, Robin Asgari, Jamiu Abdsalami

Budget Committee (4 positions):
Nominees: Liam Reeve (Arts), Ian Sapollnik (Arts), Tobias Friedel (GSS), Alan Ehrenholz (Engineering)
25. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That Samantha So, Angela Tien, Sareena Mohammad, Kate Fisher, Ayman Azim, and Jamiu Abdsalami (6 x Councillors) and Bree Zhang, Hannah Xiao, and Soham Parelkar (3 x students at large) be appointed to the Education Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

“That Angela Tien, Veronica Knott, Samantha So, Jeffrey Pea, Benjamin Israel, and Quartermain Lim (6 x Councillors) and Mark Bancroft, Delaney Griffiths, and Ibraheem Dakilah (3 x students at large) be appointed to the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

“That Naman Paul, Adrian Talingdan and Liam Reeve (3 non-executive Council members) and Alina Zhang and Kathy K. Lee (2 students at large) be appointed to the Hiring Committee for a term beginning immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

“That Samantha So, Melissa Lachica, Gurvir Sangha, Alan Ehrenholz, Alex Lee Mann, and Justin Tsang (6 x Councillors) and Dan Zhao, Fareeha Salahuddin, and Keni Ng (3 x member at large) be appointed to the Student Life & Communications Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

“That Liam Reeve, Angela Tien, Cassandra Cummings, Ian Sapollnik, Robin Asgari, and Jamiu Abdsalami (6 x Councillors) and Dario Franco Garousian, Jon Parnell, and Maria de Fátima Lazo (3 x members at large) be appointed to the University and External Relations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

“That Liam Reeve, Ian Sapollnik, Tobias Friedel, and Alan Ehrenholz (4 x Constituency Representatives) and Christopher Hui, Rukhsar Momin, and Kevin Doering (3 x members at large) be appointed to the Budget Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

... Carried

For (26): Jamiu Abdsalami, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Veronika Bylicki (proxy for Tiffany Dinh), Saarah Ghazi (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Veronica Knott (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Vyass Saran, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Alan Ehrenholz, Tobias Friedel, Liam Reeve, Ian Sapollnik

26. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

“That Veronica Knott’s starting date on the Legislative Procedures Committee be set at June 2.”
Chair Appointments

Education Committee:
Nominees: Kate Fisher (VST), Samantha So (Science)
Chosen: Samantha So

Unecorn:
Nominees: Robin Asgari (Arts), Jamiu Abdsalami (Engineering)
Chosen: Robin Asgari

LPC:
Nominee: Benjamin Israel (Law)

SLCC:
Nominees: Alan Ehrenholz (Engineering), Gurvir Sangha (Senate)
Chosen: Alan Ehrenholz

Budget:
Nominee: Liam Reeve (Arts)

Hiring:
Nominee: Adrian Talingdan (Arts)

27. MOVED FREDERICK WONG, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That Samantha So (non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Education Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

“That Robin Asgari (non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the University and External Relations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

“That Benjamin Israel (non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

“That Alan Ehrenholz (non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Student Life & Communications Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

“That Liam Reeve (Constituency representative on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Budget Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

“That Adrian Talingdan (Executive or non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Hiring Committee for a term effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

... Carried
For (29): Jamiu Abdsalami, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Veronika Bylicki (proxy for Tiffany Dinh), Alan Ehrenholz, Saarah Ghazi (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Veronica Knott (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Vyas Saran, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Liam Reeve, Adrian Talingdan

Further Appointments

Oversight Committee (2 Councillors):
Nominees: Viet Vu (Economics), Quartermain Lim (Arts), Ian Sapollnik (Arts)
Chosen: Viet Vu, Ian Sapollnik

28. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED ROBIN ASGARI:

“That Viet Vu and Ian Sapollnik (2 x non-Executive Council members) be appointed to the Oversight Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 2016."

Note: The chairs of the four standing committees also sit on this committee.

For (21): Jamiu Abdsalami, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Cassandra Cummings, Veronika Bylicki (proxy for Tiffany Dinh), Alan Ehrenholz, Saarah Ghazi (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Serena Ng, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Vyas Saran, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang

Against (1): Tobias Friedel

Abstained: Jude Crasta, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Ian Sapollnik, Viet Vu

29. MOVED CASSANDRA CUMMINGS, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That Council appoint Viet Vu as the Chair of the Oversight Committee effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016."

For (18): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Cassandra Cummings, Veronika Bylicki (proxy for Tiffany Dinh), Alan Ehrenholz, Saarah Ghazi (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Vyas Saran, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien
Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Tobias Friedel, Ava Nasiri, Liam Reeve, Viet Vu

CiTR Appointments
Nominees: Samantha So (Science), Alexandra Lee Mann (Arts), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (Arts)
Chosen: Alexandra Lee Mann

30. MOVED JUSTIN TSANG , SECONDED IBRAHEEM DAKILAH:

“That Alexandra Lee Mann (1 x Councillor or member at large for a one year term) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors for a term effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

... Carried

For (23): Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Veronika Bylicki (proxy for Tiffany Dinh), Alan Ehrenholz, Saarah Ghazi (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Vyas Saran, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Jamiu Abdsalami, Alexandra Lee Mann

Further Appointments

Aquatic Centre (2 Councillors):
Nominees: Tommy Reid (Science), Veronica Knott (BoG, as of June 2)

SLFS (1 Councillor):
Nominee: Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (Arts)

Impacts Grant (1 Councillor):
Nominees: Kate Fisher (VST), Quartermain Lim (Arts)
Chosen: Quartermain Lim

Brewery Committee (3 Councillors):
Nominees: Daniel Lam (Science), Samantha So (Science), Tommy Reid (Science)

Sustainability Projects Committee (2 Councillors):
Nominees: Daniel Lam (Science), Cassandra Cummings (Planning)

Sustainability Projects Committee (2 from UBC):
Nominees: Kshamta Hunter and Liska Richer

AMS/GSS Health and Dental Committee (1 Councillor):
Nominee: Viet Vu (Economics)

UBC Ombudsperson Committee (1 Councillor, 1 Executive):
Nominees: Veronica Knott (BoG, as Councillor), Jenna Omassi (as Executive)
31. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED AYMAN AZIM:

“That Council appoint Tommy Reid (Councillor) to the AMS/UBC Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

“That Council appoint Veronica Knott (Councillor) to the AMS/UBC Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a term commencing June 2 and ending April 30, 2016.”

Note: The VP Administration sits on this committee

“That Council appoint Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

“That Council appoint Quartermain Lim (1 x Councillor) and Sindhu Jawed (1 x member at large) to the Impacts Grant Committee for a term effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 2016.”

“That Daniel Lam, Samantha So, and Tommy Reid (3 x Councillors) and Yiqi (Mitchie) Zhao (3 x members at large) be appointed to the Brewery Committee for a one-year term effective immediately.”

“That Daniel Lam and Cassandra Cummings (2 x Council members) and Kshamta Hunter and Liska Richer (2 x members of the University Sustainability Initiative) and Zhenni Jiang and Almas Khan (2 x Students at Large) be appointed to the Sustainability Projects Committee for a term effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Council appoint Viet Vu (Councillor) to represent the AMS on the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

Note: The President & VP Finance also sit on this committee.

“That Council appoint Veronica Knott (1 x Council Member) to represent the AMS on the University Ombudsperson Committee for a term effective June 2 and ending at a Council meeting in April 2016.”

“That Council appoint Jenna Omassi (1 x AMS executive) to represent the AMS on the University Ombudsperson Committee for a term effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 2016.”

... Carried

For (25): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Veronika Bylicki (proxy for Tiffany Dinh), Alan Ehrenholz, Saarah Ghazi (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy...
Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Vyas Saran, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Tobias Friedel

32. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion invoking the Late Night Travel rule.”

… No objections

33. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED HARRY LI:

“That AMS Council invoke the Late Night Travel rule.”

… No objections

34. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED ADRIAN TALINGDAN:

“That the Samantha So and Alex Lee Mann (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the Student Administrative Commission for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

… No objections

35. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That Council appoint the following individuals to SAC for a term beginning May 30, 2015 and ending May 29, 2016:

- Carol Dou
- SAC Clubs Administrator: Kevin Doering
- SAC Art Gallery Commissioner: Gillian Anselmo.”

… Carried unanimously

For (25): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Saarah Ghazi (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Harry Li, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Veronica Knott (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Serena Ng, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Vyas Saran, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Viet Vu

36. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That Mateusz Miadlikowski and Adrian Talingdan (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the New SUB Committee effective immediately until the last Council meeting in August.”

… No objections

ABCS Appointments

Delegate (1 position):
Nominees: Robin Asgari (Arts), Tobias Friedel (GSS)
Chosen: Robin Asgari
Alternate (1 position):
Nominee: Ian Sapollnik (Arts)

37. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That the meeting be extended until 1 am.”

… No objections

38. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That Robin Asgari be appointed as AMS delegate to the Alliance of BC Students board for a term in accordance with the ABCS Bylaws.”

“That Ian Sapollnik be appointed as the AMS alternate delegate to the Alliance of BC Students board for a term in accordance with the ABCS Bylaws.”

… No objections

39. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That all other business on the agenda be struck except for the EUS motion.”

… No objections

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

40. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

From the Engineering Undergraduate Society
“Whereas The Engineering Undergraduate Society ran two successful referendum questions in their last general election; and

Whereas the Engineering Undergraduate Society needs the Alma Mater Society VP Finance to send the successful referendum questions to the UBC Board of Governors for approval; and

Whereas the referendum questions passed were:

1) Do you support the 5 year continuation of the $2 opt-outable Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) fee that goes to support the UBC Engineers Without Borders (EWB) chapter?

(which passed with 656 votes for, 192 against, and 125 abstentions); and

2) Do you authorize the UBC Engineering Undergraduate Society to index the core student levy to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as determined by Statistics Canada, using core fee of $40 as the base year for calculation, in order to account for annual inflation?

(which passed with 575 votes for, 162 against, and 236 abstentions),
Be it resolved that the AMS VP Finance send the successful EUS referendum questions to the Board of Governors.”

... Carried

For (21): Jamiu Abdsalami, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Cassandra Cummings, Tiffany Dinh, Alan Ehrenholz, Saarah Ghazi (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Melissa Lachica, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Veronica Knott (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Vyas Saran, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Jenna Omassi

T) Submissions:

UBC Equity Audit & Recommendations [SCD007-16]

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: June 3, 2015

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:16 am.

S) Social Activity:
## May 13, 2015 Attendance

The AMS of UBC Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Tiffany Dinh (Land & Food Systems), Pierre Cenerelli (AMS Government Relations), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Keith Hester (AMS Director of Finance), Ron Gorodetsky (AMS Student Services Manager), Moira Warburton (Ubyssey), Daniel Munro (AVP Academic), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

1. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:
   “That VP Finance job description motions be added to the agenda.”
   ...Carried

   For (25): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

   Against (1): Tobias Friedel

3. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:
   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”
   ... Carried unanimously

   For (29): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:
Welcome to our new Members: Anujit Chakraborty (GSS), Daud Akhtar (Medicine), Peter Kent (Nursing)


Good-byes: Harry Li (GSS), Steven Pi (Medicine)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on unceded Musqueam territory, a traditional place of learning.

The Speaker said he would refrain from reading Code out since it is online and Councillors can consult it on their laptops.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Presentations to Council & Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

Acronym Song – Sheldon Goldfarb

- By popular demand, the Clerk of Council reprised his acronym song (chanting AMS-related acronyms) and his fairy tale about the Unicorn/Unecorn.

Nest Update – Ava Nasiri

- We are now in the new building!
- Housewarming party planned for June 18.
- The move went well. We didn't lose any people. One box was temporarily lost, but then found.
- Clubs, CITR, etc. will move later this month. The Council Chambers will come later. Hoping to have our first meeting there in August.
- On June 18 (for the housewarming) the Pit may or may not have a liquor licence.
- The Nest within the Nest should be ready by July 18.
- We’re hoping for the Perch for the end of July.
- The Child Minding Centre depends on UBC Student Housing.
- The elevators did not pass inspection (there were issues with the glass), so for the moment you’ll have to take the stairs. You can consider this a Beyoncé Workout Initiative.
- Total cost to date: $108,295,757.
- Doors are already open. Besides the housewarming on June 18, there will be a big celebration in September.
- Fun things for the Nest: foosball table, shuffleboard, piano.

Questions

- Tobias Friedel asked about the noise that might result from having the child-minding area above offices. Will there be soundproofing?
- Ava Nasiri: Technically, it will be over the Great Hall.
• Daniel Lam: I realize that the Perch is intended to be fine dining, but will there be discounts for students?
• Ava Nasiri: Not as far as I’m aware, but prices in general will be student friendly.
• Daniel Lam: What is in the finned room?
• Ava Nasiri: That’s the Nest in the Nest, a black box performance space for poetry readings, slams, small play performances.
• Viet Vu: Someone said, Slide. I know there’s no slide, but how will we know what is in the Nest?
• Ava Nasiri: We’re preparing a pamphlet and will put something online, providing a clear map of each floor, explaining pocket lounges, etc. There will be a big information sign. Also Nest ambassadors.
• Marjan Hatai asked about the climbing wall and safety.
• Ava Nasiri: The VOC (Varsity Outdoor Club) is running it. They have a 27-page safety manual and insurance. If you want to climb, you go through the VOC.
• Alexandra Lee Mann asked about the interactive sustainability tree.
• Ava Nasiri: The tree is on the way. It will be near Flipside.
• Tobias Friedel: Do you have to be a member of VOC to use the climbing wall?
• Ava Nasiri: I’m not super clear on that.

F) Consultation Period

Executive Project Proposal: Council Cohesion – Jude Crasta & Aaron Bailey

Aaron Bailey:
• Several projects have emerged from the Executive retreat.
• We’re looking to a collaborative approach to goal-setting.
• We will present high level introductions to these. You’ll be able to dive in now before we come with more detailed proposals.

Jude Crasta:
• This Council represents 51,000 students.
• A cohesive council can better advocate for students and drive projects more effectively.

Aaron Bailey:
• Target outcomes:
  ○ Maximum of four hours for a Council meeting.
    ▪ Achievable by doing more work in committee, so can spend less time here.
  ○ Better support for Constituencies.
  ○ Clear project consultation (like this) to get more input from Councillors.
• Online reporting to Council instead of oral.
• Increased Councillor visibility.

Jude Crasta:
• Meeting efficiency.
• Council empowerment.
• Student at large engagement.
4. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the time for the presentation part of the consultation be extended by five minutes.”

… No objections

Aaron Bailey:
- Committing to software and hardware for Council.
- Making documents accessible online.
- New staff position: the AMS Secretariat. They will coordinate committees and provide briefings.
- Working with LPC about the Agenda Committee.

Jude Crasta:
- Council consultation procedure:
  - High level at Council.
  - Then committee or working group: Councillors to attend. Main consultation then.
  - Then back to Council for approval with a short discussion.

Aaron Bailey:
- Executives and Committee Chairs will make themselves available for discussions outside Council and not waste time around the circle (in Council Chambers).
- Council empowerment:
  - Mentorship.
  - Handbook overhaul.
  - Incentive programs.
  - Vlogs.

Jude Crasta:
- At Large engagement: looking to you to suggest effective methods.

Discussion:
- Tobias Friedel: Online reports may seem like a good idea, but they go counter to empowering Constituencies. The Constituency Reports section of the meeting is a good time to hear from other Constituencies.
- Benjamin Israel: I like the idea of setting a four-hour maximum for Council meetings, but it might mean Council is crippled if we can’t extend time. It might be necessary to have more time at a meeting.
- Aaron Bailey: The intent is not to remove the power to extend time, but to try and aim for meetings to end within four hours.
- Julie Van der Valk: There are a lot of undefined words in the Cohesion document: some buzz words I’d like to see unpacked.

Executive Project Proposal: University Relations – Jenna Omassi [SCD010-16]
- Problematic consultation processes last year for the University’s sports review, their review of orientations, and the increases in international tuition and housing fees.
- Looking to achieve effective and strategic representation of students.
• Looking for open and clear communication channels; we don't want a situation in which no one is clear about what is going on.
• We want to partner with the GSS and the undergraduate societies, support the RHA, etc.

5. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That the time for the presentation portion of the consultation be extended by five minutes.”

… No objections

Jenna Omassi (continuing):
• We want to be supporting University initiatives. We're here to work together.
  We want to support the amazing things the University is doing:
  o the changes to Orientations and Equity,
  o athletics and other University events,
  o the new Arts and Culture District.
• Also ensure clear procedures for consultation for UBC and the AMS.
• Want to engage non-elected students.
• Looking to streamline fee processes with UBC.

Questions
• Tobias Friedel: What sort of input do you want?
• Jenna Omassi: Your questions, concerns.
• Tobias Friedel: The idea of supporting University initiatives causes me concern. We want to be supportive, but we need to remain a critical voice for students. It's a fine line.
• Ava Nasiri: This is one of the biggest projects. There are only five Executives; we need your input.
• Daniel Levangie: That fine line is an important issue. We need to figure out how to interact with the University.
• Jenna Omassi: This is the start of the strategy. We need to work together as students to develop our values.

Viet Vu won a $5 gift card for identifying the highlighted word (“expectations”) in the documents circulated to Council.

G) Appointments

H) President's Remarks (5 minutes): 

Aaron Bailey
• Attended Alumni Advisory Council. Took tour of new Alumni Centre; it's a nice building. Talked of encouraging the use of the alumni community as advocates to the province for public funding (the funding is shrinking quicker than we'd like).
• Went to Studentcare conference in Montreal (to do with our Health and Dental Plan). Emphasis was on mental health, study drugs, video conference stations, networking.
• The Nest opened to students.
- Planning Council retreat.
- Executive goal setting.

Questions
- Marjan Hatai: Will the SUO join us at the retreat?
- Aaron Bailey: Yes, we’re meeting at their home (UBCO).
- Tobias Friedel: Will the Executive reports be part of the online reporting?
- Aaron Bailey: That’s up to Council, but it’s my thought as well.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Jude Crasta – VP External
- Compass cards are out now, and there have been no problems so far. Please tap in and out; tapping out is needed for data for negotiations.
- I’ve been appointed Director of Campaigns for the ABCS.
- SUDS is happening August 13-16. It’s free to AMS Councillors, except for accommodation. There will be student associations here from across the country.
- Federal election in October.

Questions
- Kate Fisher: Have you talked to the Affiliates about the Compass card? We’ve already been using it.
- Jude Crasta: Yes, you were Wave 1 distribution. The feedback was: 98% satisfaction. There have been focus groups.
- Alex Lee Mann: Is it just Councillors for SUDS? Not Constituency presidents.
- Jude Crasta: Yes.

VP Administration – Ava Nasiri
- Working on “The Nest Is Now Open” signs.
- Refinancing is still happening.
- SAC:
  - Highlighted club: Tai Chi Club. Newly constituted
  - New Clubs Administrator and Art Gallery Commissioner.
  - New Community Engagement and Philanthropy Coordinator overseeing Shinerama.
  - Looking to create a volunteer club council.
  - Competitive clubs.
- Aquatic Centre.

Questions
- Marjan Hatai: What is the significance of being the highlighted club of the week? Do they get anything?
- Ava Nasiri: They get an unlimited amount of good vibes going their way. We don’t always have a highlighted club, but when we do, they’re highlighted.
- Alexandra Lee Mann: Are they just highlighted to Council, or in social media too?
- Ava Nasiri: On the website we do have that.
• Jenna Omassi: Ava, will we be doing Tai Chi on the knoll?
  Ava Nasiri: I will be there.

**Jenna Omassi – VP Academic**
• CACUSS conference and open textbook summit.
• Grad ceremonies.
• Public housing dialogue.
• First Nations House of Learning grad ceremonies.
• Consultation with UBC re fee increases.
• Exam database.
• Open Educational Resources.
• Accessibility and affordability policies.
• Campus safety.
• Video Surveillance Policy Committee.
• Hiring.

**Questions**
• Tobias Friedel: For the exam database, are you working with departmental organizations?
• Jenna Omassi: This is for an exam preparation database through TLEF funding. It’s not meant to take the place of existing databases. We just want to fill the void for departments that don’t have exam databases.
• Tobias Friedel: There will be an integrated approach?
• Jenna Omassi: Yes.

**VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski**
• The Gallery Lounge has closed, so my productivity is up 50%.
• We’re making clubs and Constituency finances more efficient via online software. Club Management software is to be ready for September.
• OrgSync for Treasurer Management: grant applications etc. will be online. It’s almost done.
• Opt-ins and opt-outs: trying to make a clear form.
• U-Pass: UBCO students eligibility. Working on it.
• Nest financing.
• Restructuring office.
• Hiring.
• Working on MoU with University re Brewery.
• Fincom approved applications.
• Went to the Studentcare conference.
• Closing the fiscal year.

**Questions**
• Daud Akhtar: Will UBCO students be included?
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: We’re looking generally at who is eligible for what. Aiming not to forget anyone who is eligible.

**Daniel Levangie – Executive Director**
• SASC: A pivotal time. Sexual assault and gender-based violence are a focus of the University. This is an important time for us.
Communications: Launched the new brand. PR and promotion for the building. Some media coverage of the Perch and other things in the new building.

UGRA: Supporting the UNA as a goodwill thing.

Services: Hired almost all our staff. Planning phase. Old report on Services on reselling textbooks. Looking into options. There is an app we might use: Foro.

Events: Partnerships.

Archives: Book research done. Writing is ongoing. Looking for photos.

Issue of supporting intoxicated students on campus.

Questions

Marjan Hatai: Is there a resource for intoxicated students, or would we be calling an ambulance?

Daniel Levangie: Safewalk won’t take people who might be belligerent or who can’t give consent. We do call Emergency. We’re hoping to avoid getting students arrested. Want to help party planners on campus.

Jamiu Abdulsalami: What services are not in the Nest?

Daniel Levangie: Everything is in the Nest except SASC and Foodbank.

J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Education – Samantha So

Met last week and discussed goals and areas of interest.

Legislative Procedures Committee – Benj Israel

Three motions coming tonight. Six more to come. Focus on making Council more efficient.

University & External Relations Committee – Robin Asgari

Discussed 2% cap on domestic tuition and the 3% on international tuition. UBC has been flip-floppy on the 3%. We want a clearer stance from them.

Unecorn wants the AMS and the University to work together more on lobbying the government for more funding.

Student Life & Communications Committee – Alan Ehrenholz

Faculty Cup and other events.

Communications between Constituencies.

Coordination of event planning groups on campus.

K) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

VST – Kate Fisher

Indigenous Study Centre.

Science – Melissa Lachica

Hired for major positions.

Exec retreat next weekend.

Brainstorming on exec projects.

Planning – Cassandra Cummings

Working on international conference.
• Public Housing.
• Some students going to the Philippines.

**Medicine – Daud Akhtar**
• Exams just wrapped up.

**Law – Benjamin Israel**
• Changed our name to Allard Law Students Society. Donate $30 million and we’ll change our name to whatever you want.

**Land & Food Systems – Hussam Zbeebo**
• Hiring.
• Renovating.

**Kinesiology – Justin Tsang**
• New director coming.
• Working on MoU.

**GSS – Tobias Friedel**
• Budget creation, goal setting.
• Summer sports leagues have started.
• Federal lobbying: CASA conference. Some huge wins: student loan changes.

**Engineering – Alan Ehrenholz**
• Wrapped up transition.
• Working on retreat.
• Working on tuition consultation.
• Handbook finished in a few weeks.

**Commerce – Fred Wong**
• Budgeting.
• Turnover event went well.
• CUS clubs.
• Going through club review process.
• Conflict with Faculty about building usage (the Angus Building). The CUS contributed money and signed an agreement that we could use the conference centre, but that didn’t happen. Last year’s Exec sent a lawyer’s letter. We’re trying to resolve the issue this year without resorting to the nuclear option (suing).

**Economics – Viet Vu**
• Colour of building.
• Finalizing election procedures.

**Arts – Adrian Talingdan**
• Hired coordinators.
• Planning orientation.
• New emblem/branding.
L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

**Board of Governors - Julie Van Der Valk**
- Most committees met this week.
- Looking at construction projects. Construction not going to end.
- Student financial support.
- Policy 71 (tuition consultation).
- Plans to engage with students.

**Senate – Marjan Hatai**
- Student Senators have been appointed to committees.
- Student Senate Caucus had a strategic planning session to establish goals.

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

6. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented (with the correction of adding in Jude Crasta’s name where missing from Exec minutes):

AMS Council minutes dated October 22, 2014 [SCD011-16]
AMS Council minutes dated April 8, 2015 [SCD012-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 20, 2015 [SCD013-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 27, 2015 [SCD014-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 8, 2015 [SCD015-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 12, 2015 [SCD016-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 19, 2015 [SCD017-16]
Legislative Procedures Committee minutes April 23, 2015 [SCD018-16]
Student Life & Communications minutes May 21, 2015 [SCD019-16]

... Carried unanimously

For (30): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Vivian Lee (proxy for Rachel Chan), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclusaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

N) Executive Committee Motions:

7. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED AVA NASIRI: [SCD020-16]

“That Council renew the terms of the Access to Member Information MoU between the AMS and UBC entitled „Access to Member Information MoU 2014‟.”
Aaron Bailey: There’s a requirement for renewal in last year’s MoU. The MoU is around the terms and conditions under which UBC provides us with our membership list and our members’ personal information. It needs renewal every year. We see no need for changes.

Tobias Friedel: Why is this renewed on a yearly basis?

Aaron Bailey: I don’t have the historical information. Probably because it was a new agreement.

… Carried unanimously

8. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That Council renew the terms of the Access to Member Information MoU between the AMS and UBC entitled „Access to Member Information MoU 2014”."

For (32): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Vivian Lee (proxy for Rachel Chan), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclusaak, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeannie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

9. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“No Council appoint a working group consisting of the VP Finance, the VP Administration, the Director of Finance and Administration, and the General Manager to pursue an external refinancing agreement for the AMS Student Nest.”

Ava Nasiri: This will be similar to the group we created for the sale of Whistler Lodge. It’s a time-sensitive matter. The group can work on the loan and come back to the next Council meeting with more details. This will give the group the ability to sign the agreement. Interest rates are going up, so they will have to be able to act.

Aaron Bailey: We hosted a consultation session on refinancing. This will ensure we don’t lose out on savings.

Viet Vu: What justification is there for not including a Councillor? And why is there nothing in the motion setting out guidelines for the range of savings?

Ava Nasiri:
- It’s similar to the group we formed for the Whistler Lodge: we focused on signing officers and permanent staff. They’re all nearby in the office. If Councillors were appointed, we’d have to work around their availability.
- As to a range of savings, obviously we’ll be seeking as much savings as possible. We didn’t want to restrict that by having Council set a range.

Tobias Friedel:
- I have a few concerns at this point.
- Without terms of reference what capacity will the committee have? Why bring this forward without terms of reference?
- There’s the issue of Councillor involvement.
And the issue of guidelines for what we think would be a good deal.

- Benjamin Israel: I’m also concerned. I question making a quick decision on something that’s going to have a 30-year effect. Last meeting we had a presentation on various banks, but there was no clear choice about where we want to go. This is signing a blank cheque. I’m worried about our fiduciary duty.
- Jenna Omassi: All decisions will come back to Council. This group will consult with banks. We had a consultation, where you should have gone to help create terms of reference. You have been consulted already and will be again. I don’t understand the problem.
- Benjamin Israel: The motivation said this motion would give the working group power to sign an agreement.
- Ava Nasiri: We’ll draft terms of reference to say what powers Council will be granting to the working group.
- The Speaker said this would come back to AMS Council.
- Tobias Friedel: Why are we striking a working group with no terms of reference?
- Aaron Bailey: The Brewery Committee was struck and then drafted its terms of reference. The Working Group needs more time to look at what to devolve from Council. We could amend to give direction to draft terms of reference.
- Ava Nasiri: Another reason to strike first is to make sure Council is aware. This is giving a heads-up.

10. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the motion be amended to add:

„Be it further resolved that this working group present its terms of reference at the next Council meeting on June 24 for Council approval“."

… No objections

11. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint a working group consisting of the VP Finance, the VP Administration, the Director of Finance and Administration, and the General Manager to pursue an external refinancing agreement for the AMS Student Nest.

Be it further resolved that this working group present its terms of reference at the next Council meeting on June 24 for Council approval.”

… Carried unanimously

For (32): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Vivian Lee (proxy for Rachel Chan), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeannie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu
O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

P) Committee Motions:

12. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI: [SCD021-16]

*From the Legislative Procedures Committee*

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Conflict of Interest“ and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Benjamin Israel:
  - This is expanding who can report a conflict of interest (some senior managers, like the General Manager and the Executive Director).
  - Also says a proxy must declare their own or their Council member’s conflict.
  - And it extends the conflict of interest rule to apply in discussions even when no formal motion is on the table.
  - Finally, it removes the exception that allowed someone who was a paid employee before becoming a Council member to remain a paid employee even after becoming a Council member, so that you could be both a Director and an employee (as long as you were an employee first).

*Daniel Lam declared himself to be in a conflict of interest because he is an employee at the new AMS outlet, Flipside, and also a member of Council.*

- Jenna Omassi: LPC did consider changing the conflict of interest definition, but decided not to because what we have serves the Society best. This amendment was worked on at the committee when I was chair and in fact goes back to the chair before me.
- Viet Vu asked about the HR implications of removing the exception.
- Jenna Omassi: We worked very closely with HR on this.
- Tobias Friedel: What will be the implications for current employees?
- Jenna Omassi: They will have to decide whether to be an employee or a Council member.
- Kate Fisher: How many employees does the AMS have?
- Daniel Levangie: There are approximately 690 on the payroll.
- Kate Fisher: So we’re a big student employer.
- Jenna Omassi:
  - Why was this exception created in the first place? Because of a specific case at a time when there was not much other employment on campus.
  - Looking at the campus landscape now, there are many other opportunities for employment.
  - Why should we remove this? Because it means an employee is on the Board, which can be a conflict. A union member could even be on the Board.
- Cassandra Cummings: Why can’t you remain in both positions and just declare a conflict of interest if it comes up?
• Aaron Bailey: If Council wanted to increase the salary of Blue Chip cashiers and one member of Council was also a Blue Chip cashier, they would be benefiting. I know that’s an odd, extreme, hypothetical example.
• Kate Fisher: What is the frequency of this happening?
• Jenna Omassi: There have been at least three examples.
• Tobias Friedel: If certain decisions put an employee in a conflict, does that justify excluding them from the whole democratic process? That’s what conflict of interest rules are for.
• Viet Vu: What specifically will this look like for Daniel Lam?
• The Speaker: If this amendment passes, he will have to choose: Employee or Director?
• Benjamin Israel: Boards do this. I’m on a Law Board and thus am ineligible for employment there. If you’re a director, you shouldn’t be your own boss.
• Marjan Hatai: What is the benefit to having someone be both? It’s very possible to choose.
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: Code already says that if you are a Director, you can’t then become an employee here. In general, it says you can’t be both, but there’s an exception allowing you to be both if you were an employee first.
• Ava Nasiri:
  o The current Code makes sense, so that the businesses do not have to feel pressured to hire members of Council. But an employee shouldn’t have to quit in order to become a Councillor.
  o Remuneration of employees in the businesses hasn’t come up at Council, so that’s no reason to remove the exception.
  o Maybe look into this further and not make a blanket prohibition.
• Ross Horton: The rule is generally in place because of the dynamic that would be created between employee and manager if the employee was also the boss (by being on the Board of Directors).
• Kate Fisher: Could we have a rule saying that Council would review each case to see whether the individual could serve on Council?

13. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED ADRIAN TALINGDAN:

“That the question be called.”

Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (19): Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbee (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Against (6): Daud Akhtar, Cassandra Cummings, Tobias Friedel, Melissa Lachica, Ava Nasiri, Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik)

Abstained: Jamiu Abdusalama, Kate Fisher, Daniel Lam, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid)
14. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Conflict of Interest“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (22): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Alan Ehrenholz, Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Against (4): Cassandra Cummings, Kate Fisher, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri

Abstained: Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Daniel Lam, Samantha So

15. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED VIET VU: [SCD022-16]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Deputy Speaker“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Benjamin Israel: This is a simple amendment, removing all mention of the Deputy Speaker in Code. There’s never actually been a Deputy Speaker. It was thought it would be a good idea, and Code was created for it, but the position (an unpaid position) was never filled. The idea was that we’d have someone sitting around hoping for Abdul to be away.
- Tobias Friedel: There’s already provision for the President or their designate to serve if the Speaker is away.

16. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Deputy Speaker“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
For (28): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Abstained: Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad)

17. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL: [SCD023-16]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled “Code Changes 2015: Email Votes in Committee” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Benjamin Israel:
  - This amendment would allow for email voting. If an issue has been discussed at committee, it will be possible to approve it by email. This is only if it’s already been discussed, and we specified that it must have been a substantive discussion.
  - There also has to be at least 48 hours notice (less if there’s an emergency), and there has to be quorum in the vote.
  - Also any one person on the committee can veto the vote and force the issue to go back to a meeting.
  - The idea is for something that is almost ready to go to be allowed to go without waiting for another meeting.

- Aaron Bailey: Do you foresee individuals using the veto power just because they’re opposed to the motion?

- Benjamin Israel: The veto only means additional discussion. A Councillor could do that; there’s potential for abuse. But the veto is there to make sure everyone’s voice is heard.

- Jenna Omassi: The veto idea came from the idea of a consent agenda. People can pick out something from the omnibus consent motion for discussion.

- Tobias Friedel: Even if there’s abuse, it’s not worse than the current situation. It just means going to the next committee meeting.

- Viet Vu: How do you define emergency?

- Benjamin Israel: That would be up to the Chair’s discretion, but you still need quorum. The Chair can’t rush through anything on their own.

18. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled “Code Changes 2015: Email Votes in Committee” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried unanimously

For (28): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

19. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That the agenda be amended to remove the VP Finance motions (because the job description documents weren’t sent out).”

… No objections

20. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That Penny Zhang be appointed as the AMS Ombudsperson for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

- Adrian Talingdan: Had 14 applicants. Shortlisted five strong candidates. Penny had lots of experience working with ombuds issues. She’s currently an Equity Ambassador.

21. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That Penny Zhang be appointed as the AMS Ombudsperson for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

… Carried unanimously

For (30): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

22. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee, the Oversight Chair receive Tier 2 compensation.”

Viet Vu declared a conflict as Chair of Oversight.
Adrian Talingdan: Code was amended to say the Oversight Chair should get remuneration. Other Chairs get Tier 2 ($11.25 an hour).

Benjamin Israel: The only concern was that Code doesn’t say that Hiring Committee is the body to make this recommendation. But it says that for the other Chairs, and Code should be consistent: if we forget to put something in, we have to assume it should be in, so it should be the Hiring Committee that brings this to Council.

Tobias Friedel: Where are the hours stated?

Sheldon Goldfarb: In Code.

Daniel Levangie: And in their contract.

23. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee, the Oversight Chair receive Tier 2 compensation.” … Carried

For (24): Robin Asgari, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Anthony de Ruijter (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk

Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Viet Vu

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

24. MOVED FREDERICK WONG, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Administrative Commission minutes March 25, 2015 [SCD024-16]
Student Administrative Commission minutes April 1, 2015 [SCD025-16]
Student Administrative Commission minutes April 8, 2015 [SCD026-16]
Student Administrative Commission minutes April 29, 2015 [SCD027-16]

… No objections

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Discussion Period

T) Submissions:

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: June 24, 2015

V) Adjournment:
25. MOVED CASSANDRA CUMMINGS, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

… Carried

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Pierre Cenerelli (AMS Government Relations), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Keith Hester (AMS Director of Finance), Moira Warburton (Ubyssey), Uli Laue (AMS Director of Operations), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

1. MOVED IBRAHEEM DAKILAH, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

   “That the Code requirement for roll call votes be suspended until we can move to the Pit.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   … No objections

3. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

   “That the Secretariat motion be removed (because the Hiring Committee didn’t reach quorum).”

   … No objections

4. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

   “That a motion to suspend the Code requirement for seven days” notice for appointments be added.”

   … No objections

5. MOVED IBRAHEEM DAKILAH, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   … No objections

6. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

   “That the Code requirement for roll call votes be suspended.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   … No objections
7. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

“That the meeting be moved to the Pit.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

The meeting recessed at 6:09 pm and resumed at 6:40 pm in the Pit in the Nest.

8. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

“That the agenda be amended to add a Nest consultation and appointments to SAC and the New SUB Committee.”

