STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Matthew Naylor (Alumnus), Patrick Gillin (Ubyssey), Alyona Martin (AMS Building Operations), Kevin Doering (AMS AVP Academic), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Marium Hamid (Executive Special Projects Assistant, Governance), Sruthi Tadepalli (Ubyssey), Meko (Ubyssey), Max Holmes (AMS Elections Administrator), Katherine Pan (AMS Tutoring), Keith Hester (AMS Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist & Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (AMS Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

1. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED BRIAN CHO:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Jakob Gattinger:
- Can the chair rule if motions 8 and 9 (to appoint chairs of the Student Life Committee and the HR Committee) are in order?

Ava Nasiri:
- I will be stepping down as chair of Student Life and of the HR Committee.
- Having Executives chair these committees was a trial run.
- I will go to the Governance Committee so that the appropriate Code changes can be made, and then will bring these motions back.

2. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That motions 8 and 9 be struck from the agenda.”

… No objections

3. MOVED CHRIS SCOTT, SECONDED BRIAN CHO:

“That the SLSC and Campus Vibe updates be merged into one presentation.”

… No objections

4. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED BRIAN CHO:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… Carried

Lockhart, Bryan Starick (proxy for Jeanie Malone), Nika Moeini, Diane Nguyen, Keskine Owusu-Poku, Jeff Pea, Simon Qi, Louis Retief, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Brooklyn Rocco, Ian Sapollnik, Chris Scott, Namdar Shafiei, Kathleen Simpson, Liam Simpson, Dupreez Smith, Samantha So, Gloria Sun, Jennifer Zhen

Abstained: Taranjit Singh

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

Welcome to our new Members: Arielle Brown (Nursing), Simon Qi (Pharmacy), Armin Rezaiean-Asel (Engineering)


Goodbyes: Hazel Mamaril (Nursing), Jerry Mejia (Pharmacy)

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

• Special welcome to Matthew Naylor, former AMS Executive and Councillor.

• We are holding this meeting on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral land of the Musqueam people.

• Learning happened here long before the University.

• We understand and appreciate and are honoured to be here.

• This could be a long meeting. Please be aware of the time limits.

• The Ubyssey wants to take photos so they will have stock photos of the new chambers.

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

E) Consent Agenda Items

5. MOVED CHRIS SCOTT, SECONDED DIANE NGUYEN:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Goricom Minutes dated November 4, 2016 [SCD123-17]
Goricom minutes dated November 19, 2016 [SCD124-17]

... Carried

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

**GORICOM Update - Marium Hamid, Jakob Gattinger, Louis Retief**  [SCD125-17]

- Recommendation 1 (Alignment of businesses): Talking with MNP (the consultant) for further clarification and recommendations.
- Recommendations 2 (Balanced scorecard, metrics): We already have metrics for business, but we want to apply them across the Society.
- Recommendations 4, 5, 6 (on ABBA, the Advisory Board for Business and Administration):
  - Changing ABBA recruitment.
  - Changing ABBA to be an Advisory Board for the society as a whole, not just for business.
  - This will mean changing its membership.
  - Removing Executives from it so they won’t be advising themselves.
  - Drafting new Terms of Reference.
- Recommendation 3 (General Manager): Will be a referendum question.
- Recommendation 7 (Strategic plan): Being developed.
- Recommendations 8 & 9 (Committee restructuring): Ongoing. Looking at chair structure.
- Recommendation 10 (reducing Council size): Referendum question. Will reduce, but every Constituency will still be represented.
- Recommendation 11 (staggered appointments): Motion tonight.
- Recommendation 12 (Council orientation): To implement next year.
- Recommendation 13 (Council evaluations): Form being sent out next week. Please complete the survey.
- Recommendation 14 (Officers of Council): Going to rely on the committees. The Advocacy Committee is working on this.
- Recommendations 15 & 16 (Executive evaluation structure): Eliminated Oversight Committee. Goal-setting process being looked at.

Consultation with the Constituencies showed support for the general idea of reducing the size of Council, but people value having a representative from each School or Faculty, so there will be no consolidation.

There is support for raising the per-rep threshold and for eliminating the Board of Governors and Senate representatives (they will become non-voting).

The per-rep threshold is currently set at 1500 students: Constituencies get additional reps for every 1500 students. The plan is to raise that to 3000. This will reduce the number of seats for the larger Constituencies. Every Constituency will still have at least one seat.

We hope to put in requirements for the creation of new Constituencies.
6. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED LOUIS RETIEF:

“That time be extended by two minutes.”

… No objections

Presentation continued:

- Next steps:
  - Council attendance policy.
  - Mandatory orientation attendance.
  - Standardize Council election timeline (to help orientation).
  - Chairs of standing committees: do we have the right provisions?
  - Further consultation.

Nest Lease – Keith Hester [SCD126-17]

- Working on this for over a year.
- This has to do with the loan interest rate we are paying.

Lease and loan background

- We have a loan of $68 million from UBC to pay for the Nest which we are repaying via the New SUB fee approved by the students in a referendum in 2008. (UBC has also contributed $25 million to pay for the Nest.)
- The loan is for 35 years at the horrible rate of 5.75%.
- We can prepay without penalty.
- We are in a 40-year lease for the Nest with the University (which can be extended by 15 years).
- We don’t own the Nest, but have paid a $1 fee for it, plus we separately pay for cleaning and maintenance based on commercial footage.

Changes sought to the lease: Financing

- The lease doesn’t allow external lending, but the revised language being put forward now would change that and let us seek an outside approved lender.
- UBC is in favour of this. It will free up their liquidity because we would pay them back the $68 million.
- It’s to our benefit because we can get a much better interest rate borrowing from an external lender.

Changes to the lease: Security

- We are also making changes to do with security in the building.
- The University will continue to provide the base level of security.
- We will do a security review.
- On an exceptional basis, they may be allowed to send Campus Security into the Nest.

7. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED BRYAN STARICK:

“That time be extended indefinitely for this presentation.”

… No objections
8. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK, THRIRDED DIANE NGUYEN:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 6:40 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 7:18 pm.

**SLSC Update & Campus Vibe – Chris Scott**

Campus Vibe
- Almost at full implementation.
- Full launch in about a week.
- Transition from Orgsync suffered from a few speed bumps (privacy issues etc.), but we’re working things out.

SLSC Renovations
- The wall looks nice.
- Carpeting coming.

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

9. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED RYAN KAMIMURA:

“That Mackenzie Lockhart (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Budget Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.”

“That Armin Rezaiean-Asel (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Walter Gage Memorial Fund Adjudication Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2017.”

“That Maximillian Holmes be appointed as the AMS Elections Administrator for a period effective January 3, 2017 and ending March 31, 2017.”

“That Namdar Shafiei and Nika Moeini (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the Innovative Project Fund Adjudication Committee for a period effective immediately and ending January 31, 2017.”

... No objections

10. MOVED RYAN KAMIMURA, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

“That Maria de Fatima Lazo (one non-executive Council member on the committee) be appointed Chair of the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.”

... No objections
I) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Ava Nasiri:
- The University is hiring; I’m on the hiring panel.
- The University’s Steering Committee on Sexual Assault is going well; it’s a progressive step by the University.
- Compiling committee goals. Thanks for the feedback.
- Friday is the hockey Winter Classic.
- Shout out to the AUS on Arts Week.
- Great All Presidents meeting:
  - Coordinated election timing.
  - Faculty Cup.
- Thanks to the events team on Frostfest. Great job.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Chris Scott – VP Administration
- Working on Campus Vibe transition and SLSC renovation.
- First Lighter Footprint working group meeting on Friday.
- Clubs days Term 2: January 18-20.
- Nest animation.

Kathleen Simpson – VP External
- Provincial election.
- Data tracking.

VP Academic – Samantha So
- Textbook Broke boothing campaign.
- Sexual assault policy development.
- Associated investigations policy.
- Working on questions for the Academic Experience Survey.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

VP Finance – Louis Retief
- Working on investment policy.
- Budget Committee going well.
- BMO credit cards should be ready for Constituencies in about two weeks.
- Keith and I are reforecasting the budget.
- Working with Chris on OrgSync-Campus Vibe transition.

Questions
Brad Balaton:
- Re investing: Shouldn’t we be paying down our loans?

Louis Retief:
- Some of our money is in funds that we can’t use for loans.
- We can’t spend it but we can invest it
Jakob Gattinger:
- Re Campus Vibe: Are we still considering Sharepoint integration?

Chris Scott:
- We’re including a direct link from Campus Vibe to Sharepoint.

Louis Retief:
- Sharepoint should be replaced.

Hussam Zbeeb – Student Services Manager
- Consultation on Services Review almost complete.
- Recommendations should come in February.
- Vice launches tomorrow.

Keith Hester – Managing Director
- AMS Events is almost done planning Block Party: way ahead of last year.
- Working on reforecast: businesses are looking good.
- Nine screens from the Pit Media Wall will be installed in the Atrium during Reading Week.
- Nest refinancing.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Steering Committee – Ava Nasiri: no update.

Advocacy Committee:
- Meeting next week.

Human Resources – Ava Nasiri:
- Approved changes to job descriptions.

Budget Committee – Nika Moeni:
- Productive meeting.

Operations Committee – Namdar Shafiei: no update.

Student Life – Ava Nasiri:
- Ideas about marketing Block Party.
- Collaborative approach to communications.

Ad hoc AMS and Constituency Relationships – Veronica Knott:
- Goal: highlighted mandate.
- Identifying potential risks and opportunities.
- Not including the GSS.
- Will bring a report to Council at the first meeting in February.

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

Arts – Brooklyn Rocco
- It’s Arts Week.
Attended the Student Leadership Conference – it was great.
We have a new VP Academic
Lobbying for Arts student centre.
New AMS rep coming.

Commerce – Jennifer Zhen
No Commerce Week this year due to funding, but festivities all month.
Elections this month.
Conferences.

Economics – Daniel Gao
Economics Week coming up.
Came last in Faculty Cup last year.

Education – Richard Jaques
No updates

Engineering – Jeanie Malone
E Week is coming next week.
Red Night next Friday.
Bad idea to paint the Cairn during E Week: there will be super soakers.

Forestry – Hannah Carrothers
Spruced Up this month.

GSS – Brad Balaton
Almost finished five year strategic plan.
Fee referendum.

Kinesiology – Dupreez Smith
Kin Week next week.
Career Fair.
Ski trip this weekend.

Land & Food Systems – Gloria Sun
Aggie Week next week: Pie the Dean.
Partnering with SUS.

Pharmacy – Simon Qi
My first meeting.
We have moved our election schedule to match the AMS.

Regent – Mitch Ferreria
no report

Science – Lorenzo Lindo
Science week next week.

VST – Roberto DeSandoli: no report
M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Board of Governors – Veronica Knott
- Met in December.
- Students abstained on bio medical program.

Senate – Daniel Lam
- December meeting cancelled.

Ombuds – Matt Perzow
- Investigation report next time.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Finished the writing portion of the book. To do it, read every issue of the Ubyssey newspaper.
- Photos and publishing still to do.
- Most striking moment of the hundred years: besides the Great Trek of 1922, the 1968 occupation of the Faculty Club. Symbolic of the changes that took place then that gave students a voice. We are consulted now because of the actions in the 1960’s.

Questions
Chris Scott:
- Do you know when we can see it?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- We are still figuring out the publication arrangements.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

11. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED BROOKLYN ROCCO:

“That AMS Council approve the proposed amendments to the lease for the AMS Nest between the AMS and UBC.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Scott
- It’s necessary to go forward with something that will benefit AMS members in the long run.

Ava Nasiri:
- The original documents had a bit of a mistake: UBC Security is not patrolling this building.
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Abstained: Rachel Chew, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeanie Malone

13. MOVED CHRIS SCOTT, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the AMS Policy on Expulsion from the Student Union Building be revised as provided in the document ‘AMS policy on expulsion from the student union building updated.rtf.’ ”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Scott:
- The amendment changes Student Administrative Commission to Operations Committee. It should also have changed SAC to Operations Committee. Would like the document to be amended to do that.

[The amendment was accepted.]

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Chris Scott:
- We needed a timely response, so this went through the Executive Committee instead of waiting for Governance.

Jakob Gattinger:
- I’ll speak against this as there are way too many errors in the document.
- It also goes against Student Court’s powers to discipline.
Speaker:
- If the motion passes please send the corrected document.

Chris Scott:
- The policy is the same as before, just with the change from SAC/Student Administrative Commission to Operations Committee.

Bryan Starick:
- Does it still say SUB?

Chris Scott:
- This is the student union building even if it’s called the Nest. Ultimately it’s the same building.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Sloppy documents should not be sent to Council.

Kathleen Simpson:
- We potentially will need this policy at a moment’s notice.
- The policy should be reviewed, but we need to react quickly. Now is not the time to fix grammatical errors.

Chris Scott:
- We can have a policy with grammatical errors that refers to a defunct body (SAC) or a policy referring to an active body (the Operations Committee) with grammatical errors.

Jakob Gattinger:
- I’m saying this more in principle. A number of things tonight were not thought through. The appointment of chairs, which would have been against Code.

Ava Nasiri:
- I acknowledge the Engineering member’s point. Ideally all documents would come to Council in tiptop shape.
- I was going to suspend Code on the chairs issue, but instead decided to delay and withdrew the chair appointment motions.
- This change is responding to a recent incident. We noticed a gap. We didn’t intend to bring documents with errors.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- SAC is not defunct. It still exists in our bylaws. It could meet and do things.
- Has Operations Committee been consulted on these changes?

Chris Scott:
- This was in response to an incident. No, they were not.

Jeanie Malone:
- Not all the references to SAC have been changed to Operations Committee.

Chris Scott:
• That is why I amended it at the beginning of this debate.

Veronica Knott:
• Next time don’t come with an unprepared policy, but come asking for a specific motion on a specific situation.

Ava Nasiri:
• If Council prefers, we could explain the situation in camera.

Richard Jaques:
• I would like to know what the issue is.

Ava Nasiri:
• I could give a brief overview of similar situations.
• Banning individuals in the past has been done because of sexual assault breaking the Respectful Environment Policy, creation of unsafe situations, etc.
• We may, or may not, be dealing with this sort of situation.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Is the goal to have the Operations Committee recommend a policy or take actions against someone?

Chris Scott:
• The aim is for the Operations Committee to come up with policy.

Jakob Gattinger:
• That’s not SAC’s power, but Student Court’s.

Ava Nasiri:
• SAC was in charge of operations and rules in SUB, and had the power to ban individuals.
• SAC has banned people from the building in the past.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• The bylaws give SAC powers and allow Council to grant additional powers, which is what this old Internal Policy did.
• Under the old policy, SAC had the power to develop procedures on expulsion.
• The policy was drafted by our lawyers.

Bryan Starick:
• People are having issues with changing the document based on a situation.
• We should deal with the situation and then the policy.

Armin Rezaiean-Asel:
• If we pass this it will go to Operations and they will make the policy and it won’t come back to us.