... No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members:


Good-byes:

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

The Speaker noted the new venue.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Presentations to Council & Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

Oversight Presentation – Viet Vu

- One of the things Oversight does is the PAI (Performance Accountability Incentive) for the Executives.
- PAI is a cash pot of $5,000 that any Executive can get if they fulfill the requirements.
- Last year Code was changed to change the requirements.
- The new requirements are meeting attendance (40%), achievement of duties (30%), and participation in goal-making (30%).
- Meeting attendance is about the Executives attending meetings of the Executive Committee (40%), Council (30%), and the two Standing Committees they serve on (30%).
- Partial attendance will be included. Legitimate reasons for absence will be considered.
- Duties are about the duties for each Executive in the Code and Bylaws and also in Council directives.
• There will be one point awarded for each duty.
• Unfortunately, the duties in Code currently include a lot of random, irrelevant things that don’t make sense. We are sending these to LPC for updates.
• We can’t do much about the duties in the Bylaws; we’d need a referendum to change those.
• Evaluation of duties will be held off till the end of August, when hopefully we can have amendments of the duties done. If not done, we’ll use the old duties.
• Goals: The old system awarded 70% of PAI for the achievement of goals, but that led to a lot of bad feelings and was subjective, not productive.
• The Code now says that Executives will get 30% of PAI for participating in goal-making. We’ll be paying for them being productive in meetings to discuss their goals.

9. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED SAMANTHA SO:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

… No objections

Oversight Presentation – Viet Vu (continued)

• Two types of goals: long-term strategy (Position Statements) and short-term goals. The short-term goals will probably not be related to the Position Statements.
• We chose the term “Position Statements” because it’s sexy, but it may not be the best terminology, especially since LPC and Pierre (the University & Government Relations Advisor) want to use the term for a type of policy. So we may be changing it.
• There will be three rounds of Executive reviews. We will be evaluating based on each Executive’s participation in discussions of the goals over the year (their relevance, any required revisions, progress on the goals, timelines, feedback, and self-evaluation).
• We can also recommend to Council that for any serious breach of values and duties PAI be reduced.
• Appeals are possible; they would go to Council.
• Besides PAI, other things Oversight does include looking at Performance Complaints (personal harassment, breach of duties, breach of values).

10. MOVED FRED WONG, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

… No objections

Oversight Presentation – Viet Vu (continued)

• Harassment complaints will be referred to the Ombudsperson and HR.
• We will investigate breaches of duties and values within a week if possible and come back to Council. Breaches of values are more serious.
• Anyone can submit a complaint.
• We also authorize gift receipts of the Executive for gifts over $150. We’re going to come up with criteria.
• We’re the body in charge of doing performance reviews of the Ombudsperson.
• Council can also ask Oversight to investigate financial matters.
• We are the ones to do an Executive compensation review, and can make recommendations about paying Executives: the right amount, the right way to compensate.
• This year we’ll add an evaluation of the PAI process because it’s new.
• We’ll be as public as possible, with nothing hidden except when an individual’s health or well-being might be compromised.

Questions
• Aaron Bailey: How will you ensure that one Executive’s position statements are carried through to the next Executive?
• Viet Vu: There’s no formal way. We’ll rely on documentation.
• Aaron Bailey: Can a position statement be revised in the second year?
• Viet Vu: I don’t see a problem with that.

Nest Update – Ava Nasiri
• Not a whole lot to update: We’re open!
• Shows video of the history of the Old and New SUB.

Questions
• Daniel Lam: How many came to the first Pit night here?
• Ava Nasiri: We reached capacity at a few points: there were at least 406 in the room.
• Fred Wong asked about using UBC cards to access rooms.
• Ava Nasiri: This is taking a bit longer than expected. UBC IT is backed up on it. It should be ready by September.
• Justin Tsang: When will the new Council Chambers be ready?
• Ava Nasiri: Beginning of August.
• The Speaker noted that this is the first Council meeting in the new building.
• Sheldon Goldfarb: Will the next meeting be here in the Pit too?
• Ava Nasiri: No, the Pit will be open after tonight. This is the only time we’ll meet in the Pit. We’ll return to the old Council Chambers in the Old SUB.

F) Consultation Period

Club Resource and Sustainability Centre – Ava Nasiri:
• A place to provide tangible and intangible resources to build community for club Executives and support sustainability.
• This space was previously going to be used for the brewery.
• The idea is to do outreach to students through clubs.
• Trying to instigate change in behaviour in clubs to be more sustainable.
• Currently there are some similar spaces on campus:
  o UBC’s Centre for Student Involvement.
  o The UBC Rec Centre
  o The Program Resource Centre in the Residences (they were our inspiration).
• At the SAC Tea Party for Clubs and Constituencies in January, we asked what they’d like to see in the space.
11. MOVED JUDE CRASTA, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the presentation portion of the consultation be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

*Club Resource and Sustainability Centre – Ava Nasiri (continued):*

- Programming: Want to see people bustling:
  - Box office for ticket sales.
  - Equipment sharing.
  - Information sharing.
- Staffing: Paid staff and a volunteer committee.
- Timeline:
  - Consultation sessions June 30 and July 2.
  - Job descriptions.
  - Budget proposals.
  - Potential motions at Council next time:
    - Shelving for the Sci-Fi Club.
    - $26,523 for equipment.

Questions

- Gurvir Sangha: Is there insurance for the equipment?
- Ava Nasiri: There will be an inventory officer who would let clubs know their responsibilities.
- Jude Crasta: What are the salaries for the Club Resource Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator?
- Ava Nasiri: Together it will come to $13,000 a year.
- Aaron Bailey: On the insurance issue, the AMS is insured. We have a large deductible for the building.
- Fred Wong: Are we unfairly favouring the Science Fiction Club?
- Ava Nasiri: They had just purchased shelves out of their own funds, and now because we’ve moved, they need new shelves again (the ones they bought can’t be moved). We do have a contingency plan for other clubs in similar situations.
- Adrian Talingdan: Will there be something similar to Copyright for copying?
- Ava Nasiri: Looking to use sustainable ink, reusing paper. Looking to be competitive.
- Adrian Talingdan: Will clubs be able to charge printing costs to their accounts?
- Ava Nasiri: We’re looking at that too. It’s a pilot project.
- Cassandra Cummings: Is this only for clubs? Can student government people use it too?
- Ava Nasiri: Absolutely. We’re focused on clubs, but also open to others.
- Gurvir Sangha: Are there guidelines on control of what can be produced?
- Ava Nasiri: Haven’t thought of that yet.
- Viet Vu: Sci-Fi has an office: wouldn’t it be better for their shelving to go there?
- Ava Nasiri: Yes, the shelving is not going into the Centre; it’s going to the Sci-Fi office.
G) Appointments

12. MOVED QUARTERMAIN LIM, SECONDED LIAM REEVE:

“That Code Section V, Article 2(6)(c) on advertising vacancies for 7 days be suspended for the duration of the AMS Council Meeting on June 24.”

- Liam Reeve: We need a Budget Committee member. I tried to get the advertisement up.
- Tobias Friedel: Do we have candidates?
- Liam Reeve: Yes.
- Benjamin Israel: Isn't it troubling that we're not advertising?
- Liam Reeve: I had full intentions of advertising, but Communications did not get back to me.
- Viet Vu: People can always present valid reasons for suspending Code, but do we want to do this again?
- Aaron Bailey: The principle of how ads are going out is flawed. It should be looked at. We need a budget, and Budget Committee can't get quorum.
- Benjamin Israel asked about the current membership of the committee.
- Liam Reeve: Some are out of country, one resigned. There are seven members; quorum is 5.

13. MOVED QUARTERMAIN LIM, SECONDED LIAM REEVE:

“That Code Section V, Article 2(6)(c) on advertising vacancies for 7 days be suspended for the duration of the AMS Council Meeting on June 24.”

... Carried

For (16): Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Amie Kim (proxy for Robin Asgari), Jude Crasta, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Marjan Hatai, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Quartermain Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Against (6): Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Cassandra Cummings, Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Ava Nasiri, Viet Vu

Abstained: Alexandra Lee Mann, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So

14. MOVED FRED WONG, SECONDED AMIE KIM:

“That Bethany Wat (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Budget Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

... Carried

For (17): Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Amie Kim (proxy for Robin Asgari), Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim,
Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Liam Reeve, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang

Against (3): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Cassandra Cummings, Tobias Friedel

Abstained: Jeremy So (proxy for Rachel Chan), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Jeffrey Pea, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Viet Vu

15. MOVED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, SECONDED IBRAHEEM DAKILAH:

“That Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (1 x Councillor) be appointed as the representative from the AMS to the SLFS-Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing immediately and ending on March 31, 2016.”

… No objections

16. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

“That Daniel Lam (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Education Committee for a period effective immediately and ending the first Council meeting in September 2015.”

… No objections

17. MOVED JUSTIN TSANG, SECONDED FRED WONG:

“That Council appoint Simran Brar and Ho Yi Kwan as members at large on SAC for a term starting immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in April 2016.”

- Ian Sapollnik: How did these two individuals get chosen?
- Ava Nasiri: They were the only two who applied.
- Tobias Friedel: When was this advertised?
- Ava Nasiri: For six weeks, but it was hidden. We made it more prominent on the website 10 days ago.

18. MOVED JUSTIN TSANG, SECONDED FRED WONG:

“That Council appoint Simran Brar and Ho Yi Kwan as members at large on SAC for a term starting immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in April 2016.”

… No objections

19. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That Council appoint Stephanie Wu and Amy Alexandrian (2 x members at large) to the New SUB Committee for a term starting immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in April 2016.”

- Tobias Friedel: What did the application process look like for this committee?
- Ava Nasiri: I asked for a statement of interest as to why they would be a good candidate. I received two applications. These are the two.
20. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That Council appoint Stephanie Wu and Amy Alexandrian (2 x members at large) to the New SUB Committee for a term starting immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in April 2016.”

… Carried

For (19): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jeremy So (proxy for Rachel Chan), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Sareena Mohammed, Ava Nasiri, Liam Reeve, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Abstained: Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Amie Kim (proxy for Robin Asgari), Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Jeffrey Pea, Ian Sapollnik

H) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Aaron Bailey:
- Met with UBC President Arvind Gupta: discussed priorities, including the following issues:
  - Consultation.
  - The fate of the old SUB.
  - Provincial and Federal lobbying efforts.
  - Accessibility of the Administration.
- Jude and I hosted two consultation sessions on Council cohesion and got great feedback.
- Looking to issue an RFP about Council software.
- Looking into working with the new UBC academic.edu (Matt Parson).
- Participated in roundtable on healthy masculinity and gender-based violence, sponsored by SASC.
- The University is putting $1 million from the recent increases into mental health.
- International Young Governance Summit: networking.
- Had a great time at the Pit opening last week.
- Planning Council retreat.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic – Jenna Omassi (via Aaron Bailey)
- Away at International Conference on Health Promotion in the Okanagan.
- Open Educational Resources.
- Student engagement re consultations.
- Reworking our plans on tuition consultation.
- Vantage College consultation.
- Working with SASC and the VP Students on sexual assault policy development.
VP Administration – Ava Nasiri
- Was in Edmonton for COCA conference on campus programming.
- Nest opening.
- With Events: orientation meeting.
- Engagement Commission: looking how to collaborate.
- SAC:
  - Oversaw move of club offices.
  - Hosted club Execs.
  - The Art Gallery has moved.
  - Lent some art work to the Alumni Centre.
- Community Engagement and Philanthropy: Going to be presenting to Constituencies.

VP External Affairs – Jude Crasta
- SUDS August 13-16. A chance to network. The program is up.
- Federal election coming. Expect it to be called in late August. Gearing up a Get Out the Vote campaign.
- Fall launch of Compass card.
- Union of BC Municipalities convention coming up.
- External advocacy recruiting.

VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski
- Finance Commission met today and approved one application.
- Working with Communications to revamp the Finance web page.
- Looking at creating a conference fund.
- Reviewing policy guidebook for treasurers
- Club and constituency budget deadline extended.
- Sustainability: Reviewing the fund and its mandate.
- Refinancing the New SUB: waiting to hear back from UBC.
- Audit going okay: a surplus this year.
- CiTR passed its budget.

Questions
- Armin Rezaiean-Asel asked about conference funding.
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: We're exploring that. There's a gap in our funding for students attending conferences.

Executive Director – Daniel Levangie (via Aaron Bailey):
- SASC: Working on an internal/external policy on sexual assault. Last to move over to new building.
- Communications: PR for new building and rebranding.
- Government relations: Union of BC Municipalities presentation about services.
- Archives: Have shelves now; moving in July.
- Events: Looking for a location for Welcome Back BBQ.
- Services: New logos.
J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Education Committee – Samantha So
- No new business.

Legislative Procedures Committee – Benjamin Israel
- Submitted written report.

University & External Relations Committee – Jude Crasta
- No report.

Student Life & Communications Committee – Mark Bancroft
- Planning fun.
- Faculty Cup underway.
- All-Presidents’ Dinner going well.

K) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Adrian Talingdan
- Working on Arts student centre.
- First AUS council meeting coming.
- Working with AMS Foodbank.

Commerce – Fred Wong
- Budget review – final stage.
- $500,000 in bank: hope to spend some of that.
- Website re-design.
- New peer to peer mentorship program.
- Expanding CUS awards night
- Commerce Week in second term.

Economics - Viet Vu
- BIE Brew Day.
- First year welcome event.
- Working on budget.
- Meeting with AUS.

Engineering – Mark Bancroft
- Budget passed last night.
- First Week orientation event planning.

GSS – Tobias Friedel
- Budget done.
- Slow month.
- Planning orientations.

Kinesiology - Justin Tsang
- Finished hiring Kin Games coordinators.
• Kin competition.
• Working on MoU with Jenna.

Land & Food Systems – Hussam Zbeeb
• Looking to renovate the basement of the Macmillan building to make it more student-friendly.

Law – Benjamin Israel
• No business to report.

Planning – Cassandra Cummings
• Program being changed by the School; they’re trying to make it more of a professional program and are doubling tuition.
• Old students are grandfathered, but can’t take the new courses, and there are not many old courses being offered.
• Some students are going to the Philippines for a climate action plan.

Science – Melissa Lachica
• Had our exec retreat.
• Rebranding.
• On-boarding for coordinators.
• Building management commission hired.
• Planning for Imagine Day.

L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

Board of Governors – Julie Van der Valk
• The Board is not meeting, but is working on trying to make itself more accessible.

Senate – Marjan Hatai
• Senate is not meeting till September, but the Student Caucus met to discuss aboriginal stereotypes and also revived our Twitter account.

Ombudsperson
• No report.

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

21. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED CASSANDRA CUMMINGS:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated June 2, 2015 [SCD029-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 9, 2015 [SCD030-16]
Oversight Committee minutes dated May 22, 2015 [SCD031-16]
University & External Relations minutes June 1, 2015 [SCD032-16]

... Carried
For (24): Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Marjan Hatai, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Abstained: Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Amie Kim (proxy for Robin Asgari), Jeremy So (proxy for Rachel Chan), Benjamin Israel

N) Executive Committee Motions:

22. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JEFFREY PEA: [SCD033-16]

“That the refinancing working group’s terms of reference be accepted as presented.”

- Ava Nasiri: Last time Council passed a motion asking for the terms of reference.
- Ian Sapollnik: Was any consideration given to having Councillors or members at large in the working group?
- Ava Nasiri: This is like the Whistler Lodge working group. Its purpose is to bring something back to Council. Looking at when it would be meeting, it didn’t make sense to have Councillors required to attend.

23. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JEFFREY PEA:

“That the refinancing working group’s terms of reference be accepted as presented.” ... Carried

For (26): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdosalami), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Quartermain Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Ibraheem Dakilah, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Abstained: Jeremy So (proxy for Rachel Chan)

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

P) Committee Motions:

24. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

From the Budget Committee
“That Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 8(2) to allow the final budget to be approved after June 30.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Liam Reeve: We had trouble getting quorum at the Budget Committee. We held eight meetings, but none had quorum. I don’t feel comfortable passing the budget as it stands without approval from a meeting with quorum.
- Viet Vu: We should set a deadline and not have it just be open.

25. MOVED VIET VU:

“That the motion be amended to say the budget must be presented before July 31, 2015.”

… No objections

26. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL

“That Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 8(2) to allow the final budget to be approved after June 30 but before July 31, 2015.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (28): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdusalami), Aiyana Anderson MacIsaac, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jeremy So (proxy for Rachel Chan), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Gurvir Sangha, Ian SapollNik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Against (1): Tobias Friedel

27. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

[SCD034-16] [SCD035-16]

From the Hiring Committee

“That, on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee, Council approve the Associate VP Finance job description as presented.”

Note: Quorum was not met at the Hiring Committee

- Adrian Talingdan: This time the documents have been sent out.
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: This will provided needed administrative help. Currently, administrative work is all on my back. The AVP will deal with clubs. The Funds & Grants Commissioner (in the next motion) will help with funds, grants, opt-outs.
28. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

From the Hiring Committee
"That, on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee, Council approve the
Associate VP Finance job description as presented."

Note: Quorum was not met at the Hiring Committee

For (23): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Aiyana Anderson-
Maclsaaac, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeebe (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude
Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz),
Marjan Hatai, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain
Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Gurvir Sangha, Ian
Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie
Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Abstained: Amie Kim (proxy for Robin Asgari), Jeremy So (proxy for Rachel
Chan), Benjamin Israel, Ibraheem Dakilah

29. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI: [SCD036-16]
[SCD037-16]

From the Hiring Committee
"That, on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee, Council approve the Funds
and Grants Administrator job description as presented."

Note: Quorum was not met

- Mateusz Miadlikowski: As before.
- Benjamin Israel: Why was quorum not met?
- Aaron Bailey: Actually, I'm pretty sure we did have quorum.
- Adrian Talingdan: Yes.
- Jeffrey Pea: Is this a new position?
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: No, we've just adjusted the description.

30. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

From the Hiring Committee
"That, on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee, Council approve the Funds
and Grants Administrator job description as presented."

... No objections

31. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED AIYANA ANDERSON–MacISAAC:

From the Hiring Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Hiring Committee Council adopt the Clubs and Constituencies Financial Administrator job description as presented.”

... No objections

32. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council adopt the following reports of the Legislative Procedures Committee and thus amend the Code as recommended:

- Code Changes 2015: Fees in Code [SCD038-16]
- Code Changes 2015: Hiring Chair [SCD039-16]
- Code Changes 2015: Taxis [SCD040-16]
- Code Changes 2015: Executive Director [SCD041-16]
- Code Changes 2015: Proxies in Camera 2 [SCD042-16]
- Code Changes 2015: In Camera Minutes for Committees and Commissions [SCD043-16]
- Code Changes 2015: Oversight Chair.” [SCD044-16]

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- At the request of Viet Vu, the motion was split to separate out the amendments for the Oversight Chair and the Hiring Chair.

33. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council adopt the following reports of the Legislative Procedures Committee and thus amend the Code as recommended:

- Code Changes 2015: Fees in Code
- Code Changes 2015: Taxis
- Code Changes 2015: Executive Director
- Code Changes 2015: Proxies in Camera 2
- Code Changes 2015: In Camera Minutes for Committees and Commissions.”

- Benjamin Israel:
  - The fee change is just updating Code to record the latest fees, some of which have increased because of indexing to inflation.
  - Taxis: Only once has Council not authorized taxis for Councillors when a meeting went past midnight. This makes it automatic.
  - Executive Director: Just codifying his duties.
  - Proxies: We changed it before to allow proxies to stay provisionally (when Council goes in camera) and then vote to let them stay for the in camera session. This revision is even better: they can stay automatically as the default unless there’s a vote to exclude them.

- Committees in camera: This allows them to do what Council does for in camera sessions.
34. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the following reports of the Legislative Procedures Committee and thus amend the Code as recommended:

- Code Changes 2015: Fees in Code
- Code Changes 2015: Taxis
- Code Changes 2015: Executive Director
- Code Changes 2015: Proxies in Camera 2
- Code Changes 2015: In Camera Minutes for Committees and Commissions.”

… Carried

For (24): Armin Rezaian-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Cassandra Cummings, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Jeffrey Pea, Ibraheem Dakilah, Ian SapolNik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Abstained: Jeremy So (proxy for Rachel Chan)

35. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Oversight Chair“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Viet Vu declared a conflict of interest as the Oversight Chair.

- Benjamin Israel: This makes the language consistent with the Code language for other Chairs’ remuneration. There’s also an increase in hours from five to six, which is more commensurate with the hours required.

36. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Oversight Chair“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried
For (26): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbee (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk

Abstained: Amie Kim (proxy for Robin Asgari)

37. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled "Code Changes 2015: Hiring Chair" and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Adrian Talingdan declared a conflict of interest as the Hiring Chair.

- Benjamin Israel: This gives the Hiring Chair the same remuneration as the Chairs of Standing Committees. They now do a lot more: review job descriptions, etc. We think they deserve some pay.
- Viet Vu: We should have established criteria about what a Chair needs to do to deserve to get paid.
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: It’s a busy time now for the Hiring Chair, but throughout the year it’s not as much.
- Benjamin Israel: There are ebbs and flows. We feel on average they put in this amount of hours and should get paid.
- In response to a question about the amount of work for the Hiring Chair, Adrian Talingdan said he had done lots of work on hiring the Elections Administrator and the Ombudsperson.
- Ava Nasiri: Adrian is not the best person to answer; he just took over the position. I was on LPC when it still did the job descriptions; they were piling up.
- Ian Sapollnik: LPC could review this as it goes.
- Benjamin Israel: It’s an hourly wage with six hours set as the average amount of work per week. LPC would not regularly review this.
- Aaron Bailey: Was Budget Committee or the VP Finance consulted on where the money would come from?
- Benjamin Israel: No. We could go to Budget Committee.

38. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That this motion be referred back to the Legislative Procedures Committee.”

- Aaron Bailey: We should not pass this until due diligence has been done by investigating the amount of hours.
- Tobias Friedel: We’re paying some Chairs but not others. If we feel there should be that amount of work from the Chair, then it’s the responsibility of the Executive to find money to pay them, not the other way around.
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: I don’t feel due diligence has been done. The number of hours needed has not been investigated.
- Aaron Bailey: Should we pay all Chairs? Actually, we don’t pay any but the Standing Committee Chairs.
- Viet Vu: We do pay the Oversight Chair now.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: Job descriptions were a lot of work at LPC. When we transferred them to the Hiring Committee, Lauren Telford (the Hiring Chair then) said it increased her workload dramatically.
- Tobias Friedel: I don’t see why we would refer.
- Aaron Bailey: To investigate the hours and to consult Budget Committee about our capacity to pay this.
- Ava Nasiri: Maybe go to LPC to discuss this if you have strong views.

39. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That this motion be referred back to the Legislative Procedures Committee.”

… Defeated

For (11): Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Amie Kim (proxy for Robin Asgari), Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Melissa Lachica, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Julie Van der Valk

Against (12): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Cassandra Cummings, Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Jeffrey Pea, Ibraheem Dakilah, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Abstained: Jeremy So (proxy for Rachel Chan), Jude Crasta, Marjan Hatai, Quartermain Lim, Gurvir Sangha, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang

40. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Hiring Chair“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (12): Amie Kim (proxy for Robin Asgari), Cassandra Cummings, Tobias Friedel, Benjamin Israel, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Ibraheem Dakilah, Angela Tien, Julie Van der Valk
Against (6): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad)

Abstained: Jeremy So (proxy for Rachel Chan), Jude Crasta, Marjan Hatai, Melissa Lachica, Quartermain Lim, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

41. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council suspend Code Section II, Article 1(20) to allow Daniel Lam to receive remuneration for his hours worked as an AMS employee until 15 June 2015, notwithstanding his position as a Director of the Society.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Daniel Lam declared a conflict of interest.

- Benjamin Israel: The Code amendment we passed said Directors of the Society (i.e., Council members) can’t be employees of the Society even if they were employees first. This affected Daniel, who gave notice but worked for two weeks as part of that notice. Under the newly amended Code we can’t pay him, but under labour law we have to.

42. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council suspend Code Section II, Article 1(20) to allow Daniel Lam to receive remuneration for his hours worked as an AMS employee until 15 June 2015, notwithstanding his position as a Director of the Society.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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For (27): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Amie Kim (proxy for Robin Asgari), Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Tobias Friedel, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Ibraheem Dakilah, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Abstained: Daniel Lam

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

43. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:
“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Student Administrative Commission minutes May 29, 2015.”

… Carried

For (22): Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Cassandra Cummings, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Frederick Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Ibraheem Dakilah, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Abstained: Armin Rezaian-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdusalami), Jude Crasta

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Discussion Period

T) Submissions:

   AGM Minutes dated October 28, 2014 [SCD047-16]
   AGM Minutes dated February 28, 2014 [SCD048-16]
   Oversight Year Start Report [SCD049-16]
   Office of the Vice President Finance Flow Chart [SCD050-16]
   Open Educational Resources [SCD051-16]
   June LPC report [SCD052-16]
   June Unecorn report [SCD053-16]
   June Educom report [SCD054-16]
   June SLCC report [SCD055-16]
   Club Resource & Sustainability Report [SCD056-16]

U) Next Meeting:

   Next Meeting: July 8, 2015

V) Adjournment:

   • Tobias Friedel: Thanks to the Executive Committee for keeping the agenda short.
   • The Speaker said the thanks should go to the Agenda Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

W) Social Activity:
## June 24, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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V2: BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Code Section V Article 2 paragraph 6 (c) be suspended for the duration of the AMS Council Meeting on June 24th
V3: "BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bethany Wat (1 x members at large) be appointed to the Budget Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016."
V4: • Be it Resolved that AMS Council Appoint Stephanie Wu and Amy Alexandrian as members at large to the New SUB Committee for a term starting immediately and ending at the last council meeting in April 2016
V5: M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council
V6: "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the refinancing working group’s terms of reference be accepted as presented." 
V7: "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented:
V9: Code Changes vote 1
V10: Code Changes 2015: Oversight Chair
V11: Hiring Chair: Refer back to LPC
V12: Code Changes 2015: Hiring Chair
V13: BE IT: Article 1(2) notwithstanding his position as a Director of the Society
V14: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented:

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AMS of UBC Vancouver  
Council Chambers  
June 24, 2015  
SUB Room 206  
and then in the Pit in the Nest  
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Pierre Cenerelli (AMS Government Relations), Daniel Munro (AMS AVP Academic), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Stewart McGillivray (student), Jon Parnell (Unecorn member at large), Keni Ng (Student Life & Committee member at large), Joshua Azizi (Ubyssey), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

1. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED QUARTERMAIN LIM:
   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion to appoint a Councillor and a member at large to the Budget Committee.”
   … No objections

3. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:
   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion to make appointments to ABCS (Alliance of BC Students) committees.”
   … No objections

4. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:
   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”
   … No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members:

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Education, Journalism, Music, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark’s,

Good-byes:

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):
E) Presentations to Council & Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute question period):

Student Services Annual Plan – Ron Gorodetsky

- Looking back to last year’s usage of the Services and also looking to what we want to do going forward.
- New logos.
- Tutoring:
  - Huge rate of growth in Tutoring: 1,990 unique drop-in visits between September and April last year.
  - One-on-one tutoring used video sessions and in-person sessions: we charge for these: made $12,495.
  - Going forward, exploring new partnerships with faculties and Constituencies. Continuing to improve quality. Want to establish a scholarship: Helphub initiated this.
- Speakeasy:
  - Despite the decrease in traffic in the Old SUB, there was an increase in visits to the Speakeasy front desk for general information (mostly for directions); also an increase in consultations.
  - Overcoming staff and operational hurdles in the new building.
  - The Safewalk front desk beside Security will also be the Speakeasy desk.
  - Expanding Speakeasy outreach initiatives.
- Safewalk:
  - Usage way up, because we now have two vehicles and digital scheduling.
  - In April did 1,202 transfers: insane.
  - Did 7,080 transfers in the year.
  - Want to finalize training strategy so things are in place from the get-go.
  - Have to address our alcohol policy: can’t transport individuals who can’t take care of themselves.
  - Also not going to transfer groups larger than two.
  - Concerned about doing 1,200 walks a month (40 a night): no downtime, burnout.
  - Moving to online bookings.
- Food Bank:
  - Most substantial growth in ten years.
  - The media has been in contact.
  - Usage keeps climbing. When we started ten years ago, we had only five visits. Since then:
    - Five years in: 230 visits
    - Last year: 500
    - This year: 743.
  - Expanding our food offerings.
  - Developing outreach team.
  - Looking for new sources of funding.
- Advocacy:
  - More people are aware of this Service, and there has been an increase in the number of visits: 193 visits this year.
  - Going to increase exposure.
  - Exploring a partnership with the Student Legal Fund Society.
• Volunteer Avenue:
  o Also an increase: to 203 visits.
  o Going to continue to expand our network of non-profits.
• Altogether 15,337 total visits this year for all Services.
• Going to follow through with operational efficiencies.
• Focusing on quality and staff training.

Questions
• Benjamin Israel asked about the Food Bank increase. Is this because there is increased need or increased publicity?
  • Ron Gorodetsky: A mixture of both.
• Armin Rezaiean-Asel asked about the revenue model for one-on-one tutoring.
  • Ron Gorodetsky: We make no profit. We charge $35 an hour. We pay the tutor $25 an hour; then there’s $5 overhead and $5 to Helphub for use of their platform (which is cheaper than developing our own).
  • Mateusz Miadlikowski: You’re increasing the visibility of the Services. Are you concerned about over-use?
  • Ron Gorodetsky: In some Services. We’re following through on policies. Doing verbal screening at Safewalk. There’s an application process for the Food Bank. In other Services I’m not too worried about abuse. We’ll put safeguards in place as other Services grow.
• Daniel Levangie: Outreach and training will help people understand how the Services are to be used.
• Viet Vu asked about liability over the issue of intoxicated students and Safewalk.
  • Ron Gorodetsky: We are clarifying our policy on who can use the service: it will be anyone on their own who can take care of themselves.
• Jenna Omassi: Another piece is prevention: a safer party plan. Party planners should make sure people get home safe and don’t reach intoxication.
  • Fred Wong asked about Tutoring outreach.
  • Ron Gorodetsky: Already in touch with Constituency Presidents, seeing if Constituencies can afford to host group tutoring and pay for tutors.

5. MOVED FRED WONG, SECONDED ADRIAN TALINGDAN:

“That the question period be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

• Fred Wong asked about possible conflicts with CUS (Commerce) mentorship.
• Ron Gorodetsky: The aim is not to duplicate services. We aim to fill gaps. We could potentially provide tutors.
• Hussam Zbee: Can everyone who’s eligible get food from the Food Bank?
• Ron Gorodetsky: No one is turned away who needs food. We do get shortages of donated food, but monetary donors provide money so we can buy food.

Academic Experience Survey 2015 – Jenna Omassi

[Benjamin Israel won the prize for knowing that 23% of Arts students are undeclared (information in the survey).]
- Thanks to Anne Kessler and Daniel Munro, and to Insights West, which helped us complete this much faster: now, instead of in December.
- This is the general report; we’ll be tailoring separate reports (supplements) for different departments.
- Demographics of respondents:
  - 54% female, 46% male
  - Average age 22
  - White 45%; Chinese 33%
  - 59% domestic students from Vancouver, 22% domestic students from outside the Lower Mainland, 19% international students
  - Largest group by year: 3rd years
  - Largest group by faculty: Arts (Science second).
- Interesting Findings:
  - More than 60% said they would not finish in four years.
  - Reasons for not finishing in four years:
    - Other experiences
    - Personal reasons
    - Not in a hurry
    - Taking additional courses.
  - 69% would accept a shorter exam period or starting the term early to create a Fall reading break (something recommended by UBC Mental Health).
  - Although the University is trying to encourage students to learn about other cultures, this hasn’t changed that much for students.
  - A high percentage (24%) say they don’t feel safe on campus at night.
  - According to the survey, academic orientation is not as effective as the University believes.
  - 56% said that at some point at UBC they have experienced discrimination.
  - Financial support resources:
    - Family 73%
    - Employment 51%
    - Bursaries & Scholarships 42%
    - Personal Savings 39%
    - Loans 34%
  - Knowledge of the AMS:
    - Informed about the AMS: 29%
    - AMS doing a good job representing students on academic issues: 28%
    - AMS doing a good job representing students on financial issues: 24%
  - 57% have attended some AMS club function, and those in clubs say they trust the AMS more, perhaps because they have a better idea of what the AMS does.

6. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED FRED WONG:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

*Survey Presentation – Jenna Omassi (continued)*
- Recommendations:
Discuss a Fall reading break.
Make summer term more effective.
Ensure students get from Orientations what is promised.
The AMS should engage students more (this is one of my goals).

- Next year:
  - Fewer questions (about 160 this year; would like less than 100 for 2016).
  - Be more intentional and not just curious in devising questions.
  - Work on a three-year cycle.
  - Let’s not ask the same questions every year.
  - Be more supportive to help Constituencies create questions.
  - Track old recommendations: abandon ones that are no longer valid.

- We’ve had four years of the survey now (2012-15).

Questions

- Ian Sapollnik: Dissatisfaction with the AMS. Is this because they don’t know about the AMS?
- Jenna Omassi: They don’t know the AMS, so they can’t trust us. They feel their fees are going into a black hole. I’m working with Communications to try to engage students more.
- Daniel Munro: We’ve never asked students why they’re satisfied with the AMS.
- Mateusz Miadlikowski, the VP Finance, wanted it noted that trust in the VP Finance went up.
- Aaron Bailey: Trust in undergraduate societies is higher than in the AMS because students are closer to their undergraduate societies. They don’t understand that the undergraduate societies are part of the AMS, that we’re the umbrella organization.

F) Consultation Period

Accessibility & Affordability Policies – Jenna Omassi and Jude Crasta

- Jude Crasta: There are two proposed affordability policies, one relating to the University and one relating to the government.
- Jenna Omassi:
  - Last year we talked about tuition. There was a policy that never passed. So now we’re looking at affordability and accessibility: more holistic.
  - There are different priorities on the University side and the government side.
  - For UBC, we’re looking at tuition, housing, etc. and how they affect affordability. We’re still opposing tuition increases beyond 2%.
- Jude Crasta:
  - In terms of the provincial government, we’re looking at how it can increase financial accountability and how the AMS can advocate.
  - We’re the only province without needs-based grants.
  - We also have the highest interest rates and the highest debt (re student loans).
  - The government could lower the interest rates.

Questions

- Viet Vu: The documents were just sent out. We haven’t had a chance to read them. Will there be a further chance to consult?
Jenna Omassi: There will be a Unicorn meeting. You can also email us directly.

G) Appointments

Budget Committee

Liam Reeve: There have been two resignations since the last meeting: one member at large and one Councillor. We need to fill the positions in order to get the budget to Council for July 29.

Councillor Nominees: Rachel Chan (Commerce), Viet Vu (Economics)
Chosen: Rachel Chan

At Large Nominees: Fred Wong, Anthony De Ruijter
Chosen: Fred Wong

7. MOVED MELISSA LACHICA, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That Rachel Chan (1 x Councillor) and Fred Wong (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Budget Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

Benjamin Israel: How was this advertised?
Liam Reeve: On the website, but that just produced two people not at UBC.

8. MOVED MELISSA LACHICA, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That Rachel Chan (1 x Councillor) and Fred Wong (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Budget Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

... Carried unanimously

For (28): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdosalami), Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Jeffrey Pea, Jenna Omassi, Liam Reeve, Adrian Chang (proxy for Tommy Reid), Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

ABCS (Alliance of BC Students)

Robin Asgari: This is to fill seats on ABCS committees. I could sit on one or more, or we could send others.
Ian Sapollnik: Can we name more than one person to a committee?
Robin Asgari: No.
Ian Sapollnik: How often will the committees meet?
Robin Asgari: Probably once a month. They're just creating the committees; it’s new.
Benjamin Israel: Was this advertised?
Robin Asgari: It's only open to Councillors.

Governance Committee Nominees: Aaron Bailey, Alan Ehrenholz (Aaron withdrew)
Policy Committee Nominees: Jenna Omassi
Finance Committee Nominees: Mateusz Miadlikowski

9. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the following appointments be made to the Alliance of BC Students committees:

Alan Ehrenholz (Governance Committee)
Jenna Omassi (Policy Committee)
Mateusz Miadlikowski (Finance Committee).”