Chris Scott:
• Correct.

Armin Rezaiean-Asel:
  • I will then speak against this.
  • It wouldn’t be responsible to pass this in its current state.
  • I would not be doing my fiduciary duty by approving this.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
  • I feel we rushed this. We have not given this the proper time and care it deserves.
  • I suggest we defeat this. Then if Ava and Chris want to, they can get a specific motion on the emergency situation if SAC can’t meet.

Ava Nasiri:
  • The majority of SAC’s duties have been moved to the Operations Committee.
  • SAC hasn’t met much lately.
  • We could have a security issue.
  • This is the most robust way to fix things.
  • Otherwise we may need an emergency Council meeting.

Jakob Gattinger:
  • I think we should deal with this one situation, and if we need an emergency session of Council we can do that.

Veronica Knott:
  • None of this is temporary or coming back to Council.

Kathleen Simpson:
  • I’m against this type of situation coming to Council regularly. It’s not appropriate for sensitive issues about an individual, like expulsion cases, to come here. They should be handled by a smaller group.

15. MOVED JEANIE MALONE, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

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

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16. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

“That the amendment be amended to say the policy should be reviewed by the Governance Committee and then brought back to be reviewed once more by AMS Council by the first meeting in February 2017.”

Bradley Balaton:
  • It should go to the Governance Committee for corrections.

Hannah Carrothers:
- Why not next meeting instead of February?

Sally Lin:
- Why Governance Committee and not Operations?

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... Carried


Against (8): Akhil Jobanputra (proxy for Elise Mance), Ryan Kamimura, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Nika Moeini, Diane Nguyen, Namdar Shafiei, Jennifer Zhen

Abstained: Rachel Chew, Maria de Fatima Lazo, Roberto DeSandoli, Daniel Gao, Daniel Lam, Gloria Sun

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Mackenzie Lockhart:
- The procedures made by the Operations Committee will never come back even if this policy comes back.

Jeffrey Pea:
- They could be brought back for approval.

19. MOVED SALLY LIN, SECONDED BRAD BALATON:

“That the amendment be amended to strike Governance and replace it with Operations.”

Sally Lin:
- Operations is the committee responsible for doing this.

20. MOVED SALLY LIN, SECONDED BRAD BALATON:
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... Carried


Against (4): Jamiu Abdsalami, Cameron England, Jakob Gattinger, Jeff Pea

Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Maria de Fatima Lazo, Daniel Gao, Lorenzo Lindo, Mackenzie Lockhart, Simon Qi, Liam Simpson, Hannah Xiao

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Abstained: Maria de Fatima Lazo, Daniel Gao, Veronica Knott, Mackenzie Lockhart, Diane Nguyen

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
For (20): Jamiu Abdsalami, Bradley Batalon, Noah Bayless, Richard Jaques, Akhil Jobanputra (proxy for Elise Mance), Ryan Kamimura, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Jeannie Malone, Nika Moeini, Jeff Pea, Louis Retief, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Brooklyn Rocco, Chris Scott, Namdar Shafiei, Kathleen Simpson, Dupreez Smith, Samantha So, Jennifer Zhen

Against (6): Maria de Fatima Lazo, Cameron England, Jakob Gattinger, Veronica Knott, Mackenzie Lockhart, Liam Simpson

Abstained: Hannah Carrothers, Rachel Chew, Roberto DeSandoli, Daniel Gao, Karianne Howarth, Lorenzo Lindo, Diane Nguyen, Simon Qi, Gloria Sun, Hannah Xiao

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

20. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

From the Governance Review Implementation Committee
"Whereas GORICOM explored this part of the Governance Review in depth through detailed consultation,

Furthermore whereas GORICOM discussed the total failure of the concept at other institutions,

Be it resolved that AMS Council declare Recommendation 11 regarding staggered appointments of constituency councillors unfeasible."

Jakob Gattinger:
- With a little bit of sadness, we recommend that this part of the governance review not be followed.
- The two year terms are not possible because of timelines, co-op terms, going abroad. It would be very difficult.
- Looked at other institutions and it didn’t work there.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- When this was originally presented to Council we were told we would be the first to do this, thought leaders.
- How can it be that after all it is being done elsewhere?

Mariam Hamid:
- No one has the same system as us, but at SUDS (the Student Union Development Summit) we were able to collect information from others who are thinking of something similar.
- This was just a suggestion from MNP (the consultant).
- It looks like implementing it would create a barrier to students getting involved.
Namdar Shafiei:
- I’m completely in favour of staggered appointments. I don’t view it as a barrier.
- Having someone stay in their job longer means they do a better job.

Hannah Xiao:
- We should look more into how to implement this.

Louis Retief:
- We should continue to look at this, not cut it right away.
- Let the next Council try to make this happen.

Jakob Gattinger:
- You would end up with lots of by-elections.

Max Holmes:
- This would hurt smaller constituencies; they won’t have their voice heard as much if they only vote every two years.

Brad Balaton:
- Instead of two year terms, we could do two elections each year.

Jakob Gattinger:
- That would defeat the recommendation of once a year orientations.

Daniel Lam
- How has this failed elsewhere?

Marium Hamid:
- It led to lots of people feeling they couldn’t run anymore. Anyone who was only here for one year …

Ava Nasiri:
- Governance Review has talked about this for six months, trying to find a way to make it work.
- One recommendation out of 16 didn’t work; that shows we’re doing something right.
- If we drag this out for another year, there’s a risk of a new Council bringing up their own recommendations.

Kathleen Simpson:
- Impracticality could sway me, but barriers don’t seem like a reason to say no.
- We have a fiduciary duty to create an efficient Council even if it limits participation.

Veronica Knott:
- I’ve always been against staggered two-year terms.
- No one is going to do this.
- But most Council terms are set by Constituency bylaws: people could go back to their Constituencies and change their Constituency bylaws.
Sally Lin:
- Maybe set a deadline to revisit this.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- I am against this recommendation, but it’s great to hear why things won’t work.
- Two years is a long time. It’s hard to fit two years in continuously. I could only have served two years out of the six I’ve been at UBC.
- There’s also the issue of accountability: students deserve a chance to vote on you after a year.
- There’s also the issue of students in one-year programs.
- There are lots of reasons not to do this.

Jakob Gattinger:
- We could amend the motion to say it’s not feasible “at the present time.”

Namdar Shafiei:
- I was for staggered terms, but from what I’ve heard in this debate it’s very complicated and we can’t proceed with it.

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Against (3): Noah Bayless, Louis Retief, Hannah Xiao

Abstained: Veronica Knott
22. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIEI:  [SCD129-17] [SCD130-17]

**From the Human Resources Committee**

“That Council accept the changes in the Assistant to the President and the Executive Projects Assistant (Policy & Community Engagement) job descriptions as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ava Nasiri:
- One of the assistants had to step down, and instead of bringing in someone new, we decided to split the duties between the two staff members currently still there.
- The staff members have approved the changes.
- It’s an increase of ten hours for one and five hours for the other.

Bryan Starick
- Will this make the workload in future years too much?

Ava Nasiri:
- It’s a temporary change, only until April 30, 2017.

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24. MOVED CHRIS SCOTT, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIEI:

**From the Operations Committee**

“That on recommendation of the Operations Committee, $3,059 be allocated from the Capital Projects Fund for the creation of new Sort-It-Out displays in the Nest.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The balance in the Capital Projects Fund is $1.6 million.

Chris Scott:
- This will be for glass boxes above the recycling bins telling you what goes in which bins. There’s one already at Pie R Squared. We want to add others.

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Note: The balance in the Capital Projects Fund is $1.6 million.

... No objections

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

**Block Party Promotion**

Ava Nasiri:
- The AMS started running Block Party 10 years ago
- It was more grassroots then, run by the Constituencies.
- They had a rivalry over who could bring the most people.
- Later it shifted to being run by Events Department staff.
- This year we want to ask you to think of how you'd like to be involved so that the event is not an AMS Events event. It will be facilitated by the Events Department but it should be a party for the students by the students.
- Let's start the conversation now about how to bring people to Block Party.

Daniel Lam:
- Put mysterious posters up, like with the Roman numeral X on them.

Nika Moeini:
- Interesting to bring back Constituency rivalry.
- Try to differentiate Block Party from other concerts; don't do the usual Facebook promotion; that just attracts the same crowd. Frame it differently.

Namdar Shafiei:
- Produce accessories and clothing relevant to Block Party and in limited numbers.
- Santa Ono on a T-shirt.

Samantha So:
- Could do an Easter egg hunt for tickets.

Ava Nasiri:
- Could we give tickets to voters? One in every hundred voters?

Max Holmes:
- Would have to figure out the confidentiality issues.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Ticket scalping has been a problem in the past.
- Will there be a reduced number of tickets?

Ava Nasiri:
- Around 7000 this year. Want to sell out.
Hannah Carrothers:
- What about putting “blocks” around campus? Some small blocks, and they’d have tickets in them.

Veronica Knott:
- Constituencies could run pre-parties and distribute tickets.
- Group tickets discounts.

Brooklyn Rocco:
- Cross-constituency competitions or a scavenger hunt.

Ava Nasiri:
- The members of the winning team in the Faculty Cup could all get free tickets.
- Pre-parties might take away from the Block Party itself, but maybe the Constituencies could have booths at Block Party.

Joanne Pickford:
- That’s exactly what they did originally: each Constituency had a booth. It was one day with all the faculties at the same event.

Samantha So:
- Stamps – earn stamps – earn a ticket.

Brad Balaton:
- One problem with the Easter egg hunt idea: Some people doing that might have been ones who would have bought tickets.

Louis Retief:
- As a responsible VP Finance, I should weigh in here.
- I’m hearing lots of ideas for free tickets, but we need to sell tickets.

Ava Nasiri:
- If your council might be interested in putting money into buying a block of tickets, now would be a good time.

**Athletics: Well-being on Campus**

Ava Nasiri:
- For maybe the first time in history we’ve received detailed budgets from Athletics. Very helpful.
- The Student Life Building (the Old SUB) previously had programming scheduled for fitness, but that was removed
- We lobbied to bring it back, and they brought it back, so for $5 million the University is putting Bird Coop 2.0 in the SUB Basement.
- Now UBC has a Game Plan of $60 million and needs a contribution from the students.
• There’s talk of an AMS referendum to bring in a new student fee of $40 for fitness space on campus.
• Is there a different number that might be better, a specific dollar amount that would resonate with students? A range of $15 to $40 has been discussed.
• This could mean renovations to War Memorial Gym.
• If we’re going to bring forward a referendum question, we need to be on the same page.
• If we bring in a new fee, we would get a say in what user fees are charged.

Daniel Lam:
• Would this fee increase each year?

Louis Retief:
• There are many options to look at.

Daniel Lam:
• This would fund half the cost of the renovations?

Louis Retief:
• We’d pay half of the $60 million.

Brad Balaton
• If we are charging students $15 to $40 extra, could we have an end to Bird Coop fees?

Ava Nasiri:
• That would cause some strain on the University’s budgets, but it’s not impossible.

Nika Moeini:
• Can you explain the range of $15 to $40?
• If we chose $15, would we pay for a longer time?

Louis Retief:
• We said $15 to $40, but it will most likely be $40.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Different levels of student interest for different activities.
• The Bird Coop has a lot of interest.
• Can we designate where the money can go?
• Would there be guarantees?

Ava Nasiri:
• We can be quite specific and say the money can only go for a fitness/recreation space created by a renovation of War Memorial Gym.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• If we are running other fee referendums, won’t this get in the way? We wouldn’t have our own fee increase passed.
• Also, how much would a $40 fee amount to over 35 years?
Louis Retief:
  • $30 million.
  • As to competing fee referendums, there is a fundamental difference between a fee for capital projects and a fee restructuring.

The Speaker:
  • Are we planning an AMS fee referendum?

Louis Retief:
  • No, we are not.

The Speaker:
  • Are you seeking a referendum with Council support?

Louis Retief:
  • All this is is a straw poll on whether Council supports this project.

Ava Nasiri:
  • Endorsing would come down the line.

Jeffrey Pea:
  • We currently have an athletics fee, and students feel that what they get for that is a bit lacking. As a student, I’d think, How is this going to help me?

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

   “That time be extended to 10:20 pm.”

   … No objections

Veronica Knott:
  • This is a massive conflict of interest for me (as a member of the University’s Board of Governors), but as an AMS Councillor, I’d be doing my due diligence to see what other schools do.
  • And there’s a need to understand UBC Rec and the Bird Coop and how they work together.

Jakob Gattinger:
  • Unsure whether we’re being asked to endorse a referendum on this fee or just supporting the idea of a referendum.
  • A $40 fee is a lot of money.

Ava Nasiri:
  • We’re looking to see if there’s an appetite for the University to create such a space.
  • I haven’t heard anyone say this is stupid.
  • Are you willing to consider it? And endorse? With conditions? Like we get free access or ownership of the program – in order to endorse.
The Speaker:

- Is there appetite for introducing a referendum?

Jakob Gattinger:

- We could go through the signature process, get a petition to call a referendum. That would show student interest.

Mackenzie Lockhart:

- As a representative of the graduate students, I'm not a huge fan of another fee for services on campus.
- Many graduate students are not often on campus.
- I'd like to see strong student involvement in running the program, as we used to have with the Aquatic Centre.

Lorenzo Lindo:

- We should have more involvement in running programs.
- The Bird Coop is insanely crowded.
- I'm for improving athletics and fitness, but we already pay $200.
- I can foresee opposition to a $40 fee.
- And students are still paying Bird Coop membership fees.
- We need to discuss what students will get.

Namdar Shafiei:

- Could we negotiate something lower: $15 or $20?

Louis Retief:

- I don't think that's possible.

Max Holmes:

- There's a referendum timeline: 10 to 30 days after called.
- You would have between February 4 and 24 to submit a petition if you want the referendum at the same time as the elections.

Cameron England:

- I agree in principle with a fee, but $40 is high.
- Maybe tiering fees, in the $25 to $35 range.
- Would really appreciate more student engagement to explain the student fees to them: Students ask, What is this I'm paying for again?

Louis Retief:

- $40 is not very much. At any community gym you'd pay a lot more.

Hannah Carrothers:

- That's not a fair comparison: they're a business, not a university.
- I don't think you can tell a student what's too much or not.
- A lot of students think they're already not getting much: not getting what they pay for.
- Need to show the benefits.
27. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

“That time be extended to 10:35 pm.”

Armin Rezaiean-Asel:
- This is becoming a circular conversation. There's no need to extend time.

Jakob Gattinger:
- If we fail this, we should get more information next time.

28. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

“That time be extended to 10:35 pm.”

… Defeated

For (5): Veronica Knott, Mackenzie Lockhart, Nika Moeini, Louis Retief, Brooklyn Rocco


Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Samantha So

Brooklyn Rocco:
- If we lower the fee to $20, that would be just four drinks at Starbucks.
- Who are we to say what that is to someone else?
- Most people would pay that to go to a better place for fitness.