... Carried

For (22): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Rachel Chan, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Fred Wong (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Jeffrey Pea, Liam Reeve, Adrian Chang (proxy for Tommy Reid), Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Against (1): Mateusz Miadlikowski

Abstained: Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Benjamin Israel, Jenna Omassi

H) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Aaron Bailey:
- Mat and I met with Turning Point brewery about the microbrewery project. Picking that up again.
- Working on draft of goals.
- Working on RFP for Council software.
- My Special Projects Assistant is working on the governance review.
- Working on MoU with Red Academy, a tech academy.
- Mat & I are going rock climbing.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski
- Sustainability meeting: approved a couple of grants. Planning goals.
- Walter Gage Fund Committee: looking at applications.
- Health and Dental Committee approved some changes to the plan.
- Hiring Funds & Grants Commissioner and Clubs & Constituencies Commissioner.
- Finance Commission: budgets.
- Brewery Committee: Looking to finalize MoU with Land & Food to put the brewery on the farm.
• Budgeting: final stages.
• Auditors are gone; they’re finalizing the numbers. Everything looks okay.
• Finalizing my goals.
• Clubs financial system: Spending time on the product; adapting it to our needs. To be ready for September.
• Working on a smoother opt-out system.
• Meeting with the GSS to talk about bursaries.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Jenna Omassi**

• Working on Wellbeing Initiative. Aim is to coordinate the two campuses. The University Executive has agreed to move this forward.
• Working on the Constituency supplements for the Academic Experience Survey.
• Sexual Assault: Working with UBC, SASC, and external partners about a consent program to be a part of Imagine Day and Constituency orientations. SASC is also working on a sexual assault policy.
• Vantage College: The Constituencies are on board. Now we’re waiting to see how Vantage College students will pay Constituency fees.
• Tuition: The Board of Governors on June 9 passed a resolution to raise international tuition to match tuition at peer institutions. Hopefully, this year we’ll have a better process of consultation. We’re working on best practices templates for the Deans in connection with UBC’s Policy 71 (the tuition consultation policy).
• Working on student financial aid.
• Engagement.
• Residents’ rights and contracts.

**VP External – Jude Crasta**

• The transit plebiscite failed.
  o Messaging on this from the AMS is that while disappointed, we’re not discouraged. We don’t see this as a rejection of improved transit.
  o The UBC area (Electoral District A) came out with a strong Yes.
  o Moving forward, the Broadway corridor is our Number 1 priority.
• SUDS: Emails are going out. It’s free for all Councillors.
• Compass Card: Gearing up for the full launch on August 19.
• U-Pass contract negotiations going on in earnest.

**Questions**

• Daniel Lam: What is the AMS position on a TransLink governance review?
• Jude Crasta: We agree that TransLink needs a governance review. We’ll be pushing for that.
• Ian Sapollnik: How many UBC students voted yes?
• Jude Crasta: The results are preliminary; an analysis will be released soon. We won’t know how UBC students in particular voted; the sorting will be by age group.
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: How was the voter turnout in Electoral District A?
• Jude Crasta: Not as high as some others: 39.5%. A number of reasons: Some parts of the district are in the UEL, beyond our activities.
Executive Director – Daniel Levangie
- Government Relations: Pierre is doing research on tuition and affordability.
- Communications: Rebranding, redesigning internal brands. PR event at the end of August about the Nest for the media.
- Archives: Has moved into its space in the new building. UBC has 147 boxes of old AMS records that are being repatriated.
- Events: Strategic and specific partnerships. First Week. Looking for space for the Welcome Back Barbecue.

J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Education Committee – Samantha So
- No new business.

Legislative Procedures Committee – Benjamin Israel
- Consent agendas.
- Position statements.
- BAGB.
- Reprimand procedures.

University & Relations Committee – Robin Asgari
- Update on transit plebiscite.
- Approved the two policies you saw tonight on affordability.

Student Life & Communications – Alan Ehrenholz
- Faculty Cup planning.
- Working on ideas for Imagine Day: e.g., a wall saying what to do before you graduate.

K) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Adrian Talingdan
- Passed budget.
- Planning for orientations.
- Rebranding as “This is your house.”

Law – Benjamin Israel
- Changing our logo to say Allard.

Economics – Viet Vu
- Passed budget.
- Planning for Blue Day (Orientations).
- Hiring chief editor for our journal.

Commerce – Fred Wong
- Redesigning website.
- Quarterly performance reviews.
- Finished budgeting: going to break even instead of having a surplus.
- Adding and expanding services
- Did club review process: adding 12 clubs.

**Engineering – Alan Ehrenholz**
- Passed budget.
- Handbook completed.
- Writing for our once a year newspaper.
- First week planning.

**Land & Food – Hussam Zbeeb**
- Creating a team; goal-setting.

**Kinesiology – Justin Tsang**
- Reception for new Director of the School.
- Resuming the MoU conversation.
- Rebranding, changing logo.

**Science – Melissa Lachica**
- Finalizing First Week events.
- Planning clubs orientation.
- Meeting about alumni engagement.
- On-boarding.
- Sponsorships.
- Building: upgrading, new furniture.
- New mascot costume.

**L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):**

**Board of Governors – Julie Van der Valk**
- Slow time.
- Finalizing Board open plan.

**Senate – Gurvir Sangha**
- Follow us on Twitter.
- Haven’t met since the last Council meeting.

**M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

10. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

   “That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

   AMS Council minutes dated November 5, 2014 [SCD059-16]
   AMS Council minutes dated April 29, 2015 [SCD060-16]
   Executive Committee minutes dated June 16, 2015.” [SCD061-16]

   … Carried

*For (25): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdalsalami), Robin Asgari, Hussam Zbee (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan*
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Abstained: Benjamin Israel

N) Executive Committee Motions:

11. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED BENJAMIN ISRAEL:

From the Executive Committee:
“That Council approve the expenditure of $26,523.28 from the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of Club Support Related Equipment:

• $17,982.07 – CRSC Equipment
• $3,500 – Locks for club lockers in Nest
• $670.00- Shelves for Science Fiction Club
• $460.72 – Adhesives for club office posters and Decorations
• $1,500.00 – Computers for two Grants Coordinators
• Plus 10% contingency ($24,112.07 + $2,411.20).”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The balance of the Capital Projects Fund is: $1,915,561.

Mateusz Miadlikowski: These are the items mentioned last time in the presentation by Ava. The largest amount is for the Clubs Resource and Sustainability Centre.
Fred Wong: How many shelves are you buying for the Science Fiction Club?
Mateusz Miadlikowski: A few. They need them for their books.

12. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED BENJAMIN ISRAEL:

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Abstained: Jenna Omassi

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

P) Committee Motions:

13. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee:
“That on the recommendation of the Legislative Procedures Committee, Council set the pay rate for the Chair of the Hiring Committee at Tier 2 ($11.25 an hour)."

Adrian Talingdan, the current Chair, declared a conflict of interest

- Benjamin Israel: This will match the pay of the other Chairs.
- Jenna Omassi: Is the Budget Committee Chair paid?
- Benjamin Israel: No, but we’ve already said this position should be paid.
- Ian Sapollnik: What does the Hiring Committee Chair do after all the positions have been hired?
- Jenna Omassi: Last year we added a lot of tasks, like approving job descriptions; it’s not just hiring.
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: We should stick to the rate, not whether they should be paid or not.
- Viet Vu: Has the Budget Committee been informed of this motion?
- Mateusz Miadlikowski: We’re waiting to see how much they will be paid.
- Benjamin Israel: Mat was at the LPC meeting on this and voted for it to come to Council.

14. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

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Reeve, Adrian Chang (proxy for Tommy Reid), Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Angela Tien, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Against (1): Mateusz Miadlikowski

Abstained: Rajeev Bagga, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Jenna Omassi, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan

15. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MELISSA LACHICA: [SCD062-16]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled “Code Changes 2015: Consent Agendas” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Benjamin Israel:
  o A consent agenda is for non-contentious issues like updating the fees in Code. There would be one omnibus motion for all these issues, and there will be a vote without any discussion.
  o Supporting documents will come to Council.
  o If any single Councillor has a problem with any of the consent items going through without debate, they can veto its inclusion among the consent items and force it to be transferred to the regular agenda.
  o The idea is to speed up Council, make it more efficient, in accordance with the President’s recommendations.

• Jenna Omassi (speaking against):
  o Last year we considered this and decided it was not for us.
  o There are lots of important items that should be discussed.
  o We already omnibus a lot.
  o We’re not like the Board of Governors [which uses consent agendas]: they have lots of minutes to approve.
  o The way the AMS works is that committees bring things to Council for discussion. A consent agenda would mean moving backward, away from what we try to do, which is to have substantive discussion at Council, for instance in Consultation Period.
  o Maybe to streamline things we could take things away from Council, simply not bring them here.
  o This new system will actually make us more inefficient because there will be constant removing of items from the consent agenda.

• Aaron Bailey:
  o We pass two or three sets of minutes at each meeting, so it’s not that different from the Board of Governors.
  o There are things worthy of being discussed. The Agenda Committee will have a chance to decide what goes on the consent agenda and what does not.
  o Having this doesn’t pose any detriment to AMS Council; checks and balances are in place; everyone has a veto.
  o This will lead to efficiency.
• Jenna Omassi (point of information): Is LPC still talking about the Agenda Committee?
  ○ Benjamin Israel (responding): The proposed changes are on hold, at the request of the President.
• Benjamin Israel: Anyone can take something off the consent agenda. If that happens, it would mean the Agenda Committee was not doing its job. If it continues to happen over time, then we could revisit.
• Viet Vu: Currently, we need to find a mover and a seconder for multiple motions. That takes time. If we can combine motions, that will save time.
• Jenna Omassi:
  ○ A consent agenda places pressure on Councillors to read documents ahead of time.
  ○ And we already have an issue of accountability to our students. This makes it harder for students to know what we’re doing. It puts things below the radar in terms of student engagement. There are accountability implications in doing this.
• Aaron Bailey: This is actually a great tool for encouraging Councillors to do their fiduciary duty and read the documents. This piece encapsulates our situation. A number of items don’t produce discussion anyway, and sometimes there are trivial things put forward for discussion.
• Jeffrey Pea: There’s a lot of logistics, but in the School Year, when there’s more on our plate, it will expedite things. We won’t have to take things off the agenda.
• Ian Sapollnik: Was there any discussion of simply including all the minutes together instead of introducing a consent agenda?
• Benjamin Israel: We could smush the two into one, but didn’t see the point of that.
• Liam Reeve: What are the rules for omnibusing motions?
• The Speaker: We have done this in the past, though not as often as people think. As to consent agendas, Robert’s Rules provides something equivalent.
• Aaron Bailey: The difference with using a consent agenda (as opposed to ad hoc omnibusing) is that we will benefit from the experience of the Agenda Committee.
• Julie Van der Valk: Consent agendas are really effective at the Board of Governors. They can help things move quicker.
• Viet Vu: It will allow us more time to discuss important issues.

16. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MELISSA LACHICA:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Consent Agendas“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

For (26): Armin Rezaiean-Asel (proxy for Jamiu Abdsalami), Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki), Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica,
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Against (2): Jenna Omassi, Adrian Chang (proxy for Tommy Reid)

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

17. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Finance Commission minutes dated May 28, 2015 [SCD063-16]

... No objections

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Discussion Period

T) Submissions:

- Club Resource & Sustainability Centre July Report [SCD064-16]
- Briefing Note on Accessibility & Affordability Policies [SCD065-16]
- Affordability Policy [SCD066-16]
- External Affordability Policy [SCD067-16]

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: July 29, 2015

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

W) Social Activity:
## July 8, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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V3: BIRT the following councillors be appointed to the Alliance of BC Students’ committees

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: David Nixon (Ubyssey), Steven Ponnoosamy (AMS), Stephanie Goh (Land & Food Systems), Chiyi Tam (AMS Sustainability Coordinator), Juliett Tam (Guest), Sabrina Yuen (Guest), Kathleen Simpson (AMS), Pierre Cenerelli (AMS Gov’t Relations), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Uli Laue (AMS Operations), Tracey Gaydosh (student), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

In the absence of the Speaker, the meeting was called to order at 6:24 pm with Jenna Omassi in the chair.

1. MOVED AYMAN AZIM, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That Code Section III, Article 1(28) be suspended to allow voting without roll call votes.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- VOICE (the Council voting software) is not working.

2. MOVED AYMAN AZIM, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That Code Section III, Article 1(28) be suspended to allow voting without roll call votes.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

3. MOVED SAMANTHA SO, SECONDED IBRAHEEM DAKILAH:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

4. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Remove the Club Resource Centre Assistant Coordinator job description motion from the consent portion of the agenda and place it in Committee Motions.
- Reorder presentations as follows: Sustainability, Oversight, Budget, U-Pass.
- Remove Unecorn minutes from July 2 and BAGB minutes from October 20 from the consent agenda and put them in the minutes section.

5. MOVED SAMANTHA SO, SECONDED IBRAHEEM DAKILAH:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”
B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members:


Good-byes:

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

- Jenna Omassi: Let’s move quickly. Ask good questions.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items

6. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the following be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated May 13, 2015 [SCD068-16]
AMS Council minutes dated June 3, 2015 [SCD069-16]
Budget Committee minutes dated June 17, 2015 [SCD070-16]
Budget Committee minutes dated July 2, 2015 [SCD071-16]
Budget Committee minutes dated July 14, 2015 [SCD072-16]
Budget Committee minutes dated July 21, 2015 [SCD073-16]
BAGB minutes – April 22, 2014 [SCD074-16]
BAGB minutes – January 9, 2015 [SCD075-16]
BAGB minutes – February 23, 2015 [SCD076-16]
BAGB minutes – March 18, 2015 [SCD077-16]
Education Committee minutes dated May 29, 2015 [SCD078-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 30, 2015 [SCD079-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 7, 2015 [SCD080-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 14, 2015 [SCD081-16]
Legislative Procedures Committee minutes - May 27, 2015 [SCD082-16]
Legislative Procedures Committee minutes - June 10, 2015 [SCD083-16]
Legislative Procedures Committee minutes - June 17, 2015 [SCD084-16]
Legislative Procedure Committee minutes - June 25, 2015 [SCD085-16]
Legislative Procedures Committee minutes - July 15, 2015 [SCD086-16]
Oversight Committee minutes dated June 4, 2015 [SCD087-16]
Oversight Committee minutes dated July 10, 2015 [SCD088-16]
University & External Relations Comm. minutes - July 14, 2015 [SCD089-16]
Student Administrative Commission minutes - June 15, 2015 [SCD090-16]
Clubs Resource and Sustainability Centre Coordinator JD [SCD091-16]

... Carried unanimously
F) Presentations to Council & Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

**Sustainability Goals – Chiyi Tam**

- Everything affected by the fact the new building is open.
- Sustainability Projects Fund:
  - Last year we were just aiming to increase applications and acceptance. This was successful.
  - Now we’re moving forward with engagement.
- Zero Waste:
  - Lighter Footprint Strategy: We were distracted by moving to the building. Now we can enact our targets.
  - We want to go beyond food and beverage: that’s done the best.
  - The 4-part garbage disposal system.
  - Clubs and events.
- Club Resource and Sustainability Centre:
  - Physical projects.
  - Need support for planning.
  - Pedal station.
  - Seed library.
- Energy Monitoring for the Building
  - Dashboard of data points.
  - High-end composting.
  - Water metering.
  - Number of people in the building.
- Closed Loop Vision re Organic Matter:
  - Worm composting, rooftop garden, etc.
  - All forming a coherent vision of the building. Want to see a circle come together.
  - Hiring new Composting Coordinator.
- A role for my office: Companies want to come to UBC to experiment with their sustainability ideas. UBC has no protocol for this, so the companies get referred to me. Three examples:
  - Umbrella sharing service.
  - Car pooling app.
  - In Rez: refillable dispensers for shampoo etc.

**Questions**

- Viet Vu: Does zero waste mean no waste at all, or just no waste to the landfill?
  - Chiyi Tam: To the landfill.
- Jude Crasta: Will the car pooling app be extended to students (and not just be for staff)?
  - Chiyi Tam: Not sure. The company came to us.
- Viet Vu asked for details about umbrella sharing: source of funding, racks.
  - Chiyi Tam: Haven’t had the buildings okay space for the racks yet. They will be self-funded and they’re also seeking a Sustainability Projects Fund grant.
- Hussam Zbeeb: Will there be real time measurement of water use in Rez?
  - Chiyi Tam: They did it in Totem. I think they will launch again.
Oversight Goal Presentation – Viet Vu

- Helping set Executive goals: met all the Executives, and it went well.
- Reviewing procedures.
- Chatting with the Ombudsperson.
- Today three sets of Executive goals: for the President, the VP Finance, and the VP Academic.
- The other two are not ready, but will come on August 19. Re the VP External: my oversight. Re the VP Admin: she is away on holiday.
- Couldn’t identify short-term goals for the VP Academic separate from her work on engagement, so we allowed short-term goals with that theme.
- For the President on Standing Committees, Code says to choose two; we thought it more valuable to allow flexibility, so although the President has chosen LPC and SLCC as his two committees, he can use attendance at other committees as a legitimate excuse for missing meetings of LPC and SLCC.
- Re the Ombudsperson: Not evaluating outcomes, just process.

AMS Budget Update – Mateusz Miadlikowski

- Decentralized process.
- Bottom-up approach.
- On-going consultations.
- Zero-based: any expenditure has to be justified.
- Sustainable, looking forward.
- Creative thinking.
- Realistic.
- Met with the departments, then went to Budget Committee.
- We take in $18,414,000 in fees, providing 96% of our revenue.
- Much of that goes to non-discretionary expenditures, leaving us a budget of $2.3 million.
- We also get business revenue: $350,000 this year.
  - It was going to be only $250,000; that’s what the businesses said. But BAGB asked for the higher number.
  - There was also money from the Whistler Lodge sale.
- Expenditures: The VP Administration is the biggest spender among the Executives.
- Funds: We’re no longer collecting new fees for the Student Services Fund, just using up what’s in the fund.
- We’re predicting a surplus of $252,383.
- In future there will be challenges because of the changed dates for the transition of the Executive. It will mean the outgoing team budgeting for new people. This year the new people were insiders, so it was not too bad, but in the future it could be a problem.
- Recommendations:
  - Long-term financial plan.
  - Fee referendum for the AMS fee and the Health and Dental fee.

U-Pass BC – Jude Crasta

- We’re in contract negotiations on the U-Pass.
The U-Pass was a very successful program from the time it started in 2003 at UBC and SFU, so the government decided to extend it to 11 other postsecondary institutions.

- In 2013 96% voted Yes to agree to the current costs.
- It’s for full or part-time students as long as you’re assessed AMS fees and are taking three physical credits or paying $720 in fees.
- You can’t sell, lend, or rent your U-Pass.
- You must carry your student ID with it.
- The Compass Card does not replace the U-Pass. The U-Pass is now a virtual product carried by the Compass Card.
- The Tap In/Tap Out system is essential for data analysis on ridership, telling us where students live and what buses they use, so we know what to advocate for.
- The current contract expires April 30, 2016.
- We’re negotiating price and other terms. This usually takes a couple of months, and then the price goes to Council and a referendum.
- I am pleased to report that at the last U-Pass advisory meeting we received word from the province that they are continuing funding for an additional two years. This is a great relief, good news: it means continuing the U-Pass at the same levels. The price is not really going up, except to account for inflation.
- So the price will continue at $38 a month till the end of the contract.
- It will then rise to $39.50 a month for 2016-17 and $41 a month the following year (until April 2018).
- Now, instead of focusing on price, we can design a suitable U-Pass program for the future.
- We’ll have extra time to look at Compass Card data.
- Next steps: A referendum is needed. Usually held with the Executive elections.
- Working on the final form of the contract.

Questions
- Viet Vu: What happens if the referendum fails?
- Jude Crasta: Then that’s it; it would mean UBC students are no longer interested in the U-Pass.

G) Consultation Period

Council Software – Jude Crasta and Aaron Bailey

Aaron:
- As you can see tonight, we need a new software system for Council because ours is broken.
- The idea is to improve efficiency and ensure we’re moving into the 21st century.
- Looking for a company that works best with us, offering training and troubleshooting, a company that is willing to be flexible with us.
- Looking for something that works on various devices; clean; user friendly, with the following features:
  - Something that lets us do moving and seconding, voting, exporting votes.
  - A speakers’ list.
  - A countdown timer.
  - A place to find meeting materials that is compatible with Office.
  - A way to do private messaging (for questions during debate).
7. MOVED RACHEL CHAN, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

Jude:
- Timeline:
  - Consultation sessions July 31 and August 10.
  - Council go-ahead on August 19.
  - Send out RFP August 20.
  - Decision by September 9.

Discussion
- Daniel Lam: Do you have any companies in mind?
- Aaron Bailey: No, that’s what the RFP is for.
- Viet Vu: Where would the money come from? I see that the Capital Projects Fund will be the source originally, but what about the annual fee?
  - Aaron Bailey: Still from the Capital Projects Fund.
  - Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac: Who’s making the decision?
  - Aaron Bailey: We’ve been researching companies that provide this sort of software; they send us bids; we choose.
  - Armin Rezaiean-Asel: What happened to eScribe?
  - Aaron Bailey: We had a one-year contract with them which is finished. There was no RFP last year.
  - Jeffrey Pea: Where did the $20,000 figure come from?
  - Aaron Bailey: That was the eScribe quote last year, which we got without competition. So this year, with competition, $20,000 seemed reasonable.
  - Bree Fraser: What’s the timeline for getting the software?
  - Aaron Bailey: January.
  - Jude Crasta: We’re looking for what fits our needs and requires the least amount of modification.
  - Bree Fraser: January would be a troubleshooting month?
  - Jude Crasta: An orientation period: Four months is not a lengthy time to have everything up and running.
  - Angela Tien: What was the total cost last year?
  - Aaron Bailey: About $23,000 for the first year; then a schedule for subsequent years, but we only signed for one year.

**Governance Review –Steven Ponnoosamy (Executive Projects Assistant)**

- Last governance review was 20 years ago: the CORP report. A lot of its recommendations are still in place, but the Society has changed quite a lot since then.
- Hope to have the first meeting of a Governance Review Committee in September.
- October-December: Get input. External consultant, public consultation.
- Final report by end of April, to go to next year's Council.
• Consulting fee: $38,000. Last year we had a bid for $37,000. Overall we have $50,000 available, but hoping to keep the total to $45,000 (for the consulting fee plus other expenses).

Discussion
• Mark Bancroft: What happened to last year’s RFP?
• Jenna Omassi: We found a company, but Council didn’t approve the funding. The company had been chosen first before securing Council approval for the funding.
• Viet Vu: Council members on the committee should be non-Executives.

H) Appointments

8. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED CONNY LIN:

“That Jacqueline Shaffer and Hussam Zbeeb (2 x members at large) be appointed to the Brewery Committee for a term effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Ayman Azim (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the New SUB Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in August 2015.”

… Carried

President’s Remarks (5 minutes):
Aaron Bailey:
• Oversight goals.
• MoU with Red Academy (technical academy) re club technological skills, website design.
• Governance review.
• Software RFP.
• Ternary report.
• Nest:
  o Black Box Theatre and Lounge, the Perch, and the Michael Kingsmill Forum (Council Chambers) expected to open August 10.
  o Tender out for Clubs Resource and Sustainability Centre and SASC support space.
  o Promo video being released.
  o Follow-up video being shot August 12.
  o Firstweek launching.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Executive Director – Daniel Levangie
Communications
• Rebranding: micro-branding (Services and SASC etc.).
• Government and University Relations:
  o Sexual assault policy.
  o Federal election polling station.
  o Housing strategies.
o Strategies for ABCS (loan reform).
- Archives: Book more than half done; excerpts will be appearing in Trek magazine.
- SASC:
  - Working on space.
  - Healthy masculinities initiative.
- Services: Hiring tutors.
- Events: Secured location for Welcome Back BBQ: Tef 3 (parking lot).
- Centennial Fund: Received funding for the book and the art gallery; also a third grant for an event of our choosing.

**VP External – Jude Crasta**
- SUDS planning going well. Sign up by August 1. Complete the survey.
- Ivy league Council may come to SUDS.
- Federal elections: A polling station will be hosted at the AMS.
- Speaking to producers at Global to have a leaders town hall in the Nest.
- U-Pass contract negotiations.

**VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski:**
- Budget.
- Financial system for clubs is in final stage of implementation.
- Sustainability Projects Fund: discussing criteria.
- BAGB met last week and discussed revenues.
- Sending budget templates to Clubs and Constituencies.
- Revamping Finance Commission website.

**VP Academic – Jenna Omassi**
- Open Educational Resources: textbook broke campaign.
- Faculty plan.
- Undergraduate research.
- Engagement meeting.
- Campus development: fencing, the GSAB area.
- Academic Experience Survey portal access.
- Safer party plan.
- Vantage College fees: integrating into the undergraduate societies; they will pay to AUS, SUS, EUS and be represented on Council through those societies.
- Musqueam weaving project.

*The chair was passed to Abdul Alnaar (the Speaker).*

**Questions**
- Viet Vu: Will you release data from the Academic Experience Survey so students can use it for projects.
- Jenna Omassi: Probably not, due to confidentiality issues.

**J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):**

**Education Committee – Samantha So**
- Teaching and Learning Technology
- Collaborating with Senate.

**Legislative Procedures Committee – Samantha So**
- Reviewing executive duties.
- BAGB review.

**University and External Relations Committee – Robin Asgari**
- Affordability consultation.
- Uber policy: should the AMS move forward with that?

**Student Life and Communications Committee – Alan Ehrenholz**
- Faculty Cup January 29.
- All-Presidents Dinner March 3.
- Imagine Day: Before I Graduate wall (what people want to do).

**K) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):**

**Arts – Adrian Talingdan**
- Arts student centre project.
- Centennial cheer competition.
- Registration for orientation opens next week.
- Faculty fair.
- Arts Development planning.

**Commerce – Daphne Tse**
- Website redesign.
- Retreat.

**Economics – Viet Vu**
- Working on 10-year plan.
- Hired an editor-in-chief for our journal: first issue in April.
- First-year BIE orientation.

**Engineering – Alan Ehrenholz**
- Looking at the EUS portion of Academic Experience Survey.
- Blood drive.
- Orientation: Week E°.
- Booked our retreat.

**Forestry - Ayman Azim**
- No update.

**GSS – Conny Lin**
- Ad hoc committee on harassment and discrimination formed (especially for professor-grad student work-related harassment).
- Working on orientation event.
Kinesiology – Bree Fraser
- There’s a new Director of Kinesiology.
- Working with the new Director and with Jenna Omassi on the MoU.
- Kin camp orientation planning.
- Kin tutoring.

Land & Food Systems – Hussam Zbeeb
- Met with our Dean re allocation of fees.
- Working on student consultation for this.

Science – Melissa Lachica
- Guidebook.
- Club orientations.
- Rebranding/logo.
- Alumni networking (celebration event).
- Sponsorship contracts.
- Event planning for First week.
- Imagine Day and Dean’s welcome.
- Building clean-up.
- Committee chair event.
- Looking at AMS tutoring at Ladha.
- Second round of hiring in August.

L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

Senate – Marjan Hatai
- Senate still hasn’t met.
- Student Senate Caucus talked about Senate reform.

Ombudsperson – Penny Zhang
- Settled into office. Transitioned.
- Meeting with UBC Ombuds tomorrow.
- Already one new case. Some past cases.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- 1971 Executive promised to take their program to the student body in a plebiscite and said they would resign if they lost the plebiscite.
- They lost and they resigned, all of them, en masse: only time that’s happened. Very honourable of them.

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

9. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:

University & External Relations minutes – July 2, 2015 [SCD098-16]
BAGB minutes – October 20, 2014 [SCD099-16]
10. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED BREE FRASER:

“That these minutes be referred back to their committees.”

- Viet Vu: The BAGB minutes have a line in them that needs clarification. The Unecorn minutes don’t list the attendees, which is important for PAI.

11. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED BREE FRASER:

“That these minutes be referred back to their committees.”

… Carried

12. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:

- University & External Relations minutes – July 2, 2015 [SCD098-16]
- BAGB minutes – October 20, 2014 [SCD099-16]

… Referred back to committee

N) Executive Committee Motions:

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

P) Committee Motions:

13. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED HUSSAM ZBEEB: [SCD100-16]

From the Oversight Committee
“That the 2015/16 Executive goals for the AMS President, VP Academic & University Affairs and the VP Finance be accepted as presented.”

… Carried

Note: The Executive, Conny Lin, and Katerina Maria Othonos abstained.

14. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED ROBIN ASGARI:

From the Oversight Committee
“That Council suspend Code Section VI, Article 1(8)(g) to allow the Oversight Committee to submit the deliverable goals for the VP External and the VP Administration no later than the last Council meeting in August 2015.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

Note: The Executive abstained from the vote.

15. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI: [SCD101-16]

From the Budget Committee
“That the AMS 2015/2016 budget be accepted as presented.

Note: Requires 2/3rds
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: There have been no questions or concerns raised since the budget was released seven days ago, and none after the presentation. Let’s vote.
• Viet Vu: Two big concerns have not been addressed:
  o There are some very optimistic projections for Events; there are questions about expenses.
  o Why didn’t pay increases in the Services go through the Hiring Committee?
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: There are no raises in Services budget, and Services pay doesn’t have to go to the Hiring Committee. As for Events, you could have raised questions before.
• Samantha So: The sponsorship budgeting seems optimistic.
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: The assumption is that the new building will attract new sponsorship revenue.
• Samantha So: Last year you expected $7,500 but got only $121. It looks strange.
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: The year before we had $10,000 in sponsorship. Last year there were concerns about moving; that’s why sponsorship was down.
• Daniel Levangie: Also, for our big events last year, we were late getting approval for Welcome Back Barbecue and Block Party, so there was no time to get sponsorship.
• Daniel Lam: There’s an enormous concert expense. It was $10,000 to $20,000 before, but now it’s $80,000.
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: We have new great event space. We’re expecting higher expenses and revenues.
• Jeffrey Pea: Design services show an increase.
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: We hired a new person instead of outsourcing to a company that charges triple.
• Jenna Omassi: Councillors could have gone to Budget Committee and asked minute questions there, or could have asked after the presentation. Going line by line is not appropriate now.
• Viet Vu: The revenue assumption is too optimistic. Ticket prices would have to be $38.
• Conny Lin: What are the consequences of not passing the budget?
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: Since May we have been running on the preliminary budget. The consequence of not approving the final budget is not being able to start on projects like the Welcome Back Barbecue, not getting talent.
• Conny Lin: We couldn’t spend?
• Mateusz Miadlikowski: Up to 25% of last year’s budget could be spent: ongoing wages etc.

16. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI: [SCD101-16]

From the Budget Committee
“That the AMS 2015/2016 budget be accepted as presented.

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried (23/3/3)
17. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED VIET VU: [SCD102-16] [SCD103-16]

**From the University & External Relations Committee**

“That the University and External affordability policies be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Robin Asgari: The policies were drafted. We held consultation sessions; there was lots of consultation. Now the policies are here.

18. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED VIET VU:

**From the University & External Relations Committee**

“That the University and External affordability policies be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

19. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED DARIO GAROUSIAN: [SCD104-16]

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2015: President as Signing Officer’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that this Code amendment expire on August 31, 2015.”

- Samantha So:
  - Last summer a situation arose in which a signing officer was away on vacation and we named the President as a temporary signing officer to take their place.
  - This year we’re in the same situation: two signing officers will be away.
  - We’re recommending that we take temporary action again, only for this summer; it’s happened only once before in recent years. If it happens again, we can look into a more permanent change.
- Jenna Omassi: Is this for the whole summer?
- Samantha So: From now until August 31.
- Jenna Omassi: We will only be in this position for one week; it’s not needed for the whole summer.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: The Bylaws say that if Council so decides in the Code, the President can become a signing officer for May through August inclusive.
- Jenna Omassi: This will be adding to the President’s duties. The only week we need is August 16-23.

20. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That this motion be referred back to the Legislative Procedures Committee.”

- Samantha So: Council’s next meeting is not till August 19.
21. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That this motion be referred back to the Legislative Procedures Committee.”

... Withdrawn

22. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED DARIO GAROUSIAN:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2015: President as Signing Officer’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that this Code amendment expire on August 31, 2015.”

- Aaron Bailey: I’m totally fine with not signing much.
- Jenna Omassi: The Bylaw gives Council the power to name any period within May-August, just not for September-April.
- The Speaker: Sheldon is suggesting that the Bylaw requires that this be for the whole May-August period or not at all, but I’m inclined to be more lenient.
- Conny Lin: How much work is involved?
- Jenna Omassi: There can be zero to a hundred cheques in a week. Most could wait, but issues could come up. Outside of that week, there would be two regular signing officers again, so no need for the President to sign.

23. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED DARIO GAROUSIAN:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2015: President as Signing Officer’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that this Code amendment expire on August 31, 2015.”

...Defeated

24. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

“That the agenda be amended to add a new motion to amend Code.”

... Carried

25. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED DARIO GAROUSIAN:

“That Council amend Code Section IX B, Article 2 to add a new subsection to name the President as a signing authority from August 16 to August 23, 2015.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

26. MOVED SAMANTHA SO, SECONDED VIET VU:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council suspend all Code sections referring to the Strategic Framework until May 1, 2016.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The relevant sections are: Section II, Article 12; Section VI, Article 4(1)(m).

- Samantha So: This stems from discussion of Executive duties. The President is supposed to implement the Strategic Framework, but it’s outdated, and we’re hoping the Governance Review will look at it.
- Viet Vu: The Oversight Committee is happy to support this: it will make our job easier, and Aaron’s: we won’t have to evaluate this duty.

27. MOVED SAMANTHA SO, SECONDED VIET VU:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council suspend all Code sections referring to the Strategic Framework until May 1, 2016.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The relevant sections are: Section II, Article 12; Section VI, Article 4(1)(m).

… Carried

Note: Jenna Omassi and Aaron Bailey abstained

28. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED DARIO GAROUSIAN: [SCD105-16]

From the Hiring Committee
“That Council approve the Clubs Resource and Sustainability Centre Assistant Coordinator job description as presented.”

- Adrian Talingdan: We took this off the consent agenda because there’s a minor correction that’s needed: to remove a line saying they report to themselves (it’s in there because of a cutting and pasting error).
- Jenna Omassi: So there’s a sentence that needs to be removed.
- The Speaker: Is there a general understanding that passage of this motion does not include the erroneous sentence?
- There was consensus from Council on this.

29. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED DARIO GAROUSIAN:

From the Hiring Committee
“That Council approve the Clubs Resource and Sustainability Centre Assistant Coordinator job description as presented [without the erroneous sentence].”

… Carried

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Discussion Period
T) Submissions:

First Ternary – AMS Services [SCD106-16]
First Ternary – VP External [SCD107-16]
First Ternary – President [SCD108-16]
First Ternary – VP Academic [SCD109-16]
U Pass BC Letter [SCD110-16]
Council Software RFP [SCD111-16]
Governance Review Proposal [SCD112-16]
Governance Review RFP [SCD113-16]
Student Life July report [SCD114-16]
Unicorn July report [SCD115-16]
Educom July Report [SCD116-16]
LPC July report [SCD117-16]

- The VP Finance said his ternary had also gone out and should be added to the submissions.

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: August 19, 2015

V) Adjournment:

30. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

W) Social Activity:
### July 29, 2015 Attendance

**The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance**

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Kevin Doering (AMS SAC), Ken Yi (AMS Human Resources), Kathleen Simpson (AM AVP External), Moira Warburton (Ubysssey), Konstantin Promnovic, (Ubysssey), Emma Partridge (Ubysssey), Neal Yonson (GSS Policy), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm.

1. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED SAMANTHA SO:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

   “That the agenda be amended to add discussion topics on committee terms and Board of Governors transparency.”

   ... No objections

3. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

   “That the agenda be amended to add an appointment to the Hiring Committee.”