Brad Balaton:
- Some students wouldn't because they just don't work out.

Ava Nasiri:
- I can set up a focus group for further discussion.

U) Submissions:

V) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: January 25, 2017

W) Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

X) Social Activity:

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V2: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as amended

V3: Consent items agenda

V4: BIRT AMS Council moves in camera

V5: BIRT AMS Council moves in camera

V6: BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the proposed amendments to the lease for the AMS Nest between the AMS and UBC

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V8: Amendment to the amendment

V9: Amendment to the amendment (Strike the word Governance and replace with operations)

V10: BIFRT that the AMS Policy on Expulsion from the Student Union Building as revised and approved be reviewed by the Operations committee and brought back once more by AMS Council by the first meeting in February

V11: AMS Policy on Expulsion from the Student Union Building

V12: BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council declare Recommendation 11 regarding staggered appointments of constituency councilors unfeasible

V13: BIRT extend time to 10:35

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Noah Kussin-Bordo (Forestry), Gus Crowards (AMS Sustainability), William Wolff (Hillel), Sam Heller (Hillel), Logan Presch (Commerce), Elisha Francis (Political Science), Hussam Zbeebe (Student Services Manager), Marium Hamid (Executive Special Projects Assistant, Governance), Jonas Ordman (Ubyssey), Julia Burnham (Ubyssey), Sam McCabe (Ubyssey), Moira Nyton (Ubyssey), Jack Hauen (Ubyssey), Hana Golightly (Ubyssey), Max Holmes (AMS Elections Administrator), Katherine Pan (AMS Tutoring), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (AMS Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED JAMIU ABDASALAMI:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

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

“That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Change date in motion 5 to March 31
- Remove the Refinancing presentation (we’re still waiting for information from the banks).

… No objections

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

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

… Carried


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

Welcome to our new Members: Kiara Scott (Arts)

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

Goodbyes: Alexei Paish, Hannah Carrothers (Forestry)
C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

Abdul Alnaar
Acknowledgement:
- We are holding this meeting on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral land of the Musqueam people.
- Learning happened here long before the University.
- We are humbled to be able to continue the learning tradition.

Speaker’s Business:
- I expect discussion to be respectful.

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

Noah Kussin-Bordo:
- I am in fourth-year Forestry and am a Jewish student.
- I am speaking about the BDS referendum.
- I could say the referendum is discriminatory and divisive and should not be allowed on those grounds.
- But instead I will point to AMS Bylaws and Code.
- The proposed referendum violates multiple sections of Bylaws and Code.
- For instance, it might require the AMS to break contracts, but in violation of Code does not say which contracts or what the penalties might be for breaking those contracts.

E) Consent Agenda Items

Jakob Gattinger:
- Please remove all the Budget Committee minutes. [Done.]

4. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

- Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated June 8, 2016 [SCD132-17]
- Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated October 4, 2016 [SCD133-17]
- Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated November 30, 2016 [SCD134-17]

... Carried


Abstained: Brian Cho, Roberto DeSandoli, Lorenzo Lindo, Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeanie Malone, Keskine Owusu-Poku, Simon Qi, Brooklyn Rocco
5. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED BROOKLYN ROCCO:

“That the Budget Committee minutes be accepted as presented.”

Jakob Gattinger:
- There are errors in these minutes.
- No movers and seconders, not clear whether motions passed.
- I’d like them to be revised.

Louis Retief:
- We’ll fix them and bring them back.

6. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the Budget Committee minutes be tabled to the next meeting.”

… No objections

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

BDS question – Ombudsperson Matt Perzow [SCD135-17]

- A student requested an investigation into the BDS question:

‘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?’

- He expressed concern about it.
- Up to Councillors to decide if it’s in accord with the AMS constitution.
- Bylaw 4 says the question must be framed so that it can be answered Yes or No, and it must be clear and unambiguous.
- The Code adds that it must not advocate anything illegal and if it calls for breaking a contract, it must specify which contracts and what the penalties will be for breaking them.
- A voter would expect that this question would lead to breaking contracts.
- SPHR (Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, the group sponsoring the question) say they’re not aiming for the immediate breaking of contracts, but they’ve distributed a list of companies to boycott, suggesting they’re seeking something binding.
- There’s a lack of clarity in the question saying “Do you support?” as if the AMS is already boycotting, and it’s misleading about war crimes, since no body has indicted Israel for such things.
- Companies supporting Israeli war crimes: what does that mean? Which companies should there be a boycott against?
- What occupation is meant?
- All these issues make the question unclear.
- Due to the number of ambiguities, my recommendation is that when the petition is officially submitted Council should direct it to Student Court.
- There is ample time to fill Student Court.
- We should show that we are taking the question seriously.
• Students should know what they’re voting on.
• Bylaw 4 says Council should refer to Student Court where questions are not clear. Student Court can rewrite the question.
• And for transparency I recommend that Council issue a press release.

**Questions:**
Mackenzie Lockhart:
• Are we empowered to do anything before we get the question?

Matt Perzow:
• Student Court could see this as a reference case, sent by Council.
• Or we can discuss our plans today.

Jakob Gattinger:
• My understanding is that Council has seen this question before: was that a consideration?

Matt Perzow:
• The wording is exactly the same as two years ago. I am aware of that.
• The only thing I was considering was the question put to me this year.

Bradley Balaton:
• What is the timeline between getting question and going to referendum?

Ava Nasiri:
• Once we receive the petition, it goes to referendum between 10 and 30 days later.
• To be held with our elections, it would have to be received 10-30 days before March 6.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Can this be sent to Student Court before we get the petition?

Speaker:
• No.
• We need to get the 1,000 valid signatures.
• Then we can discuss and send to Student Court if it’s decided to do so.
• It goes to Student Court if the question is unclear.

7. **MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:**

“That the time for the presentation be extended by 10 minutes.”

… No objections

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• How long would we need to summon Student Court?

Speaker:
• I would point out that the referendum must occur in the School Year, which ends at the end of March.
Ian Sapollnik:
- If the question can be answered Yes or No, can Council still refer it to Student Court?

Speaker:
- No, but Council can always refer matters to the Court.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Have we filled the Court in the past? Has it mostly been with law students?
- Did Council always agree with the Court’s decisions?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Council has filled Student Court in the past, often with law students.
- Council rejected four of the last five rulings of Student Court.
- Student Court has changed the wording of a referendum question in the past (a question on leaving the Health & Dental Plan).

Ian Sapollnik:
- Can we send something to Student Court if it’s in violation of our Code and not just Bylaws?

Speaker:
- Anything can be sent to the Court.

Keskine Owusu-Poku:
- On what grounds can Council reject the Court’s decision?

Sheldon Goldfarb
- Council can reject a Court ruling on any grounds, but I’m not sure that applies to rewording questions for a referendum.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- How would we fill Student Court?

Speaker:
- It’s the same as for other appointed positions: the HR Committee would post and interview and come back to Council with recommendations for people to be appointed by Council.

Matt Perzow:
- Do we need a month to direct the HR Committee?

Ava Nasiri:
- My understanding is that it’s not a violation if Student Court is left empty. We appoint members on an as needed basis.

Gus Crowards:
- Is there a financial reason not to set up Student Court?
Speaker:
  • The Justices get a salary.

Gus Crowards:
  • How much would this cost?

8. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the question period be extended by 10 minutes.”

… No objections

Louis Retief:
  • Can’t say how much it would cost, but it would have to go to Budget Committee and then come back to Council.

Jeffrey Pea
  • Is there time for this to happen before the end of the School Year?

Max Holmes:
  • If we set up the Court and send a question through it, the same deadlines hold: the final form of the question needs to be ready sometime between February 4 and February 24.

Speaker:
  • The referendum doesn’t have to coincide with the elections. Sometimes referendums have been held with the elections to increase turnout, but sometimes they have been held separately.

Ava Nasiri:
  • Could we consider an amicable rewording of the question?
  • If the question is rephrased, could it be brought back to Council, or could they collect more signatures or grandfather the original signatures?
  • Would that make Council partial?

Matt Perzow:
  • My recommendation would still be to send the question to Student Court.
  • I don’t know about the legality of changing the question.

Speaker:
  • Council could send its own question to referendum.

Samantha So:
  • If there was a new question, when would it have to be submitted?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
  • By March 21, ten days before the end of the School Year.
  • Or really five days before that because it has to run for five days.

Gus Crowards:
  • So the options are to send to Student Court or leave as is.
Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Council can propose its own question – except that if it receives an unclear question, then it has to send that one to Student Court.

Speaker:
- If Council says a question can’t be answered Yes or No, then the Bylaw says it “shall” go to Student Court.

Jeffrey Pea:
- What happened two years ago?

Speaker:
- I refer you to the minutes of March 4, 2015.
- Last time the Executive recommended that the question go to Court after the referendum if it passed: to interpret what it meant.
- Then there was a discussion of whether to endorse the referendum.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- The referendum failed due to lack of quorum.
- It did not get 8% of the eligible voters to vote Yes, though it did get more yes votes than no votes.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- What does the Ombudsperson want Council to do tonight?

Matt Perzow:
- Council should give the HR Committee the go-ahead to fill Student Court.
- When the question is submitted, the Court can then take it up.

Ava Nasiri:
- There’s ambiguity in the question concerning which contracts would be broken, and it’s leading in suggesting it comes from the AMS.
- But is there anything about it that makes it not answerable yes or no?

Matt Perzow:
- The Court in the past, as the Archivist has said, has interpreted that issue broadly, and the next sentence in the Bylaw requires the question to be clear and unambiguous. Should we be minimalists in the tradition of Judge Scalia or interpret more broadly, more sensibly?

**Elections – Max Holmes**
- Nominations close February 17 at 2 pm (a hard deadline).
- At 5 pm on February 17: the All-Candidates Meeting.
- February 27 will be the beginning of the Campaign Period.
- March 6-10: Voting.
- End of March: Constituency elections.
Goals
- Increase voter turnout.
- Well-planned events.
- 3rd party-run debates
- New ad campaign to publicize the election.

Events – 4 big ones

3rd party run candidates debates:
- Run by three different organizations:
  o Debating Society, CiTR, Ubyssey.

New Ad Campaign
- Used to be Having Your Voice Heard, but this year we thought the people who want that already vote.
- Want to reach new voters, so we’re advertising the things the AMS does to draw people in.
- We’re also aiming for a more sustainable campaign, limiting our use of paper.
- We’re raising spending and reimbursement limits, but keeping the same proportions.
- The spending limit will be $500 now, up from $350. (Reimbursement will still be 70%; partial reimbursement 30%).
- Encouraging more innovative ways of campaigning.

Better communications
- Facebook, reddit, updating website.
- Working with campus media to cover elections.

Impartiality
- New rules governing our interaction with the candidates: conflict of interest rules for Elections Committee members.

Constituency elections
- If you are having an election this term, there will be EA meetings in February and March: training for your election people in how to use Simply Voting. They will have to talk to me.
- Want to advertise the Constituency elections as a whole: to increase turnout for all elections.
- Most will be held March 27-31.
- There will be shared events and polling places.

Regent-VST
- Problems in the past getting their students to vote.
- Would like to talk to the reps.

Main Goal
- 20% turnout in the AMS elections.
- That would be the third highest in the Condorcet era.
• An ambitious goal (which is sad).

Referendums
• Referendum questions, if there are any, will be on the same ballot as the ballot for candidates.

Questions
Bradley Balaton:
• Why are the Constituency elections being held later than the AMS elections?

Jakob Gattinger:
• Candidates in the AMS elections may be unsuccessful, but they are often good candidates and we’d want them to participate in our Constituency.

Ian Sapollnik:
• It’s not just Executive elections going on, but Senate and Board. Your advertising doesn’t include them.

Max Holmes:
• This ad I’ve shown is more for nominations.
• I do think we need to advertise all the positions when it comes to voting.

Jack Hauen (Ubyssey):
• Re the new conflict of interest rules: who decides what constitutes a conflict?

Max Holmes:
• Good question.
• We didn’t have clear rules. I want to have rules on the books.
• We do leave it up to the Elections Committee members to say something.
• Or if I see something in the other members.
• As to me, I guess that’s Council.

Louis Retief:
• You didn’t mention VFM (Voter Funded Media).

Max Holmes:
• Code says I have to run VFM.
• It was a great idea originally.
• It may have helped turnout, but I don’t know if there’s any evidence of that.
• We will run it as it has been run n the last couple of years.
• I may make a recommendation after the election.

Speaker:
• I miss the blogs.

Investment Policy – Louis Retief
• We currently invest $16.8 million.
• This is money sitting in our funds, such as CPAC (CPF), Student Aid.
Our returns barely cover inflation because of our current policy, which restricts us basically to government bonds (Single A investments). These generate almost no money; we get low returns. The solution is to write a new policy, something Budget Committee has approved, but which needs a referendum first to amend the Bylaws. If we bring in the new policy, our returns will rise to 5-6% (from 1-2%). It will increase our bottom line, increase our operating revenues by $400,000 at no cost to the students. Better than a fee increase or restructure.

The cons:
- A higher risk.
- The cost of a fund manager (but that would be covered by the increased revenue).

The bylaw change will come February 8 to allow Council to approve an investment policy.

Questions

Speaker:
- Would there be an annual review of the policy?

Louis Retief:
- Good idea.

Bryan Starick:
- Would there be a conflict of interest for the fund manager if their pay was based on how well the fund is doing?

Louis Retief:
- They’d still be under the direction of the General Manager.
- I don’t think Council or the Executive have the experience to change an investment policy; we need expert advice.
- There’d be an MoU with the fund manager.

Gus Crowards:
- This wouldn’t give Council the power to choose the investments: just to approve the policy?

Louis Retief:
- The General Manager would give an informal thumbs-up.

Maria de Fatima Lazo:
- Do we have someone overseeing the General Manager?

Louis Retief:
- They’re an employee of the Society. Council can fire them.

Jakob Gattinger:
- There will be a concurrent change: the General Manager will become the Managing Director.
Your presentation mentions a 70-30 split between fixed income investments and equity. What if there’s a need to change that?

Louis Retief:
- We don’t want to be too restrictive: to fix the 70-30 split.

Gus Crowards:
- How do current AMS investments compare to other student societies?

Louis Retief:
- No one has this much money.

Speaker:
- The SUO (in the Okanagan) does.

Louis Retief:
- We’re the most restrictive.

Louis Retief:
- Do you think this would be a successful referendum?

Ian Sapollnik:
- It’s a good idea but it will need a strong yes campaign explaining the need to remove the Single A limit.

9. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED MARIA DE FATIMA LAZO:

“That the Emergency Services presentation be laid on the table.”

Ava Nasiri:
- The presenters are busy and will be here soon.

10. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED MARIA DE FATIMA LAZO:

“That the Emergency Services presentation be laid on the table.”

... No objections

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

11. MOVED JEFFREY PEA, SECONDED JEANNIE MALONE:

“That Bryan Starick (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.”