   ... No objections

4. MOVED JUDE CRASTA, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion concerning the federal election

   ... No objections

5. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED SAMANTHA SO:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   ... Carried unanimously

For (28): Jamiu Abdusalami, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Ryan Grubbs, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Samantha So,
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B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members: Ryan Grubbs (Regent College)


Good-byes: Josh Galbraith (Regent College)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

- The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on traditional, unceded Musqueam land.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items

6. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the following be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated June 24, 2015 [SCD118-16]
AMS Council minutes dated July 8, 2015 [SCD119-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 21, 2015 [SCD120-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 28, 2015 [SCD121-16]
BAGB Minutes dated October 20, 2014 (corrected) [SCD122-16]
BAGB Minutes dated April 20, 2015. [SCD123-16]
LPC Minutes dated July 22, 2015 [SCD124-16]
LPC Minutes dated August 5, 2015 [SCD125-16]
Unecorn Minutes dated July 2, 2015 (amended) [SCD126-16]
Governance Review Proposal dated July 29, 2015 [SCD127-16]
Boardroom Software RFP dated July 20, 2015 [SCD128-16]
Sustainability priorities dated July 29, 2015.” [SCD129-16]

... Carried

For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Ryan Grubbs, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian
Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

7. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

"That the following be accepted as presented:

Code Changes 2015: Recording Email Votes for Committees [SCD130-16] and Commissions
Code Changes 2015: Consent Agendas Modified [SCD131-16]
Code Changes 2015: Expiry of Presidential Signing Authority Amendment."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (26): Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Anujit Chakraborty, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Ryan Grubbs, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Daniel Lam, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk

Abstained: Vanessa Lau, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

F) Presentations to Council & Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

The Federal Election Campaign – Jude Crasta and Kathleen Simpson [SCD133-16]

Jude Crasta:
- Voting 60 days away. One of the longest election campaigns ever. Gives us a lot of time.
- We"re targeting the 40,440 domestic students attending UBC.
- We”re non-partisan; we”re not saying who to vote for.

Kathleen Simpson:
- Traditionally, there”s a low turnout among youth. We want to get young people into the habit of voting, give a voice to students, a strong voice to UBC students.
- Had to make sure our branding looks non-partisan.
- Trying to tap into campus pride.
Jude Crasta:
- Let’s get out the vote.
- Our slogan is: Champion the Vote.
- On coffee sleeves, rave cards, T-shirts.
- Will use website, posters, emails.
- Advance polling will be available in the Old SUB Ballroom. We’re making the vote accessible, making it easier to vote on campus.

Kathleen Simpson:
- We will have an events focus, and we’re not just telling people there’s an election; we’re trying to engage with the issues.
- We’re partnering with AMS businesses: there will be coffee collars with election information on them.
- We’ll also have volunteers doing canvassing.

8. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

Jude Crasta:
- The budget will be $9,324, mostly for food, supplies, and a street team. We have a video, but it doesn’t cost us anything.
- The Executive approved the budget yesterday. The money will come from the Federal Election Subsidiary Fund.

Questions
- Julie Van der Valk asked about a Youth Leaders Debate and debates involving candidates in this riding.
- Jude Crasta: For youth leaders, we’re happy with anyone the parties put forward. For the campus riding, we’re reaching out to the local candidates, though it’s been difficult.
- Benjamin Israel: What’s the difference between volunteers and the street team?
- Jude Crasta: The volunteers will do classrooms announcements and posterering. The street team will go to the residences and off campus, and also be in the Nest, and they’ll coordinate the volunteers.

Nest Update – Ava Nasiri
- SASC will be ready by September 2.
- Student staff space will be ready by September 7.
- Council chambers will be ready for the first meeting in September.
- The Perch will be done by the end of August.
- The final space to be created (the Lev Bukhman Lounge and the performance theatre) will be ready for September 30.
• The projected cost of the whole project is now $107.9 million, with room to increase. We do have one claim outstanding, but are also expecting a reimbursement.
• The opening ceremony will be September 9 at 4 pm. We may have an extra Council meeting that day.
• The opening Pit night will extend into the entirety of the Agora.
• Anne de Wolfe (UBC’s Director of Financial Assistance) has donated a Yamaha piano for the second floor near the art gallery.
• The fate of the Life Building (the Old SUB) is still unknown. The University does not know what they’re doing with it, and we would like them to.

Questions
• Daniel Lam: Is there a dress code for the opening ceremonies?
• Ava Nasiri: If anyone wants their own Gus the Seagull mascot costume, let me know. Otherwise, business casual.

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

9. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That Angela Tien be appointed to the Hiring Committee (as a non-Executive Council member) for a term beginning immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

… Carried

Note: Adrian Talingdan has resigned as Chair and as a member of the Hiring Committee.

10. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That Angela Tien (Executive or non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Hiring Committee for a term effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

… Carried

I) President’s Remarks – Aaron Bailey (5 minutes):

• Thanks to the Perch for tonight’s food. Looking forward to it opening.
• Governance review.
• Software RFP.
• Busy time at the University over recent events [the resignation of UBC President Arvind Gupta etc.]. Been preparing our response. Fielding questions from the media.
• Imagine Day.
• First Week, Events, Welcome Back Barbecue.
• Working with Athletics to promote the Homecoming football game.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic & University Affairs – Jenna Omassi (via Aaron Bailey)
• On holidays in Montreal.

VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski (via Daniel Levangie)
• Also away.
• Been streamlining the medical student opt-in system.

VP External – Jude Crasta
• SUDS was amazing:
  o Highest attendance ever.
  o Expanded across the border: delegates from the U.S.
  o Report later.
  o Out of the conference, a proposal for a global roundtable; suggested by the U.S. Ivy Council.
• Federal election will be No. 1 priority until October 19.
• Compass Card phasing in.

Questions
• Viet Vu asked about relations with the Ivy Council.
• Jude Crasta:
  o They reached out to us (via the VP External at Harvard), and I invited them to come to SUDS.
  o We’ll be working closely with them.
  o They promised to bring the whole Ivy Council.
  o The Global Roundtable they’re involved in is a non-partisan academic policy group of students from the U.S., Russia, China, and (with us now) Canada.

VP Administration – Ava Nasiri
• Shinerama, the fundraiser for cystic fibrosis, will be here September 13. Last year Council attendance was low, affecting morale.
• SAC:
  o Clubs Resource & Sustainability Centre launching in September. Looking for a coordinator.
  o Student Social Enterprises.
  o Office and locker allocations done.
  o Art Gallery shows for Halloween and for Thrive Week.
• AMS volunteer base.
• Partnership with Equity and Inclusion Office.
Executive Director – Daniel Levangie
- Communications: Showcasing the new building.
- Archives: Has fully moved in now.
- SASC: Taking the lead on the UBC sexual assault response team.
- Services:
  - Food Bank in its new digs on the lower level of the Old SUB.
  - Volunteer Avenue is shifting its focus; it will no longer just be external; it’s working with Ava and Aaron to build an internal volunteer team; there will be internal volunteer opportunities.
  - First Week. Teaming up with the Pit. Figuring out who books the Pit.
- University and Government Relations: Pierre Cenerelli is leaving on September 11 to become the Executive Director of the SFU Graduate Student Society. Fabulous for Pierre, but sad for the AMS.

Questions
- Viet Vu asked about the timeline for hiring a new University and Government Relations Advisor.
- Daniel Levangie: We will do it as soon as we can.

J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Education Committee – Samantha So:
- No report.

Legislative Procedures Committee – Benjamin Israel:
- Reviewing Executive duties.
- Housekeeping.
- CiTR Board.
- BAGB overhaul.
- Looking at policies in September.

University & External Relations Committee – Robin Asgari:
- ABCS: Met our coalition partners.
- Discussed student loan grace periods (interest charged during summer term). Trying to convince government to eliminate that interest.

SLCC – Alan Ehrenholz:
- Imagine Day: Fun painting day for the wall about what you want to do before you graduate
- All-Presidents Dinner and the Faculty Cup still far away.
K) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Science – Melissa Lachica
- Planning orientation events.
- Final rounds of hiring.
- Retreat planning.
- Preparing for fall elections.

Engineering – Alan Ehrenholz
- Retreat planning.
- Academic experience survey.
- Handbook.
- Newspaper.

Economics – Viet Vu
- Selling tickets for Blue Day.
- Booking patio for Welcome Back events.
- By-elections.
- New building.

Law – Benjamin Israel
- No business.

Kinesiology – Justin Tsang
- Registration for orientation event open.
- Leader retreat this weekend.
- MoU: working hard on it.

Commerce – Vanessa Lau
- I'm back!
- Focusing on Business Week.
- Performance reviews.
- Board meeting to discuss our vision for next year.

GSS – Conny Lin
- The Executive is attending a conference in Ottawa.
- We’re preparing a get out the vote campaign with CASA.
- Discrimination & harassment committee.
- New T-shirts.
- PhD movie at the Norm tomorrow on life as a grad student.
- Hike to Mount Seymour.

Arts – Adrian Talingdan
- Finalizing orientation.
- First Week programming.
- Arts interchange grant: working with Faculty.
- Finalizing agendas
- Looking at collaborating on undergraduate research opportunities and with AMS Tutoring

**Land and Food Systems – Hussam Zbeeb**
- Planning for First Week.
- Hiring.
- Meeting with Dean about international tuition.

**Regent College – Ryan Grubbs**
- Finished summer school.
- Orientation retreat.

**Planning – Cassandra Cummings**
- Orientation in Whistler.

L) **Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):**

**Julie Van der Valk – BoG**
- I want to reassure Council that the student reps have been fully involved in every meeting, offering a student perspective.
- Meeting being arranged with the AMS, the GSS, and the Board reps in September.
- Cannot answer questions at this time.

**Senate – Marjan Hatai**
- Nothing new.

M) **Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

N) **Executive Committee Motions:**

11. **MOVED** JUDE CRASTA, SECONDED VIET VU:

   “That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the expenditure of $9,324 from the Federal Election Subsidiary Fund for the federal election campaign.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds
   Note: The current balance of the Federal Election Subsidiary Fund is $10,000.

   - Jude Crasta: Please give us the money. For a campaign going on for two months, this is not too spendthrift.
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O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

P) Committee Motions:

13. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the Oversight Committee
“That Council approve the Executive goals of the VP External and the VP
Administration.”

- Viet Vu: Couldn"t present these goals last meeting, but they”re here now.

14. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the Oversight Committee
“That Council approve the Executive goals of the VP External and the VP
Administration.”

… Carried

For (26): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Mark Bancroft (proxy for
Sareena Mohammad), Anujit Chakraborty, Rachel Chan, Cassandra
Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee
Mann), Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Abstained: Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Marjan Hatai, Vanessa Lau

15. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK: [SCD136-16]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Executive Duties” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Benjamin Israel: Held consultations with the Executive about what their duties should be. Also talked with the Oversight Chair. Aiming to make the duties accurate so that when Oversight evaluates it’s on the correct basis.

16. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK: [SCD136-16]

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Executive Duties” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (26): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Anujit Chakraborty, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Ryan Grubbs, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Abstained: Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Ava Nasiri
Committee terms

- Aaron Bailey:
  - We’re holding opening ceremonies on September 9.
  - That was going to be the date of a regular Council meeting at which we would do committee appointments.
  - Appointments take six hours or so, but there’s going to be lots of festivities that night.
  - So we’re proposing we meet here on September 9 and then move to the Nest for a ceremonial meeting.
  - We’ll hold a meeting September 2 to do required business and hold off until September 16 for a meeting to do committee appointments.
  - People currently on committees would stay until then.
- Viet Vu: School is starting late this year, so members at large on September 9 would only have one day to decide to run.
- Aaron Bailey: So next month there will be meetings on September 2, 9, and 16. No meeting on September 23.

17. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

“That the agenda be amended to add a Code suspension motion.”

… No objections

18. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend Code Section V, Article 2(2) requiring that Standing Committee appointments for the Winter Session be made at the first Council meeting in September in order that the appointments be made at the Council meeting scheduled for September 16.

“Be it further resolved that all Committee members whose terms are to expire at the first Council meeting in September shall have their terms extended until September 16.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Samantha So: Would the chairs be in a conflict of interest?
- The Speaker said no.
19. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

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“Be it further resolved that all Committee members whose terms are to expire at the first Council meeting in September shall have their terms extended until September 16.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**Board of Governors Transparency**

- Conny Lin: Will this be in camera?
- Aaron Bailey:
  - I’m going to try to keep the meeting open – as an example.
  - I want to have a discussion of where we stand as the Alma Mater Society and as students.
- Reading from a draft statement from the Executive, the President stated that:
  - The AMS seeks University stability and an appropriate investigation into the resignation of UBC President Arvind Gupta.
  - We are concerned about speculation by the media and the Faculty Association.
  - We are attentive to the stability of our University and to the effective functioning of institutional governance structures.
  - Considering University stability to be paramount, we do not call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors or the University’s Chancellor at this time.
  - We fully support the University’s investigation into allegations of infringement of academic freedom and ask that public judgment be withheld until the findings of the investigation have been released.
  - We call on others to avoid speaking on behalf of the students.
  - We are dedicated to ensuring that the Board of Governors is held accountable and will work towards improved transparency and representation of the student voice.

_The Speaker relinquished the chair to AMS President Aaron Bailey._

- Benjamin Israel: My constituents in Law have expressed concern and would like to support a call for resignation. Personally, I stand with the Faculty Association [which called for the resignation of the Board Chair].
Viet Vu:
  o Others are saying students think this or that, but we're the ones who are elected to represent students.
  o I do agree with the Faculty Association in the sense that the Chair of the Board of Governors made some questionable decisions, but the allegations are still under investigation. We should be waiting for the results of the investigation.
    o And we should be looking for stability.

Marjan Hatai: Has the statement been released?
The answer was No.
Marjan Hatai: Why should we support the Board Chair?
Ava Nasiri: We don't want to add further instability. There has been lots of speculation about why President Gupta resigned. There are non-disclosure issues which mean the Board can't share. Looking at stability and the priorities John Montalbano has had so far, our best course would be not to support the call for resignation.

Jude Crasta: Our mission and mandate is to educate students, and to achieve that we need stability. Others are speaking on our behalf.
Ava Nasiri: The Faculty Association has made their statement public already, but the thing for us is to make an analysis of what's in the best interests of students.

Alan Ehrenholz: We are looking at two events. One is speculative and under investigation. There are transparency issues, but calls for resignation would lead to instability, which we don't need now. Once the investigation is concluded, and we have the facts, then we can base our actions on those.

Ian Sapollnik: We don't have enough information. To call for resignation would be pre-emptive. But to say we're not calling is also pre-emptive. I'd suggest we not take a stance on that. More important is to call for transparency and an explanation of President Gupta's resignation.

Ava Nasiri: How then do we distance ourselves from the Faculty Association's statement?
Ian Sapollnik: I can't say how, but we can say we're the organization speaking on behalf of students.
Conny Lin: We're here to represent the interests of students. What do students care about? Stability. Sometimes the Faculty Association has different or opposite interests to us.

Viet Vu: Transparency: even with the non-disclosure agreement, we can advocate for transparency in the future.
Mark Bancroft: It's a good idea to say we want to work with the Administration. The main issue is transparency.
Angela Tien: Students want more information, transparency, accountability. I don't think asking for a resignation now is what students are looking for.
Jeffrey Pea: We need more information before taking a stance.
• Hussam Zbeeb: Calling for resignation now would be pre-emptive; we could say that this is only our stance for now; that would allow for wiggle room.
• Marjan Hatai: Given how speculative things are, would it be appropriate to take any stance at this point?
• Alan Ehrenholz: There were two events. One is speculative, but the resignation is not speculative. We can make a statement about that.
• Ava Nasiri: If we don’t take a stance, other groups may continue to create a stance for us. We need to issue something publicly.
• Robin Asgari:
  o There’s been tension for a long time and not just at UBC. Capilano has also had a resignation. It’s premature to ask the Chair to resign. We need to see leadership from the provincial government.
  o If the AMS is to endorse anything, it should endorse proper procedures for an investigation.
  o Getting rid of the Board Chair will not solve problems.
  o We need to endorse transparency and an investigation.
• Viet Vu: I would like to propose a motion to direct the Executive Committee to state three things:
  o The AMS is the voice of the students.
  o We advocate for further transparency from the Board of Governors.
  o We want to wait until the investigation is over before taking further action.
• Neal Yonson: Who is undertaking the investigation? Under what terms? How independent is it?
• Ava Nasiri: That hasn’t come up at the Executive Committee yet.
• Neal Yonson:
  o It’s strange to support an investigation when nobody knows how it is happening.
  o The Faculty Association is saying they don’t believe any investigation is viable as long as Montalbano remains Chair. If the Faculty Association won’t participate, how fair will the investigation be?
  o UBC has hired a PR firm and released statements via the Board Chair. They are using resources to defend the Chair.
• Jude Crasta: Would you suggest we ask the government to step in and investigate?
• Neal Yonson: I just wanted to raise these issues. People at this table are saying this investigation will solve everything and everything is speculative, but not everything is.
• Ava Nasiri: It looks like any investigation would be done by an independent arbiter. If the Faculty Association is reluctant to participate … Why raise the issue if not willing to have it investigated?
• Viet Vu: Are there any ways in which the AMS or the students can have representation in the investigative process?
• Jude Crasta:
  o Maybe we can forward these questions to Jenna; it"s her area.
  o We"re not relying purely on the investigation.
  o We will think critically about the information we receive.
• Benjamin Israel: What I"m hearing from Council is that there"s not enough
  information, not that we"re super behind the Chair.

20. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED TOMMY REID:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion directing the Executive to
draft and release a statement iterating the following points:

➢ The AMS is the voice of the students and speaks with the interest of
  students in mind in regard to academics and the student experience.
➢ Advocating for the increased transparency of the Board of Governors.
➢ We welcome an investigation but wish for transparency and student
  involvement in the process.
➢ We wish to remain neutral on the call for the resignation of the Chair
  of the Board of Governors and the Chancellor of the University due to
  the lack of information."

• Viet Vu:
  o The major change from the original statement is that we"re not
    saying we"re not calling for resignation; instead we"re remaining
    neutral.
  o Also we"re supporting an investigation, but not necessarily the
    University”s investigation.

21. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED TOMMY REID:

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draft and release a statement iterating the following points:

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➢ We welcome an investigation but wish for transparency and student
  involvement in the process.
➢ We wish to remain neutral on the call for the resignation of the Chair
  of the Board of Governors and the Chancellor of the University due to
  the lack of information.”

... Carried unanimously

For (25): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Mark
Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Jude Crasta, Cassandra
Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra
Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin (proxy for Colóm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

22. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED CONNY LIN:

“That the Executive Committee be directed to draft and release a statement iterating the following points:

- The AMS is the voice of the students and speaks with the interest of students in mind in regard to academics and the student experience.
- Advocating for the increased transparency of the Board of Governors.
- We welcome an investigation but wish for transparency and student involvement in the process.
- We wish to remain neutral on the call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Chancellor of the University due to the lack of information.”

- Neal Yonson: I can"t find anywhere that someone called for the Chancellor’s resignation.
- Ava Nasiri: It would be incredibly unstrategic to remain neutral on resignation. We could say we “currently” are not calling for resignation.
- Benjamin Israel: I think the statement should state our neutrality because of the lack of information, but we should remove the reference to the Chancellor. We don”t know of anyone calling for the Chancellor’s resignation, so we should not be commenting on that.

23. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That the motion be amended to remove the reference to the Chancellor.”

… No objections

24. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED CONNY LIN:

“That the Executive Committee be directed to draft and release a statement iterating the following points:

- The AMS is the voice of the students and speaks with the interest of students in mind in regard to academics and the student experience.
- Advocating for the increased transparency of the Board of Governors.
- We welcome an investigation but wish for transparency and student involvement in the process.
We wish to remain neutral on the call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors due to the lack of information."

- Jenna Omassi (statement read by Jude Crasta):
  - We need to support the stability of the institution.
  - The Board as a whole should be accountable.
  - The Board has supported the Chair, and that's in the best interests of students.
  - Neutrality will not get us anywhere.

25. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

"That the motion be amended to change the point on neutrality to read:

„As the AMS, we do not wish to call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors due to the lack of information."

- Benjamin Israel: I prefer the word “neutral.” The other wording sounds like we’re supporting the Chair.
- Ava Nasiri: Perhaps we should add the word “currently”: we do not currently call for the resignation of the Chair.
- It was agreed to add the word “currently.”

26. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

"That the motion be amended to change the point on neutrality to read:

„As the AMS, we do not currently wish to call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors due to the lack of information."

27. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the question be called on the amendment.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (11): Mark Bancroft, Rachel Chan, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Ryan Grubbs, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Ian Sapollnik, Justin Tsang, Hussam Zbee (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Against (5): Jamiu Abdusalami, Robin Asgari, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Daniel Lam
28. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That the motion be amended to change the point on neutrality to read:

„As the AMS, we do not currently wish to call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors due to the lack of information." "

… Carried

For (23): Jamiu Abdsalami, Rajeev Bagga, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandria Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin (proxy for Colum Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Against (3): Robin Asgari, Benjamin Israel, Ian Sapollnik

29. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED CONNY LIN:

“That the Executive Committee be directed to draft and release a statement iterating the following points:

- The AMS is the voice of the students and speaks with the interest of students in mind in regard to academics and the student experience.
- Advocating for the increased transparency of the Board of Governors.
- We welcome an investigation but wish for transparency and student involvement in the process.
- As the AMS, we do not currently wish to call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors due to the lack of information."

30. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED BENJAMIN ISRAEL:

“That the motion be amended to replace the point on resignation with the following:

„We endorse the proper steps to be undertaken following a thorough investigation." "

31. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the question be called on the amendment.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Defeated
For (9): Jamiu Abdosalami, Robin Asgari, Alan Ehrenholz, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Liam Reeve, Ian Sapollnik, Justin Tsang

Against (13): Rajeev Bagga, Mark Bancroft, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Daniel Lam, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Ava Nasiri, Jeff Pea, Tommy Reid, Adrian Talingdan, Viet Vu

Abstained: Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

32. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED BENJAMIN ISRAEL:

“That the motion be amended to replace the point on resignation with the following:

„We endorse the proper steps to be undertaken following a thorough investigation.“ ”

- Marjan Hatai: This is sidestepping. Better not to say anything than this.
- Kathleen Simpson: It’s simpler and clearer to say we’re currently not calling for a resignation.
- Robin Asgari: I don’t think the resignation issue is central. Our stance should be that we endorse the proper and ethical procedures.
- Ava Nasiri: Resignation is a hot topic in the press. It does need to be addressed.
- Conny Lin: Even if no formal body has called for resignation, the media will ask about it, and we need an answer.
- Benjamin Israel: I do agree that we need to address the issue of resignation, but we shouldn’t be saying we don’t call for it.
- Viet Vu: The Faculty Association letter of August 18 said they do not believe any investigation can be viable as long as John Montalbano remains Chair of the Board of Governors.
- Robin Asgari: We shouldn’t take a specific stance on resignation now.
- Ian Sapollnik: The Faculty Association raised valid concerns about the actions of the Chair.

The Speaker (Abdul Alnaar) resumed the chair.

- Ava Nasiri: How strictly should the words in the motion be followed?
- Viet Vu: As long as we follow the spirit …
- Aaron Bailey: The investigation is to be done by an external arbiter. The Board of Governors will not be involved, so the Faculty Association”s reasoning is not germane.
33. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED BENJAMIN ISRAEL:

“That the motion be amended to replace the point on resignation with the following:

“We endorse the proper steps to be undertaken following a thorough investigation.”

… Defeated

Against (23): Jamiu Abdsalami, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Conny Lin (proxy for Colum Connolly), Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Abstained: Robin Asgari, Ryan Grubbs, Ian Sapollnik

34. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED CONNY LIN:

“That the Executive Committee be directed to draft and release a statement iterating the following points:

➢ The AMS is the voice of the students and speaks with the interest of students in mind in regard to academics and the student experience.
➢ Advocating for the increased transparency of the Board of Governors.
➢ We welcome an investigation but wish for transparency and student involvement in the process.
➢ As the AMS, we do not currently wish to call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors due to the lack of information.”

Viet Vu asked Neal Yonson to comment on the implications of the Faculty Association’s letters.

Neal Yonson: The Faculty Association says they have lost confidence in an investigation as long as John Montalbano is BoG Chair.

Aaron Bailey: You can read the letters yourselves. Make your own decisions. And the Board is not directing this investigation.

Benjamin Israel: Adding the word “currently” tempers our position, but there’s still too much support for the Chair. The Chair has meddled in the investigation of himself, and there are allegations of academic
misconduct. We should not support the Chair, and we should call for an external investigation.

35. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the motion be amended to alter the third point to say that the AMS calls for a fair, unbiased, and external investigation and wishes for transparency and student involvement in the process.”

- Benjamin Israel: There’s uncertainty over whether it’s going to be an external review. In any case, it’s important that we call for an external review. Whether one is already planned or not, that should be what we’re calling for.

36. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED DARIO GAROUSIAN:

“That the amendment be amended to replace “wishes” with “demands”.”

- Ian Sapollnik: It’s time for us to take a strong stance. Right now is not the time for wishing. It’s time for demanding.
- Benjamin Israel: “Demands” is a strong word. This doesn’t have a direct impact on students, and demanding may be overstepping our bounds. It’s not appropriate.
- Viet Vu: I disagree that this doesn’t have a direct impact on students.
- Benjamin Israel: If we’re going to demand anything, it should be for a fair, unbiased investigation

37. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED DARIO GAROUSIAN:

“That the amendment be amended to replace “wishes” with “demands”.”

... Defeated

For (10): Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Cassandra Cummings, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Ryan Grubbs, Marjan Hatai, Daniel Lam, Ava Nasiri, Ian Sapollnik, Hussam Zbee (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Against (15): Jamiu Abdsalami, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Benjamin Israel, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Jeff Pea, Tommy Reid, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu
38. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the motion be amended to alter the third point to say that the AMS calls for a fair, unbiased, and external investigation and wishes for transparency and student involvement in the process.”

39. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the amendment be amended to say that the AMS demands a fair, unbiased, and independent investigation with transparency and student involvement in the process.”

- Benjamin Israel: As has been said, we should be demanding something.
- Daniel Levangie: Can we demand student involvement if there’s an independent investigation?

40. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the amendment be amended to say that the AMS demands a fair, unbiased, and independent investigation with transparency and student involvement in the process.”

… No objections

41. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the motion be amended to alter the third point to say that the AMS demands a fair, unbiased, and independent investigation with transparency and student involvement in the process.”

42. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED JUSTIN TSANG:

“That the question be called on the amendment.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (15): Jamiu Abdsalami, Rajeev Bagga, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Vanessa Lau, Ava Nasiri, Liam Reeve, Ian Sapolnik, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang

Against (7): Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Daniel Lam, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Jeff Pea, Tommy Reid, Viet Vu

Abstained: Samantha So
43. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MARJAN HATAI:

“That the motion be amended to alter the third point to say that the AMS demands a fair, unbiased, and independent investigation with transparency and student involvement in the process.”

… Carried

For (22): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Mark Bancroft, Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Daniel Lam, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talíngdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Against (2): Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Jeff Pea

Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta

44. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED CONNY LIN:

“That the Executive Committee be directed to draft and release a statement iterating the following points:

- The AMS is the voice of the students and speaks with the interest of students in mind in regard to academics and the student experience.
- Advocating for the increased transparency of the Board of Governors.
- The AMS demands a fair, unbiased, and independent investigation with transparency and student involvement in the process.
- As the AMS, we do not currently wish to call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors due to the lack of information.”

45. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the question be called on the main motion.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (15): Jamiu Abdsalami, Rajeev Bagga, Rachel Chan, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talíngdan, Justin Tsang, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)
Against (6): Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft, Benjamin Israel, Daniel Lam, Tommy Reid, Samantha So

Abstained: Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings

46. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED CONNY LIN:

“That the Executive Committee be directed to draft and release a statement iterating the following points:

- The AMS is the voice of the students and speaks with the interest of students in mind in regard to academics and the student experience.
- Advocating for the increased transparency of the Board of Governors.
- The AMS demands a fair, unbiased, and independent investigation with transparency and student involvement in the process.
- As the AMS, we do not currently wish to call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors due to the lack of information.”

... Carried

For (20): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Daniel Lam, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Against (6): Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Benjamin Israel, Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Samantha So

Abstained: Melissa Lachica

47. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the motion be reconsidered.”

- Viet Vu: We need to reconsider because of Daniel Levangie’s point about whether demanding student involvement contradicts asking for an independent investigation.
- Robin Asgari: We just debated this for two hours and passed it. And Viet voted in favour.
- The Speaker noted that it is because Viet voted in favour that he has the right to move to reconsider.
- Ava Nasiri: There’s a simpler solution. These are just suggestions to the Executive. I propose failing the motion to reconsider and trust the Executive to remove the contradictory wording.
48. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JUSTIN TSANG:

“That the question be called on the motion to reconsider.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Defeated

For (9): Cassandra Cummings, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Ava Nasiri, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Against (12): Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Rachel Chan, Alan Ehrenholz, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Samantha So

49. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the motion be reconsidered.”

- Samantha So: Student involvement in an independent process doesn”t make sense.
- Benjamin Israel: The one point we need to look at is the point Daniel Levangie noted, but not the whole motion.
- Conny Lin: The motion doesn"t include the exact wording. At this point I”m not in favour of amending this.
- Ava Nasiri: We can just let the Executive revise it.
- Benjamin Israel: I appreciate the view that the Executive could craft something, but it”s not appropriate just to drop a point. Let”s follow proper procedure so we can discuss this, amend it, and then go home.

50. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the motion be reconsidered.”

… Carried

For (15): Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Against (5): Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Ian Sapollnik, Justin Tsang
Abstained: Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly)

51. MOVED MARJAN HATAI, SECONDED CONNY LIN:

“That the Executive Committee be directed to draft and release a statement iterating the following points:

- The AMS is the voice of the students and speaks with the interest of students in mind in regard to academics and the student experience.
- Advocating for the increased transparency of the Board of Governors.
- The AMS demands a fair, unbiased, and independent investigation with transparency and student involvement in the process.
- As the AMS, we do not currently wish to call for the resignation of the Chair of the Board of Governors due to the lack of information.”

52. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the motion be amended to strike the call for student involvement in point 3 and so that point 3 be a demand for a fair, unbiased, transparent, and independent investigation into the recent events.”

- Benjamin Israel: As Daniel Levangie said, are we calling for student involvement or for an independent investigation? We don’t want a student or a faculty member or a Board member on the board doing the investigating. We just want to be apprised of the results.

53. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That the question be called on the amendment.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried unanimously

For (23): Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Rachel Chan, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Liam Reeve, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)
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Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Cassandra Cummings, Ian Sapollnik

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… Carried

For (24): Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Marjan Hatai, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin (proxy for Colúm Connolly), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Ava Nasiri, Katerina Maria Othonos (proxy for Tobias Friedel), Jeff Pea, Liam Reeve, Tommy Reid, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Abstained: Ian Sapollnik

T) Submissions:

VP Administration ternary report [SCD137-16]
VP External ternary report

U) **Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: September 2, 2015

V) **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.

W) **Social Activity:**
## August 19, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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**Voting records**

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V7: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled Code Changes 2015: Executive Duties and thus amend the Code as recommended
V8: Amendment
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V11: Call To Question
V12: Amendment - strike [do not currently ... lack of information] and include [we endorse
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Ron Gorodestsky (AMS Student Services Manager), Kathleen Simpson (AVP External), Tracey Gaydosh (student), Emma Partridge (Ubyssey), Will McDonald (Ubyssey), Neal Yonson (GSS), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

1. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

   “That Code Section III, Article 1(28) requiring roll call votes be suspended because of technical difficulties with the voting software, with the provision that a roll call vote will be held at the request of any Council member.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (26): Aaron Bailey, Jenna Omassi, Ava Nasiri, Jude Crasta, Adrian Talingdan, Alexandra Lee Mann, Robin Asgari, Angela Tien, Ian Sapollnik, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Quartermain Lim, Rachel Chan, Vanessa Lau, Viet Vu, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Jamiu Abdsalami, Ayman Azim, Sarah Simon, Justin Tsang, Veronika Bylicki, Isaac Won (proxy for Benjamin Israel), Cassandra Cummings, Melissa Lachica, Jeffrey Pea, Samantha So, Daniel Lam, Tommy Reid, Kate Fisher

Against (1): Tobias Friedel

2. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED VIET VU:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

3. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:

   “That the item on VICE be moved to Presentations.”

   … No objections

4. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED VIET VU:

   “That a discussion topic be added on Executive-Council relations.”

   … No objections
5. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… Carried

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

Welcome to our new Members:

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Education, Journalism, Music, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark’s, Senate

Good-byes: Marjan Hatai (Senate)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items

6. MOVED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

“That the following be accepted as presented:

Student Life & Communications minutes - June 12, 2015 [SCD139-16]
Student Life & Communications minutes - July 2, 2015 [SCD140-16]
Student Life & Communications minutes - July 23, 2015 [SCD141-16]
Student Life & Communications minutes - August 11, 2015 [SCD142-16]
Student Administrative Committee minutes - June 15, 2015 [SCD143-16]
Student Administrative Committee minutes - June 29, 2015 [SCD144-16]
Student Administrative Committee minutes - July 15, 2015 [SCD145-16]
Student Administrative Committee minutes - August 12, 2015 [SCD146-16]

… Carried

F) Presentations to Council & Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

VICE – Tracey Gaydosh [SCD148-16]

- Looking to create a service to provide peer support for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse.
- Tragic story of friend who died because no one called an ambulance, because of fears of being arrested.
- The University does have a lot of support for those with addictions; there’s a website listing resources, but they’re off campus.
- There’s Counselling Services, but no Alcoholics Anonymous.
There is a Vancouver AA, and a Narcotics Anonymous, but they're not student-oriented. The 12-step religious approach is not necessarily for everyone. Also they're heteronormative and cis-gendered.

VICE would be something inclusive. A support service with peer meetings. Would also do community outreach and engagement; create relationships with outside groups; reach out to departments and profs doing studies on addiction.

There would be a VICE Manager, with three coordinators (student volunteers) reporting to them.

Questions

- Tobias Friedel: What would be the training and qualifications of the student staff?
- Tracey Gaydosh: The AMS can’t cover the liability involved in providing professional counselling. This would be more like the Sexual Assault Support Centre.
- Ron Gorodetsky: Speakeasy is on board with integrating VICE as an arm of Speakeasy. I wish we’d had this idea four months ago.
- Jenna Omassi: There’s a huge gap on campus. What University resources can we use? Often the University is quick to help. Has that been looked into?
- Tracey Gaydosh: Haven’t gone to the University. Want this to be a student service. Would work later to get support from the University.
- Jude Crasta: It’s refreshing to see students at large bringing something like this. What kind of consultation are you looking for? And what budget?
- Tracey Gaydosh: Any ideas would be great.
- Ron Gorodetsky: It wouldn’t require much of a budget: a 15-20 hour assistant coordinator at Speakeasy. There’d be research the first few months. Ongoing there’d be minimal charges required. Little overhead. Send for training.
- Jude Crasta: How might inclusivity and positive space fit in?
- Ron Gorodetsky: Speakeasy does that and more.
- Tracey Gaydosh: Have also been talking with the Longhouse about these issues and the First Nations.
- Kate Fisher: Timeline?
- Tracey Gaydosh: There are a few options. One with a year-out start.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: What does VICE stand for?
- Tracey Gaydosh: It doesn’t stand for anything; it’s the word “vice.” Everyone has a vice. Didn’t want to use the term addiction.

Nest Update – Ava Nasiri

- We’ve planned the opening a few times. It will actually be happening next Wednesday, September 9.
There will be an opening ceremony, complete with a ribbon cutting, then a reception in the Pit and another in the Perch. Then a ceremonial Council meeting. A lot of alumni may be there.

Then a Vegas Night Club in the Agora, and a Pit Night. This is our last formal Council meeting here, except for the final ceremonial one next week.

G) Consultation Period

Provincial Outreach Optimization – Robin Asgari (Chair of the University & External Relations Committee) and Jude Crasta (VP External)

[SCD149-16]

7. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the time for the presentation part of the consultation be increased by 10 minutes.”

- Jenna Omassi: Consultation periods are supposed to be only five minutes long.
- Roll call vote requested.

8. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the time for the presentation part of the consultation be increased by 10 minutes.”

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For (23): Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Adrian Talingdan, Alexandra Lee Mann, Robin Asgari, Angela Tien, Ian Sapollnik, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Quartermain Lim, Rachel Chan, Vanessa Lau, Viet Vu, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Jamiu Abdsalami, Ayman Azim, Sarah Simon, Justin Tsang, Veronika Bylicki, Isaac Won (proxy for Benjamin Israel), Cassandra Cummings, Melissa Lachica, Jeffrey Pea, Samantha So, Daniel Lam, Tommy Reid

Against (4): Jenna Omassi, Ava Nasiri, Tobias Friedel, Kate Fisher

Provincial Outreach Optimization – Robin Asgari and Jude Crasta

- Robin Asgari: We’ve been evaluating our efforts with different levels of government to answer the question: How can we optimize what we’re doing?
- Jude Crasta:
  - We used to be in Get On Board BC and budgeted $10,000 for it, but it went into a dormant phase. We tried to revive it but couldn’t.
In the transit campaign we found we could work with various organizations outside Get On Board, so for this year we budgeted zero for Get On Board. Essentially, we terminated our participation without any negative effects.