... No objections
I) **President’s Remarks (5 minutes):**

Ava Nasiri:
- Fill in your councillor evaluations.
- Blue & Gold society met last week.
- Faculty Cup – registration extended till Friday.
- Working on Grad Class social – February 1.
- All-Presidents Dinner coming up: February 16.
- Steering committee on sexual assault
- UBC hiring a managing director for campus safety; asking the AMS to play a role in picking the candidate.

J) **Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):**

Kathleen Simpson – VP External
- Focus on provincial election.
- Goal: getting 60% of eligible voters to vote.
- TransLink survey on Broadway line.
- Phase 1 of Broadway line only to Arbutus.
- Phase 2 to UBC, but only in 30 years.
- Important that UBC students speak up about moving quickly to Phase 2.

Chris Scott – VP Admin
- Mug share program coming along swimmingly.
- SLSC.
- New sort of vending machine.
- Lighter Footprint Strategy working group meeting.
- Clubs Days last week.
- APD invites went out.
- New Art Gallery show.
- Preparing a list of art to sell to support the gallery.
- Old SUB: Waiting for design company.

**Questions**
Ava Nasiri:
- Can you highlight a club of the week?

Chris Scott
- All of them are great.

VP Finance – Louis Retief
- Working on bylaw changes.
- Want to take Budget Committee out of the bylaws.
- Investment policy.

**Questions**
Jakob Gattinger:
- Where are we with the credit cards?
Louis Retief:
- Working out internal issues over who deals with what.
- Will send out dates for training.

Samantha So – VP Academic
- Found electronic signature platform.
- Lots of questions about referendums.
- Suicide awareness day today: QPR training – January 31.
- Sexual Assault Policy: second draft finalized.
- Game Plan consultation.
- TLEF adjudications extended to next week.
- Finalizing AMS-specific questions for the Academic Experience Survey (which we may rebrand as the Campus Experience Survey).
- Tuition consultations coming up.

Student Services Manager – Hussam Zbeebe
- Revamping tutoring partnership with Learning Commons.
- Software to track student interactions with the AMS.
- Services Review.

Managing Director Update – Ava Nasiri for Keith Hester
- Screens being installed in Atrium.
- Events hard at work:
  - Frost Week.
  - Block Party planning.
- Business doing well.
- More engagement with the outside, the plaza.
- Diversifying burger bar offerings.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Ad hoc committee on AMS-Constituency relations – Jakob Gattinger for Veronica Knott
- Working on responses.

HR Committee – Ava Nasiri
- No quorum.
- Elections Administrator extension.
- May meet soon to discuss Student Court appointees.

Student Life Committee – Ava Nasiri
- Meeting next week.
- Block Party.
- Communications and social media strategy.
- Discussing possibility of asking students to donate an extra $1 when they buy a ticket, to go to charity.

Questions
Armin Rezaiean-Asel:
- Will you use the same ticket vendor as last year?
- Have they fixed their technology?

Louis Retief:
- Was there a problem last year?

Armin Rezaiean-Asel:
- Concurrent requests not handled well. Would say sold out when not.

Governance Review Committee – Jakob Gattinger
- Executive goal setting policy.

Budget Committee – Nika Moeini
- Investment policy.
- Sorry about the minutes problem.

Advocacy Committee – Kathleen Simpson
- Application form for caucuses is out.

Governance – María de Fatima Lazo
- Governance is having trouble meeting quorum.
- Lots of changes coming: will circulate to Council in advance.

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

Arts – Elise Mance
- New AMS rep.
- Working on 5 year strategic plan.
- Policy handbook.
- Arts Week was a success.

Commerce – Ryan Kamimura
- SOCO.
- Ski trip.
- Lots of conferences coming up.
- Doing internal reviews.
- Elections happening now.

Economics – Daniel Gao
- Econ Week.

Engineering – Jeanie Malone
- E Week.
- Integrated Engineering won.
- 1800 participants.
- Career fair coming up.
- Engineering might not be able to make the APD.
Science – Diane Nguyen
- Finished Science Week.
- Partnered with LFS.
- Soundproofing meeting room.
- Dog days coming February 14.

Forestry – Hannah Carrothers
- Spruced up last week.
- It was terrific.
- Forestry has won Faculty Cup the last two years
- New AMS rep coming: this is my last meeting.

GSS – Bradley Balaton
- Elections.
- Fee referendum

Land & Food Systems – Gloria Sun
- Successful Aggie Week.
- Career Week.
- Come to our Wednesday night dinners (vegetarian) - $5.

Kinesiology – Dupreez Smith
- Kin Week last week.
- Career Fair.
- Professional development.
- Formal.

Pharmacy – no report

VST – no report

M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Senate – Daniel Lam
- Enrolment.
- Student evaluations of teaching.
- Diversity fund.
- Fall reading break: survey being drafted.

Ombudsperson – Matt Perzow
- Quiet except for BDS issues.
- New ad for Ombuds on screens in the building.
- As per my report I think we should add a motion for the HR Committee to appoint Student Court members.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Finished book.
- Heard from a publisher – still negotiating.
• Publishing in the fall.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Jakob Gattinger:
• 11 months behind in the minutes
• We need to get all our minutes out in a more timely manner.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• That’s my doing, sorry. Been working on the book.
• Will catch up.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Maybe we could amend the Code to allow draft copies to be posted in addition to the Council Notes.

O) Executive Committee Motions:

12. MOVED________________ , SECONDED ______________________

From the VP Academic Office
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the VP Academic & University Affairs office Council approve the use of Formstack as a platform for the collection of electronic signatures for referendum petitions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council approve the allocation of US $100.00 from the Elections & Referenda Yes/No Committee budget for the creation of a 3 month account with Formstack.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

13. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the motion be amended by striking the second clause.”

• The expense has already been approved by Budget Committee.”

14. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the motion be amended by striking the second clause.”

... No objections

15. MOVED SAMANTHA SO, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the VP Academic Office
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the VP Academic & University Affairs office Council approve the use of Formstack as a platform for the collection of electronic signatures for referendum petitions.”
Samantha So:
- Formstack has been used before by the AMS.
- The VP Academic would be the only one to see the information.
- No one else can see that someone signed.
- Streamlined.
- I would create every petition.

Louis Retief:
- We use Formstack: it’s secure and easy to use.
- Good for sensitive information.

Samantha So:
- We will still accept paper petitions, and if a single question uses both paper and electronic, that can be done too.

Speaker:
- How will you communicate this?

Samantha So:
- Will be putting an FAQ on the referendum website.

16. MOVED SAMANTHA SO, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

*From the VP Academic Office*

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the VP Academic & University Affairs office Council approve the use of Formstack as a platform for the collection of electronic signatures for referendum petitions.”

... Carried Unanimously


P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

17. MOVEDAVA NASIRI, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

*From the HR Committee*

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Evan Aluyen be hired as the Elections Chief Returning officer for a period effective and ending March 31st, 2017.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Tobias Gattinger be hired as the Elections Communications Officer for a period effective immediately and ending March 31st, 2017."

Ava Nasiri:
- Quorum was not present.
- The Elections Administrator and the HR Department selected the candidates.

Jakob Gattinger:
- I will declare a conflict of interest
- One of the candidates is my brother.
- I will abstain from any other election issues as long as Tobias Gattinger is on the committee.

18. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the HR Committee
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... No objections

Jakob Gattinger noted as abstained.

19. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED BRIAN CHO:

From the HR Committee
“That the term for the Elections Administrator be extended from March 20, 2017 to April 14, 2017."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: the Elections Administrator has agreed to this change.

Ava Nasiri
- This allows him to run the Constituency elections and write his transition report.

Bradley Balaton:
- Will this cost us more?

Ava Nasiri:
- Technically, we were supposed to hire in November. We did, but the candidate had to resign and we went six weeks without an EA, so the bottom line is not being broken.

20. MOVED SALLY LIN, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion directing the HR Committee to fill the vacant seats on the AMS Student Court.”

... No objections

21. MOVED SALLY LIN, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the HR Committee be directed to fill the vacant seats on the AMS Student Court.”

Sally Lin:
- If we’re going to follow the recommendation of the Ombudsperson, and send a question to Student Court, we need to do this ASAP.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- I’m hesitant to fill this for one issue.
- The Court’s legitimacy is based on it being a standing body.
- The students interested in serving now will have a stake in the issue, and the Court may thus not speak for students.

Ian Sapollnik:
- I agree with Mac’s points, but I still support the motion.
- We need to have our bases covered.
- Something may be directed to Student Court; we need to be prepared.
- This is not making a commitment to send something to the Court.

Louis Retief:
- We would have to pay quite a bit of money to fill these seats, and we may not even use them.
- I’m for fiscal responsibility, so am against this motion.

Bradley Balaton:
- Could this be sent to Budget Committee to see if it’s feasible?

Matt Perzow:
- I agree with Ian and Mac’s concerns, but we need to have our bases covered.
- As to finances, we were just talking about millions of dollars. To pinch pennies on an important issue would be wrong.
- We need to have faith in the process.
Ava Nasiri:
- Don’t have to make final decision tonight.
- We could post but tell applicants that we may not hire. Be up front with them.
- We have to post for 10 days anyway.

Speaker:
- It would still be up to Council whether to appoint them.

Ava Nasiri:
- Don’t want to be stingy on this.
- Could be seen as anti-democratic.
- Open to making a genuine effort to see if this works.
- Or maybe Student Court doesn’t work, and it’s time to abolish it.
- So we can leave this to the HR Committee and debate it next time.

Chris Scott:
- Is it true that we can refer anything to Student Court?

Speaker:
- Technically, anything can go to Student Court.
- Re a referendum petition, if Council says the question is unclear, then it has to go to Student Court.

Kathleen Simpson:
- I have concerns about the efficacy and legitimacy of Student Court.
- I fear the Student Court mistake being made over and over again.
- I’d be happy to get rid of Student Court altogether.

Jakob Gattinger:
- The HR Committee has struggled to meet quorum.
- Are we confident this can be done by next Council meeting?

Ava Nasiri:
- We didn’t have quorum at the last meeting, but it was an emergency meeting.
- I think we can pull this off.

Jakob Gattinger:
- If we have to post for ten days …

Ava Nasiri:
- Actually, it’s only five.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Traditionally paid how much?

[Answer seemed to be Tier 3 at 20 hours a week.]

Chris Scott:
- Re filling court for a single issue, that’s not very impartial.
• The question we have now can clearly be answered Yes or No, so we can’t send it to the Court anyway.
• It’s disrespectful to post and interview if we’re not going to hire.

Matt Perzow:
• The question is still unclear and ambiguous, and it’s a pretty difficult reading of the Bylaw to say an ambiguous and unclear question can go forward because you can answer Yes or No.
• For fair process and transparency it’s important to fill these seats.
• This is a serious issue. It outweighs the cost issue and the false hopes of job applicants.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
• Is it fair to say it would cost $18,000 to fill Student Court?

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• Student court bylaws are confusing.
• They refer to rules of procedures of the court: do they exist?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• The rules of procedure of the Court are in Code.

Kathleen Simpson:
• It will be hard to hire; we’ll spend a lot of student dollars and staff time training Court members; and then not be happy with the result.

Guest:
• The Code states that the Court is supposed to be a “standing body that sits all year.”
• Is Council considering this?

Jack Hauen (Ubyssy)
• Would it then exist as an idea or would judges have to be hired?

Speaker:
• Council should have filled it, but didn’t.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• It was filled two years ago but not used.
• It was last used in 2010.

Bradley Balaton:
• If people are worried about the dollars, can we change the funding for them?
• Maybe base pay with extra for cases.

Louis Retief:
• The money isn’t the issue.
22. MOVED SALLY LIN, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNK:

“That the HR Committee be directed to fill the vacant seats on the AMS Student Court.”

... Defeated

For (11): Cameron England, Karianne Howarth, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Elise Mance, Nika Moeini, Ava Nasiri, Brooklyn Rocco, Ian Sapollnik, Kiara Scott, Liam Simpson


Abstained (11): Bradley Balaton, Hannah Carrothers, Rachel Chew, Maria de Fatima Lazo, Daniel Lam, Lorenzo Lindo, Simon Qi, Kathleen Simpson, Dupreez Smith, Samantha So, Gloria Sun

Ava Nasiri:
- Would Council be in an uproar if we posted anyway?

Jakob Gattinger:
- We just passed a motion not to do that.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Actually, we defeated a motion to fill it; not the same thing.

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

Emergency Service – Maria Cirstea and Tom

- We are paramedics.
- Labour issue about ambulances not being an essential service in this province.
- We want them to be declared an essential service so there are no strikes or lockouts.
- Not a union or employer thing: a concerned paramedic thing.
- We want to change the legislation to join Police and Fire in being essential services.
- Arbitration decides for them, preventing disruptions. It’s in the public interest.
- Hoping for your support in getting signatures from students to force a vote on changing the legislation.

Questions
Kathleen Simpson:
- They have to get an incredible number of signatures; could use our support.
- We have already given them space, but could do more: Constituencies could help.
Hannah Carrothers:
  - Do you have to be a Canadian citizen and BC resident to sign?

Maria Cirstea and Tom:
  - Yes, and over 18.
  - And a registered voter.

Daniel Lam:
  - How many people live in Point Grey riding?

Tom:
  - Not sure, but our largest riding requires 4,000 signatures.
  - Need 3,000 to 4,000 signatures.
  - We have a book with a form for each riding.

Jeffrey Pea:
  - When are you hoping to start?

Maria Cirstea:
  - The deadline is April 9 to get on the ballot in May.
  - Looking to set up in the Nest this Monday.
  - We might come to campus more than once.

Tom:
  - If we get enough support it could go straight to legislation without a vote.

Kathleen Simpson:
  - It would be good to spread out across campus.

Liam Simpson:
  - Why is this not an essential service already?

Tom
  - Not sure.
  - We think it’s because BC Ambulance didn’t exist when the legislation was written. Police and Fire are much older.

Karianne Howarth:
  - Do people have to come to you or could we take the form?

Tom:
  - If you register as a canvasser, you can take the form.
  - You can also request a canvasser to come to you.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
  - Can we use Facebook to inform our constituents?

Kathleen Simpson:
  - I can send information out.
23. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

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

... No objections

Ava Nasiri
- How do you become a canvasser?

Maria Cirstea:
- There’s a one page form to send in. It takes two weeks.

Ava Nasiri:
- I encourage each Constituency to have a person become a registered canvasser.
- This is an instance where AMS Council can help a group doing something good for the province as a whole.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Is this an essential service in every other province?

Tom:
- Yes.

Ava Nasiri:
- Maria was actually an AMS Councillor a few years ago.

Hannah Carrothers:
- The fountains would be a great place to canvas.

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

Athletics & Recreation – Louis Retief

[SCD138-17]

24. MOVED BRIAN CHO, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK, THRIDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 9:10 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:57 pm.

25. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

“That time be extended indefinitely.”

... No objections
26. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED JEANNIE MALONE, THIRDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 9:59 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 10:30 pm.

27. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED JAKOB GATTINGER, THIRDED JEANIE MALONE:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

... Defeated

**Athletics & Recreation – Louis Retief**
- Discussion on holding a referendum to create a $25 fee to fund a fitness facility.
- Also to end the old $21 AMS athletics and intramurals fee.
- A straw poll showed support for separating these two questions and also for gathering signatures on a petition to call the referendums.

**U) Submissions:**

- Statement from Logan Presch [SCD139-17]
- Statement prepared by UBC Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights [SCD140-17]

**V) Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: February 8, 2017

**W) Adjournment:**

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 pm.

**X) Social Activity:**

- Pit Night
# January 25, 2017 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 6:08 pm with Armin Rezaiean-Asel in the chair (in the absence of the Speaker).

1. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAKOB GATTINGER:

   “That Council suspend the relevant sections of Code to do with roll call votes.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   … No objections

2. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED AKHIL JOBANPUTRA:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

3. MOVED JENNIFER ZHEN, SECONDED JAMIU ABD-SALAMI:

   “That the agenda be amended as follows:
   • Add a discussion on transit advocacy in discussion period
   • Strike - Elections and Fees presentations
   • Strike - Governance motions 9, 10 & 11
   • Strike - Placeholder from exec
   • Use the updates motion 12.”

   Ava Nasiri:
   • The Transit discussion is urgent.
   • The struck motions are less urgent.
4. **MOVED JENNIFER ZHEN, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:**

   “That the agenda be amended as follows:
   - Add a discussion on transit advocacy in discussion period
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   - Use the updates motion 12.”

   … No objections

5. **MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED AKHIL JOBANPUTRA:**

   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion allowing Councillors to take a taxi home.”

   Veronica Knott:
   - Councillors who live off campus may need to take a taxi because of the snowstorm.

6. **MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED AKHIL JOBANPUTRA:**

   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion allowing Councillors to take a taxi home.”

   … No objections

7. **MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED AKHIL JOBANPUTRA:**

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   … No objections

8. **MOVED ELISE MANCE, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:**

   “That Council invoke Section II, Article 15(2) of Code, the taxi cab rule.”

   … No objections

9. **MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:**

   “That Constituency and Committee reports be struck from the agenda.”

   … No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Sumal Thalagala (Forestry)

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

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

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the ancestral territory of the Musqueam people.

This has been a traditional place of learning and we are honoured to be here.

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

Noah Kussin-Bordo – BDS Referendum
- The referendum is a violation of Code and Bylaws.
- The question is not clear and unambiguous.
- Code also requires that if a contract is to be broken by a referendum, the question must state which contract.

Aaron Latimer – Athletic Fee
- Support the referendum question on the $25 rec fee.
- There’s a need for more rec.
- A new rec centre can bring students together and give them a sense of school pride.
- We had a record-breaking 8,000 students at Homecoming. We are all Thunderbirds.
- A new centre will enhance the physical aspect of campus and attract students wanting to share the Thunderbird tradition.
- Asking Council to endorse the question.

D) Consent Agenda Items

10. MOVED SALLY LIN, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Budget Committee minutes dated November 17, 2016 [SCD141-17]
Budget Committee minutes dated November 24, 2016 [SCD142-17]
Budget Committee minutes dated December 2, 2016 [SCD143-17]
Budget Committee minutes dated January 12, 2017 [SCD144-17]
Advocom minutes dated October 11, 2016 [SCD145-17]
Advocom minutes dated October 27, 2016 [SCD146-17]
AMS Council minutes dated January 11, 2017 [SCD147-17]
Governance Review Implementation Committee dated Nov 30, 2016 [SCD148-17]
Governance Review Implementation Committee dated Jan 13, 2017 [SCD149-17]
Governance Review Implementation Committee dated Jan 23, 2017 [SCD150-17]

... No objections
E) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute period):

Refinancing – Keith Hester, Managing Director [SCD151-17]
- Came to Council a month ago and promised to come back with a final offer, which is: RBC.
- This will mean paying off the loan for the Nest in 19 years instead of 35 years (the time it would take under the UBC loan).
- Originally, as approved by Council in 2010, students contributed $16 million, UBC contributed $25 million, and we took out a loan of $68.3 million.
- The loan was from UBC, and it was secure but expensive: the 5.75% interest rate they set meant we would be paying about $60 million more than we would elsewhere.
- Recently we have explored various options, and were down to two: RBC and Scotiabank.
- They were similar, but RBC was preferable.
- The loan rate will now be 3.05%, resulting in a saving of $62.6 million.
- This means we can pay the loan off faster: 19 years instead of 35.
- The loan will be slightly bigger than the old one, in order to cover the Old SUB renovations.
- We do have to pay a $105,000 negotiating fee upfront and legal fees of $50,000.
- This new loan will be similar to a mortgage: a three-year term, renewable.
- There is a risk that the bank could walk away, but that’s very unlikely unless we’re defaulting or doing other bad stuff.
- This will be a huge saving: future generations won’t have to pay for as long.
- The variable part of the rate could go up, but if we’re a good customer there’s no reason for it to. It could even come down.

Ad Hoc Committee Constituency Relationships – Veronica Knott [SCD152-17]
- Some Constituency Executives don’t see much benefit received from the AMS.
- There’s a lack of unity and accountability, and as a result significant risks.
- There are mechanisms by which Council can influence Constituencies; Council can even change Constituency constitutions and bylaws, but this has not been done recently except at the request of the Constituency.
- There’s a problem with liability over contracts. The Constituencies do their own contracts, but the AMS signs.
- We did consultation with the Constituencies and got 59 responses (mostly from Engineering).
- We also looked at three other schools (Queen’s, U of T, Western), which all have a separate group to do their Constituency liaison.
- Disconnect risks:
  - Financial liability
  - Lack of PR training for Constituencies.
- Recommendations:
  1) Institute mandatory orientations for Constituency executives in April.
  2) Institute orientations for Constituency councils.
  3) The AMS Executive should review the governance relationship between Constituencies and departmental clubs.
  4) A media protocol for Constituencies should be created.
5) Bring back the deleted sections of Code concerning financial oversight for Constituency deficits. If there are big expenses (more than $5,000), they should come to the AMS Budget Committee for review and approval.

6) Institute monthly Presidents’ meetings to get the Constituencies to work together. Constituency updates could be done there instead of at Council meetings.

7) Introduce a reporting metric for Constituencies. There needs to be better oversight by Council of the Constituencies. Twice a year they should submit their reporting metric to Council. There should be a high level review of their budgets.

11. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

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

... No objections

Veronica Knott’s Presentation continued: Recommendations:

8) The Presidents’ Council should ensure integration of Constituency grad councils and first year councils within their Constituencies.

9) AMS communications, marketing, and promotion support should be offered to Constituencies for their events and operations.

10) AMS Bylaw 22 on branch societies should be looked at; it could be a problem if subsidiary organizations try to use it to incorporate separately.

11) Election times should be standardized so everyone is elected at the same time.

- We didn’t include the GSS.

Questions
Ian Sapollnik:
- Was consideration given to putting deadlines on these recommendations?

Veronica Knott:
- Great idea.

Bylaw Changes and Referenda – Marium Hamid et al [SCD153-17]

Marium Hamid:
- Structure of Council:
  - Eliminating the BoG and Senate reps as voting Council members.
  - Raising threshold to 3,000.
  - New Constituencies to be created only for Schools with at least 1% of UBC Vancouver’s total enrolment, though Council could still recognize one with less than 1% if it so chooses.
Jakob Gattinger:
- General Manager becomes Managing Director and has slight change in responsibilities: responsible for all operational aspects of the Society, not just the business side.

Louis Retief:
- Financial/Structural Changes:
  - Budget Committee:
    - Was useless, didn’t provide oversight of departmental spending. Block Party went over budget.
    - Too big a committee.
    - Need to change name. Current one too limiting.
    - Want a finance committee that can provide oversight, deal with surpluses, make reports, monitor accounts, review business performance, oversee investment.
    - Composition: VP Finance and one other Executive, two students at large (one for two-year term, one for one year), three Councillors.
    - This finance committee will be the one body responsible instead of having the Finance Commission, the Budget Committee, and ABBA.
  - Investments:
    - Not making much currently.
    - Proposed change to the Bylaw that is restricting us.
    - This will let Council introduce an investment policy.

Ava Nasiri:
- Art Collection referendum:
  - The 2011 referendum to sell three pieces passed, and nothing happened.
  - This time, instead of a year, we’ll give ourselves until 2020 to sell.
  - The income will go to an endowment.
  - We have a costly collection, expensive to insure, and can only display a few items a year.
  - Out of respect to the art itself, we should put some of our art into a formal collection where it can be seen and taken care of..

12. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

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

… No objections

Ava Nasiri (continued)
- Recreation facility:
  - $5 fee at start of construction, rising to $25, like the New SUB fee.
  - Show support so the Board of Governors will act now.
  - Momentum on this question.
  - Collecting signatures.

Chris Scott:
- SAC Changes:
o Eliminate all instances of SAC in the Bylaws: the Operations Committee is replacing it.
o Staff will be empowered to deal with clubs.
o The VP Admin’s duties changed.
o The SAC Vice-Chair goes. They were a signing officer, so the proposal is to make all five Executives into signing officers (currently only three are).

**Questions**

**Bryan Starick:**
- Why not have both students at large on the Finance Committee serve for two years?

**Louis Retief:**
- We went back and forth on this.
- A graduating student couldn’t stay for two years.
- This way we get the best of both worlds.

**Mackenzie Lockhart**
- What is the process going forward?
- Can Council amend?

**Ava Nasiri:**
- We will circulate draft questions.
- Next Council there will be a series of motions directing the President to add the questions to the ballot.
- They can be omnibused or split.
- Do people want a referendum wording meeting?
- If there are amendments, let’s try to do this through Google docs.

**Brad Balaton:**
- We passed the art referendum, so why do we need a second one?

**Ava Nasiri**
- That one had a one-year timeline, which expired.

**Cameron England:**
- Re representation changes, when will they take effect?

**Jakob Gattinger:**
- The intention is for them to take effect in May of this year.

**Jeanie Malone:**
- What was the rationale for not giving signing authority to all five Executives in the first place?

**Sheldon Goldfarb:**
- VP External was considered external, and in many organizations the President is not a signing officer, so those two were excluded.
Louis Retief:
- It will be quicker this way, with five people signing.

F) Consultation Period

*Entrepreneurship Hub Feasibility Study* [SCD154-17]

Hussam Zbeeb
- Report was circulated.
- Will look for approval at next Council meeting.
- Please read the report.

G) Appointments

**Student Development Awards Adjudication Committee**
Nominees: Armin Rezaian-Asel (Engineering), Namdar Shafiei (Commerce), Nika Moeini (Arts)
*Chosen:* Armin Rezaian-Asel, Namdar Shafiei

**Lighter Footprint Working Group**
Nominee: Hannah Xiao (Science)

**Advocacy Committee**
Nominees: Jamiu Abdalami (Engineering), Kiara Scott (Arts)
*Chosen:* Jamiu Abdalami

**HR Committee**
Nominees: Kiara Scott (Arts), Namdar Shafiei (Commerce)
*Chosen:* Kiara Scott

13. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED BROOKLYN ROCCO:

“Be it resolved that Armin Rezaian-Asel and Namdar Shafiei (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the Student Development Awards Adjudication Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.

Be it further resolved that Hannah Xiao (1 X Councillor) be appointed to the Lighter Footprint Working Group for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.

Note: This committee is expected to meet once a month

Be it further resolved that Jamiu Abdalami (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.”

Be it further resolved that Kiara Scott (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.”

... No objections
J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

**VP Admin – Chris Scott**
- Sustainability – Zero Waste Squad.
- New club applications – 11 new clubs this semester.
- Locker and office applications.
- Arts and Culture events.

**VP External – Kathleen Simpson**
- Provincial elections.
- Lobby trip March 6 and 7 to Victoria about university funding, loan interest rates, student housing rights. Planning with SFU and UVic.
- Affordability and housing.
- Town hall tomorrow on political fundraising in BC.

**VP Finance – Louis Retief**
- Budget reforecast with Keith. We’re in the green, which is good.
- Credit card training.
- Working with the Referendum Coordinator on promotion.

**VP Academic – Samantha So**
- Reviewing policies.
- Residence need for Acadia Park.
- Referendum how to page.
- FAQ on electronic petitions.

**Student Services – Hussam Zbeeb**
- Women’s soccer team signed on to a partnership with Safewalk.
- Services Review report.

H) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

**Ava Nasiri**
- Met with consultants on the University’s strategic plan.
- Sexual Assault Steering Committee still meeting and progressing well.
- Blue and Gold Society launched the referendum question.
- Grad Class Council had a social event last week.
- Comms Manager presented plans for a website overhaul.

**Elections – Max Holmes**
- All-EA meeting today (for election officials from Constituencies): If you are using Simply Voting, you must get in touch with us
- Working on candidates handbook.
- Code changes coming next meeting.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
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- Budgets.
- Installing screens from the Pit in the Atrium.
- Refinancing.

M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

BoG – Veronica Knott
- Policy 93 (on closed meetings).
- International tuition and financial aid. We advocated for financial aid, but learned the main thing is diversity.
- Policy 131 (sexual assault policy).
- Graduate Certificate in Manipulative Therapy: high fee, lab fees. This sort of thing is epidemic.
- Capital projects: the nano housing units over the bus loop.

Senate – Daniel Lam
- Senate meet and greet.

Ombudsperson – Matt Perzow
- Nothing to report.

Sheldon Goldfarb – Historical Update
- The AMS has a long history of paying for recreation and athletic facilities, beginning with a gym in the early 1930’s and then the War Memorial Gym of the late 1940’s and early 1950’s.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

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

M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

14. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, THIRDED BRAD BALATON

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 8:08 pm.
The meeting came out of camera at 8:15 pm.

15. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND: [SCD155-17]

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee AMS Council approve the Nest Refinancing Contract as presented.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

16. MOVED NAMDAR SHAFIEI, SECONDED DIANE NGUYEN:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee AMS Council direct the current and future Executives of the AMS to commence and complete an in-depth review and evaluation of the $21 AMS Athletics and Recreation fee.

Be it further resolved that a public report be compiled and presented no later than the first Council meeting in January 2020.”

Ava Nasiri:
- The Executive has been considering the $21 fee, which is collected by the AMS and depended on by UBC.
- This motion mandates the Executive to review and report by 2020.
- The $21 fee looks bad on us; it looks like our fee, but we actually just hand it over to the University, though we have no obligation to.
- We’re looking into keeping UBC accountable for this; it amounts to $1.1 million a year.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Concerned about the three-year timeline.
- By the end of three years everyone here now will be gone.
- The GSS did this with their proposed referendum, setting it for three years ahead, but the current GSS people don’t remember why it was brought forward. The context has been forgotten.

Ava Nasiri:
- The reason for 2020 is that we didn’t want to rush next year’s Executive.
- Once UBC’s Game Plan is in place, negotiations will begin.
- We’re not sure what the future of our partnerships will be, and it will be difficult to have two conversations at once.

Jakob Gattinger:
- There should be action before 2020.
- Maybe a report in 2018 and then revisited in 2020.

17. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED AKHIL JOBANPUTRA:

“That the motion be amended to change the first due date to 2018 and to add:

Be it further resolved that the public report be updated by the Executive Committee annually till the first Council meeting in January 2020.”

… No objections
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... No objections

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

19. MOVED MARIA DE FATIMA LAZO, SECONDED KIARA SCOTT: [SCD156-17]

From Governance Committee:
“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2016: Fee Changes’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

María de Fátima Lazo:
- From last year’s referendum, the Campus Culture fee.
- It also alters the rules for the Health and Dental fee.
- Codifying what was passed in the referendum.

20. MOVED MARIA DE FATIMA LAZO, SECONDED KIARA SCOTT:

From Governance Committee:
“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2016: Fee Changes’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

21. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED DIANE NGUYEN: [SCD157-17]

From Governance Committee:
“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Grad Class Council’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that the constitution and bylaws of the Graduating Class be abolished, to be replaced by a Grad Class Handbook.”
Note Requires 2/3rds

Ava Nasiri:
- This is an overhaul of the Grad Class Council.
- There used to be an election process following a constitution.
- But it wasn’t followed; there weren’t any elections; Constituencies sent 4th year reps who weren’t necessarily very enthusiastic.
- So we’re proposing a hiring process instead run by the VP Admin and the President.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Will they be volunteers or paid?

Ava Nasiri:
- Volunteers.

Brad Balaton:
- What does this council do?

Veronica Knott:
- Gives out grad class gifts to the University.
- Runs events?

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Why are the positions called chairs? Will they have committees?
- Why did they have a constitution and bylaws historically?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- For decades the Grad Class Council functioned under the AMS as the body that gave gifts to the University, like the fountain in the Old SUB.
- They also did things like tree planting ceremonies.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Still, why are the positions called chairs?

Ava Nasiri:
- There will be committees.
- In the fall we had a meeting. There was lots of interest: 68 people showed up. We structured it, got a list of interested people, started planning events. So a little has been done already.

Chris Scott:
- The SAC vice-chair used to be the one responsible for getting the Grad Class Council going every year.
- I tried in my year and only four people showed up.
- Ava’s way is much better.

Jakob Gattinger:
- There’s a $7 fee for these gifts.
• If the gifts are stupid, the fee should be reduced

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• That can be done by referendum. The current fee was established in 1961 by referendum (reducing a previous $10 fee to $7).

Jakob Gattinger:
• I’d recommend separating out the paid opportunities from the volunteer ones on our website.

22. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED DIANE NGUYEN:

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Note Requires 2/3rds … No objections

23. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED AKHIL JOBANPUTRA: [SCD158-17]

From the Operations Committee
"Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Operations Committee, Council adopt the AMS Policy on Expulsion from AMS Property, as presented.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Policy on Expulsion from the Student Union Building, as revised in February 2012 and January 2017, be rescinded."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Scott:
• After the discussion a couple of weeks ago, this is the updated version as approved by the Operations Committee.
  • Changes:
    o Took out all the examples of behaviour.
    o The Operations Committee will be the body to come up with procedures and details.
    o Applies to all AMS property, not just the Nest.

Jeanie Malone:
• If we want to expel someone from the Engineering Students Centre, how would we do that?

Chris Scott:
• The detailed procedures will explain.
• Everyone will follow the same process.

24. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED AKHIL JOBANPUTRA:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

25. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE: [SCD159-17]

From the Elections Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Elections Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Election Poll Clerks’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes:
• This is a simple change to add something about poll clerks’ impartiality.
• It says that they can’t assist in a campaign.
• If they do, they lose their stipend.

Louis Retief:
• Did you consult HR? Can we withhold a stipend?

Max Holmes:
• I did not consult HR.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Is the stipend an honorarium or an hourly wage?

Max Holmes:
• It has been their wage.

Louis Retief
• We should be very cautious about doing something like this.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• It’s already in Code that they can lose their stipend in certain situations. This is just adding to the list of situations.

Louis Retief:
• It would still be good to consult HR.
Ava Nasiri:
- I think we can pass this tonight because of precedent.
- We would definitely consult HR if there is a decision to be made.
- Is this just for the two poll clerks on the Elections Committee or all poll clerks?

Max Holmes:
- It’s for all poll clerks, and they’ll be told when hired.

26. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE:

**From the Elections Committee**

“That Council adopt the report of the Elections Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Election Poll Clerks’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

27. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE, THIRDED SAMANTHA SO:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

*The meeting went in camera at 8:55 pm.*

*The meeting left the in camera session at 10:05 pm.*

28. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIEI:

“Be it resolved that the time for the Council meeting be extended indefinitely.”

Be it further resolved that the next Council meeting be held in a location outside of Council Chambers.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

29. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, THIRDED JAKOB GATTINGER:

“That Council go in camera.”

*Council went in camera at 10:10 pm.*

*Council left the in camera session at 10:55 pm.*

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

Personnel Matter
Transit advocacy

U) Submissions:

   E-Hub Feasibility Report

V) Next Meeting:

   Next Meeting: February 15, 2017

W) Adjournment:

   There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 pm.

X) Social Activity:

   Pit Night
## February 8, 2017 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: Jack Hauen (Ubyssey), Samantha McCabe (Ubyssey), Moira Wyton (Ubyssey), Logan Presch (Student at Large), Oliver Zhang (Ubyssey), Joe Stevens (UBC Rec Intramurals), Christina Bell (UBC Rec), Reed Eaglesham (UBC Rec & Intramurals), Emma Griggs (UBC Rec), Ashley Buat (UBC Rec), Kariana Shahbahrani (AMS Foodbank), Jay Singh (AMS eHub), Josh Kriesel (AMS eHub), Ludzi Bokete (African Business Club), Nicolas Gaulin (member at large), Robyn Willmer (UBC Rec), Lauren La Prairie (UBC Rec), Carolina Ambregiano (UBC Rec), Jonathan Brown (Chem Bio Eng and Rec), Keegan Zanatta (UBC Thunderbird Athletic Council), Susan Thompson (UBC Thunderbird Athletic Council), Erin Stamp (UBC Thunderbird Athletic Council), Stephanie Serka (UBC Swimming), Jordan Buffie (SPHR), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Kris Anderson (AMS Communications Manager), Marium Hamid (Executive Projects Assistant), Gus Crowards (Sustainability Projects Coordinator), Max Holmes (Elections Administrator), Keith Hester (Managing 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 6:15 pm.

1. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED BRIAN CHO:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

“That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Replace the Art Gallery question with the updated version
- Strike Committee and Constituency Reports
- Strike BoG and Senate updates.”

... No objections

3. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED BRIAN CHO:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried


Against (1): Veronica Knott

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart
B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members:

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

Goodbyes: Aaron Bailey, Richard Jaques

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

- The meeting is taking place on the unceded traditional and ancestral land of the Musqueam people. Learning happened here long before the University. We are privileged to be here.
- Let’s be mindful of time limits.

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

**Jordan Buffie (President of Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights)**
- Urge Council to deliberate on the BDS question.
- Council decided not to refer the question to Student Court in 2014 [actually 2015], the last time it went to referendum.
- We submitted over 1,000 signatures.
- Council’s own precedent is that Council referred this to AMS Legal on the issue of whether the question was binding and ambiguous, and AMS Legal determined that it was not ambiguous and did not bind the AMS to take any specific action.

**Ava Nasiri:**
- If this is submitted with the correct number signatures, will it go straight to referendum?

**Sheldon Goldfarb:**
- Yes. If there are 1,000 valid signatures, it goes to referendum. Council doesn’t have to do anything.

**Logan Presch**
- We believe the BDS question violates AMS Bylaws and goes against the BC Societies Act.
- Will Council send this to Student Court?

**Mackenzie Lockhart:**
- Can Council act now?

**Speaker:**
- The VP Academic will report to Council.

**Lauren La Prairie - Athletics**
- 1200 students have signed a petition for the building of a new fitness facility.
• There will be a $25 fee.
• This is important because 30,000 students need the facility.
• Our campus facilities are at over-saturation; 90% of them are at capacity.
• 65 teams are waitlisted every year.

Ava Nasiri:
• A motion to endorse this is on the agenda tonight.
• We’ve heard from the students: we’ve got to get this done.

E) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED JEFFREY PEA, SECONDED JAKOB GATTINGER:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated January 25, 2017

... Carried


Abstained: Mark Bancroft (proxy for Armin Rezaian-Asel)

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

Website Upgrade – Kris Anderson

• When I started working here, improving the website was identified to me as one of the main things needed.
• The Budget Committee has approved the funding.
• Emphasis/Aims:
  o Making it easier to finding information on the website.
  o Usability.
  o More pictures of students.
  o A working calendar of events so people can find out what’s going on.
  o Making the site mobile friendly.
• Staying with Wordpress; it’s standard at UBC.
• Going with iContext. We’ve used them; they understand AMS and UBC, and are offering a good price.
• We did look at other places.
• Hope to implement in April.
• Cost $45,000.
Questions
Bradley Balaton:
• Is Wordpress easy to use?

Kris Anderson:
• No, but it’s the standard; people use it.

Jennifer Zhen:
• Are you sending out RFP’s?

Kris Anderson:
• We did that in the early fall.
• I decided to stay with iContext because of the cost and familiarity.

Jeffrey Pea:
• Is there a budget breakdown?

The Speaker:
• It’s in the proposal that was sent out.

5. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

From the Executive Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the expenditure of $45,000 out of the Capital Projects Fund for a new website for the AMS.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The balance in the Capital Projects Fund is approximately $1.9 million.

… Carried


Abstained: Jamiu Abdsalami, Bradley Balaton, María de Fátima Lazo, Cameron England, Mitchell Ferreria, Akhil Jobanputra (proxy for Elise Mance), Gloria Sun, Jennifer Zhen

Ava Nasiri:
• Is there a requirement that people vote rather than abstaining?
• I’ve been noticing a trend towards more abstentions.

The Speaker:
• Robert’s Rules simply says what an abstention is.
• Councillors have a right to abstain on any issue.
• Could be a discussion topic: reasons for abstaining.
**Budget Reforecast 2016-2017 - Louis Retief**

What changed?
- Business revenue: collected money from Merit Travel.

What changed in the President’s budget?
- Staff appreciation and time capsule ceremony added.

Who decreased their photocopying costs?
- Student Services.

Which two departments cut the most expenses in this reforecast?
- Events and Services.

Which committees decreased their expenses?
- All of them.

How much sponsorship money did we get for First Week?
- $95,300

What is our predicted surplus?
- $561,000

- All departments were asked to reforecast.
- Business revenues increased.
- Total income is up.
- Expenditures mainly decreased.
- All departments have done really well.
- Some increased expenses:
  - Welcome Back Barbecue: band cost more than expected.
  - FarmAde.
  - Executive Committee: spent on Faculty Cup.
  - Elections: increased to improve elections and referendums.
- We’re on a good track.

**Questions**

Maria de Fátima Lazo:
- What happened with Merit Travel lawsuit?

Speaker:
- It was Travelcuts, not Merit.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Block Party ticket revenue – why the increase?

Louis Retief:
- More ticket sales because more excitement this year.
Jakob Gattinger:
- What was the extra $25,000 SASC Grant for?

Louis Retief:
- Hosting a conference.

Bradley Balaton:
- A $500,000 surplus sounds large: How does it compare to the past?

Louis Retief:
- We haven’t had one in a while.

Ava Nasiri:
- Block Party revenue up because Asad in Events put in lots of effort and we had competitive pricing.
- There is an administrative deficit, actually, because of interest on the New SUB loan and the timing of when this building opened and when we collected fees. But it’s not an operating deficit. Nothing to worry about.

Mark Bancroft:
- What is an administrative deficit?

Keith Hester:
- We carry a $1.5 million deficit relating to this building.
- We paid $5.7 million to the University last fall on the Nest.
- With the refinancing this cost will come down.
- The deficit will go soon.

6. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON: [SCD163-17]

From the Budget Committee

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Louis Retief:
- We’ve cut expenses and had great business revenue.
- It’s good to do this second budget presentation.

Veronica Knott
- Councillors who are going to abstain should say why or people will think you didn’t read the budget.

Jeffrey Pea:
- Ava, where is the time capsule

Ava Nasiri:
- Buried.
7. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

From the Budget Committee

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried


Abstained: Veronica Knott

Elections – Max Holmes

- Dates remain the same.
- February 17 nomination deadline.
- Three events:
  - Coffee with Candidates.
  - Political Pit Night.
  - Results Party (you need a ticket).
- Three debates:
  - Two by the Debate Society.
  - One by the Ubyssey.
- New rules:
  - Conflict of interest.
  - Order of referendums.
  - Signing of handbook by candidates (to acknowledge having read the rules).
  - Conflict of interest rules for candidates and Election Committee members:
    - No buying or offering Committee members anything.
    - No public interactions if in conflict.
    - If there is a conflict (a relationship between a candidate and a Committee member), there can be no communication without someone else present, and the Committee member must abstain from voting on punishments for that candidate.
  - Volunteers: Candidates must give a full list of their volunteers to the Elections Committee so the whole campaign committee can be notified about violations, announcements.
- Adding two new Committee members:
  - Was worried that a conflict of interest might in effect reduce to one the number of Committee members deciding some issues.
  - This will bring the total number of members up to 5, from 3.
• Endorsements:
  o Dropped the odd rule that candidates can’t endorse in front of groups of more than three.
  o But you cannot endorse a group: outsiders can produce lists of candidates they support, but candidates shouldn’t.

• New rules on candidates campaigning for two positions:
  o They can get one and a half times the spending limit and reimbursement amount; not double.
  o In past they had to have separate posters. Now they can campaign for two positions on the same poster.

• Referendum order: there’s no rule in Code. This time the order will be:
  1) Bylaw changes.
  2) Fee changes.
  3) Others.
  o Within those categories, the questions will be listed in the order they were submitted.
  o We recommend that this be addressed more permanently.

• Need every Councillor to vote on the first day. In the past, especially with Affiliates, there have been problems. Let me know if there are problems.

Questions
Mackenzie Lockhart asked for clarification about the endorsement rule.

Max Holmes:
  • A candidate can’t endorse a group. Others can.
  • The old rule was that a candidate could not make the endorsement in public, but we’re removing that.
  • There used to be pseudo-slates done in the back room. There was debate on this five years ago which concluded by saying we may as well have endorsements out in the open.

Ava Nasiri:
  • I am vehemently opposed to this rule change.
  • We avoid a lot of problems because we don’t do public endorsements.
  • I think this would be quite detrimental. Is it necessary?
  • You might end up working with someone who endorsed your opponent.
  • It would hurt team dynamics.

8. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED KATHLEEN SIMPSON:

“That the time for questions be extended 10 minutes.”

… No objections

Max Holmes:
  • Code says you have to be allowed to endorse people.
  • The 3 people rule made no sense.
  • I would be okay with no endorsements at all, but it is in Code.

Jeffrey Pea:
  • How would you enforce this rule against endorsing a group?
• You could endorse a different person every day.

Max Holmes:
• That would be okay, but you won’t be allowed to produce a list of your endorsements.

Ava Nasiri:
• Are you comfortable with staying with the three-person status quo for this year?

Max Holmes:
• It directly goes against Code. Code says candidates can endorse.

Kathleen Simpson
• Endorsing is a way to express opinions to friends, but should not be used for slating.

Max Holmes:
• In debate five years ago Council decided that candidates should be allowed to endorse as others do.

Mark Bancroft:
• What if we suspended that section of Code? Would you support that?

Max Holmes
• I would change the handbook to say candidates cannot endorse.

Gus Crowards:
• Do you think this rule risks making endorsements a bigger part of campaigns?

Max Holmes:
• Endorsements are already a big part of elections.
• I’d recommend getting rid of endorsements, but it’s so close to the elections.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
• Under the new rule candidates could coordinate to endorse each other.

Max Holmes:
• If someone was working with others, that would be slate-like behaviour.

9. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

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

… No objections

Services Review – Hussam Zbeeb

General
• Last review 2013.
• Carried out by Services Review Planning Group, a subset of the Student Life Committee.
• Recommendations:
o Have a review done every three years by the part-time student staff members.
o Streamline referrals between services.

Safewalk
• In 2013 the focus was on the high cost per transaction.
• After the sexual assaults later in 2013 (and again in 2015) there was an uptake in use.
• Switched to vehicle only, but now going to use only one vehicle and reintroduce walking to counteract misuse of the service.

Advocacy
• Should tailor the service according to the time of year.
• Should make an annual report on systemic issues.

Volunteer Avenue
• End it. It overlaps with what UBC offers, except for the coaching and volunteer fairs it offered.
• UBC could take over those services. We should work with UBC.

VICE
• Just launched. I’ll report on it in April.
• We will now have three peer support services: maybe we should consolidate.

Food Bank
• Bursaries for food purchases.
• Increase accessibility
• Expand hours and days of operation

10. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

“That time be extended indefinitely.”

… No objections

Speakeasy
• Mental health support.
• Great potential, but uptake low.
• Maybe increase number of drop-ins allowed.
• Expand outreach, relocate front desk.
• Should lobby the University for improved counselling at Counselling Services.

Housing Support
• None. No centralized service currently.
• Recommendation: Produce an off-campus housing guide.

Textbook service
• Not feasible.

Career Support Services
• The University offers this, but it’s not publicized well. Should lobby for that.
Questions
Jakob Gattinger:
- Re advocating to the University, how will you do this?
- Can we revisit the Services logos?

Hussam Zbeeb:
- 100% with you on rebranding.
- As to advocacy, it’s my job to set up a system.

Sally Lin:
- About rebranding: We now have an Advocacy Committee and an Advocacy Service. It could cause confusion.

Hussam Zbeeb:
- Yes, differentiating between bodies with similar names is an issue.

Entrepreneurship Hub – Hussam Zbeeb and Jay Singh

- Following up after November’s presentation.
- Why should it be the AMS that does this?
  - Our services are to help students prepare for the future, and that’s what this would do.
- People think entrepreneurship is just about creating business, but it’s not just that.
- e@ubc (the University’s service) does not focus on students.
- UBC’s CSI&C has nowhere to send students for entrepreneurship. We could be the place they send to.
- Half of students surveyed thought entrepreneurship was important and saw gaps at UBC.
- We could just lobby the University for a service, but they’ve tried initiatives and not been successful.
- We would be supporting the first 15% of students’ entrepreneurship journey.
- We would have community events, peer to peer consults, then workshops.
- Finances: $20,000 a year in expenses. May receive outside funding, so net cost would be $14,000.
- Only one paid position: a coordinator.
- We’ve been doing research for the past five months to see if this is feasible. Now we’re ready to press Start.

Questions
Jakob Gattinger:
- What percentage of anything launched from this will be taken by the AMS?

Jay Singh:
- Zero. This is consulting and advice. We’re not looking to it to make money.

Mark Bancroft:
- Rubrics to track success – how will we know it’s working?
Jay Singh:
- Engagement.
- Attendance at events.
- Cost per interaction.

Nika Moeini:
- How leverage or help business clubs?

Jay Singh:
- We will bring club leaders together, share resources. Princeton does that through their e.club.

Mark Bancroft:
- Do you have methods to track success? Numbers?

Jay Singh:
- Not determined yet.

Jeanie Malone:
- What is the interest level from students?

Jay Singh:
- Difficult to quantify.
- e@ubc currently sends students away; when this launches, they will send them to us.
- CSI&C will also send students to us
- The interest is there from many groups.

Hussam Zbeeb:
- This isn’t just for business students.

11. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

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

… No objections

Akhil Jobanputra:
- How do you plan on marketing this to other students? Lots will assume it’s for Sauder only.

Jay Singh:
- A lot will be done with undergraduate societies.
- It’s certainly a question, the marketing of it to Arts, LFS, Science.
- But there are skill sets that can be used beyond business.

Gus Crowards:
- e@UBC may be shutting down its student facing part.

Jay Singh:
- They haven’t done what they wanted to do, not getting to students.
• They focus on research projects.
• Our eHub will go underneath.
• They are interested in working with us because they know we have better connections to students.

Ryan Kamimura:
• Why AMS?

Hussam Zbeeb:
• Their focus is on incubation, after a business plan is developed; that limits the scope of serving students.
• We will be doing something different.

Jay Singh:
• But we will be closely connected to UBC.

12. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

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

… No objections

Jamiu Abdsalami:
• Will there be an agreement with e@ubc?

Jay Singh and Hussam Zbeeb:
• We don’t have anything legally binding yet, but there definitely will be an MoU.

Gus Crowards:
• What is your sponsorship and will this create a bias?

Louis Retief:
• Sponsorship opportunities are endless.

Gus Crowards:
• I agree that there is a lot of potential, but the sponsorship may bias the students and who applies.

Hussam Zbeeb:
• It’s a complex and nuanced thing. Have to be cognizant of ethics and morals in general concerning sponsorship.

Daud Akhtar:
• Ideas about how it could grow?

Jay Singh:
• Lots of areas in the city.

Brooklyn Rocco:
• Have you looked at working with Alumni?
Jay Singh:
- We’re thinking about grad students.

Hussam Zbeeb:
- Alumni is a great idea.

G) Consultation Period

Financial Transparency – Louis Retief

- Budget Committee has worked on this.
- Looking to restructure the Budget Committee and ensure financial stability.
- Looking at a new budgetary timeline with quarterly updates, like tonight’s reforecast: not just once or twice a year, but quarterly.
- Also looking for some oversight over funds: currently no one is tracking their spending.
- Code on this is outdated.
- Hoping for Bylaw changes on investment.
- Looking to create a Funds Committee and an IT Committee, both overseen by a new Finance Committee.

Discussion

Cameron England:
- I’m in support of this policy: students like to know where their finances are going.
- Will the quarterly report be posted on the website?

Louis Retief:
- My goal is first to bring it to Council and then make it public.

Kathleen Simpson:
- How much staff time will this require?

Louis Retief:
- If proper procedures are put in place, not much extra. It’s just coordination.

Ava Nasiri:
- Will we hold a Special General Meeting?

Louis
- Thinking of March. Will keep you posted.

H) Appointments

13. MOVED __________________ ,  SECONDED __________________________

“That Kiara Scott (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.”
“That Cameron England (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the HR Committee effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.”

Motions declared out of order because the vacancies thought to exist on these committees actually do not.

I) **President’s Remarks (5 minutes):**

Ava Nasiri:
- Please stop abstaining.

J) **Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):**

**Samantha So – VP Academic**
- Constituencies can send in questions for the Academic Experience Survey.
- Impact Grants.
- Checking referendum signatures: still validating the BDS petition.

**Kathleen Simpson – VP External**
- The UNA is looking at a bylaw change to remove students from their board.
- U-Pass Advisory Committee meeting on Monday.

Jakob Gattinger
- What’s the plan of action about the UNA?

Kathleen Simpson:
- 20% of UNA members are actually students. We should be involved. They’re probably not voting on this till September.

Samantha So:
- Why are they removing the students?

Kathleen Simpson:
- As the residents don’t elect the student members, it’s seen as undemocratic: the non-elected students and UBC representatives can sway a vote.

**Louis Retief – VP Finance**
- Disappointed that no one read the budget.
- It’s one of the most important things we do.

**VP Admin – Chris Scott**
- All Presidents Dinner tomorrow.
- Message to the clubs: Order Nest pizza, not Domino’s.
- Club elections.
- Sustainability creating green wall.
- Plans for design of signs on Knoll saying AMS Nest: a Grad Class gift.
- Old SUB renovations delayed (till December) by the removal of hazardous materials.
Jamiu Abdsalami:
- What stage are we at with Campus Vibe?

Chris Scott:
- 300 clubs have signed up. By March we expect all 400.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Who bears the cost of overruns for Old SUB renewal?

Chris Scott:
- We bear the full cost for AMS-retained space.

Keith Hester
- Michael Kingsmill has been a pit bull to make sure the University pays their share.

Keith Hester – Managing Director
- Block Party: 2,000 tickets sold so far, which is fantastic.
- Line-up being released on Friday.
- Working on the paperwork for the Nest refinancing.
- Met with insurance brokers today: may get a reduction in insurance, especially if the art sale happens.
- Reforecasting budgets
  Jakob Gattinger:
  - Re art collection sale: why three pieces?

Keith Hester:
- Actually, it’s four and they are worth half the value of the collection.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:
O) Executive Committee Motions:

14. MOVED MARÍA DE FÁTIMA LAZO, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee Council add a statement in the Bylaw amendment package 2017 to remove Bylaw 22 (Branch Societies) from the Bylaws of the Society.”

María de Fátima Lazo:
- Branch societies have been removed from the new Societies Act.
- This also means that the item in the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Constituency Relations about Branch Societies is not needed. There is no longer such a thing as Branch Societies in British Columbia.

15. MOVED MARÍA DE FÁTIMA LAZO, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

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... No objections
The note to the Art Sale question had already been changed by the adoption of the revision to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. The note originally read:

“Note: Proceeds from sale will fund the creation of an AMS Arts Endowment Fund, which will create a sustainable source of funding for the Hatch Art Gallery. The 72 piece collection is currently valued at approximately $4 million.”

This became:

“Note: Proceeds from sale will go directly into the AMS endowment and the interest generated from the balance of the endowment that is attributed to the sale of the AMS Permanent collection which will create a sustainable source of funding for programming and initiatives through the Hatch Art Gallery. The 72 piece collection is currently valued at approximately $4 million.”

16. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 6-10 on the following questions:

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Ava Nasiri:
- We did our best to circulate this to Councillors to give you a chance to deliberate and comment on the omnibused motion.

17. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“That the Art Sale motion be amended by striking the word and number 3 and replacing it with 4.”

... No objections

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of funding for programming and initiatives through the Hatch Art Gallery. The 72 piece collection is currently valued at approximately $4 million.”

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Question 2 was brought by petition, so why is it here?
- More importantly, I want to speak against the change in Council composition, reducing the number of Councillors by increasing the threshold for additional seats from 1,500 students in a Constituency to 3,000.
- I’m opposed on grounds of representation.
- We should reflect on how this would affect Council.
- This will reduce the representation of groups not usually represented; it’s a lot easier to win if there are more seats available.
- And this is not in the interest of grad students, who already feel under-represented.
- Grad students are not sure what the AMS does for them. They can’t identify with Council.
- Grad students will see their representation reduced from one-fifth of Council to one-tenth.
- And it’s being done in an arbitrary way: small Constituencies will continue to have their one seat. It’s a shift in representation.

Jakob Gattinger:
- We’ve been conducting the governance review for a year and a half.
- We brought proposals to Council four times.
- There’s been extensive consultation.
- One of the things we heard was a desire to maintain existing representation for the smaller Constituencies; they don’t want to consolidate their seats.
- But there was support for reducing Council size by changing the threshold.
- This was a proposal from MNP (the external consultants). They identified systemic dysfunction in the size of Council: it’s too large, they said.
- We introduced Officers of Council to represent folks who are marginalized.

Kathleen Simpson:
- I’m surprised this is coming up now.
- This is why Council should be reduced: there are so many people at Council it reduces the communication.

Sally Lin:
- On why the building fee question is here even though it was done by petition: the petition was just done to draw attention. The question began as an AMS referendum.
- On Council size, I support Jakob. The quality of our work falls because there are so many people. A smaller team will lead to more focus and better work.

Louis Retief:
- Orientation will be easier with a smaller group.
- There will be more accountability. With less people, more will feel invested.
- On the athletics fee, it was supposed to come from the AMS; the petition was just to increase promotion and in case the motion was not passed by Council.
• On the art sale question, the note was changed to avoid creating a new endowment fund, which would be complicated.

Daud Akhtar:
• Will upper year medical students have to pay the new fee? It says “all UBC Vancouver students.”

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• Medical students in third and fourth year don’t pay AMS fees, so they should be exempt from this fee as they are from all AMS fees.

Louis Retief:
• They would pay only if they opt in.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• Should it say AMS members instead of UBC Vancouver students, to include the students at the affiliated colleges?

Louis Retief:
• This is meant to include everyone at UBC Vancouver, just excluding those at UBC Okanagan.

Ava Nasiri:
• We didn’t want to say AMS members because under the new Societies Act members can opt out of membership.

The Speaker:
• “UBC Vancouver students” in this case refers to a geographical location, meaning students on campus, including those at the Affiliates.

Bradley Balaton:
• I wish to have a separate vote on Question 1.

The Speaker:
• Question 1 will be voted on separately.

Brooklyn Rocco:
• If Council representation does get cut, what happens then?
• How would this affect our elections?

Ava Nasiri:
• At our All Presidents meeting it was agreed that all the Constituency elections would happen in the last two weeks in March.

The Speaker:
• There are October-November elections too.

Ava Nasiri:
• There could be shortened terms.
Brooklyn Rocco:
- In Arts, for us to be cut, it will be beneficial to be elected at the same time.
- A shortened term would take away from the meaning and integrity of the position.

Jeanie Malone:
- This will be a one-time reset.
- It will be messy once, but just once.

Jakob Gattinger:
- This is a potentially exciting time.
- The Bylaw package will modernize the Society.
- The SAC changes will make our club system more efficient.
- We’ll be able to change our investments to make more money.
- I think the members will benefit from these changes.
- In the past the Bylaws were too prescriptive.

Daud Akhtar:
- When the consultation process started, Constituencies provided input.
- I’m concerned about the effect on our reputation.
- Was there a proper consultation? Was it unduly influenced by some Constituencies?