- Robin Asgari: We need to identify what we’re doing right, what we’re doing that needs improvement, and what we’re not doing that we should be.

- Jude Crasta:
  - We were the only student society attending the Union of BC Municipalities annual convention. It allows us to network with elected officials.
  - We meet with MLA’s and cabinet ministers: we need to improve that.
  - We maintain relations with other student associations, e.g., with Western, which suggested a new U-15 group.
  - We host SUDS.
  - The ABCS is our provincial affiliation. It was started by the AMS and four other schools. Currently, its membership is in flux. We’ve been very active in it, serving as officers, participating in their Lobby Days, and making a financial contribution.

- Robin Asgari: We pay 32% of the fees collected by ABCS ($15,000). We have 42% of the students. We have one vote, like each of the other member organizations.

- Jude Crasta: What has the ABCS done? We took part in three Lobby Days with them, and they have also done some rudimentary policy work.

- Robin Asgari: Issues raised at Lobby Days included grants, interest rates on student loans, provincial government funding, public transit, and childcare improvements.

- Jude Crasta:
  - For the transit plebiscite, we were part of a coalition. The ABCS only signed on later.
  - For the federal election the ABCS is not going to have a campaign, but is leaving it to the individual schools. The AMS is having a campaign.

- Robin Asgari: Cost-benefit of ABCS. The benefits are:
  - Networking.
  - Sharing ideas.
  - Resource sharing.

- Jude Crasta: The costs are:
  - A lot of effort.
  - The $15,000 fee.
  - Not sure whether it’s moving in the right direction.
  - We do the same things in parallel.
  - It compromises attention to AMS issues.
  - It stunts the growth of the AMS External portfolio by diverting resources to ABCS.
9. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

“That the time for the presentation part of the consultation be increased by five minutes.”

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- Jude Crasta: This is not an easy decision, but our recommendation is going to be that we withdraw from the ABCS. It’s not meeting the AMS’s needs.
- Robin Asgari: The funds saved can be used in the External portfolio, allowing us to expand our external advocacy. We’ll still work with student associations that remain in ABCS and also with other associations across the country.

Discussion

- Viet Vu: What efforts have you made to fix ABCS?
- Jude Crasta: Lots. We’ve been looking at structural changes, but there hasn’t been much of a benefit. It’s in a rut.
- Viet Vu: Is this just the AMS sentiment, or do other student associations in the ABCS feel this way too?
- Jude Crasta: It’s a little speculative. Are others 100% happy? No. Do they see the same costs and benefits? No.
- Cassandra Cummings: How is the GSS also a member?
- Jude Crasta: We’re assessed a fee based on undergraduate full-time equivalent numbers. There’s a cap. The GSS does pay separately.
- Cassandra Cummings: Have you consulted the GSS? Are they also leaving?
- Jude Crasta: Not yet. First we’ve come here.
- Kate Fisher: How will this affect the ABCS? It’s an alliance; we’ve been helping them. They may benefit a lot from our membership. How will our departure affect them?
- Jude Crasta:
  o That’s a reasonable point. It’s unclear what the effect will be. It may cause them to shift. It may cause isolation. We should still collaborate with them. This allows us to rework the collaboration.
  o Right now it seems that others are getting much more than we are. We’re putting in more. They get more benefits than we do.
  o One meeting of SUDS has been much more productive for me than one and a half years of ABCS.
- Kate Fisher: Do we have a targeted plan about alliances?
- Jude Crasta: The idea at Western was that they wanted to work with other large schools. They left CASA and are going to schools of similar size, the large research institutions. Trying to get them together.
- Vanessa Lau: Do you have specific plans for the $15,000?
- Jude Crasta: Not for all the $15,000. We’re drafting a full plan. We want to let the AMS go to Victoria to advocate to cabinet ministers.
10. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the time for the discussion be extended by 10 minutes.”  

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- Tobias Friedel: Western did a one-year review before their withdrawal. Here you’re proposing only a week or so of consultation.
- Jude Crasta: It’s been over a month actually, and there’s been reviewing since I took office.
- Tobias Friedel: Pursuing the CASA analogy: AMS federal advocacy didn’t happen after the AMS withdrew from CASA. I’m not sure of the benefits of leaving. I want to make sure we’re not repeating a mistake.
- Jude Crasta: To say we’ve had a strategy at the federal level would be an overstatement, true, but after we left CASA we got busy with the ABCS and Get On Board, which sandbagged our attempts to do federal advocacy. This time we’re already talking to people, working with people on projects. That will continue.
- Viet Vu: I would like to hear from the other associations in the ABCS. Our first duty is to the AMS, but we also have obligations to the others.
- Jenna Omassi: I personally think this is a terrible idea. We haven’t tried to change the ABCS in broad strokes, only in small ways. We could make it a strong body that others would want to belong to.
- Tobias Friedel: I would like to give the ABCS itself a chance to comment on the criticisms. Give them a chance to respond. It’s being polite, and it’s important for future relationships.
- Jude Crasta:
  - That’s exactly what we’ll be doing. We’ll write the chair of ABCS and let them know the timeline to give them the opportunity to give feedback.
  - But I disagree that it’s been only small changes that have been tried. That’s not true. We can try to change the ABCS, but how long will that take? Three years? Are we willing to pay $45,000 for a governance review of the ABCS?
- Robin Asgari: The AMS is different from the other institutions in the ABCS. We’re interested in housing. They’re interested in trades. We report to them on a project that affects only us and vice versa. In a way leaving strengthens them. It lets them work on what interests them. UVic and SFU, the only two other large institutions, are not in the ABCS.

H) Appointments

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Aaron Bailey:
- Governance review RFP closes Friday.
• Software RFP also out.
• First Week, Homecoming, Imagine Day.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP External – Jude Crasta:
• Working with two American delegates who came to SUDS about the Global Roundtable.
• Transit advocacy.

VP Academic – Jenna Omassi:
• Open Education Resources. Launching campaign at bookstore. Raising awareness.
• UBC leadership transition.
• Engagement and tuition consultation: how engage students?
• Safer Party Plan is in its last iteration.
• Revamping our Respectful Environment Policy.
• External sexual assault policy.
• Vantage College students integrated into undergraduate societies.
• Bringing Aboriginal students together in the Nest.
• Musqueam weaving.
• Positive Space training.
• Equity Roundtable.
• Mental Health and Well-being Resources.
• Academic Experience Survey: looking to avoid repeating questions.

Questions
• Tobias Friedel: Asking the same questions does have value for a longitudinal study.
• Jenna Omassi: I meant we would not ask the same questions UBC asks.
• Viet Vu asked about Vantage students doing Management studies.
• Jenna Omassi: They would be in first year Arts.

VP Administration – Ava Nasiri
• Nest opening September 9. Looking for Nest ambassadors.
• Engagement: AMS Volunteer Program set to launch. Aiming to have volunteers give classroom announcements about the AMS.
• Clubs Resource Centre: Meetings, partnerships.
• Shine Day September 13.
• Waiting to hear from UBC about the Life Building.

Questions
• Tobias Friedel: When did we review Shinerama?
• Ava Nasiri: This year. We’re still working with them, but not exclusively.
Executive Director – Daniel Levangie:
- Communications: Hiring new graphic designer. Will no longer have to outsource.
- Archives: Fully moved in now.
- SASC: Space almost done. Ready next Tuesday.
- Events: Welcome Back Barbecue, First Week, FarmAde
- Services: Hiring. This Week in Services video. Tutoring expanding to Physics, Commerce, Engineering.
- University and Government Relations: Looking for a replacement for Pierre.

J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Education Committee – Samantha So:
- Helping out with Open Education Resources.

Legislative Procedures Committee – Samantha So:
- Nothing to report.

Student Life & Communications Committee – Ava Nasiri, Samantha So:
- Imagine Day.
- All-Presidents Dinner: confirmed Louise Cowin (VP Students).
- Before I Graduate board.

University & External Relations Committee (Unecorn) – Robin Asgari:
- Open Textbook.

K) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Adrian Talingdan:
- AUS hosting First Week events.
- Arts Interchange Grant.
- Arts Student Space.

VST – Kate Fisher:
- Orientations.
- Brand new building next week.
- Pentecost.

Commerce – Rachel Chan:
- Planning for back to school.
- Refilling our AMS rep positions.
Science – Melissa Lachica:
- Rxn event: registration is open.
- Welcoming Vantage College students.
- New furniture for building.
- New reception desk.

Economics – Viet Vu:
- Nothing to report.

Engineering – Mark Bancroft:
- Handbooks, agendas.
- T-shirts.
- Moving into the new student centre.

Planning – Cassandra Cummings:
- Nothing to report.

Law – Isaac Won:
- Allard Hall is awash with first years who have no idea what’s awaiting them.

Forestry – Ayman Azim:
- September 21-25 is Forestry Week.

GSS – Tobias Friedel:
- Orientation.
- International students have arrived.

Kinesiology – Justin Tsang:
- Nothing to report.

Land & Food – Veronika Bylicki:
- Pancake breakfast.

L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

N) Executive Committee Motions:

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

P) Committee Motions:
Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Discussion Period

**Executive and Council**

- Jenna Omassi (VP Academic):
  - We’ve had four months together.
  - We want to clearly define what the relationship is between the Executive and Council.
  - A philosophical discussion.
  - Sometimes Council gets into Executive portfolios and into crafting press releases.
  - Maybe Council should be looking at the high level.
  - Want to know what we should be doing and what you should be doing.

- Ava Nasiri (VP Administration):
  - It’s silly how much time we spent on that document (the press release on the investigation into the Gupta situation).
  - We’d like clear definitions of who is in charge of what.

- Tobias Friedel: I believe Council takes legislative responsibility outlining general directions. The details are worked out in committees. Council gives instruction to the Executive on how to act.

- Daniel Lam: Council is the brain, the committees are the arms, the Executive is one of the arms.

- Tobias Friedel: Some things our bodies do as reflexes, once direction is given. You shouldn’t have to come back to Council again and again.

- Ava Nasiri: It’s important for Council to be involved in major decisions, but not necessarily the minor decisions, like not every conference I’m going to.

- Ian Sapollnik: Council is more than the brain. We meet every two weeks. We should be much more involved. I don’t think we’re too far off from where we should be.

- Jenna Omassi:
  - Council is here to make the big decisions.
  - The Executive is to carry out those decisions and make smaller decisions under those decisions.
  - Big things rather than crafting statements.
  - Council shouldn’t be spending two hours crafting the exact wording for a press release. It should be addressing strategic issues.

- Tobias Friedel: I’m all for giving the Executive leeway for day-to-day business, but it is the responsibility of this body to keep them accountable and make sure they follow the direction set by Council.
Viet Vu: Details shouldn’t come to Council. That’s why the committee system exists. I’m debating how much involvement Council should have. I’m debating the press release. At the meeting where we discussed it, Ian did ask for the word "demand"; that changed the nature of our stance. Words do mean something.

Kate Fisher:
- Sometimes meetings are dominated by static. Sometimes we start micromanaging tiny details. That shouldn’t be us. But then there are large debates.
- Sometimes Council oversteps its own knowledge.
- Council is best when debating the large issues and deciding on direction.
- There’s also the problem of redundancy: echoing of other people on the issue.

Sarah Simon: The AMS Council functions very well. It’s impressive compared to the GSS, which often gets stuck on one point forever. It’s good that you’re talking about this. You can’t always be perfect.

Tobias Friedel: There’s a difference between policy statements and a press release. A policy statement should be carefully weighed, by Unecorn, and should involve consultation. For a press release, the Executive should be able to release something on a moment’s notice based on AMS policies.

Aaron Bailey: I’ve seen Council go through many iterations. There’s no right or wrong way.

Jenna Omassi: The point is to open up the floor. We’re open as an Executive. We need some direction.

The Speaker suggested that Council members read up on the Bylaws.

The Clerk of Council added that for a simpler introduction Council members might want to read the Student Council Handbook.

T) Submissions:

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: September 9, 2015

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

W) Social Activity:
September 2, 2015 Attendance
The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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Guests: Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Riley Fisher (Forestry), Geoff Lister (AMS), Jeremy McElroy (former AMS President), Sophia Haque (former AMS VP Finance), Tanner Bokor (former AMS President), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm.

1. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED VANESSA LAU:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members:


Good-byes:

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

D) Presentations (10 minutes plus 5 minute ? period):

Goodbye to the Chambers – Sheldon Goldfarb [SCD150-16]

- The Clerk of Council presented a light-hearted history of past and present Council Chambers.

E) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:

“That the meeting recess and reconvene in the Forum in the Nest.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried unanimously
F) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL: [SCD151-16]

   From the Legislative Procedures Committee
   “That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Council Meeting Location“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

       • Benjamin Israel: This Code amendment permanently makes this room the home of Council. This doesn"t exhaustively change Code to remove all references to the Old SUB. That will follow.

4. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

   From the Legislative Procedures Committee
   “That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: Council Meeting Location“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   ... Carried unanimously

For (30): Aaron Bailey, Jenna Omassi, Ava Nasiri, Jude Crasta, Adrian Talingdan, Alexandra Lee Mann, Liam Reeve, Robin Asgari, Angela Tien, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Quartermain Lim, Veronica Knott, Julie Van der Valk, Alexa Wu (proxy for Rachel Chan), Vanessa Lau, Rajeev Bagga, Viet Vu, Alan Ehrenholz, Sareena Mohammad, Jamii Abdalsalami, Ayman Azim, Tobias Friedel, Justin Tsang, Benjamin Israel, Ryan Grubbs, Melissa Lachica, Samantha So, Daniel Lam, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha

G) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
H) **Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: September 16, 2015

I) **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

J) **Social Activity:**
## September 9, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED VERONICA KNOTT:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED TOMMY REID:
   “That the agenda be amended to strike the reports.”
   … No objections

3. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED VIET VU:
   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion to appoint a Councillor to the Sustainability Projects Fund Committee.”
   … No objections

4. MOVED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, SECONDED IAN SAPOLNIK:
   “That the agenda be amended to move the Elections Administrator motion to after committee appointments.”
   … No objections

5. MOVED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, SECONDED VIET VU:
   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion to appoint two Councillors on the Hiring Committee.”
   … No objections

6. MOVED IAN SAPOLNIK, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:
   “That the agenda be amended to move the Education Committee discussion before committee chair appointments.”
   … No objections
7. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED VERONICA KNOTT:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Samantha So, Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Viet Vu

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

Welcome to our new Members:


C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

- The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded ancestral land of the Musqueam people. This land is a traditional place of learning.

- The Speaker: During the appointment section the speeches for members at large will be one minute; speeches by Councillors and committee chair speeches can be up to three minutes.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items

8. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated August 4, 2015 [SCD152-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 18, 2015 [SCD153-16]
AMS Council minutes dated November 19, 2014 [SCD154-16]
AMS Council minutes dated December 3, 2014 [SCD155-16]

... Carried

For (32): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana
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F) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute period):

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

9. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED RACHEL CHAN:

“Be it resolved that Council establish an ad hoc Governance Review Committee, charged with the responsibility of overseeing a governance review process for the Society.

Be it further resolved that the Committee have the following composition:

1) The President.
2) One (1) additional member of the Executive Committee, as designated by the Executive Committee.
3) Two (2) Councillors, including one member of the Legislative Procedures Committee.
4) Two (2) Students-at-Large.
5) The Executive Special Projects Assistant, Governance, who shall be non-voting.
6) The Archivist & Clerk of Council, who shall be non-voting.
7) The General Manager, who shall be non-voting.
8) The Executive Director, who shall be non-voting.

Be it further resolved that the Committee shall choose a Chair from amongst its members.

Be it further resolved that the Committee establish its terms of reference and bring these back to Council for approval by the next Council meeting.”

- Ian Sapollnik: Why does the committee choose the chair and not a vote at Council?
- Aaron Bailey: This was how it was done in the past, but we can change that.

10. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED RACHEL CHAN:

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11. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That Ibrahim Dakilah and Liam Orme (members at large) be appointed to the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

… Carried

For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Kate Fisher, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Kathleen Simpson (proxy for Angela Tien), Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Mateusz Miadlikowski

12. MOVED JUDE CRASTA, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

That Ivan Ho, Stephanie Duncombe and Fareeha Salahuddin (3 x members at large) be appointed to the Student Life and Communications Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

… Carried
For (28): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Kate Fisher, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Alan Ehrenholz

13. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED JEFFREY PEA:

“That Rodney Little Mustache, Margareta Dovgal, and Chris Scott (3 x members at large) be appointed to the University and External Relations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016."

… Carried

For (30): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Jenna Omassi

14. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED RILEY FISHER:

That Adrian Cheng Oh and Hannah Xiao (members at large) be appointed to the Education Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016."

… Carried

For (21): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Veronika Bylicki, Jude Crasta, Kate Fisher, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Aaron Bailey, Alan Ehrenholz, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Samantha So, Carly Sotas

15. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI

“That Jakob Gatinger (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Brewery Committee until April 30, 2016 effective immediately."

… Carried
For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Ryan Grubbs, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclisaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Benjamin Israel, Sareena Mohammad

16. MOVED ADRIAN TALINGDAN, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

“That Maria de Fatima Lazo and Mark Bancroft (2 x students at large) be appointed to the AMS Governance Review Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

… No objections

17. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That Katrina Dan Zhao and Shehan Wijeygoonewardane (2 x students at large) be appointed to the Hiring Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a meeting in May 2016.”

… No objections

18. MOVED ANGELA TIEN, SECONDED VIET VU:

From the Hiring Committee

“That on the recommendation of Hiring Committee, Council appoint Justin Habashi as the AMS Elections Administrator for a period from September 2015 to April 2016.”

… Carried

For (31): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclisaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Councillors on Committees:

Legislative Procedures Committee:
Nominees: Benjamin Israel (Law), Veronica Knott (BoG), Angela Tien (Arts), Samantha So (Science), Jeffrey Pea (Science), Tommy Reid (Science), Daniel Lam (Science), Sareena Mohammad (Engineering)
Chosen: Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Angela Tien, Samantha So, Jeffrey Pea and Tommy Reid
Student Life & Communications Committee:
Nominees: Melissa Lachica (Science), Samantha So (Science), Alan Ehrenholz (Engineering), Gurvir Sangha (Senate), Justin Tsang (Kinesiology), Adrian Talingdan (Arts), Jamiu Abdsalami (Engineering), Alexandra Lee Mann (Arts), Vanessa Lau (Commerce)
Chosen: Melissa Lachica, Samantha So, Alan Ehrenholz, Gurvir Sangha, Justin Tsang and Adrian Talingdan

University & External Relations Committee (Unicorn):
Nominees: Ian Sapollnik (Arts), Jamiu Abdsalami (Engineering), Robin Asgari (Arts), Sareena Mohammad (Engineering), Veronika Bylicki (Land & Food), Samantha So (Science), Daniel Lam (Science), Angela Tien (Arts), Tobias Friedel (GSS), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (Arts)
Chosen: Ian Sapollnik, Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Sareena Mohammad, Veronika Bylicki, Samantha So

Education Committee:
Nominees: Samantha So (Science), Daniel Lam (Science), Jamiu Abdsalami (Engineering), Ryan Grubbs (Regent), Veronika Bylicki (Land & Food), Jeffrey Pea (Science)

New SUB Committee:
Nominees: Veronika Bylicki (Land & Food), Carly Sotas (Architecture), Jamiu Abdsalami (Engineering), Alan Ehrenholz (Engineering)
Chosen: Veronika Bylicki and Carly Sotas

Budget Committee:
Nominees: Tommy Reid (Science), Ayman Azim (Forestry), Samantha So (Science), Sareena Mohammad (Engineering)
Chosen: Tommy Reid

Governance Review Committee:
Nominees: Alan Ehrenholz (Engineering), Veronica Knott (BoG and LPC), Benjamin Israel (Law and LPC), Viet Vu (Economics), Adrian Talingdan (Arts), Sareena Mohammad (Engineering)
Chosen: Alan Ehrenholz and Veronica Knott

Hiring Committee:
Nominees: Sareena Mohammad (Engineering), Tommy Reid (Science)

19. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED AIYANA ANDERSON-MACISAAC:

“That Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Angela Tien, Samantha So, Jeffrey Pea and Tommy Reid (6 x Councillors) be appointed to the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Melissa Lachica, Samantha So, Alan Ehrenholz, Gurvir Sangha, Justin Tsang and Adrian Talingdan (6 x Councillors) be appointed to the Student Life and Communications Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”
“That Ian Sapollnik, Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Sareena Mohammad, Veronika Bylicki, Samantha So (6 x Councillors) be appointed to the University and External Relations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Samantha So, Daniel Lam, Jamiu Abdsalami, Ryan Grubbs, Veronika Bylicki, and Jeffrey Pea (6 x Councillors) be appointed to the Education Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Veronika Bylicki and Carly Sotas (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the New SUB Committee effective immediately until the last Council meeting in August.”

“That Tommy Reid (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Budget Committee for a term effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

“That Alan Ehrenholz and Veronica Knott (2 x Councillors, including one member of the Legislative Procedures Committee) be appointed to the AMS Governance Review Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

“That Sareena Mohammad and Tommy Reid (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the Hiring Committee for a term effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.

“That Carly Sotas (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Sustainability Projects Fund Committee for a term effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

… Carried

For (28): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Samantha So, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Jenna Omassi

20. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED VIET VU:

From the Executive Committee

“Be it resolved that Council suspend Code Section V, Article 1(2)(a) and Article 7(1) until May 2016 so that the Education Committee not be filled this School Year.

Be it further resolved that all current appointments to the Education Committee be vacated.

Be it further resolved that to make up for there not being an Education Committee Chair to sit on the Oversight Committee, Code Section V, Article 15(1) be suspended until May 2016 to allow Council to appoint an additional non-Executive member of Council to the Oversight Committee, with a term ending in May 2016.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jenna Omassi: The work done by this Committee is covered in other portfolios, and the Committee was not effective over the summer.

- Samantha So:
  - Summer is not a fair representation.
  - Senate doesn’t meet over the summer.
  - Educom has student at large positions, and this is the only venue to give their views on education issues.
  - Overlap with other portfolios could be looked at.

- Jamui Adbsalami:
  - I sat on Educom this summer.
  - The VP Academic and the VP Admin covered Educom work.
  - Committees have VPs to oversee the work.
  - Redundancies – we should suspend the chair’s pay.

- Viet Vu:
  - The Committee works on education policies.
  - The Commissioners in the Academic and External offices are great, but they’re hired, whereas the Committee is made up of elected Councillors.
  - The Committee was created as a standing committee for a reason.
  - There are many issues for Educom to deal with.
  - It’s premature to make this decision now since a governance review is coming.

- Aaron Bailey: Professional development is important for students, and committees are good for that, but there could be better professional development opportunities than Educom. The concern is that there is not enough for the committee to do. Can someone tell me something productive that Educom did?

- Benjamin Israel: Passing this motion will disrupt the balance of power in the AMS.

- Daniel Lam:
  - My constituents are wondering why there has been so little discussion about this.
  - Why can’t Educom be filled and work closely with the Governance Review Committee?

- Ian Sapollnik: Educom has a role as a place of sober second thought. The structure of these committees is in place for a reason. The problem in the summer was that the VP Academic office was not bringing items to Educom.

- Alan Ehrenholz: I feel we’re getting stuck on what happened in the summer. We should be talking about Educom more generally. I believe there is work to be done but not by Educom. The governance review could suggest how to move forward, but in the meantime we should suspend this committee and not waste time and money on it.

- Veronica Knott: This has been talked about for a long time. Educom is meant to support the VP Academic, and if the VP Academic is saying it isn’t working, we should listen to that. The VP Academic does this work.

- Ava Nasiri:
  - Apologies that this may be coming as a surprise, but Educom does not have a lot of business coming up, and we don’t want to appoint people to a committee that does not have a lot to do.
  - They do not exist for oversight of the VP Academic.
• Riley Fisher: I sat on Educom, and it was a waste of time. I feel other committees can pick up this work. Educom would be a waste of time until the governance review happens.
• Melissa Lachica: This is an opportunity to make this an effective committee. Students have run for this committee: they have ideas. We need to focus on the Councillors that are engaged in Educom.
• Ava Nasiri: Do you have examples of what these Councillors want?
• Melissa Lachica: Open education. The Academic Experience Survey.
• Jenna Omassi: I’ll clarify my portfolio: My commissioners mostly do research. Committee member don’t undertake research; they do more event planning.
• Angela Tien:
  o Calling Educom a waste of time is an unfair comment. Councillors choose to be on it. They volunteer their time and want something to do.
  o By getting rid of Educom you are taking away opportunities for student involvement.
  o We should focus on things Educom could do.
  o We are going against our mandate of engaging students if we cancel Educom.
• Sareena Mohammad: People are worried the work would go away, but it will be done by someone.
• Jenna Omassi: What work has Educom done? What projects have been taken on that have not been taken on by other offices?
• Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac: It’s our responsibility not to waste students’ time and money. We need to think of our students.

21. MOVED KATE FISHER, SECONDED RILEY FISHER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Defeated

For (9): Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Rajeev Bagga, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Kate Fisher, Ryan Grubbs, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Carly Sotas

Against (15): Jamiu Abdsalami, Aaron Bailey, Alan Ehrenholz, Samantha So, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Alexandra Lee Mann, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Abstained: Robin Asgari, Jude Crasta, Veronica Knott, Quartermain Lim, Jenna Omassi

• Viet Vu:
  o Educom has worked on the Exam Data Base and the Academic Experience Survey.
  o It can work on the tuition increases: we need a lot of people to deal with this issue.
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22. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED BENJAMIN ISRAEL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Defeated

For (6): Rajeev Bagga, Rachel Chan, Kate Fisher, Samantha So, Benjamin Israel, Viet Vu

Against (18): Jamiu Abdalsalami, Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim) , Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Ryan Grubbs, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan

Abstained: Robin Asgari

- Jenna Omassi: Point of clarification about the Exam Data Base: Educom presented a piece to support it, but it was actually done by the Student Senators. As for tuition increases, we have VP’s working on that. As to the position in my office, that was a research position: my office does research.

23. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the motion be amended so that the Education Committee will function but not as a standing committee.”

- Ava Nasiri: This allows the committee to exist but not with a paid chair.

24. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the amendment be amended to add that all appointments to the Education Committee be converted to non-standing committee appointments and all incidental appointments due to being the chair of a standing committee go to the chair of the Education Committee.”

- Benjamin Israel: This allows us to not pay the committee chair but to still keep the balance of the society.
- Arno Rosenfeld: Council is here to serve students. How do we justify this committee? The huge body of knowledge feels this committee is not useful.
25. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the meeting be extend until 12:30 am.”

... No objections

26. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the amendment be amended to add that all appointments to the Education Committee be converted to non-standing committee appointments and all incidental appointments due to being the chair of a standing committee go to the chair of the Education Committee.”

- Alexandra Lee Mann: If Educom doesn’t have a lot of work now, what would they do as a non-standing committee?
- Ava Nasiri: Educom can exist, but if not paid we wouldn’t be wasting student money.

27. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the amendment be amended to add that all appointments to the Education Committee be converted to non-standing committee appointments and all incidental appointments due to being the chair of a standing committee go to the chair of the Education Committee.”

... Carried

For (16): Jamiu Abdsalami, Veronika Bylicki, Samantha So, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jeffrey Pea, Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Against (8): Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Aaron Bailey, Alan Ehrenholz, Veronica Knott, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omasi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve)

Abstained: Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Jude Crasta, Kate Fisher, Tommy Reid

28. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the motion be amended so that the Education Committee will function but not as a standing committee, appointments to the Education Committee shall be converted to non-standing committee appointments, and all incidental appointments due to being the chair of a standing committee shall go to the chair of the Education Committee.”

- Moira Warburton: Let’s listen to those that have served on the committee.
- Arno Rosenfeld: I appreciate the passion, but let’s do what’s practical.
- Jenna Omasi: This amendment defeats the purpose of our original motion. Consider what this amendment does: it preserves Educom. We want to make sure everyone’s time is used in the best way possible; that’s why we wanted to
suspend Educom. I tried to populate Educom’s agenda and had a hard time doing it.

- Daniel Lam: It costs only 5 cents per student to pay the committee chair.
- Rachel Chan: A student’s nickel is still a nickel. We need to use student money wisely.

29. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the motion be amended so that the Education Committee will function but not as a standing committee, appointments to the Education Committee shall be converted to non-standing committee appointments, and all incidental appointments due to being the chair of a standing committee shall go to the chair of the Education Committee.”

... Carried

For (15): Jamiu Abdsalami, Tobias Friedel, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Against (12): Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Veronica Knott, Alexandra Lee Mann, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Sareena Mohammad, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Adrian Talingdan

Abstained: Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta

30. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED VIET VU:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend Code Section V, Article 1(2)(a) and Article 7(1) until May 2016 so that the Education Committee not be filled this School Year as a standing committee.

Be it further resolved that all appointments to the Education committee be converted to non-standing committee appointments and all incidental appointments due to being the chair of a standing committee go to the chair of the Education committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (21): Jamiu Abdsalami, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Rachel Chan, Samantha So, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Against (3): Riley Fisher (proxy for Ayman Azim), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve)

Abstained: Robin Asgari, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Kate Fisher, Veronica Knott, Jenna Omassi
31. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That Robin Asgari (non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the University and External Relations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Benjamin Israel (non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Legislative Procedures Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Alan Ehrenholz (non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Student Life and Communications Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Samantha So (non-Executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Education Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Tommy Reid (1 x non-executive member of the Budget Committee) be appointed Chair of the Budget Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2016.”

… No objections

32. MOVED ANGELA TIEN, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Hiring Committee
“That Mark Fraser’s term on the Business & Administration Governance Board be extended from April 8, 2015 to December 31, 2015.”

… No objections

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

N) Executive Committee Motions:

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

P) Committee Motions:

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

33. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the AMS Annual General Meeting be held on October 21, 2015.”

- Location and time to be advised.

34. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:
“That the AMS Annual General Meeting be held on October 21, 2015.”

... Carried

35. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED TOMMY REID:

“That the agenda be amended to add a discussion topic on the Oversight investigation.”

- Aaron Bailey: It has come to Council’s attention tonight that there is an Oversight investigation happening.
- Benjamin Israel: I think this discussion should happen at the next meeting. Too many people have left.
- Aaron Bailey: Why was the subject brought up?
- Veronica Knott: We still have quorum. Because it got mentioned, we should deal with it.

36. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED TOMMY REID:

“That the agenda be amended to add a discussion topic on the Oversight Investigation.”

... Carried

For (18): Jamiu Abdsalami, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Tommy Reid, Adrian Talingdan

Against (2): Benjamin Israel, Melissa Lachica

Abstained: Robin Asgari, Samantha So, Vanessa Lau, Jeffrey Pea, Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

S) Discussion Period

Oversight investigation

Aaron Bailey:
- I feel it was inappropriate that this was brought to Council’s attention.
- When was the complaint filed, against whom, what are you doing about it, when were you thinking of bringing this to Council?

Viet Vu (Oversight Chair):
- I can’t comment on this right now.
- It’s a recent complaint.
• I hope it will come to Council by the next meeting.

Benjamin Israel:
• It was not inappropriate.
• This is in the Oversight minutes.
• There was no personal information revealed.

Aaron Bailey:
• What minutes?
• The person should be notified

Viet Vu:
• Minutes have not been approved yet.
• The date the complaint was filed is August 26, 2015.
• Meeting date September 4.
• I understand the concerns of the Executive.
• I am taking mental health into account.
• I am handling the investigation with the utmost delicacy.

Ava Nasiri:
• It’s been three weeks since the complaint was lodged.
• We could go in camera.
• This should be discussed and not take so long.

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
• It was not delicate the way it was brought up.
• We need to correct mistakes asap.

Jude Crasta:
• I agree with some of the other thoughts.
• Please don’t make presumptions on our mental health.
• We can handle an investigation process.

Ian Sapollnik
• The Oversight meeting took place in camera.

Benjamin Israel:
• The committee minutes were in camera.

Veronica Knott:
• This is a big deal.
• There was a breach of how Oversight deals with these issues.
• We need to make a serious effort to find out what’s happening.
• We need to rectify this.
37. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED DANIEL LAM, THIRDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 11:48 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 12:25 am.

38. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED QUARTERMAIN LIM:

“That the meeting be extended until 2:00 am.

Benjamin Israel:
- This is not an appropriate time.
- The Oversight chair can’t be compelled to speak if they feel that to do so would mean they would be breaching their duties.
- We should wait until the next meeting so Oversight can complete the investigation and release the results.

39. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED QUARTERMAIN LIM:

“That the meeting be extended until 2:00 am.

… Carried

For (21): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Samantha So, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Viet Vu

Against (1): Benjamin Israel

Abstained: Tommy Reid

40. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to suspend Code to allow information to be disclosed from in camera committee minutes.”

… No objections

41. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED AIYANA ANDERSON-MacISAAC:

“That Council suspend Code Section V, Article 1(10) for the duration of this meeting.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- The Speaker explained the section of Code.

Aaron Bailey:
- We need to discuss this.

Benjamin Israel:
- We need to also suspend another section of Code to allow the committee to speak.

Veronica Knott:
- If Council voted by majority to release the information, do they not have to?

Speaker:
- No, if they don’t feel comfortable releasing the information, I won’t compel them to do so.

Jude Crasta:
- I don’t have confidence in Oversight to do this.

Ava Nasiri:
- It would be Council that tries to discipline them and it’s Council that’s asking for the information.

Speaker:
- I suggest a 10 minute recess.

Aaron Bailey:
- It’s late; we might lose quorum.

Speaker (to the Oversight Chair):
- What do you feel is confidential?

Viet Vu:
- If the Code suspension passes I can speak to the matter.

42. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED AIYANA ANDERSON-MacISAAC:

“That Council suspend Code Section V, Article 1(10) for the duration of this meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried
For (24): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Samantha So, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alexandra Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for Liam Reeve), Tommy Reid, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien

Against (1): Benjamin Israel

Abstained: Ian Sapollnik, Viet Vu

43. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED VIET VU, THIRDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 12:39 am.

The meeting left the in camera session at 1:28 am.

44. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED SAMANTHA SO:

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Be it further resolved that the Ombudsperson and the Oversight Committee recommend changes to said policy at the next Council meeting.”

Benjamin Israel:
- This sums up what we need to do.

Aaron Bailey:
- Can the Ombudsperson deal holistically?

Penny Zhang:
- It’s not notifying the complainant upon receipt; its upon verification.
- I work 10 hours a week and it’s just me.
Jenna Omassi:
  • I think in the spirit of looking at this holistically we don’t need a motion.

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... Defeated

For (1): Benjamin Israel

Against (20): Robin Asgari, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Rachel Chan,
Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Vanessa
Lau, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Sareena
Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Dario Garousian (proxy for
Liam Reeve), Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien,
Viet Vu

Abstained: Samantha So, Jeffrey Pea

T) Submissions:

University & External Relations Committee August report [SCD135-16]

U) Next Meeting:
Next Meeting: October 7, 2015

V) Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 am.

S) Social Activity:
# September 16, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Josh Andrews (Spare), Alexey Indeev (Spare), Kristoffer Vik Hansen (Spare), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Kelvin Hsu, Emma Partridge (Ubyssey), Shive Singh, Anne Kessler (student), Tracey Gaydosh (student), Kathleen Simpson (AVP External), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion for the AMS to withdraw its membership from the Alliance of BC Students.”

   … No objections

3. MOVED JUDE CRASTA, SECONDED VIET VU:

   “That the agenda be amended to add a ride share presentation from Spare.”

   … No objections

4. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   … Carried

For (28): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Samantha So), Elizabeth Bulaeva, Veronika Bylicki, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Ryan Grubbs, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah (proxy for Rachel Chan), Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Katherine Pan (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Jeffrey Pea, Natasha Rygnestad-Stahl (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Against (3): Veronica Knott, Jenna Omassi, Gurvir Sangha
B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members: Conny Lin, Elizabeth Bulaeva, Mary Caple, Mohammadali Nikoo, Dan Kehila (GSS), Carly Sotas (SALA)


Goodbyes: Chhavi Tripathi, Anujit Chakraborty, Colúm Connolly, Sarah Fernando, Naman Paul (GSS)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- Still adjusting to using the cameras in the new chambers.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items

5. MOVED MELISSA LACHICA, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated September 4, 2015 [SCD156-16]
Student Administrative Commission minutes - August 19, 2015 [SCD157-16]
Student Administrative Commission minutes - September 2, 2015 [SCD158-16]
Student Administrative Commission minutes - September 22, 2015 [SCD159-16]
Student Life & Communications Committee minutes - August 27, 2015 [SCD160-16]

... Carried

For (29): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Samantha So), Veronika Bylicki, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Ryan Grubbs, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Aiyana Anderson-Macsak, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Jeffrey Pea, Natasha Rygnestad-Stahl (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Gurvir Sangha, Ian SapolInik, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk

Abstained: Elizabeth Bulaeva, Dan Kehila

F) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

Council Attendance – Sheldon Goldfarb [SCD161-16]
- The Clerk of Council sang a song about proxy rules and demonstrated a board game (Game of Council) illustrating Council procedures.
Spare (ride sharing) – Josh Andrews, Alexey Indeev, Kristoffer Vik Hansen
[SCD162-16]

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- There’s a problem getting to school. People are standing in the rain at bus stops, waiting, passed by.
- Or you go by car, and that’s not sustainable, and it’s expensive, and parking’s difficult.
- We have the Spare ridesharing app, a way for drivers to connect to passengers going to UBC.
- It will reduce costs and traffic, and allow you to meet new people.
- There’s a trust issue, of course. You want to get into a car with trustworthy people.
- There are three ideas to deal with that:
  - Reviews, rating drivers and passengers.
  - Require a login via Facebook.
  - Looking to integrate with UBC email system.
- Different from Uber: fundamentally we’re carpooling. You enter your destination first, making it legal.
- Cost is so low that the drivers can’t make income from it; it will only cover expenses.
- We’re reaching out to various potential partners: students, faculty, and staff at UBC.
- Also working with Hootsuite.
- Talking to Car2Go and Evo.
- Hoping to partner with the AMS.
- This would be a crowdsourced transportation solution.

Questions

Rajeev Bagga:
- What do you mean by partnering with the AMS?

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- Help with marketing.

Ava Nasiri:
- Security in our campus environment is an issue; there have been security scares here.
- Do you screen and train drivers?

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- We’ll be manually screening people, like Car2Go and Evo.

Ron Gorodetsky:
- At Safewalk, beyond screening and training, we co-pilot; it’s labour intensive; we’re reliant on peer-to-peer rating in the long run.

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- Yes, in the long run, but we’re starting manually, so it’s slow.
Ron Gorodetsky:
- Will you be able to report and get help out in an emergency?

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- Yes.

Aaron Bailey asked about liability.

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- Driver’s insurance. We have to make sure people have insurance.

Benjamin Israel:
- For insurance, there are different categories. This will be similar to taxis, but your drivers won’t have the right coverage.

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- It’s the same as other car pooling system, and the drivers will not actually be making money, just covering costs.

Benjamin Israel:
- Have you spoken to ICBC?

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- Not ICBC, but the City of Vancouver.

Gurvir Sangha:
- How would the AMS benefit?

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- There are lots of long-distance commuters; the takeaway is that this will give them a legitimate way to get to UBC easily.

Ryan Grubbs:
- Students are required to purchase U-Passes. Is there an incentive for them to do this sort of rideshare?
  - Also, what’s the timeline?

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- TransLink has expressed interest. We’re starting to have conversations.
  - We hope to have a full-fledged service by mid-November. We’ll do trials with Hootsuite in January and have a launch in February.

Veronika Bylicki:
- Is this just for getting to UBC?

Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- Can use it throughout Greater Vancouver, but it’s aimed at UBC.

Daniel Levangie:
- Would you consider a non-monetized system?
Kristoffer Vik Hansen:
- We have not considered that, and wouldn’t unless we had some serious funding behind us.
- It’s not free.
- We take 15%.

Rajeev Bagga
- Would the fee cover the driver’s full cost of a trip or just a portion?

Kristoffer Vik Hansen
- They could cover their full costs if they take a bunch of people (at least three).

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

Legislative Procedures Committee (1 x student at large)
Nominees: Sarah Bernamoff, Ananya Sengufta
Chosen: Sarah Bernamoff

Oversight Committee (1 x Councillor)
Nominees: Conny Lin (GSS), Quartermain Lim (Arts), Daniel Lam (Science)
Chosen: Quartermain Lim

Premier Wesbrook Committee (1 x Councillor)
Nominee: Jenna Omassi (VP Academic)

Global Fund Committee (2 x Councillors)
Nominees: Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration)

Innovative Projects Fund Committee (2 x Councillors)
Nominees: Dan Kehila (GSS), Aiyana Anderson-Maclusaac (Arts), Gurvir Sangha (Senate)
Gurvir withdrew

University Presidential Search Committee (1 x Councillor)
Nominee: Aaron Bailey (President)

6. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That Sarah Bernamoff (1 x student at large), be appointed to the Legislative Procedures Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Quartermain Lim (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Oversight Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”
“That Jenna Omassi (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Premier Wesbrook Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Mateusz Miadlikowski and Ava Nasiri (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the Global Fund Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

“That Dan Kehila and Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee for a period effective immediately and ending December 31, 2015.”

“That Aaron Bailey (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the University Presidential Search Committee for a period effective immediately.”

... Carried

For (34): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Samantha So), Elizabeth Bulaeva, Veronika Bylicki, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Tobias Friedel, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Dan Kehila, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Lisa Mah (proxy for Rachel Chan), Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Mohammadali Nikoo, Katherine Pan (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Jeffrey Pea, Natasha Rygnesad-Stahl (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk

Abstained: Jenna Omassi

7. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That Alan Ehrenholz be appointed Chair of the Oversight Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2016.”

... Carried

For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Samantha So), Elizabeth Bulaeva, Veronika Bylicki, Tobias Friedel, Ryan Grubbs, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah (proxy for Rachel Chan), Sareena Mohammad, Mohammadali Nikoo, Katherine Pan (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Jeffrey Pea, Natasha Rygnesad-Stahl (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk

Abstained: Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Benjamin Israel, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):
Aaron Bailey:
• Working on events and celebrations:
Historic MoU signing with Okanagan Nation.
10\textsuperscript{th} anniversary for UBCO.
Our centennial.
Opening of Lev Bukhman Lounge, honouring his contributions to health.
SASC Healthy Masculinities program.
Perch official opening and media day.
Centennial feast.
- UBC BoG meeting in UBCO.
- Executive reviewed RFP’s for governance and software.
- Chose MNP for governance: they’re the most experienced, with connections to student societies (but not the AMS).
- The software RFP is more technical; we’ve had two demos and will be making a decision in a week or so.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

**VP External – Jude Crasta:**
- UBCM convention (Union of BC Municipalities).
- The Minister of Advanced Education congratulated us for defending student interests.
- Global Roundtable going forward; may go to Harvard.
- Federal election: pilot program ends tomorrow (voting in Old SUB for any riding in Canada).

**Questions**
Daniel Lam asked about the CBC.

Jude Crasta:
- I was on CBC radio last night talking about youth engagement. Hope to go on again.

Julie Van der Valk:
- How many students have voted so far?

Jude Crasta:
- No exact numbers; it’s been up and down. Overall there’s been a pretty steady flow. More than expected. This may be a thing in elections to come.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Jenna Omassi:**
- Textbook campaign reached 35,000 people. Running it again in January.
- Open Education Conference coming up.
- Open Education Day last Friday.
- BoG meeting at UBCO: presented on student engagement/consultation.
• International tuition consultation October 25 – November 16.
• Updating Respectful Environment Policy.
• Safer Party Plan done.
• Sending engagement recommendations to UBC.
• Academic Experience Survey 2016.
• Exam database presented.
• Policy 71 review (on tuition consultation).
• Academic policy on mental health.
• Attendance policy.
• Withdrawal dates.
• Fall Reading Break.
• Monthly newsletter.

Questions

Daniel Lam:
• Ubyssey article on exam database: will we talk to professors?
• Can councillors get involved with the questions for the Academic Experience Survey?

Jenna Omassi:
• The Ubyssey article misrepresented how faculty members feel. My Academic Affairs Commissioner will speak to them one on one.
• Re the Academic Experience Survey: Reaching out to undergraduate societies and through Educom and Unecorn.

Dan Kehila:
• Why is the exam schedule not up at the beginning of the year?

Jenna Omassi:
• That’s something we’ve been asking for for years.
• The University needs to see how many students are in each course, and it looks at conflicts, room size: those are the reasons we get.
• They’re moving to a new platform and hopefully that will make this quicker. In a couple of years a few steps in the right direction.

VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski:
• Sustainability Office launched the umbrella sharing program, which got media attention.
• Hired new Sustainability Coordinator and Fund Administrator.
• Finance Commission is looking at conference funding (no fund covers that); may adjust existing funds.
• Adjusting OrgSync.
• Launched Square. Trained club treasurers and presidents; they’re using it.
• Financial management system delayed.
Relaunched Fincom website.
BAGB meeting.
Health & Dental Committee meeting.

**VP Administration – Ava Nasiri:**

**SAC**
- Office and locker allocations done.
- Seeking a new Vice-Chair.
- Clubs Days went super well.
- SAC wine and cheese next Tuesday.
- Clubs survey.
- Club Resource Centre coming on board soon.
- Art Gallery has a student exhibit.

**Philanthropy**
- Wrapped up Shinerama campaign.

Nest opening happened.

**New SUB Committee**
- Minutes coming.
- Looking to redefine our terms of reference.
- Focus on UBC Life Building.

**SAC**
- May want to hire more people for SAC. We’re highly understaffed in the new building.

**Executive Director – Daniel Levangie:**
- Government Relations: Working on posting.
- Communications: A number of projects and campaigns.
- SASC: Healthier Masculinities program.
- Events:
  - Pit programming.
  - Hiring street teams and volunteer teams.
  - Frostfest.
- Services:
  - Safewalk: Busiest month ever (1400 walks in 24 days).
  - All services in full swing.
  - Speakeasy in their new home.
  - Looking at VICE becoming a service.
- Archives:
  - Laserfiche and Magnimail document systems to make searching faster.
• IPF opens October 10.
• Thanks for coming out to our events this month.

J) **Committee Reports (5 minutes each):**

**Legislative Procedures Committee – Benjamin Israel**
- First meeting on Friday.

**University & External Relations Committee – Robin Asgari**
- Provincial outreach consultation.

**Student Life & Communications – Alan Ehrenholz**
- All Presidents dinner.
- Faculty Cup.
- Wall: Being bought by the bookstore because it’s a great wall.

**Education Committee**
- Haven’t met.

J) **Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):**

**Arts – Adrian Talingdan**
- Finished elections last Friday.
- Going to Whistler for retreat this weekend.
- Dean’s Table: overview of the year.
- Career Fundamentals Night.
- Interviewed oldest Arts student.

**Commerce – Katherine Pan**
- Orientation and retreat a huge success.
- Elections happening right now.
- POITS beer garden sold out
- October fest next Friday at the Agora.
- Tutoring on Wednesdays

**Engineering – Alan Ehrenholz**
- Fun September: 35 events.
- First years at Camp Latona.
- Elections: 40% voter turnout
- Ran October Feust: first party in our new building.
- Alumni beer garden October 16.
- Tutoring is running and great.
Forestry – Ayman Azim
- Busy September.
- Forestry week.
- Working on logo and mascot.
- Coffee house with LFS.
- Level one first aid course.

GSS – Tobias Friedel
- Orientations reaching more students.
- Presented governance suggestions to Board of Governors.

Kinesiology – Justin Tsang
- Kin camp a great success.
- Kin Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow.
- Ski trip and boat cruise tickets on sale next week.
- New logo.
- Kin tutoring revamped and going great in IKB.

LFS – Veronika Bylicki
- Getting feedback on our strategic plan.
- Undergrad Opportunities Fair.
- Wednesday night dinners $5.

Law – Benjamin Israel
- Passed budget.
- Appointed internal committees.
- Fantastic relationship with faculty; cooperation with Dean.

Science – Melissa Lachica
- Successful Reaction event.
- Finished elections.
- Retreat this weekend.
- Committee hiring in process.
- Rebranding project.
- Connecting with Dean.
- Getting new furniture in Ladha.
- Connecting with the Science clubs.

SALA – Carly Sotas
- Incoming student events.
- Mentorship program.

Regent – Ryan Grubbs
- Q commons.
- Community development.
Retreat next week.

L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

BoG – Julie Van der Valk & Veronica Knott
- Exciting UBCO meeting.
- UBCO 10th birthday.
- Okanagan First Nation agreement re-signed
- Reception with UBC opera students.
- New campus plan for UBCO: expansion.
- International tuition: setting to market rates. November vote. Aaron and Jenna presented about consultation on this.
- Tall wooden student residence approved.
- Campus safety: more blue phones.

Senate – Gurvir Sangha
- Exam database presentation.
- Partnership with Langara re aboriginal transfer students.
- Student senators voted against a new program because of high tuition.
- Constituency presidents should check in with their Senators.

Ombudsperson – Penny Zhang
- It’s been a busy few weeks at the Ombudsoffice.

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

N) Executive Committee Motions:

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

P) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI: [SCD163-16]

From the Budget Committee
“That the budget amendment be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Alan Ehrenholz:
- $6,0000 for a web developer: this reinstates a student position that was accidentally deleted.
- $2,000 for Services video.
- $7,000 for Speakeasy to research the possibility of beginning the VICE service to educate about alcohol use and abuse.
9. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI: [SCD163-16]

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For (34): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Samantha So), Elizabeth Bulaeva, Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Tobias Friedel, Ryan Grubbs, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah (proxy for Rachel Chan), Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Mohammadali Nikoo, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Jeffrey Pea, Natasha Ryngestad-Stahl (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk

Abstained: Benjamin Israel

10. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED JUSTIN TSANG:

From the University & External Relations Committee (Unecorn)
“That the AMS withdraw its membership from the Alliance of BC Students.”

Robin Asgari:
- Came to Council in late August.
- Consultation in September.
- The ABCS Chair presented to Unecorn.
- Two other schools have left the alliance: BCIT and University of Fraser Valley.
- The number left is rapidly decreasing. There’s nothing much left to be a part of.
- Dissolution is inevitable.
- We’re looking to replace this with a new way of advocacy: working with other schools on an ad hoc basis. No formal coalitions. Student associations with similar interests on similar issues will come together.
- We will also meet with students in the U-15 (the top 15 research institutions in Canada).

Tobias Friedel:
- I don’t believe a one month review process is due diligence.
- I’m not convinced all measures have been taken to repair the problems.
- Council has been misled about how long this review has been going on.
- Just over a year ago we reaffirmed our membership in the ABCS.
- I don’t feel we have done this justice.

Daniel Lam:
- Was one month not enough time? But I’m told many associations have left without any consultation. That we’re even doing any consultation shows we’re not just getting out.
• At first this surprised me. I thought we were a big player in the ABCS, but other players are going.

Robin Asgari:
• This is what was discussed at Unecorn.
• There’s no organization left to be a part of. Only one committee chair is left. One by one the schools have been leaving.
• Our consultation has been long.
• If the GSS is so concerned, maybe they could come to an ABCS meeting.

The Speaker:
• Don’t direct comments at the GSS. It’s not in order to speak in such a way towards another Constituency.

Dan Kehila:
• To achieve anything for marginalized groups you need sustained and enduring work, battling silence. When it’s only ad hoc, you’re not able to do that. How will you be able to do anything?

Aaron Bailey:
• This didn’t come to Agenda Committee. We have Agenda Committee for a reason. This is a big issue. We should have had the weekend to think about it. This should be deferred, and it shouldn’t come from the floor.

Julie Van der Valk:
• What would be put in its place? Ad hoc doesn’t seem reliable, inclusive, effective.

Robin Asgari:
• We are not actually leaving the alliance. There isn’t an alliance left. SFU and UVic were never part of it. We’re doing a lot of work with them. We collaborated with SFU on Open Education.

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
• What does the membership cost?

Robin Asgari:
• $15,000 per year.

Benjamin Israel:
• There are a lot of questions. Yes, there was consultation, but there is still confusion. I am puzzled about why this was not on the agenda. We need more time to think about this.

11. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED AYMAN AZIM:

“That this motion be postponed until the next meeting of AMS Council.”

Aaron Bailey:
• We should have more time to think about it.
• If the trend is continuing and others are leaving, it may be better to wait.

Ava Nasiri:
  • This has come to Council multiple times and Jude has been available.
  • I remind Councillors of their responsibility to be informed.

Ian Sapollnik:
  • I echo Ava’s comments.
  • Jude had three weeks of consultation. I went to that.
  • Unecorn invited Councillors.

Tobias Friedel:
  • If it’s not put on the agenda with enough notice, Councillors don’t have the opportunity to inform themselves. Blaming Councillors for not being informed is a bit out of line.

Jude Crasta:
  • I can see the argument for postponing, but it was mentioned multiple times that this would come on October 7. It’s a procedural oversight that it was not on the agenda. I’m not sure what Councillors would have done to prepare themselves if it had been on the agenda.

Jenna Omassi:
  • I oppose amendments to the agenda. There is a reason for Agenda Committee.
  • To say that Councillors should take responsibility to involve themselves in consultations is not fair: the ABCS only came to Unecorn last Friday.
  • We should follow procedure.

Alan Ehrenholz:
  • I have informed myself and made a decision. I encourage others to do the same.

Robin Asgari:
  • I apologize for not being ready on Friday.
  • I did send out the motion before tonight’s meeting, but it was not added to the agenda.
  • I’m not sure much will happen for two weeks.
  • For productivity’s sake, I would like to vote now.

12. MOVED BENJAMIN ISRAEL, SECONDED AYMAN AZIM:

  “That this motion be postponed until the next meeting of AMS Council.”

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For (19): Ayman Azim, Rajeev Bagga, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Samantha So), Elizabeth Bulaeva, Mary Caple, Tobias Friedel, Ryan Grubbs, Benjamin Israel, Dan Kehila, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Conny Lin, Lisa Mah (proxy for Rachel Chan), Mohammadali Nikoo, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan (proxy for Vanessa Lau), Jeffrey Pea, Carly Sotas, Julie Van der Valk
Against (17): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Veronika Bylicki, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Natasha Rygnestad-Stahl (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Abstained: Aaron Bailey

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Discussion Period

T) Submissions:

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: October 28, 2015

The AMS Annual General Meeting will be held October 21, 2015 from 12:00-1:30 pm in the Michael Kingsmill Forum.

Tobias Friedel:
- Is quorum not expected?

Aaron Bailey:
- We have the ability to project to other rooms. Also the ability to shift venues. If quorate, we can move: if there’s excitement over our fiscal status.

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

S) Social Activity:
**October 7, 2015 Attendance**

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Mustafa Nalwala (AMS Governance Review, Exec special projects assistant), Maria de Fatima Lazo (AMS Governance Committee), Moira Warburton (Ubysssey), Arno Rosenfeld (Ubysssey), Vassi Sharlandjieva (Ubysssey), Sophie Sutcliffe (Ubysssey), Ross Horton (AMS GM), Keith Hester (AMS Director of Finance), Uli Laue (AMS Operations Manager), Kathleen Simpson (AMS AVP External), Philip Edgcumbe (BAGB Chair), Patrick Meehan (ABCS), Alex McGowan (ABCS), Alireta Kamjabi, Hussain Khan, Simon Child (AMS Social Justice Centre), Eviatar Bach (AMS Social Justice Centre), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (AMS Administration)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

1. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED GURVIR SANGHA:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED JEFFREY PEA:

“That the agenda be amended to add a SAC motion.”

… No objections

3. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED GURVIR SANGHA:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… Carried unanimously

For (34): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Sunil Fazaluddin, Dan Kehila, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrkhi, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

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

Welcome to our new Members: Mac Lockhart (Arts), Katherine Pan and Lisa Mah (Commerce), Sunil Fazaluddin (Pharmacy), Hooman Shahrkhi (GSS)


Goodbyes: Liam Reeve (Arts), Rachel Chan and Rajeev Bagga (Commerce), Tom Wierzbicki (Pharmacy), Elizabeth Bulaeva (GSS)
C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

- The speaker acknowledged the meeting was taking place on ancestral Musqueam territory, a traditional place of learning for Musqueam youth.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED JUSTIN TSANG, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated July 29, 2015 [SCD168-16]
Business & Administration Governance Board minutes - July 22, 2015 [SCD169-16]
Business & Administration Governance Board minutes – Sept 22, 2015 [SCD170-16]
Brewery Committee minutes dated September 21, 2015 [SCD171-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 23, 2015 [SCD172-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 7, 2015 [SCD173-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 14, 2015 [SCD174-16]
Finance Commission minutes dated July 21, 2015 [SCD175-16]
Finance Commission minutes dated August 24, 2015 [SCD176-16]
Finance Commission minutes dated Sept 24, 2015 [SCD177-16]
AMS Governance Committee minutes dated October 7, 2015 [SCD178-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #168 dated December 16, 2014 [SCD179-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #170 dated January 21, 2015 [SCD180-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #171 dated February 4, 2015 [SCD181-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #172 dated February 25, 2015 [SCD182-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #174 dated March 11, 2015 [SCD183-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #175 dated April 8, 2015 [SCD184-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #176 dated April 22, 2015 [SCD185-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #178 dated June 3, 2015 [SCD186-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #179 dated July 8, 2015 [SCD187-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #181 dated July 22, 2015 [SCD188-16]
New SUB Committee Minutes #182 dated August 5, 2015 [SCD189-16]

“That the Terms of Reference for the Governance Review Committee be accepted as presented.” [SCD190-16]

... Carried

For (29): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Sunil Fazaluddin, Gurvir Sangha
5. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED QUARTERMAIN LIM:

“That the following consent item be accepted as presented:

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative [SCD191-16] Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: HR Manager“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried unanimously

For (36): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Hannah Carrothers (proxy for Ayman Azim), Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Sunil Fazaluddin, Dan Kehila, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Quartermain Lim, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Mohammadali Nikoo, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

F) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute question period):

Movember – Matt Boland [SCD192-16]
- Started in Australia just for fun: two dudes wanting to bring back moustaches.
- Then someone thought to tie it to prostate health, men’s health.
- $675 million raised since its inception.
- 21 countries.
- Canada has raised $175 million.
- UBC has raised $12.5 million.
- 395 members last year at UBC raised $53,000.
- The point is to get men talking about their physical and mental health, which is hard to do.
- Men’s mental health is a big issue: suicide/depression. Also physical inactivity.
- This year trying to involve girls and women.
- Move is the motto: We want people to get active: run, jog, take the stairs, a fitness challenge.
- There will be events on campus.

Questions
Ava Nasiri:
- What resources can you provide? Calendar, pamphlets, swag.

Matt Boland:
- Swag, connections, information. Can put together a calendar: Facebook page is for that: what’s going on at UBC and Greater Vancouver. Contact me by email. Also a network page.

Ava Nasiri:
- What can we do to engage with the campaign?
Matt Boland:

- Spreading the word is what I need.

**Alliance of BC Students – Alex McGowan (Interim ABCS Chairperson, VP at Kwantlen)**

- Students need representation to communicate to government.
- We can do the research and convey it to government.
- A collective of student associations can do that best because it represents large numbers in many regions of the province.
- Right now the ABCS represents 110,000 students.
- We can contact MLA’s from various parts of the province.
- Formed in 2011.
- We’re not the CFS.
- We want to represent students professionally with research-based advocacy.
- We’re an easy in, easy out organization.
- We’ll still want to work with you even if you vote to leave.
- Working together is more powerful than working alone.
- We had some problems and lost some members: UVic, BCIT, and UC Fraser Valley. They’ve left because of problems with our Executive and other issues.
- We’ve addressed those issues.
- We need to work together: a formal coalition is the best way to do that.
- We do lobby days and lobby for housing, tenants” rights, a needs-based grants program, and reduced student loan interest rates (BC’s are the highest in the country).
- We’re a new organization. We’re building. It’s a long process.
- The Minister of Advanced Education has complimented us.
- Problems with membership: this was the first year we sought to collect fees. I think that was premature. The Executive couldn’t sell that.
- We’re going to end membership fees.
- Membership does not cost money; it costs time.
- Sometimes people felt the time was not worth it. We want to make sure we’re making effective use of meeting times.
- We have a Special General Meeting upcoming, at which we will choose a new slate of officers.
- There’s no cost or risk to being part of the ABCS.
- The AMS always played a leadership role in the ABCS; you were a founding member.
- I hope you will continue to play that role.

**Questions**

Aaron Bailey:

- What are your plans to re-engage the schools that have left?

Alex McGowan:

- We are still collaborating with some of the schools that have left; we still have open communication with them, and our goal is always to work with them and have them join us in activities.
• A lot of the problems were personal issues.

Jude Crasta:
• How sure are you of the ABCS’s reputation with the government?
• SFU has said they will never join.

Alex McGowan:
• I’m sure they didn’t say never; they said not at the moment.
• We’re very sure government likes us, likes working with us.
• The government has seen yelling on the Legislature steps; that’s not what we do; we present research. They do appreciate us.
• I haven’t heard any student society say they will never join us.
• There were problems, but rather than worrying about our past, we’re going to try to make ourselves a good organization.

6. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED JENNA OMASSI:

“That the question period be extended by 10 minutes.” … No objections

Viet Vu:
• We pay $15,000 in membership fees.
• There will now be no fees?
• What about cost sharing?

Alex McGowan:
• We started to collect fees, but the proposal going forward is to not collect fees.
• I don’t think the fee has been paid by the AMS this year.
• Cost sharing depends on what the ABCS wants to do. It could be a share of Lobby Days. It would be no more than $1,500.

Robin Asgari:
• As a director, I discovered that the organization looks better on paper than it is.
• The big institutions are not in. How will staying in the ABCS help us if they’re not in?

Alex McGowan:
• In the past the experience was not what was promised. There were wasted resources, problems.
• We have always worked with SFU and UVic; they’ve always been open to collaborating with us.
• We represent 110,000 students. That includes your 50,000, but it still doubles your representation.
• The government is favouring trades and technology these days. With members like Kwantlen, we can say that we represent all sorts of students.
• There’s a big benefit in being part of a coalition.

Ian Sapollnik
• You’re saying the ABCS today is not the ABCS of the past. How is it different now? How have the problems been solved?
Alex McGowan:
- One of the issues was lack of communication.
- We’ve been touching base, building consensus, respecting members.
- UVic said its motions were ignored, not respected.
- We are going to be respecting our members’ perspectives and their time.
- And we’re no longer collecting fees.

Jenna Omassi:
- What does the AMS stand to lose by staying in or leaving the ABCS?

Alex McGowan:
- Nothing to lose by staying. Just a little bit of time: a meeting once a month and coming to our activities.
- What you stand to gain: being part of a coalition representing many more students, a broader diversity of students.

Jenna Omassi:
- What do we stand to lose by leaving?

Alex McGowan:
- You would no longer be in an organization representing students around the province. The KSA covers six or seven ridings. Those MLA’s are willing to meet with us as part of the ABCS.
- You might lose some access to government.

Ava Nasiri:
- There’s clearly a need for a coalition, but with the ruined reputation of the ABCS and given the statements made by the schools that have left, how much appetite is there for structural change at the SGM?

Alex McGowan:
- The changes we’re looking at are:
  - Membership fee ending
  - Removing the committee structure that wasted a lot of time
- There’s room to change the leadership structure, though probably not at this time.
- Heavy personal issues: that was a large part of the problem.

7. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the question period be extended by 5 minutes.”

... Defeated

*BAGB Year End Report & Ternary Report – Philip Edgcumbe & Ross Horton*

[SCD194-16]

Philip Edgcumbe:
- BAGB provides oversight and accountability for the businesses. It’s an advisory board to AMS Council.
- It was a truly exceptional year in terms of financial performance: it was the first time in years that we lost money: $600,000.
Ross Horton:
- The best thing about Fiscal 2014-15 is that it’s over.
- The original plan was to move into the Nest and open on January 5. There were a series of delays and we really didn’t open until June 1.
- Compounding this, the Old SUB was surrounded by construction and at times was inaccessible.
- Also the businesses in the Old SUB were old and tired, but had to continue for another year.
- And we had to do hiring in expectation of opening, which increased our labour costs.

Philip Edgcumbe
- BAGB did produce a set of business metrics and proposed changes to BAGB’s structure.
- And we’ve been looking at the businesses.

Ross Horton:
- The big issue was revenue. There was a shortfall owing to reduced foot traffic because of the construction and the businesses being old.
- Conferences & Catering showed a loss.
- The loss was 10% worse than forecast because of the false starts; people didn’t take their vacations, which meant that money was on the books as a loss.

8. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED JUDE CRASTA:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by 10 minutes.”

... No objections

Ross Horton:
- Food & Beverage saw a drop of 22%.
- We couldn’t rent rooms in the SUB with the construction going on.
- Tenant revenue dropped because we had arranged with most tenants to leave at Christmas.
- The news is much better going forward.

Philip Edgcumbe:
- Going forward, the position of Director of Operations is a cost the businesses will be taking on.
- Compensation systems for senior management: that’s something BAGB was supposed to work on. In practice we just adopted what was already in place.

Questions
- Tobias Friedel asked about advertising the alumni positions on BAGB.
- Angela Tien (Chair of Hiring Committee): We’re sending an email to the Alumni.
- Philip Edgcumbe: For alumni recruitment, we tend to rely on word of mouth.
- Tobias Friedel: Are you aware of the extensive Alumni database?
- Aaron Bailey: I think that’s what Angela was referring to.
Ross Horton:
- We are a seasonal business. We have deficits in the summer and make our money in the school terms.
- We’re ahead of the bottom line as a result of cost savings. Revenue is still not quite what we expected. There was the delay in opening the building till June, and the Pit didn’t open till later, and the Perch didn’t open till September.
- We’re still not seeing as much traffic as expected.

Philip Edgcumbe
- The projected business contribution is $350,000: are we still on track to hit that target?

Ross Horton:
- Yes, we’re actually ahead.
- A lot of things are different in the new building.
- We passed the GST audit.
- Looking to refinance our loan for the Nest at a lower rate.
- Adding budgeting software.
- Recruiting.
- Implementing a Health and Safety audit.
- Marketing and publicity has led to growing traffic, e.g., for the Perch.
- Relaunching our online ordering system.
- R-Town loyalty program.
- New Year’s Eve parties in Perch and Pit.
- Lots of learning in the new building.
- The tenants are almost all open. Qoolah is opening this week or next. One space we’re having difficulties with getting the tenant to open: a convenience store. It’s been a challenge.
- It’s been challenging finding cooks.

Questions
- Ava Nasiri: I’d like to recognize the incredible hard work Ross, Uli, and their team have done. It’s been a really tough year. Thank you.
- Jude Crasta asked for an update on the lessee for the basement.
- Ross Horton: That was intended to be International News. They’ve been having difficulty finding a sub-tenant. We’re very disappointed. We’re going to have to make some hard decisions.
- Dan Kehila: Re the unexpectedly low turnout for the Nest: have you considered the price increases? The prices have gone up, so much so that I don’t buy there. A fancy restaurant like the Perch doesn’t feel like a place for students.
- Ross Horton:
  - We’re not seeing an issue with traffic in the building. I think our pricing is pretty good – I’m not talking about the Perch. We’ve surveyed prices in the market, and our value is pretty good. We’re probably going to do a survey and ask that question.
  - The Perch is a bit different. We made a commitment to the University when they gave us this space that we would be open and not exclusive to students. Research showed student interest in a rooftop restaurant like
the Perch. We thought about it very carefully. 20-30% of the traffic in the Perch is students. We’d certainly like to see more.

- Conny Lin: Was the delay normal length, or was it something unexpected?
- Ross Horton: The delay in itself was not terrifically unusual at UBC. The issue was that if we’d known we were going to be delayed nine months or a year, we could have planned for that. The false starts took a toll. And the reason was owing to the complexity of the building: the design was ahead of the builders. Don’t know where the fault lies in that. There’s no way to recover anything.

9. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED ADRIAN TALINGDAN:

“That the time for questions be extended by five minutes.”

… No objections

- Gurvir Sangha: What is the usage for R-Town? I haven’t heard of students using it.
- Ross Horton: About 1,000 members. We’d like to grow it.
- Viet Vu: I see long lines at lunch, and people turn away.
- Ross Horton: Lines are always a challenge. Everyone comes at once. We’re making some changes to how the lines move. There are still issues at Peco Peco and Grand Noodle. We’re going to open a second cash. Have to find another chef.
- Sunil Fazaluddin asked about problems with a Pharmacy event in the Pit.
- Aaron Bailey:
  - It’s a new space, and we’re redeveloping. That event was in the middle of the rethinking. We also have to comply with Fire Department regulations and want to keep the Pit open to all people even while hoping to be an event space. I apologize for problems at that event.
  - We never want to close the doors on general students. We’re looking for a smart solution.

10. MOVED DAN KEHILA, SECONDED HANNAH CARROTHERS:

“That the time for questions be extended by three minutes.”

… Defeated

**International Tuition – Social Justice Centre (Simon Child & Eviatar Bach)**

Simon Child:
- The University has proposed to increase international tuition.
- We should oppose this in the name of accessibility.
- Last year we had a visible but unsuccessful opposition to the housing and tuition increases.
- We need to make this opposition happen consistently.
- Last year there were resolutions that committed the AMS to supporting the opposition.
- We’re proposing a motion asking for $17,900 for advertising so we can publicize reasons to oppose the increases: banners, ads on TransLink, digital signage, staff help).
- We’d also like the AMS to issue a statement to ask alumni to stop donating to UBC.
• We also want the AMS to organize a boycott of UBC Food Services and the bookstore to symbolically oppose the increases.

Questions

Jenna Omassi:
• Why so specific about the advertising?
• Also, have you considered that the bookstore is a service that tries to make services affordable?

Eviatar Bach:
• We were told it would be good to provide specifics, but a discretionary fund would be good too.
• Re advertising: last year the message was limited to the campus; we feel we need to reach external media too to start a wider conversation.
• As for the bookstore, we thought about that. The rationale is to put pressure on UBC. We know these increases are not going to stop.

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
• What is your total ask?
• The Resource Groups have a dedicated fee and a large surplus. Have you considered using the over $200,000 you have in your fund?

Eviatar Bach:
• We really think this is something the AMS has a responsibility to do. We haven’t considered the Resource Group Fund. That’s for the Resource Groups.

Simon Child:
• The biggest ask was $17,900 for TransLink.
• Banners $3,000-$4,000.

Vanessa Lau:
• How did you come up with these ideas?
• Did you do a poll? Are they your group’s ideas?

Eviatar Bach:
• We haven’t done a survey.
• The SJC is a Resource Group of the AMS. Technically all students are members.
• It’s clear that students want the AMS to take action: from the AGM last year and the referendum in which 92% opposed tuition increases.
• Last year the I Am A Student Movement organized and helped get quorum at an AMS AGM for the first time in 40 years.

Dan Kehila:
• I support the idea of putting pressure on the University.
• There has to be some sort of radical change, and that will be a learning experience.
The biggest problem is outreach and turnout. If we in this room care and decide to take political action, and others don’t … how can we get other students to do the same as us?

Simon Child:
- That’s an extremely complex question.
- Hundreds came out last year for the first time in 40 years. Will it be different this year? It’s hard to predict.
- And we shouldn’t get caught up in numbers.
- This is about these latest increases, but it’s not just about them. This is just the first chapter in a book of increases.
- We have to organize mass opposition.

Eviatar Bach:
- The AMS has some resources it can use to mobilize students.

Daud Akhtar:
- There’s a fees movement in South Africa. Could such a movement be replicated here?

Simon Child:
- I’m aware of the movement in South Africa. There’s a long history of resisting and mobilizing there. Can that be replicated here? I don’t know. We have to focus on our context here.

Ava Nasiri:
- The discretionary fund idea makes a lot of sense, but I’m very aware that every dollar comes out of student fees to be used for services.
- How open are you to a more strategic campaign instead of $17,900?
- How dead set are you on the measures you have mentioned?

Eviatar Bach:
- We are open but feel media outreach is important.

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

11. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That Council appoint Christopher Scott to the Student Administrative Commission for a period beginning October 12, 2015 and ending on April 30, 2016.”

Ava Nasiri:
- Chris is to be our new SAC Vice-Chair, and we need to appoint him so he can do his job.

Tobias Friedel:
- I don’t believe we have a time machine.
The Speaker:
- We have done retroactive appointments in the past; it’s not out of order.

12. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the motion be amended to make the appointment effective today, October 28.”

Jude Crasta:
- Would this affect the pay?

Ava Nasiri:
- No.

13. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

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… No objections

14. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

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… No objections

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Aaron Bailey:
- Busiest two weeks so far.
- Block Party received lots of coverage to do with the Administration’s reluctance to work with us. We were preparing a campaign, but pressure led the University Administration to grant us a pilot year in the Thunderbird Stadium.
- Then there was the surprise announcement of the tuition increase. We’ve been working with carrying out last year’s resolutions. Met with the Social Justice Centre. Released a statement.
- Kicked off the AMS governance review process. There’s a new Governance Review assistant. You will be receiving the first of many reports from the committee soon.
- Boardpad is the company that will be providing Council software. Motion next time.
- Alumni Advisory Council: discussion of connecting students and alumni.

Questions

Tobias Friedel:
- How much does Block Party cost us?

Aaron Bailey:
- It was in the budget: $53,000.
I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Executive Director – Daniel Levangie
- SASC: Healthier Masculinities: raising awareness of men about limits, sexual violence. Working with the University on a sexual assault prevention team.
- Events: Block Party: booking the talent.
- Communications: Abby away. Her staff doing the work.
- Services:
  - Safewalk: Highest usage last time; now even higher. Wonderful and challenging. Looking at altering hours and structures. Also messaging to let people know we’re not a taxi service.
  - Archives: Implementing Laserfiche and Magnimail.

Questions
Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Should we tell Council about the magazine and the radio program?

Daniel Levangie:
- Excerpts from the hundredth anniversary book have appeared in Trek Magazine and Sheldon is being interviewed about it on the UBC Insiders podcast (also broadcast on CiTR).

Viet Vu:
- How does one get involved with Healthier Masculinities?

Daniel Levangie:
- Speak to Ashley (the SASC Manager).

VP Administration – Ava Nasiri
- UBC Gives Back campaign – co-ordinating philanthropic campaigns.
- SOL’s on Campus: Starting a conversation with the University about this: about how difficult it’s been for groups to organize parties.
- Dystopian Futures exhibit at the Art Gallery.
- Four bands coming to the Art Gallery.
- SAC:
  - SAC Wine & Cheese
  - Clubs feedback: they’ve told us everything we’re doing wrong, so we’re revamping.
- Looking to revamp the VP Administration position. Change the title to VP Student Life.
- The New SUB Committee is looking into self-destructing now that the New SUB (sorry, the Nest) is open.

VP External – Jude Crasta
- The federal elections happened.
- It was a lovely polling season in the Old SUB.
- It took lots of work between my office and Elections Canada to get this pilot project off the ground.
- It was really successful:
o 4,500 people voted for ridings from across Canada (3,700 were not from the local riding).
o Then 15,000 ballots were cast at the UBC polling station.
- Turnout was 68.5% in Quadra (the local riding).
- Heading to Boston next week for Global Roundtable: meeting Russian, Chinese, British, and American students.

Questions
Daniel Lam asked about UBC bus routes.

Jude Crasta:
- We are looking at service optimization. The 258 bus.

Julie Van der Valk:
- How does UBC’s voter turnout compare to other campuses?

Jude Crasta:
- I've asked for those numbers.

VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski
- Credit card processing review.
- Signed off on audit.
- Sustainability: Interviewing, MoU.
- Fincom met.
- Project: report on fees.

VP Academic – Jenna Omassi
- Tuition consultation.
- The AMS turned 100 on October 15: we were in the Agora wearing party hats and giving out cake.
- Killian & Associates here about mental health.
- Webinar about academic accommodation.
- Professional development seminar on effective communication.
- Open education resources
- Presenting at open education conference.
- Reaching out for partners for Textbook Broke BC: working with the bookstore.

Questions
Ava Nasiri:
- If everyone wrote on their student evaluations that their textbooks were too expensive, would that be effective?

Jenna Omassi:
- Not as much as engaging the bookstore and us.

J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

University & External Relations Committee – Robin Asgari
- Library garden project.
- Bus routes.
Legislative Procedures Committee – Samantha So

- Code changes re HR and BAGB.
- Looking at process of exiting in camera sessions and at the president as a voting member on standing committees.
- Aligning our bylaws with the new Societies Act.

Student Life & Communications

- No report.
- [They built a wall.]

J) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Adrian Talingdan

- Trick or eat event.
- SOL turned down; event cancelled; still carved a pumpkin.
- Career development workshop.
- Yoga event.
- At large appointments done.
- Working on arts programming.
- SCARECAM – scaring people on campus.
- Surprise ping pong tournaments.
- Movember page.
- Holding Thrive Week coffeehouse with other constituencies
- CoffeeHAUS November 17.

Commerce – Vanessa Lau

- Finished elections: 63% turnout for first years.
- New AMS reps: 10% turnout.
- Partnered with Dean re peer-to-peer program (Connect): fourth years mentoring first years.
- Halloween beer garden cancelled yesterday because liquor licence cancelled.
- Tuition Increase Awareness.

Architecture – Carly Sotas

- Women in Architecture night.

GSS – Tobias Friedel

- Exciting federal election. Looking forward to working with the new government and asking Justin Trudeau what he can do for us.

Kinesiology – Justin Tsang

- Boat cruise sold out.
- Our liquor licence still good to go.
- Working on new building project.

Land and Food Systems – Veronika Bylicki

- Partnered with UBC’s Equity & Inclusion Office in an Apples For Educators event.
- Beer garden on Friday.
- International tuition consultation: town hall next week.

**Medicine – Daud Akhtar**
- Halloween event.
- Great Trek event: runners.
- Movember.

**Engineering – Mark Bancroft**
- Pumpkin event.
- Beer event cancelled.
- Tuition consultation.
- Great Trek runners.
- Raised $150 for Movember.
- No Engineers have been elected as members at large on AMS committees.

**Economics – Viet Vu**
- Held successful beer garden: not denied licence.
- We have a full council now.
- GSIS: grad school info session.
- International tuition motions.

**Pharmacy – Sunil Fazaluddin**
- Redoing our code of procedures: adding a VP Academic.
- Elections in November.
- Gala this Friday at the Sheraton.
- Mr. Pharmacy Pageant.
- Working with the AMS on tutoring.

**Science – Melissa Lachica**
- Pet visit event (dogs): Pawsitive.
- Octoberfest: successful beer garden.
- Mid-year survey.
- 432 blog to replace the old newspaper, which we haven’t had for a few years.

**Forestry – Hannah Carrothers**
- Sponsored Intramural teams.
- Halloween celebration this Friday.
- Pumpkin carve off.
- Quiz Bowl replacing Chili Bowl because of new UBC regulations.

**L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):**

**Board of Governors – Julie Van der Valk and Veronica Knott**
- Talking to Thunderbird Athletics Council.
- International tuition consultation.
- Working closely with Jenna.
- Encouraging everyone to engage: we’ll take student opinions to the Board and make sure it makes informed decisions.
Senate –
Gurvir Sangha:
- Discussed Lynn Smith’s report on academic freedom; grilled Martha Piper.
- Arvind Gupta’s contract.
Jenna Omassi:
- Mental health and well-being discussion.

Ombudsperson – Penny Zhang
- 5 or 6 new cases, not including people emailing me to rant.
- Biggest issue: getting people to reply to my emails

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

N) Executive Committee Motions:

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

15. MOVED __________________________, SECONDED __________________________

From the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society
"Be it resolved that Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to introduce a special fee levy of $250 for undergraduate students in the School of Kinesiology for the building of the Community Health Sciences Centre, such levy not to be collected except in accordance with the conditions listed below.

Be it further resolved that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.

Conditions:
1. The fee amount would be $250.00 beginning the first full academic year that the building is open.
2. Revenue from the fee will be used to repay an internal loan from UBC Treasury that will be put towards constructing the Community Health Sciences Centre. This fee will continue to be levied until the loan is fully repaid over 30 years.
3. After the first year that it is levied, the fee will annually increase by 2% cumulatively to be levied until the loan is fully repaid over 30 years.
4. The fee will only be levied if all elements listed below are incorporated in the constructed building. These include:

- A dedicated office space for the KUS.
- A Student Fitness Centre
- Informal student learning space/priority study space accessible all hours of days, seven days a week
- Food and smoothie food outlet
- The installation of 400 lockers
- KIN student representation (1 undergraduate & 1 graduate student) on Community Health Sciences Centre Working Committee.
5. If UBC terminates plans to construct the Community Health Science Centre, as currently programmed, or does not grant Board 1 approval (or its then equivalent) to the construction of the Centre within 5 years from the end date of the Referendum (March 21, 2015), the student leadership of the KUS that year will have the option to withdraw the offer upon written notice to UBC in consideration of the students’ needs.

16. MOVED JASON QUACH, SECONDED ANDREA PALMER: [SCD196-16]

From the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society
“That on the recommendation of the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society, Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Community Health Science Centre, as presented.”

[Motion brought back from March 11, 2015.]

17. MOVED JUSTIN TSANG, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the two motions from the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society be postponed indefinitely.”

Justin Tsang:
- This is the fee levy from last year.
- The Community Health Sciences building project has been stagnant.
- Kinesiology has a new director and a new vision.
- The MoU needs to be tweaked.
- We would have to re-run the referendum since we’re changing the space: there’s going to be a new, different building.
- It’s really a blessing in disguise.
- There are a lot of things students shouldn’t have had to pay for, e.g., a food outlet. Maybe a gym.

Viet Vu:
- The referendum was passed.
- Do we have an obligation to put this forward?

Jenna Omassi:
- These funds were only to be paid if this building was constructed, but Kinesiology is not going ahead with that building.

18. MOVED JUSTIN TSANG, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the two motions from the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society be postponed indefinitely.”

… Carried unanimously

For (32): Jamiu Abdusalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Veronika Bylicki, Jude Crasta, Sunil Fazaluddin, Tobias Friedel, Dan Kehila, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Alyana Anderson-MacIsaac,
S) Discussion Period

19. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED SAMANTHA SO:

“That the agenda be amended to remove the discussion on the ABCS.”

Aaron Bailey:
- No need to discuss this separately; it’s going to come up in the debate on the next question.

Tobias Friedel:
- Discussion is different in debates.

Aaron Bailey:
- We’d just be doubling down if we did it twice.

20. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED SAMANTHA SO:

“That the agenda be amended to remove the discussion on the ABCS.”

... Carried

For (20): Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Alan Ehrenholz), Veronika Bylicki, Jude Crasta, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Daud Akhtar, Mary Caple, Sunil Fazaluddin, Tobias Friedel, Mackenzie Lockhart, Jenna Omassi, Hooman Shahrokhi, Viet Vu

P) Committee Motions:

21. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED JUSTIN TSANG:

From the University & External Relations Committee
“That the AMS withdraw its membership from the Alliance of BC Students.”

Tobias Friedel:
- My position in the ABCS has changed. I receive no remuneration, so I don’t think it constitutes a conflict of interest.

22. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That a third speakers list be created (to allow people to speak a third time).”
Tobias Friedel:
- We have received new information since the last meeting. People spoke then, but should be allowed to speak again.

23. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That a third speakers list be created (to allow people to speak a third time).”

… No objections

Alan Ehrenholz took over from his proxy Mark Bancroft.

24. MOVED JUDE CRASTA, SECONDED IAN SAPOLNIK, THIRDED ANGELA TIEN:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 8:59 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:40 pm.

25. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED JUSTIN TSANG:

From the University & External Relations Committee

“That the AMS withdraw its membership from the Alliance of BC Students.”

Angela Tien:
- We elected Jude our VP External.
- We need to trust our VP External.
- Our VP External is advising us to leave the ABCS.
- Council should take into consideration what he is asking us to do.

Conny Lin:
- We’re free to join or leave the ABCS. We could rejoin later or form a new group.

Viet Vu:
- There are lots of fights coming up: the tuition cap, university residences …
- Would it be best for us to stay in the ABCS? It seems the answer is no, especially since the UVic and the SFU student unions are no longer in it.

Samantha So:
- It looks like everything they offer us we already do and excel at. And given how many members have left … it leaves a sour taste in people’s mouths.
- The ABCS doesn’t have a good shine to it currently.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- If the ABCS or an equivalent group was fully populated, would that be a more powerful voice than what we have?

Jude Crasta:
- Yes, definitely, and I’m working on that alternative. Working with other student unions.
Tobias Friedel:
- I do not share the belief that we should place the decision in a single pair of hands. It’s not proper to say whatever the VP External says is the way to go.
- Council has been given the responsibility as well by the students.
- We need to follow a proper review procedure.
- I do believe that a proper process might lead to the same decision Jude recommends, but we have a fiduciary duty to carefully consider and not rush into a decision we may later regret.
- This Council is the decision-making body, not a single Executive.

Vanessa Lau:
- It's kind of ridiculous of them to say decisions are reached by consensus. I don’t feel decisions were made that way. They have not consulted or represented us.

Hooman Shahrokhi:
- Instead of leaving this organization, I think we can work on issues within the ABCS.

Aaron Bailey:
- Ironically, this is not the first time we’ve had such a decision. We had similar discussions about CASA, which led the AMS to leave CASA, which hasn’t interfered with our ability to work with other student organizations or government.
- We’ve had several discussions here about ABCS.
- The suggestion was made to us that a specific leadership was to blame. I think leadership is the product of a certain structure. They’re not changing the structure, so …

Ian Sapollnik:
- This motion is not coming from the VP External, but from Unecorn.
- Two months ago we held three weeks of consultation.
- Unecorn met; it invited Councillors.
- The next biggest student societies are not in the ABCS.
- I cannot name one tangible good thing the ABCS has done in the past four years.

26. MOVED JUDE CRASTA, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the meeting be extended until midnight.”

... Carried

For (28): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mark Bancroft, Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Sunil Fazaluddin, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu
27. MOVED GURVIR SANGHA, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

For (23): Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Alan Ehrenholz, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Sunil Fazaluddin, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Julie Van der Valk

Against (2): Vanessa Lau, Hooman Shahrokhi

Abstained: Tobias Friedel, Veronica Knott, Conny Lin, Lisa Mah

28. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED JUSTIN TSANG:

From the University & External Relations Committee

“That the AMS withdraw its membership from the Alliance of BC Students.”

... Carried

For (29): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Alan Ehrenholz, Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Sunil Fazaluddin, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

Against (2): Tobias Friedel, Hooman Shahrokhi

Abstained: Daud Akhtar, Veronica Knott

29. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the Legislative Procedures Committee

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: BAGB“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

“Be it further resolved that the portion of this amendment regarding Section VII, Article 2 (Composition of membership) shall come into force on January 1st, 2016.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Samantha So:
- This has been in the works for a while. The aim is to make clear that this is an advisory body, not a governing body.
- And we’re adding Councillors to connect Council and the business side of the AMS.

Viet Vu:
- I’m uncomfortable allowing the President and VP Finance to chair the committee.

Ian Sapollnik:
- Considering that this is a change in the governance structure, and we are doing a governance review, has there been any thought to whether we want this to go forward now during the governance review?

Aaron Bailey:
- We’re not asking our committees to stop functioning while the review is underway. Anything the committees do will of course be a topic of interest to the Governance Review Committee and MNP (the governance consultants).

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (17): Alan Ehrenholz, Veronika Bylicki, Sunil Fazaluddin, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Aiyana Anderson-Macleasa, Lisa Mah, Alexandra Lee Mann, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien

Against (3): Vanessa Lau, Mackenzie Lockhart, Viet Vu

Abstained: Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Aaron Bailey, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Dan Kehila, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Katherine Pan, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

31. MOVED DAN KEHILA, SECONDED VIET VU:

“Whereas TransLink has recently proposed eliminating the 258 bus service on the basis that duplicate service exists (route 250 combined with route 44); and
Whereas the „duplicate‟ service currently represents a 50% increase in commute
time for these transit users that represents an additional 140 hours of commuting
time per rider each year; and

Whereas TransLink has stated that they will provide „improvements‟ to the alternate
service without providing any information as to what those improvements are; and

Whereas TransLink justifies their decision on high cost per passenger of the 258
service and does not appear to have considered alternate options for decreasing the
cost per rider while maintaining the service,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS Council officially oppose the elimination of the
258 service.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the AMS VP External to draft an open letter
to TransLink, copied to news outlets outlining the Society's opposition to this
change."

Jude Crasta:
• This was brought forward by a member at large named Stephen Price.
• The 258 service is a crucial service for our students.
• It's the only direct route to West Vancouver from Point Grey.

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... No objections
S) Discussion Period

**International Tuition**

Aaron Bailey:
- I would like to discuss actions pertaining to the motions passed at last year’s AGM related to international tuition.
- One declared the AMS to be against increases greater than 2%.
- Another promised resources, people power, and finances to groups mobilizing against increases.
- Another said the AMS was to continue protesting until the increases were voted down by the Board of Governors.
- We now have an affordability policy on the books.
- We did organize one protest and gave money last year.
- We’ve just heard from the Social Justice Centre: they’ve suggested some motions.

Viet Vu:
- VSEUS has passed motions about the international tuition increases, saying:
  - UBC’s benchmarking process was not up to par.
  - There should be increased financial aid.
- Looking for direction from AMS Council on how to proceed.
- We’re starting an undergraduate journal, and the editorial team is thinking about these issues.

Jenna Omassi:
- We have rave cards and posters.
- UBC has done research on benchmarking. My staff members have been doing research on these same things: we’re refuting their research with our research. We’re doing research on UBC’s data.
- This shouldn’t stop us from taking other action.

Daniel Lam asked if something is needed now.

Jenna Omassi:
- Acting now would be good.
- UBC consultations end on November 12.
- We don’t have a long timeline.
- I don’t think meetings with UBC should stop any action.

Dan Kehila:
- I would like to support giving money to the Social Justice Centre for what they’re planning to do.
- If we feel good spending money on parties, we should feel good doing this too.

Ian Sapollnik:
- As recorded in the July 29th Council minutes, we approved an affordability policy.
- According to that policy, the AMS opposes any international tuition increases exceeding domestic tuition increases.
• So we already do have a stance.
• But although we have to oppose the increases, there's a high probability our voice will not be taken into account, and the increases will go through.
• So I'd like us to call for the extra funds from the increases to go to financial aid.

Jenna Omassi:
• We are opposing the tuition increases.
• We are also proposing a new needs based award.

33. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED DAN KEHILA:

“That the agenda be amended to add three motions from the SJC.”

… No objections

34. MOVED JAMIU ABD SALAMI, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the AMS provide advertising resources for the campaign opposing tuition increases, including but not limited to graphic designers, public advertising, advertising space within the Nest (including banners in the atrium), Facebook ads, and printing of materials.”

Aaron Bailey:
• This motion is to provide financial resources to create and activate a campaign in opposition to the increases. It’s for something to work in tandem with the consultation process.
• It’s a good motion with a tangible ask.

Gurvir Sangha:
• Would putting these banners in the atrium violate a contract we have with the Thunderbird football team to put up their banners?

Aaron Bailey:
• The football banners are coming down on October 31, and there's no contract or policy.

35. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the motion be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the AMS create a discretionary fund in the amount of $20,000 to fund the creation of and activation of a campaign in opposition to increases to international tuition, the fund to be used for resources, including but not limited to graphic designers, public advertising, advertising space within the Nest (including the banners in the atrium), Facebook ads, and printing of materials.

Be it further resolved that the fund be adjudicated by an ad hoc committee consisting of two Executives, including the VP Finance, two Councillors and two members at large.”
Aaron Bailey:
- This adds more structure and makes the funds open to more than one group, and it provides an adjudication process.

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
- We can't just spend on whatever.
- We have dedicated funds that are restricted in their mandates, so we can't draw on them.
- We would have to take this money from the general budget, but that would require a two-thirds vote from the Budget Committee and then another two-thirds vote by Council (to amend the budget).
- The Resource Groups have their own funds; they could pay for this themselves out of their surplus.

Aaron Bailey:
- To create a fund like this, what would the process be?

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
- The process is what I just said; it's in the bylaws.

The Speaker:
- I'm not going to rule this out of order, but keep in mind the comments of the VP Finance (Mateusz Miadlikowski).

Tobias Friedel:
- We could have emergency meetings of the Budget Committee and Council, but there's also the question: Where is the money coming from?
- I do believe the AMS should be the institution offering resources; it's within the realm of our responsibilities.

Samantha So
- Mateusz mentioned a surplus held by the Social Justice Centre (SJC).
- How much is it?

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
- The surplus is $211,000.

Eviatar Bach:
- The SJC doesn't have sole control over this money.
- It's in a fund for all the Resource Groups and is controlled by the RGAC (the Resource Group Allocation Committee), made up of all the Resource Groups.
- Besides, we're saying the funding should be open to other groups as well.

Daniel Lam:
- Where did the $20,000 number come from?

Aaron Bailey:
- I added up the amounts from their requests.
Ian Sapollnik:
- Council is actually scheduled to meet next week, so we can expedite this.

36. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

“That the amendment be amended so that the second clause reads:

Be it further resolved that the fund be adjudicated by an ad hoc committee consisting of two Executives, including the VP Finance and an additional Executive chosen by the Executive Committee, two Councillors and two members at large, chosen by Council, one of each to be an international student.”

Ian Sapollnik:
- This specifies that the Executive Committee chooses the second Executive and that one Councillor and one member at large be an international student.
- Since this is about international tuition, we should ensure some international representation.

Jenna Omassi
- This is making complicated things even more complicated.
- We have committees, for instance the Budget Committee.
- Last year we sent up a working group for something similar, and that didn’t work.
- We should use our existing structures.

Tobias Friedel:
- I share Jenna’s concern and am also concerned about discriminating based on place of origin: that may violate the BC Human Rights Code.
- Putting this to the Budget Committee makes more sense than anything we can create ad hoc.

37. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

“That the amendment be amended so that the second clause reads:

Be it further resolved that the fund be adjudicated by an ad hoc committee consisting of two Executives, including the VP Finance and an additional Executive chosen by the Executive Committee, two Councillors and two members at large, chosen by Council, one of each to be an international student.”

… Defeated

For (1): Dan Kehila

Against (25): Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Alan Ehrenholz, Veronika Bylicki, Jude Crasta, Tobias Friedel, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Quartermain Lim, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Hooman Shahrokhi, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu
Abstained: Jamiu Abdalsalami, Daud Akhtar, Alexandra Lee Mann, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So

38. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the motion be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the AMS create a discretionary fund in the amount of $20,000 to fund the creation of and activation of a campaign in opposition to increases to international tuition, the fund to be used for resources, including but not limited to graphic designers, public advertising, advertising space within the Nest (including the banners in the atrium), Facebook ads, and printing of materials.

Be it further resolved that the fund be adjudicated by an ad hoc committee consisting of two Executives, including the VP Finance, two Councillors and two members at large.”

39. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED HOOMAN SHAHROKHI:

“That the amendment be amended to replace the ad hoc committee with the Budget Committee.”

… No objections

40. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VIET VU:

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Be it further resolved that the fund be adjudicated by the Budget Committee.”

41. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (12): Daud Akhtar, Veronika Bylicki, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Alexandra Lee Mann, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Hooman Shahrokhhi, Samantha So, Justin Tsang

Against (5): Aaron Bailey, Vanessa Lau, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ian Sapollnik, Viet Vu
Abstained: Robin Asgari, Mary Caple, Mackenzie Lockhart, Lisa Mah, Jenna Omassi, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha

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Carried

For (29): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Alan Ehrenholz, Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Lisa Mah, Alexandra Lee Mann, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Samantha So, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Against (1): Mateusz Miadlikowski

Abstained: Tommy Reid

43. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED VIET VU:

“Be it resolved that the AMS create a discretionary fund in the amount of $20,000 to fund the creation of and activation of a campaign in opposition to increases to international tuition, the fund to be used for resources, including but not limited to graphic designers, public advertising, advertising space within the Nest (including the banners in the atrium), Facebook ads, and printing of materials.

Be it further resolved that the fund be adjudicated by the Budget Committee.”

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
- $20,000 could pay for Food Bank for a year, or Volunteer Avenue for a year. It’s as much as all the election reserve funds.

Jenna Omassi:
- Is this in money or in kind?

Aaron Bailey:
- We can supply in kind resources.

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
- Is this all for one campaign?
Aaron Bailey:
- It should say campaigns.

It was agreed to amend the motion accordingly.

Viet Vu:
- Just because we said $20,000 doesn’t mean we necessarily need to spend it all.

Tobias Friedel:
- This is 40% of the Block Party budget.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- We have spoken about trusting our Execs.
- If there is a fund that has money in it that can be used for this, we should use it.

44. MOVED CONNY LIN, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the motion be amended to direct the Budget Committee to recommend how to fund the creation of these campaigns.”

Conny Lin:
- There’s many ways to provide support. The main thing is to have the Budget Committee involved: they know best what to recommend.

Viet Vu:
- We can’t wait. We need resources now.

Jenna Omassi:
- I understand the intention, but I worry that this amendment would be changing the spirit of the motion.

Aaron Bailey:
- This creates another level of bureaucracy, an unnecessary step
- We need to get moving on this.

45. MOVED CONNY LIN, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the motion be amended to direct the Budget Committee to recommend how to fund the creation of these campaigns.”

... Defeated

Against (25): Daud Akhtar, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Alyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu
Abstained: Jamiu Abdosalami, Hannah Carrothers (proxy for Ayman Azim), Alan Ehrenholz, Tobias Friedel, Vanessa Lau, Lisa Mah, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So

46. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED VIET VU:

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Be it further resolved that the fund be adjudicated by the Budget Committee.”

Hussain Khan:
- To clarify how Resource Group funds work, all together the Resource Groups do have a lot of money in a reserve fund, but the SJC can’t draw on that till it uses its individual funds, and the SJC can’t just frivolously spend its money.

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
- The Code says the RGAC allocates funds to each group, and it can use the reserve fund as it so decides.

47. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED VIET VU:

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Be it further resolved that the fund be adjudicated by the Budget Committee.”

For (19): Aaron Bailey, Mary Caple, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Quatermain Lim, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Alyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Lisa Mah, Alexandra Lee Mann, Katherine Pan, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Against (3): Alan Ehrenholz, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So

Abstained: Jamiu Abdosalami, Robin Asgari, Hannah Carrothers (proxy for Ayman Azim), Jude Crasta, Tobias Friedel, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jenna Omassi, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Angela Tien

48. MOVED JENNA OMASSI SECONDED VIET VU:

“Be it resolved that the AMS write a statement asking alumni to sign a pledge to stop donating to the University in response to the tuition increases, and use resources to promote it, including but not limited to contacting alumni, contacting
current students and encouraging them to distribute to alumni and buying paid Facebook ads targeting alumni.”

Jenna Omassi:

- The intention is to include a major stakeholder in this conversation.

Jamiu Abdsalami:

- Isn’t it counter-intuitive to urge alumni not to give money to the University when the idea is to remove the financial burden from international students?

Eviatar Bach:

- This is a way to put pressure on the University.
- It’s not that we don’t want people to donate.

49. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED GURVIR SANGHA:

“That the motion be amended to delete the reference to Facebook ads.”

Alan Ehrenholz:

- The EUS has discovered that paid Facebook pages are rarely effective. We would not be getting our money’s worth.

50. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED GURVIR SANGHA:

“That the motion be amended to delete the reference to Facebook ads.” … Carried

For (23): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Hannah Carrothers (proxy for Ayman Azim), Alan Ehrenholz, Jude Crasta, Dan Kehila, Daniel Lam, Conny Lin, Alexandra Lee Mann, Sareena Mohammad, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Mary Caple, Tobias Friedel, Quartermain Lim, Mackenzie Lockhart, Lisa Mah

51. MOVED JENNA OMASSI SECONDED VIET VU:

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Tobias Friedel:

- I understand the need to put pressure on the University, but I don’t think that should be financial when the situation is that the University is having financial struggles.
- I’d rather have a pledge from the alumni to oppose the increases.
Gurvir Sangha:
- The idea of telling the alumni not to donate makes me uncomfortable.
- A lot of donations help students pay for their education.

52. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED HOOMAN SHAHROKHI:

“That the motion be amended to ask the alumni to sign a pledge opposing the tuition increases rather than asking them to stop donating.”

Jenna Omassi:
- Asking the alumni to stop donating doesn’t make sense and is not in the best interest of students.

Eviatar Bach
- Negotiations are about power and leverage. If these increases pass, we can say there will be no donations: that’s a point of leverage.

53. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED HOOMAN SHAHROKHI:

“That the motion be amended to ask the alumni to sign a pledge opposing the tuition increases rather than asking them to stop donating.”

... Carried

For (22): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Alan Ehrenholz, Tobias Friedel, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Sareena Mohammad, Jenna Omassi, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Against (1): Mackenzie Lockhart

Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Mary Caple, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac

54. MOVED JENNA OMASSI SECONDED VIET VU:

“Be it resolved that the AMS write a statement asking alumni to sign a pledge opposing the tuition increases, and use resources to promote it, including but not limited to contacting alumni, contacting current students and encouraging them to distribute to alumni.”

... Carried

For (28): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Alan Ehrenholz, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Tobias Friedel, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Aaron Bailey
55. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

"Be it resolved that the AMS rally students to boycott UBC Food Services and the UBC Bookstore in protest of the tuition increases."

Aaron Bailey:
- This would mean boycotting revenue sources for the University: the Bookstore and Food Services.

Tobias Friedel:
- I do not believe that putting additional financial pressures on the University will advance the goal we are pursuing.

Arno Rosenfeld:
- UBC uses the bookstore as a revenue source, and the bookstore has been pretty ruthless as a result.
- As to the argument that a boycott will deprive the University of revenue and increase their need for money, actually the reason the University is giving for raising fees is that they want to match their national peers.
- We can be saying that if you raise our fees, we won’t spend our discretionary money at your outlets.

56. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the motion be amended to strike the word „rally” and instead say we will create a campaign encouraging students to boycott UBC Food Services and the UBC Bookstore.”

Aaron Bailey:
- This just clarifies the motion.

57. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the motion be amended to strike the word „rally” and instead say we will create a campaign encouraging students to boycott UBC Food Services and the UBC Bookstore.”

... Carried

For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Mary Caple, Tobias Friedel, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Alyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Abstained: Alan Ehrenholz, Jude Crasta, Lisa Mah, Jenna Omassi

58. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“Be it resolved that the AMS create a campaign encouraging students to boycott UBC Food Services and the UBC Bookstore in protest of the tuition increases.”
Jamiu Abdsalami:
- Some students might not know the difference between AMS Food Services and UBC Food Services.

Jenna Omassi:
- About the bookstore:
  - It hardly manages to break even now.
  - In the past their pursuit of revenue might have been problematic, but there’s been a change of leadership and a change of focus.
  - The custom course packs they created lost them hundreds of thousands of dollars and shows their new dedication to affordability.
  - They’re one of our bigger supporters on campus: they lose money to find affordable options for students.
  - They’re a service, not a business like UBC Food Services.
  - They have a more student friendly focus.
  - Boycotting them would go against what we’re doing.

59. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the motion be amended to delete the reference to the UBC Bookstore.”

Ava Nasiri:
- If we boycott UBC Bookstore, how would this affect their commitment to open textbook resources? Could it cause the bookstore to change its mind and say they’re no longer on board with affordability for students?

Jenna Omassi:
- If there’s a financial strain put on the bookstore, they won’t be able to help us with our initiatives.

Tobias Friedel:
- If we’re asking the students to get their resources elsewhere, and pay more, that doesn’t help the students. It’s counter-intuitive and counter-productive.

Ava Nasiri:
- If we focus solely on UBC Food Services, it would be clearer.

60. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the motion be amended to delete the reference to the UBC Bookstore.”

... Carried

For (25): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Tobias Friedel, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Against (1): Hooman Shahrokhi
Abstained: Alan Ehrenholz, Mary Caple, Dan Kehila, Lisa Mah, Mateusz Miadlikowski

61. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“Be it resolved that the AMS create a campaign encouraging students to boycott UBC Food Services in protest of the tuition increases.”

Hussain Khan:
- Boycotts provide leverage. Last year we did not use boycotts and we did not sway the University.
- This year the University has made clear that the consultation will not affect whether they increase fees.
- Boycotts are the way.

Viet Vu:
- Many first year students rely on UBC Food Services. If encouraging a boycott, we’re telling them not to eat their meals.

Ava Nasiri:
- Some students are dependent on UBC meal plans which they’ve already paid for. Of course, this boycott would be for other students, not them.

Tobias Friedel:
- How do we engage those students (the ones on meal plans)? That needs to be part of the conversation. We need to put further thought into this.

Aaron Bailey:
- Yes, unfortunately, you’re trapped in the cafeterias if you’re on a meal plan. But you have discretionary funds.

62. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“Be it resolved that the AMS create a campaign encouraging students to boycott UBC Food Services in protest of the tuition increases.”

... Carried

For (18): Aaron Bailey, Mary Caple, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Alexandra Lee Mann, Ava Nasiri, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokh, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang

Against (2): Tobias Friedel, Lisa Mah

Abstained: Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Alan Ehrenholz, Jude Crasta, Quartermain Lim, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Jenna Omassi, Jeffrey Pea, Viet Vu
Tobias Friedel:
- Is there anything in the budget for this?

Jenna Omassi:
- We had money set aside for a Block Party campaign which we didn’t have to spend.

Aaron Bailey:
- We have the resources. It won’t be a huge campaign.

Tobias Friedel:
- I would like to recognize the amount of work Jenna and her office have done on research and consultation.

63. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED MARY CAPLE:

“That the late night travel rule (Code Section II, Article 16.2) be invoked to allow Councillors to be reimbursed for taxis even though it is not yet midnight.”

... Carried

For (29): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Mary Caple, Jude Crasta, Tobias Friedel, Dan Kehila, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah, Alexandra Lee Mann, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Hooman Shahrokhi, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

Against (2): Alan Ehrenholz, Quartermain Lim

Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Ian Sapollnik

T) Submissions:

AMS FOI Submission [SCD197-16]
University & External Relations Committee ternary report [SCD198-16]
Student Life & Communications Committee ternary report [SCD199-16]
Legislative Procedures Committee ternary report [SCD200-16]

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: November 4, 2015

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:52 pm.

S) Social Activity:
### October 28, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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Vote Records

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V10: extend to mid-night
V11: Call To Question
V12: ABCS motion
V13: Code Changes 2015: BAGB
V14: Green colour (amendment 2nd)
V15: Call To Question
V16: Aaron's amendment
V17: amendment Moved by Conny
V18: Motion 1 intl tuition
V19: amend moved by Alan
V20: amend moved by Jenna
V21: BIRT the AMS write a statement asking alumni to sign a pledge opposing the tuition increases and use resources to promote it
V22: Aaron's amendment
V23: Strike and the UBC Bookstore
V24: Boycott UBC Food Services motion
V25: Late night travel
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| Aaron Bailey               | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | A  | N   | N   | Y   | A   | N   | N   | Y   | A   | A   | A   | A   | Y   | Y   | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Jenna Omassi               | Y  | Y  | A  | A  | A  | N   | N   | A  | Y  | A   | Y   | A   | Y   | A   | A   | A   | N   | Y   | Y   | Y   | Y   | Y   | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Ava Nasiri                 | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N   | N   | Y  | Y  | Y  | N   | Y   | N   | Y   | Y   | N   | Y   | A   | Y   | A   | Y   | Y   | Y   | A   | A   | A   | A   |
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| Quartermain Lim            | A  | Y  | Y  | N   | N   | Y   | Y   | N   | Y   | N   | Y   | A   | Y   | Y   | Y   | A   | Y   | Y   | Y   | A   | N   | A   | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Julie Van der Valk         | Y  | Y  | N   | N   | Y   | Y   | Y   | Y   | Y   | N   | A   | Y   | A   | N   | N   | N   | A   | Y   | N   | A   | Y   | Y   | Y   | Y   | Y   | Y   |
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Mustafa Nalwala (Governance Review Committee), Jacob Helliwell (MNP Consultant), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Joanne Pickford (AMS Administration), Jordan Gardner (Fraser Academy)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

1. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKART, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED VIET VU:

“That the agenda be amended by removing report sections I – L.”

... No objections

3. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKART, SECONDED AARON BAILEY:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried unanimously

For (30): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Sunil Fazaluddin, Dario Garousian (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Dan Kehila, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alex Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac, Lisa Mah, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

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

Welcome to our new Members: Rob Anderson (VST), Teigan Cosgrove (Education)


Goodbyes: Kate Fisher (VST)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items
4. MOVED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Finance Commission minutes dated October 15th [SCD201-16]
SAC minutes dated Sept 29, 2015 [SCD202-16]
SAC minutes dated October 6, 2015 [SCD203-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 21, 2015 [SCD204-16]

... Carried

For (26): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Alan Ehrenholz, Sunil Fazaluddin, Dario Garousian (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Dan Kehila, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Alex Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Against (3): Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi

5. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED SAMANTHA SO: [SCD205-16]

“That the following consent item be accepted as presented:

**From the Legislative Procedures Committee**

“That Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled „Code Changes 2015: In Camera Disclosure for Committees and Commissions” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (31): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Alan Ehrenholz, Sunil Fazaluddin, Dario Garousian (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Dan Kehila, Veronica Knott, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Alex Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)

Abstained: Lisa Mah, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Jenna Omassi

F) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute Q&A period):

**Governance Review – Mustafa Nalwala & MNP Consultants (Jacob Helliwell & Peter Guo)** [SCD206-16]

Mustafa Nalwala
- Last review done in 1993-94 (CORP Report)
- Current Governance Review Committee formed of students and staff members
- Proposal sent out
- Received 24 and picked MNP
- Prevents internal biases (because MNP is not connected to the AMS)
- Confirmed scope of review
- November – February consultations, focus groups and surveys
- Hope to be done in March 2016

Jacob Helliwell
- 2 years with MNP
- Does governance policies, mostly with first nations
- Worked with other universities and colleges
- Important to do a review every 5 to 10 years
- Have offices across the country; lots of experience
- 5 areas:
  - AMS and ABBA (the businesses, how they relate)
  - AMS student government
  - Executive portfolios
  - SAC and the Nest
  - Communications and marketing
- Timelines:
  - General survey: November 23 till December 4
  - Stakeholder consultations November-January
  - Review and Analysis: January and February
  - Final report: February 2016
- General survey: spread the word and engage your constituents
- Stakeholder consultations: engage the process, make it a priority, come prepared with ideas
- Be open and honest with us

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

6. MOVED JUDE CRASTA, SECONDED ALEXANDRA LEE MANN:

   “That Ananya Sengupta (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Legislative Procedures Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2016.”

7. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

   “That Katherine Pan (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Budget Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2016.”

   … No objections

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):
I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

K) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

N) Executive Committee Motions:

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Discussion Period

P) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED TOMMY REID, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI: [SCD207-16]

From the Budget Committee
“That the budget amendment be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- In accordance with the Council resolution passed on October 28, this amendment was to create a $20,000 budget line to fund groups organizing opposition to the recently announced increase in international tuition fees.

9. MOVED TOMMY REID, SECONDED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI:

From the Budget Committee
“That the budget amendment be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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For (23): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Cassandra Cummings, Sunil Fazaluddin, Dario Garousian (proxy for Ian Sapollnik), Dan Kehila, Daniel Lam, Alex Lee Mann, Quartermain Lim, Mackenzie Lockhart, Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac, Lisa Mah, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Angela Tien, Viet Vu

Against (1): Mateusz Miadlikowski

Abstained: Alan Ehrenholz, Benjamin Israel, Vanessa Lau, Tommy Reid, Samantha So, Hussam Zbeeb (proxy for Veronika Bylicki)
Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Discussion Period

T) Submissions:

   VP Academic Ternary [SCD208-16]
   President"s Ternary [SCD209-16]
   Budget terms of reference [SCD210-16]

U) Next Meeting:

   Next Meeting: November 25, 2015

V) Adjournment:

   There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

S) Social Activity:
## November 4, 2015 Attendance

### The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Mitchell Mammel (member at large), Alexandre Schoch (member at large), Adam Waitzer (member at large), Brennan Guse (member at large), Emma Partridge (Ubyssey), Arno Rosenfeld (AMS/Afford UBC), Tracey Gaydosh (AMS worker), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Sophia Haque (Studentcare), Azim Wazeer (Studentcare), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (AMS Administration),

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED ROBIN ASGARI, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART
   “That the agenda be amended to add an appointment to the University & External Relations Committee.”
   … No objections

3. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:
   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”
   … Carried unanimously

For (33): Jamiu Abdsalami, Robin Asgari, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Teigan Cosgrove, Cassandra Cummings, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Alan Ehrenholz, Joshua Galbraith (proxy for Ryan Grubbs), Dario Garousian (proxy for Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac), Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Mackenzie Lockhart, Lisa Mah, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Ava Nasiri, Mohammadali Nikoo, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Brooklyn Rocco (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Kathleen Simpson (proxy for Angela Tien), Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Julie Van der Valk, Viet Vu

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

Welcome to our new Members: Teigan Cosgrove (Education)


Goodbyes: Abeer Siddiqui (Library & Archival)
C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

- The Speaker acknowledged the meeting was taking place on ancestral land of the Musqueam people and that learning had been taking place on this land long before the establishment of the University.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented [with a correction noting that Mateusz Miadlikowski was present at the Executive meeting of November 4]:

AMS Council minutes dated August 19, 2015 [SCD211-16]
AMS Council minutes dated September 2, 2015 [SCD212-16]
AMS Council minutes dated September 9, 2015 [SCD213-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 28, 2015 [SCD214-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 4, 2015 [SCD215-16]
SAC Minutes dated October 20, 2015 [SCD216-16]
SAC Minutes dated October 27, 2015 [SCD217-16]
SAC Minutes dated November 3, 2015 [SCD218-16]
SAC Minutes dated November 10, 2015 [SCD219-16]

... Carried unanimously

For (33): Jamiu Abdsalami, Ayman Azim, Aaron Bailey, Veronika Bylicki, Mary Caple, Teigan Cosgrove, Jude Crasta, Cassandra Cummings, Ibraheem Dakilah (proxy for Tommy Reid), Alan Ehrenholz, Joshua Galbraith (proxy for Ryan Grubbs), Dario Garousian (proxy for Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac), Daniel Lam, Vanessa Lau, Quartermain Lim, Conny Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Lisa Mah, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Sareena Mohammad, Mohammadali Nikoo, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Brooklyn Rocco (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Kathleen Simpson (proxy for Angela Tien), Samantha So, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Tsang, Viet Vu

F) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

**Student Care – Sophia Haque** [SCD220-16]

- One of the largest services run by the AMS (not the University).
- $7.4 million in claims.
- 500 dependants enrolled this year.
- Covers health, vision, dental.
- Covers travel up to the duration of an academic term away; also on trips.
- Started at McGill by a former student there.
- We manage the plan, including opt-outs: took 4 minutes and 57 seconds for a student to opt out this year online, exactly the same as last year.
- We have an on-campus office in the Nest; also website, posters.
- Working on better communication methods: posters no longer the best.
- Telephone is still seen as the best way to communicate with us.
- All our data is kept in Canada, and we’ve never had a security breach.
- We have Studentcare provider networks giving extra discounts.
- Last year’s health claims:
  - $3.3 million
  - Mostly for drugs
  - Second most was for vision this year, which is unusual (usually paramedical is second): perhaps because of enhanced vision plans.

5. MOVED JUDE CRASTA, SECONDED TOBIAS FRIEDEL:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

Sophia Haque (continued):
- Last year’s dental claims:
  - $4.1 million
  - Still would like to see more preventive and diagnostic, but wisdom teeth removal (a common procedure for this age group) skews it.
- We’ve done a survey showing that greater coverage is desired, for things like psychology and chiropractors.
- The plan is financially stable and healthy.
- The Health and Dental Plan Committee is reviewing benefits and may do another survey.

Questions
Jude Crasta:
- On the dental side, is there talk of introducing orthodontic coverage?

Sophia Haque: No.

Viet Vu:
- What about accidental death and dismemberment coverage?

Sophia Haque:
- In the past we were hesitant to add it because it doesn’t benefit students, only their families, but there have been some cases, and this year the Committee added it.

Cassandra Cummings:
- Does coverage end when you graduate?

Sophia Haque:
- It goes until August 31.

Azim Wazeer:
- There is a continuum plan students can use after they graduate until they get other coverage (through an employer or some other plan). Some continue on that for years.
Adrian Talingdan:
- Is the $75 vision coverage increasing?

Sophia Haque:
- This was increased one and a half years ago, and claims increased.
- Vision benefits are expensive to increase.

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
- We’re looking to go to referendum on an enhanced Health and Dental Plan with three options:
  - Enhanced
  - Regular
  - None

Jude Crasta:
- Is the continuum plan the same price as the student plan?

Sophia Haque:
- It’s a monthly cost.

Cassandra Cummings asked about audiology coverage.

Sophia Haque:
- I’ll have to look into that.

G) Consultation Period

New SUB Budget – Ava Nasiri

- Originally a $106.7 million budget (well, actually $103 million).
- We have Board of Governors approval to go over by $2 million.
- Worst case scenario: we go $5.5 million over if we don’t get all our cost recoveries; also there’s an outstanding claim from the excavation company (Mainland).
- Where did it all go?
  - $1.7 million for delays ($150,000 a month for the extra months from September through May: 9 months of extra construction costs)
  - $381,000 claim from excavation company
  - $297,000 in invoices
  - $145,000 to Bird Construction
  - For a total of $2.5 million so far

6. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

  “That time be extended by five minutes.”

  … Carried
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Against (1): Tobias Friedel

Abstained: Aaron Bailey, Ava Nasiri

**New SUB Budget – Ava Nasiri (continued)**

- Also missing money owed but not yet paid to us: $750,000 from the UBC Life project for the loading bay (a joint used space).
- The AMS fronted the money. UBC has not paid their share, but is charging us interest on it.
- In process:
  - $95,000 fire alarm recovery
  - $97,000 Alumni Centre
  - $235,000 Rogers and Vancity
  - $125,000 Lev Bukhman donation: recently recovered but not reflected in budget
- Next steps:
  - Securing a commitment from UBC re the $750,000
  - $176,000 from Rogers and Vancity (focusing on that)
  - $600,000 contingency set aside for Old SUB (the back-up rainy day fund for renovating the Old SUB basement)
- Last year we decided not to renovate the basement (because of UBC’s delays over the Life Building).
- There will be an extra year of student fees, bringing in $2.4 million that we can use for the Old SUB, so the $600,000 is not needed there.
- That $600,000 was technically contingency for the project overall, not just for the Old SUB budget.

**Discussion**

Hooman Shahrokhi:
- Is the $380,000 something we're claiming from Mainland or are we denying a claim of theirs?

Ava Nasiri:
- Denying their claim.

Hooman Shahrokhi:
- Are we negotiating? Taking legal action? And are we dealing directly with Mainland or going through Bird, the general contractor?
Ava Nasiri:
  • UBC Properties Trust is negotiating on our behalf.

Aaron Bailey:
  • Considering the overages from the outstanding invoices, what plans do we have to seek support from the project manager (UBC Properties Trust)? It's partially the responsibility of the project manager.

Ava Nasiri:
  • We haven't talked about that. They have really done their best to bring the project in on time and on budget.

Viet Vu asked about the plans for refinancing.

Ava Nasiri:
  • UBC has not brought it up yet with Moody’s, the credit rating agency, which is upsetting because refinancing could have a positive effect on students.

Kathleen Simpson:
  • Do we have a written agreement with UBC about the loading bay?

Ava Nasiri:
  • We do not, though we bring it up repeatedly.

Aaron Bailey:
  • We do have it in minutes. It's there.

Ian Sapollnik:
  • Can’t the University just remove the $750,000 from our debt?

Ava Nasiri:
  • For accounting purposes, it needs to come back.
  • The New SUB budget is very complicated: if curious, stop by.

H) Appointments

**Sustainability Projects Fund Committee** (1 x Councillor)
Nominees: Veronika Bylicki (LFS), Viet Vu (Economics)
Chosen: Veronika Bylicki

7. MOVED VIET VU, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That Veronika Bylicki (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Sustainability Projects Fund Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2016.”

… No objections
University & External Relations Committee (1 x member at large)
Nominees: Mitch Mammel, Adam Waitzer, Alexandre Schoch
Chosen: Mitch Mammel

8. MOVED TOBIAS FRIEDEL, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That Mitch Mammel (1 x member at large) be appointed to the University & External Relations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2016.”

... No objections

I) President's Remarks (5 minutes):
Aaron Bailey:
- UBC Thunderbirds are in the Vanier Cup (the national football championship) for the first time in years.
- UBC’s Presidential Search Committee has met, has accepted a search consultant firm, and is developing a candidate profile.
- Tuition: Want to acknowledge the hard work of Arno Rosenfeld, who built the Afford UBC campaign:
  - Obtained 500 alumni signatures on a petition against the tuition increase.
  - Ran a Globe & Mail ad.
  - Organized a successful student rally.
- Governance Review:
  - Moving quickly.
  - Mustafa and I negotiated a few change orders with the consultants: modifying the scope to keep within the budget.
  - Survey going out to the general membership.
- Council gift: Considering moving away from sweaters to glassware.
- Holiday Party next Saturday.

Questions
- Alan Ehrenholz: Why don’t you call me on your cellphone anymore?
- Aaron Bailey:
  - The Hotline Bling campaign has been very successful: thousands of students tweeting videos of Drake’s song [which includes the line, “You used to call me on my cellphone”].
  - Lots of media coverage.
  - Drake has not got back to us.

I) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP External – Jude Crasta
- An amazing couple of weeks.
- Resurrection of the Build Broadway campaign: make rapid transit come all the way to campus (and not stop at Arbutus).
- Harvard Global Roundtable:
  - Met Russian and Chinese students.
  - Hit it off with the Russians.
Talked about aboriginal and LGBT issues.
Russians committed to coming here for SUDS in 2016.

Went to Ottawa last week for an event attended by federal cabinet ministers with a focus on transit and infrastructure:
  - Spoke to them about a federal government role in the Broadway project.
  - They conveyed congratulations on our hundredth anniversary.

The City of Vancouver has invited us to be part of a delegation to the climate change conference in Paris:
  - The Broadway project will be mentioned there too.
  - Also a great networking opportunity.

VP Administration – Ava Nasiri
- SAC:
  - New website.
  - Redoing the club initiation process.
  - We now have 410 clubs.
  - Redoing our complaint policy.
  - New sector of groups – student social enterprises.
  - Sent out SAC Survey
- Clubs Resource and Sustainability Centre: looking for ambassadors.
- Art Gallery.
- Dive into UBC.
- Nest:
  - Animation, elevator music, decoration in the stairwells.
- Time capsule.
- Philanthropy: AMS Gives Back project: haven’t yet planned that out.

Questions
- Mary Caple asked about the new complaint protocol.
- Ava Nasiri: The SAC Policy Handbook is not very clear about the complaint policy; want to look at it.
- Jude Crasta asked about Epic Sax Guy for music in the elevators.
- Ava Nasiri: We’re looking into using Samuel L. Jackson’s voice in the elevators.

VP Finance – Mateusz Miadlikowski
- Money flowing out: into the Tuition Opposition Fund. We’ve created the criteria for it and have received two or three applications so far, all from within the AMS.
- That’s the $20,000 approved by Council.
- But we’ve been able to balance that out with $20,000 we’ve saved by renegotiating what we pay in credit card fees.
- Club financial software will be finalized by the end of January. Training clubs on it.
- Resumed prepaid credit cards for clubs.
- Fincom is approving and rejecting grants.
- Fee subsidies.
- Brewery Committee toured a microbrewery.
- CiTR Board met and amended its budget.
• Governance Review.
• Looking into new budgeting software.
• Training on current software.
• Making sure Health & Dental Plan is sustainable.
• E-Commerce – Rezgo problems. Looking to make it more user friendly.

Questions
Viet Vu:
• Was the visit to the brewery useful?

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
• Very useful.

Executive Director – Daniel Levangie
• The University is under fire over sexual assault. Our involvement, via our Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC), has been responsive. Ashley (the SASC Manager) has been excellent in speaking on behalf of the AMS. We are a support network for survivors.
• Events:
  o Frost Fest (first week in second term, our second year for this event).
  o Re-envisioning Block Party: looking into floor covering.
• Services:
  o Looking into Foro, an app for a digital marketplace for students.
  o Doing research for the potential new VICE service.
• Archives: Implementing Laserfiche and Magnimail.
• Policy Advisor: Hunting for new one, reviewing candidates.
• Bookings and Sponsors: Looking into a more blended approach.

Questions
Mary Caple:
• Re the fifth estate documentary on sexual assault at UBC: Besides the media work done by Ashley, what else is SASC or the Executive doing?

Daniel Levangie:
• As to official responses, since the critiques are of UBC, it’s up to UBC to respond.
• The AMS has met with the University.
• The AMS affirms its support of survivors. Our doors are open. Staff are available to provide support.
• The Hunting Ground documentary is being screened in the Norm tomorrow and there will be a panel discussion.

Arno Rosenfeld asked about keeping the Nest and SASC open 24 hours:

Aaron Bailey:
• Keeping the whole building open 24 hours a day is an interesting challenge.
• We’ve talked about it for exams, for studying.
• We’ve had conversations with the University about keeping some services open 24 hours, whether in the Nest or elsewhere on campus.
• Could talk about a physical crisis centre.
• We are looking at costing.

Ava Nasiri:
• If the AMS were looking at using the building as an earthquake muster station, we’d tell the students, yes?

Daniel Levangie:
• Yes.

VP Academic – Jenna Omassi (via Aaron Bailey)
• Presented to the Board of Governors, and good news: the Board is being asked (by one of its committees) to reduce the proposed increase in tuition in several undergraduate programs by $2,000 and to redo the benchmarking. Also to review strategic investment policies.

J) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Student Life & Communications Committee – Alan Ehrenholz
• Faculty Cup marketing campaign under way.
• All-Presidents Dinner: Six degrees of connection.
• Viral ideas.

University & External Relations Committee – Robin Asgari
• Heard a presentation from Arno on tuition.
• Reviewed proposed sexual assault policy.

Questions
Daniel Lam:
• Is this policy for us or for UBC?

Robin Asgari:
• I believe the latter.

Jude Crasta:
• This will be an AMS policy, but Jenna is also working with UBC.

J) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Adrian Talingdan
• Invited by Provost to be on the Advisory committee for Dean of Arts appointment.
• Arts student centre project revived.
• Planning for Arts week, January 11-15.
• Naming our Owl mascot.
• Submissions for social science conference.
• Dodge in the dark.
• Ugly Christmas sweater photo booth.
• Holiday housewarming.
• Chrismouse party.
• Dec 16th showing Star Wars 6.
• Internal AUS after party at Blackfrog in Gastown.

Commerce – Vanessa Lau
• Performance reviews on board and council.
• CU Stickers – to access conferences and services.
• Three business conferences; two sold out.
• Beer garden back on.
• 5 Days of Giving campaign.
• Budgeting for Commerce Week (first week in Term 2).

Economics – Viet Vu
• Two Nobel Prize-winning economists.
• Economics and genocide talk.
• We now have money: our first student fees.
• Pub night.
• Dinner with profs next week.
• VSEUS merchandise.
• Moving in January.

Engineering – Sareena Mohammad
• Engineering Student Centre now open.
• Restructuring professional development fund.
• Working on ethics policy.
• Goats for wellness.
  o Veronica Knott:
    ▪ Mining is hosting a party this Friday – Blackout on Broadway.

Forestry – Ayman Azim
• Trivia Night.
• First Aid course.
• Quiz Bowl.
• Firearm safety courses.
• January: Executive elections.

GSS – Tobias Friedel
• No report.

Kinesiology – Justin Tsang
• Kin boat cruise.
• Rum ’n Egger last week.
• Movember pancake breakfast this Friday.

Land & Food Systems – Veronika Bylicki
• Tuition town hall.
• Community dinner.
• Meet your prof nights.

Medicine – Daud Akhtar
• Injecting people (vaccinations).
Planning – Cassandra Cummings
- February symposium.
- Had elections: new rep in January.

Regent – Josh Galbraith
- Christmas artisan fair,

Science – Melissa Lachica
- Science Week.
- Bringing back Science jackets.
- Professional development opportunities.
- Expanding Science Fair.
- Restructuring clubs.
- New handbook.
- Teams for intramurals.

VST – Rob Anderson
- No update

SALA – Carly Sotas
- Wellness day.
- Yoga sessions.
- Flu shots.
- Smoothie and waffle breakfast
- Mental health & well-being survey for 14 Architecture schools.

L) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

BoG – Julie Van der Valk & Veronica Knott
Veronica Knott:
- Committee meeting yesterday.
- Another meeting next week.
- New draft of Policy 87 on research and animal testing.
- Report on UBC sustainability goals and projects: we’re the best in the world from the sound of it.
- Fees for a number of programs.

Julie Van der Valk:
- International tuition
  - Thanks to all who engaged in the consultation: it was effective and gave the Board a lot to inform their decision.
  - Committee recommended that the motion go to Board with some adjustments (to adjust benchmarks in accordance with the AMS’s benchmarks).
  - The strategic fund terms of reference and diversity metrics are to come back in February.
- Directive to create a sexual assault policy.
Senate – Gurvir Sangha
Gurvir Sangha:
  • Martha Piper (interim UBC President) spoke about the fifth estate program: students will be expelled and employees fired for sexual assault.
  • Approved two new master programs.

Aaron Bailey:
  • Interesting presentation on flexible learning.
  • Revised policies on graduate student leaves of absence.
  • Approved candidates for fall convocation.
  • Animal rights protest against testing.

Ombudsperson – Penny Zhang
  • 5 new cases.
  • Working closely with UBC and GSS for crossover cases.
  • Working with the UBC Equity Office on a safe and respectful environment.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
  • The composite photos of past Councils have now gone up in the Nest, including some (the oldest) in the Forum.
    o There are also photos in the Forum of Sherwood and Evelyn Lett, members of the first AMS Council.
    o Also a photo of Norman MacKenzie, a UBC President who had good relations with the AMS, and who declared once that no university he knew owed as much to its students as did the University of British Columbia.

M) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

N) Executive Committee Motions:

9. MOVED AARON BAILEY, SECONDED ADRIAN TALINGDAN:

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Aaron Bailey:
  • This is the new Council software.
  • Been in the works since the summer.
  • We had an RFP and Boardpad was chosen as most fitting to make meetings more efficient.
  • It’s for documents and voting.
  • It’s a one-year licence: if it doesn’t meet our needs, we can revisit it.
  • Implementing it in January.

Tobias Friedel:
  • What is included in the package?
Aaron Bailey:
- 40-plus users on a document management system.
- The administrator (Joanne) can send out documents.
- We can annotate documents.
- It also handles voting.
- It’s a comprehensive way of sending documents, rather than as pdf attachments to emails.
- Can change documents in real time.
- Remote access.
- 24/7 support.
- Training.

Tobias Friedel:
- Will we need devices at Council?

Aaron Bailey:
- You will need a device, but it can be any device you have.
- We can also lend out if people don’t have.

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Abstained: Tobias Friedel

O) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Discussion Period

P) Committee Motions:

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:
R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Submissions:

- VP External ternary Report [SCD221-16]
- VP Admin ternary Report [SCD222-16]
- AMS AGM Minutes dated October 21, 2015 [SCD223-16]

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: December 2, 2015

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

S) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Emma Partridge (Ubyssey), Moira Warburton (Ubyssey), Vassi Sharlandjieva (Ubyssey), Ross Horton (AMS General Manager), Philip Edgcumbe (ABBA Chair),
Daniel Munro (AVP Academic), Daniel Levangie (AMS Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

1. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED ADRIAN TALINDAN:
   “That the agenda be amended to strike all reports except the VP Academic's.”
   … No objections

3. MOVED ARNO ROSENFELD:
   “That the agenda be amended to add the following motion:

   Whereas outside consultants recommended that the AMS rename Pie R Squared as “BOOM!Pizza” following the restaurant's move to the AMS Student Nest; and

   Whereas this was a bad name; and

   Whereas the 2012-2013 AMS Council made the prudent decision to keep the Pie R Squared name on November 6, 2013; and

   Whereas thousands of AMS members enjoy the pizza sold by the soundly-named pizzeria in the AMS Student Nest,

   Be it resolved that November 6 be dubbed Pie R Squared Day.”

The Speaker ruled that this motion should be referred to a committee.

4. MOVED ARNO ROSENFELD, SECONDED ADRIAN TALINDAN:
   “That the ruling of the Speaker be overturned.”

Arno Rosenfeld:
   • There’s not enough recognition of the importance of preserving the Pie R Squared name. We’re lucky not to be eating at Boom!Pizza. This doesn’t need to go to committee. We can discuss this now.
Alan Ehrenholz:
- Should it go to ABBA?

Philip Edgcumbe:
- ABBA could look at it, but Council is above ABBA.

Ava Nasiri:
- It would be better to go to committee and get support there if we want this to be an annual thing.

Moira Warburton:
- What would Pie R Squared Day involve?

Arno Rosenfeld:
- Honorary naming of the day: that’s about it.

Daniel Lam:
- Will there be cheap pizza?

Jenna Omassi:
- I understand the desire to lighten the mood, but we’re talking about sexual assault today. I want to make sure we focus on that.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- If it came back with a plan, that would be better.

Arno Rosenfeld:
- It’s already been several years. There’s no guarantee it will come back.

5. MOVED ARNO ROSENFELD, SECONDED ADRIAN TALINGDAN:

“That the ruling of the Speaker be overturned.”

… Defeated

For (2): Arno Rosenfeld (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Adrian Talingdan

Against (24): Jamiu Abdsalami, Ayman Azim, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Mary Caple, Cassandra Cummings, Kevin Doering (proxy for Samantha So), Alan Ehrenholz, Ryan Grubbs, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin (proxy for Robin Asgari), Lisa Mah, Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Mohammadali Nikoo, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Carly Sotas, Justin Habashi (proxy for Angela Tien)

Abstained: Charlie Deng, Dario Garousian (proxy for Mackenzie Lockhart), Natasha Mattson (proxy for Viet Vu)

The ruling of the Speaker was upheld. The Speaker directed that the motion be referred to ABBA (the Advisory Board for Business and Administration).
6. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDASALAMI:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Ayman Azim, Mary Caple, Cassandra Cummings, Charlie Deng, Kevin Doering (proxy for Samantha So), Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Mackenzie Lockhart), Ryan Grubbs, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin (proxy for Robin Asgari), Lisa Mah, Natasha Mattson (proxy for Viet Vu), Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Mohammadali Nikoo, Jenna Omassi, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Habashi (proxy for Angela Tien)

Abstained: Arno Rosenfeld (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann)

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

Welcome to our new Members: Charlie Deng (GSS)


Goodbyes: Sarah Simon (GSS)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

• The Speaker acknowledged the meeting was taking place on ancestral land of the Musqueam people and that learning had been taking place on this land long before the establishment of the University.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items

• Daniel Lam noted that the SLCC minutes from November 25 were blank.
• The Speaker ordered those minutes struck.

7. MOVED MATEUSZ MIADLIKOWSKI, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented [except for the SLCC minutes of November 25]:

SLCC minutes dated September 30, 2015 [SCD224-16]
SLCC minutes dated October 14, 2015 [SCD225-16]
SLCC minutes dated October 28, 2015 [SCD226-16]
SLCC minutes dated November 4, 2015 [SCD227-16]
SLCC minutes dated November 25, 2015 [SCD228-16]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 18, 2015 [SCD229-16]

… Carried
For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Mitch Mammel (proxy for Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac), Ayman Azim, Mary Caple, Cassandra Cummings, Charlie Deng, Kevin Doering (proxy for Samantha So), Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Mackenzie Lockhart), Ryan Grubbs, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin (proxy for Robin Asgari), Lisa Mah, Natasha Mattson (proxy for Viet Vu), Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Mohammad Ali Nikoo, Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan, Justin Habashi (proxy for Angela Tien)

Against (1): Jenna Omassi

Abstained: Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Arno Rosenfeld (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann)

F) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

Executive Goals – Alan Ehrenholz (Oversight Chair)

- The President has four major goals:
  - Governance Review:
    - The committee is struck, the survey is underway.
    - It’s on time and on budget.
  - Student Engagement:
    - Athletics: Football team got great attendance.
    - Block Party: Have verbal understanding with UBC about using Thunderbird Stadium.
  - Council Cohesion:
    - Consent agenda system working well.
    - Meeting 4-hour limit on meetings, mostly.
    - New software coming in January.
  - Brewery:
    - From before his Presidency.
    - Partnering with the Farm.
    - UBC Presidential Search: an additional task taken on, but Aaron is confident this won’t interfere with the other goals.

- VP Academic (Jenna Omassi):
  - Completed almost all her seven goals, so has added two new ones:
    - Impact Grants (the staff member who did this before has gone).
    - Preparing a how-to Tuition Consultation guidebook.

- VP Administration (Ava Nasiri):
  - Engagement Commission: A bit of a struggle, but developing a plan.
  - Clubs Resource and Sustainability Centre on schedule.
  - Engaging groups in the SUB basement.

- VP External (Jude Crasta):
  - Champion the Vote was very successful.
  - Build Broadway is coming back: seeking to extend rapid transit to UBC.
  - Lobbying: building government connections.
  - Bill 41.

- VP Finance (Mateusz Miadlikowski):
  - Going very well on Health & Dental, Sustainability.
  - More online.
Financial restructuring: trying to do something more comprehensive than the last time this was attempted.

Collective bargaining going slowly.

Questions
Ava Nasiri:
- Just to clarify: I can’t take credit for the partnering in the Old SUB basement: the groups did that.

Jamiu Abdsalami asked about Nest refinancing.

Ava Nasiri:
- Not one of my official goals. We're waiting for UBC Treasury to send the request to Moody's, but UBC is still doing another project before bringing up Nest refinancing.

G) Consultation Period

ABBA Consultation on the Purpose of AMS Businesses – Philip Edgcumbe

Philip Edgcumbe:
- ABBA (the former BAGB) has been looking into what we are trying to do with AMS businesses: how to align them with the AMS mission statement to attain AMS goals.
- One obvious way is by making a financial contribution that can support AMS services. But we didn’t put that one first.
- We agreed that the businesses should also provide student employment and reasonably priced service to students, and foster an enjoyable student experience.
- There’s a question about the weighting of these purposes.
- After talking about this for close to three years, we came up with the following list:

1. Provide accessible and high quality products and services at the best value for students.
2. Provide rewarding student employment opportunities.
3. Contribute financially to the AMS to enable support of student government and services.
4. Foster an enjoyable student environment and experience.
5. To universally promote awareness and pride in the AMS brand.

Discussion
Ian Sapollnik:
- The student concern I’m aware of from speaking to my constituents is a desire for the best value for students. Mostly they want cheap prices.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- Would students sacrifice the contribution to the AMS for cheaper pizza and coffee?
Ian Sapollnik:
- They may not know what the AMS is. They want cheaper prices.

Justin Tsang:
- We’re paying more here than in the Village.

Ava Nasiri:
- I don’t see affordability on this list. Maybe students are willing to accept a lower calibre in return for a cheaper price, as opposed to excellence.

Philip Edgcumbe:
- That is an omission: “affordable” should be in there.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- Does not having low quality look bad on the AMS?

Gurvir Sangha:
- No, students are willing to do without brown rice for $2 less. Students would be okay with a lower calibre if it meant cheaper food.

Jenna Omassi:
- The important piece is student employment: getting experience.
- We need to take the goals as a package.
- Even if students don’t know what the AMS is and what it’s doing, it is doing things for them.

Hooman Shahrokhi:
- What other rewarding aspects are there to student jobs besides pay?

Philip Edgcumbe:
- It is a job for students. They get flexible working hours. We accommodate them.
- We’re looking at the percentage of students at various levels.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- These are five good pillars.
- About the financial contribution: how would decreasing prices for students affect that? Is that a financial concern?

Mateusz Miadlikowski:
- Many of our restaurants employ students for two or three-hour shifts. The turnover is high. There are HR costs.
- The financial contribution is only third on the list.
- We’re not expecting an extremely significant contribution this year.
- We’re also committed to sustainability. That has costs.

Philip Edgcumbe:
- It’s always a tradeoff. If the businesses contribute more, that would be at the expense of affordability.
- The idea of the list is to be able to say we exist for these five reasons.
H) Appointments

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic – Jenna Omassi

- International Tuition:
  - Tomorrow is the Board of Governors meeting to pass the final resolution.
  - Last week at the Board committee we provided a long submission on the many issues involved.
  - The committee is now asking the full Board to instruct the Administration to go through the benchmarks and come to a compromise.
  - The Strategic Investment Fund has to come back in February with clearer terms of reference: that was a win.
  - We met yesterday for bartering: the proposed tuition increases for all undergraduate programs (except B.Comm and Law) are going down by $2,000.
  - The Vantage College increase is not going down, but more financial aid will be made available.
  - On the graduate student side, a number of programs with less than six students were taken off the list, so they will not increase. Journalism and the MA Economics were removed. The dual degree programs were removed.
  - Also if the Life Building gets to Board 2 by 2017, then extra money will go to the Life Building.

- What all this means: This is a win. The Board of Governors has never significantly listened to students before. Maybe not a big win, but a win. Students were taken seriously. Next time we can get an even bigger win.

Questions
Arno Rosenfeld:
- Was the International Students Association part of the conversation?

Jenna Omassi:
- They were invited but could not make it to the meeting.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

L) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

M) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (2 minutes each):

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:
Q) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ: [SCD233-16]

From the University & External Relations Committee
“That Council adopt the AMS Sexual Assault External Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jenna Omassi:
- This External Policy has been part of the work of the VP Academic Office since May.
- We developed it with SASC (the AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre). They hired a research assistant to develop best practices on sexual assault policies.
- At first we thought we’d do an Internal Policy for the AMS, but that could not be applied to our membership: sexual assault has to go through UBC’s procedures and processes.
- So instead we are looking at our Respectful Environment Policy to make sure that’s robust. Changes to that are in the works, and will be coming in January.
- We also thought we should create an advocacy policy towards the University to ensure that their policies are robust, survivor-centric, and regularly reviewed.
- We were going to bring both together (the revision to the internal AMS Respectful Environment Policy and the new advocacy policy), but recent events (the fifth estate show etc.) made us realize that we need to bring the advocacy policy now.
- Our asks: proper processes and protocols, and other points in the policy as presented.
- In our discussions with the University, we have already presented asks from survivors and students, but this should come in policy form via Council.

Arno Rosenfeld:
- Impressive policy. I am wondering about the definition of consent. The policy says it’s impossible to give consent if drunk or high, but students engage in that behaviour frequently.

Jenna Omassi:
- Most people are not aware of this. It’s a common piece of definitions here and elsewhere. Workshops and training on this will emphasize that.

Daniel Levangie:
- It’s also in Canadian law.

Arno Rosenfeld:
- So even if you are in a relationship, engaging in sex while drunk is sexual assault.
Jenna Omassi:
- Legally, that is the case.

9. MOVED JENNA OMASSI, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

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For (31): Jamiu Abdsalami, Mitch Mammel (proxy for Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac), Ayman Azim, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Sareena Mohammad), Mary Caple, Cassandra Cummings, Charlie Deng, Kevin Doering (proxy for Samantha So), Alan Ehrenholz, Dario Garousian (proxy for Mackenzie Lockhart), Ryan Grubbs, Dan Kehila, Melissa Lachica, Daniel Lam, Saniel Chand (proxy for Quartermain Lim), Sally Lin (proxy for Robin Asgari), Lisa Mah, Natasha Mattson (proxy for Viet Vu), Mateusz Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri, Mohammadali Nikoo, Jenna Omassi, Katerina Othonos (proxy for Conny Lin), Katherine Pan, Jeffrey Pea, Tommy Reid, Gurvir Sangha, Ian Sapollnik, Hooman Shahrokhi, Carly Sotas, Adrian Talingdan

Abstained: Arno Rosenfeld (proxy for Alexandra Lee Mann), Justin Habashi (proxy for Angela Tien)

Jenna Omassi:
- The SASC staff are not here at this meeting tonight, but their centre is just one floor below us. If you have any questions, go to them: they are the experts about the policy.
- Or if you or anyone you know needs support, go to them.
- I want to be clear that the AMS has its own support centre.

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

**Old SUB Basement Renovation Money**
Ava Nasiri:
- Following up on last week, there has been a question about whether we need a motion to use the $600,000 contingency for work in the Nest.
- The way the original motion was worded last year, that money was put into the budget overall, but the spirit and conversation surrounding it was that it was specifically for the Old SUB basement renovation.
- To dip into the $600,000 for the Nest doesn’t require any change to last year’s actual motion, but the spirit was not that.

Ian Sapollnik:
- What do you want to use the money for?
Ava Nasiri:
  • To pay for overages caused by Nest delays. Replacement for the $750,000 owed to us by UBC.

Alan Ehrenholz:
  • In the words of Shia LaBeouf, Just do it.

U) Submissions:

V) Next Meeting:
   January 13, 2016

W) Adjournment:
   There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

X) Social Activity:
## December 2, 2015 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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