Jakob Gattinger:
- The consultation led to changes in our proposals.
- We dropped the idea of consolidating Constituencies; there was strong opposition to that.
- But when asked about the change to the threshold for additional seats, there was support for that.
- Also support for removing the Board and Senate reps.

19. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED SALLY LIN:

“That the Council representation question threshold in the Bylaw amendment package be amended to change the number from 3,000 back to 1,500.”

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- My issue is not with the reduction of Council size. My issue is with the way Council is being reduced.
- This will not be an accurate way of representing students.
- If you ask the current representatives of the small Constituencies, of course they will say yes to this, but students at large may not.
- I tried to comment on the Google document, but couldn’t do more than comment on the question, not the package.
- I feel this Council meeting is the place to discuss this.

Veronica Knott:
- I’ve been on Council for three years now.
- We’ve had this discussion, done surveys, consultations, looked at pretty much every solution, and come up with the only democratic, fair solution.
- We’ve done presentations on this.
- We are now at the moment of putting this through.
- It’s disrespectful to the people who did the consultation, saying it wasn’t good enough.

The Speaker:
- I enjoy the heated debate; that is what Council is for.
- I would like to calm it down now.
- I’ve heard terms like respectful and disrespectful. We’re supposed to work in goodwill, promoting unity.
- I encourage you to remember that in debate.

20. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIEI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

For (22): Jamiu Abdsalami, Samantha So, Bradley Balaton, Sumal Thalagala, Suyesha Dutta (proxy for Alyana Anderson-Maclsaac), Jakob Gattinger, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Jeannie Malone, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Louis Retief, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Armin Rezaiean-Asel), Brooklyn Rocco, Chris Scott, Kiara Scott, Namdar Shafiei, Kathleen Simpson, Liam Simpson, Gloria Sun, Hannah Xiao

Against (1): Mackenzie Lockhart

Abstained: Daniel Gao

21. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED SALLY LIN:

“That the Council representation question threshold in the Bylaw amendment package be amended to change the number from 3,000 back to 1,500.”

… Defeated

For (1): Mackenzie Lockhart


Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Daniel Gao
22. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the question be called on the main motions.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried unanimously

For (26): Daud Akhtar, Samantha So, Bradley Balaton, Sumal Thalagala, María de Fátima Lazo, Cameron England, Daniel Gao, Jakob Gattinger, Ryan Kamimura, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Louis Retief, Mark Bancroft (proxy for Armin Rezaiean-Asel), Brooklyn Rocco, Chris Scott, Kiara Scott, Namdar Shafiei, Kathleen Simpson, Liam Simpson, Gloria Sun, Hannah Xiao, Jennifer Zhen

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… Carried

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Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

24. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

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financing obligations for the student fitness and recreation building.
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demonstrating need to apply for a refund of The Fee.
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negotiate with the University to secure as many funds from UBC as
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of funding for programming and initiatives through the Hatch Art Gallery. The
72 piece collection is currently valued at approximately $4 million.”

… Carried unanimously

For (28): Jamiu Abdsalami, Daud Akhtar, Samantha So, Sumal Thalagala, María
de Fátima Lazo, Suyesha Dutta (proxy for Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac),
Cameron England, Daniel Gao, Jakob Gattinger, Ryan Kamimura, Daniel Lam,
Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeanie Malone, Akhil Jobanputra (proxy for
Elise Mance), Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Louis Retief, Mark Bancroft (proxy for
Armin Rezaiean-Asel), Brooklyn Rocco, Chris Scott, Kiara Scott, Namdar
Shafiei, Kathleen Simpson, Liam Simpson, Gloria Sun, Hannah Xiao, Jennifer
Zhen

25. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED HANNAH XIAO:

“Be it resolved that Council adopt a Yes position in support of the Bylaw amendment
package referendum question.

“Be it further resolved that Council adopt a Yes position in support of the graduated
fee for a Student Fitness and Recreation building referendum question.”

“Be it further resolved that Council adopt a Yes position in support of the Art Sale
referendum question.”

Ava Nasiri:
• The Bylaw amendments have come from within the AMS after deliberate
thought and effort.
• We put them all together in one package, which we thought would be more
palatable than putting a billion things on the ballot.
• For the Rec Fee, the Executive team has been figuring out the logistics since
our first day in office. It will be exciting if Council endorses it: that would
mean we can rely on the Referendum team, the Events team, and the
Communications Department to encourage students to do what is in their
best interests.
- On the Art Sale question, no other group is the champion, so we have to step forward. Can go full steam ahead with the campaign.

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“Be it further resolved that Council adopt a Yes position in support of the Art Sale referendum question.”

… No objections

27. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That time be extended indefinitely.”

… No objections

28. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIEI:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the Entrepreneurship Hub Service.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Hussam Zbeebe:
- You heard the presentation.
- This will provide an excellent opportunity for students.

29. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED MARÍA DE FÁTIMA LAZO:

“That the motion be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that the Student Services Manager provide an update to Council on the delivery of sponsorships and performance metrics at the last Council meeting in April 2017.”

Jakob Gattinger:
- This will aid in transition.

Bradley Balaton:
- This might be too short a time frame.

Jakob Gattinger:
- There may actually not be a sponsor by then, but if the update is delayed till later, it would be the next Student Services Manager and Entrepreneurship team that would have to report. That would add complications.
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P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

32. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the HR Committee

“That Urvi Sardesai and Mary Agoncillo be appointed to the Elections Committee for a period effective February 15, 2017 and ending March 31, 2017.”

Ava Nasiri:

• These are poll clerks being appointed to the Elections Committee.

Mark Bancroft:

• Do we know if these people have potential conflicts of interest?
Max Holmes:
  •  One has none. One has some, but not the same as the other two with conflicts.

33. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

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… No objections

34. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:  [SCD168-17]

From the Elections Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Elections Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Poll Clerks 2’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes:
  •  Louis was right. I took this to HR. We can’t take away people’s pay.
  •  Still keeping the part saying they can’t work on people’s campaigns.

Louis Retief:
  •  Told you so.

35. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

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Note Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

36. MOVED NAMDAR SHAFIEI, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

From the HR Committee
“That on the recommendation of the HR Committee the hours for the Elections Administrator be increased from 20 to 30 hours per week.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The EA has agreed to this increase.

Ava Nasiri:
  •  We hired an EA in the fall.
  •  Student Housing said he worked for them and would be in conflict if he became our EA, so he resigned.
  •  Max came on, didn’t start till late in the game, and there has been a lot to do in a short period of time.
• It’s a little bit retroactive: the HR Committee had quorum issues, so this came to Council a bit late.
• Want it to be effective as of two weeks ago.

37. MOVED MARÍA DE FÁTIMA LAZO, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

“That the motion be amended to say the increase will be effective as of February 3.”

… No objections

Ava Nasiri:
• There will be no budgetary impact because the position was empty for so long.

Mark Bancroft:
• When does the term end?

Ava Nasiri:
• We amended it last time to be mid-April.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The EA has agreed to this increase.

… No objections

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

Slates 2017
The Speaker:
• Surprised we have this Code allowing candidates to endorse each other. That seems like slating, but the Code outlaws slating.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
• If Council suspends Code tonight, would the Elections Team be okay with what was done last year (allowing endorsements in private, but not in front of groups of more than three)?

Max Holmes:
• If Council suspends Code, the Elections Team would then determine what constitutes slate-like behaviour.
• I don’t think we should continue what was done last year. It makes no sense to interpret Code that way.
39. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

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

… No objections

40. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend Code Section IX A, Article 2(15) until the first Council meeting after the close of the 2017 AMS general elections.

Be it further resolved that the Elections Committee and the Governance Committee provide recommendations for Code changes regarding candidate endorsements.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mark Bancroft:
• This allows the Elections Committee time to deal with slates.

Bradley Balaton:
• What’s slating?

The Speaker:
• A team running together.
• It’s defined in our Code.

Bradley Balaton:
• Should we add something to say endorsements are not allowed by candidates?

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried


Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Daniel Lam

Jakob Gattinger declared a conflict of interest
Additional Speaker's Business:
The Speaker:
- It is my duty to remind you of your obligation to take part in debate and to tell you what being in camera means.
- You are not to discuss matters discussed in camera outside Council. That’s a grievous violation of your fiduciary duty.
- You are bound by law to keep confidential matters confidential.

Ava Nasiri:
- We are legally liable if we share information outside Council.
- This can cost us thousands of dollars in legal fees.

BDS Referendum
Ava Nasiri:
- We received a letter about the BDS referendum, saying we are at risk for violating the Societies Act if we conduct this referendum.
- We have not heard back from our legal counsel on this matter.
- We have not received 1,000 signatures.
- If needed for an emergency Council meeting next week (during Reading Week), are people available?
- (Most Councillors said yes.)

U) Submissions:
- Icontext development process [SCD169-17]
- Icontext Scope Summary [SCD170-17]
- Icontext timeline [SCD171-17]
- Bylaw amendment package [SCD172-17]
- Summary of Bylaw changes [SCD173-17]
- Bylaw Changes – Investment Policy [SCD174-17]
- Bylaw Changes – SAC Budget Committee [SCD175-17]

V) Next Meeting:
Next Meeting: March 1, 2017

W) Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 pm.

X) Social Activity:
- Pit Night
# February 15, 2017 Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Max Holmes (AMS Elections Administrator), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Marium Hamid (AMS Governance), David (Observer), Sruthi Tadepalli (Ubyssey), Dario Garousian (member at large), Liam Reeve (student), Sophia Haque (studentcare), Bahareh Jokar (studentcare), Keith Hester (Managing 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 6:10 pm.

1. MOVED AKHIL JOBANPUTRA, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a Student Services motion.”

… No objections

3. MOVED AKHIL JOBANPUTRA, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

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

Welcome to our new Members:


Goodbyes: Harry Li (GSS), Arielle Brown (Nursing)
C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

- The Speaker acknowledged our presence on the unceded and traditional land of the Musqueam people, adding that this land was a traditional place of learning and saying we are privileged to be here: living, working and learning on these territories.

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

E) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED BRIAN CHO, SECONDED DANIEL LAM: [SCD176-17]

   “That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

   AMS Council minutes dated April 27, 2016

   … Carried

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

   **AMS Health & Dental presentation – Sophia Haque, Bahareh Jokar** [SCD177-17]

   - Over $7.8 million in health and dental claims.
   - Over 40,500 students enrolled.
   - Over 550 dependants enrolled.
   - This is insurance for things not covered by MSP.
   - It’s a group plan, which saves money (over individual insurance) and does not discriminate by age or sex or against those with pre-existing conditions.
   - Not a corporate-style plan. We’re former AMS Execs who know student societies, especially the AMS.
   - Studentcare works with multiple insurers to get the best deal possible for the AMS.
   - And we manage the plan for you.
   - We work for the AMS, not the insurance companies.
   - Also have dental networks that can save you an extra 20%.
   - And now a new pharmacy network allowing you to save up to 50% (up to $40) on pharmacy products.
   - And a vaccine clinic.

5. MOVED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, SECONDED SALLY LIN:

   “That the time for the presentation be extended by 10 minutes.”

   … No objections

   - The claims break down as follows: $3.5 million for health; $4.37 million for dental.

Questions
Abdul Alnaar asked about the time it takes to opt out.
Sophia Haque:
- It takes 5 minutes, 5 seconds.

Jakob Gattinger asked about travel benefits.

Sophia Haque:
- In foreign countries there are additional fees, as much as $500,000. The plan can cover this for up to a year out of the country.
- There’s also travel cancellation insurance for medical reasons.
- But these benefits do not cover international students travelling to their own country.

Kathleen Simpson:
- I’ve heard you’re considering offering legal insurance.

Bahareh Jokar:
- This came up at the annual stakeholder meeting, and we’ve created a service for three categories:
  - Disputes with employers
  - Housing
  - Academic (re expulsion after exhausting internal university procedures).
- Plus an unlimited legal hotline.

Joanne Pickford:
- What happens to coverage when you graduate?

Sophia Haque:
- The policy year is September 1 to August 31: you’re covered every summer and the summer after you graduate.
- And even after that there’s Continuum, a plan you can purchase to continue most of the benefits for close to the same price.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
- Where can we find more information on the legal service?

Sophia Haque:
- The legal service is quite new. It is available to be brought in by your school.

**Fees – Jakob Gattinger**

6. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED HANNAH XIAO:

   “That the Fees presentation be laid on the table.”

   ... No objections

**G) Consultation Period**

**H) Appointments**
7. MOVED BRAD BALATON, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That María de Fátima Lazo (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.”

“That Brian Cho (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the HR Committee effective immediately and ending April 30, 2017.”

… No objections

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Ava Nasiri - President
Working on:
- Sexual assault policy
- Legal case
- Referendum
- Orientations
- Block Party

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Kathleen Simpson – VP External
- Went to Victoria on Monday with Kelsi (the AMS Policy Advisor) and other student associations in the U-Pass caucus on a business case we drew up.
- Spoke to the Minster for Advanced Education and TransLink.
- Going again on Monday for more lobbying.
- One point we were going to ask for we can remove because of the student loan interest rate reduction announced in the budget.

Chris Scott – VP Admin
- Nest animation project.
- Club transitions.
- Clubhouse set up.
- Working on transitioning from SAC to the Operations Committee.

Samantha So – VP Academic
- Just Desserts.
- Awards being posted.
- A thousand signatures verified for the BDS referendum, to take place March 27-31.
- Tuition consultations.
- Sexual Assault policy out for consultation.
- President’s Committee on disability culture, art, and equity.

Hussam Zbeeb – Student Services
- Hiring for next year.
- Services Review feedback: looking at improvements to counselling.

Keith Hester – Managing Director
- Block Party line-up announced.
3,500 tickets sold so far.
Paperwork for refinancing.
Michael Kingsmill, Chris Scott and I are working on the renos of the Old SUB.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

**Operations Committee – Chris Scott**
- Working on policies.
- Expulsion policy.

**Governance Committee – María de Fátima Lazo**
- Approved Code changes re committee chairs.

**Advocacy Committee**
- Working on new transit policy.

**Student Life – Ava Nasiri**
- Events working on a three-year strategy on programs (Block Party etc.).
- Coordinating between undergrad societies and the AMS Events Department.

**Budget Committee – Nika Moeini**
- Looking at funds and the investment policy.

**Steering Committee – Ava Nasiri**

Jakob Gattinger
- Haven’t had a report from the Steering Committee. I’m wondering about its feasibility.

Ava Nasiri:
- It hasn’t met for a long time. It hasn’t needed to meet.
- Waiting for the new Execs.
- Happy to make a report on its feasibility, but it may be best to wait for the next Executive.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Did the committee determine its terms of reference?

Ava Nasiri:
- This was quite a while ago. Happy to write a follow-up report.
- We discussed the purpose of the committee.
- It was going to be focused on coordinating committees and the strategic plan.

Jakob Gattinger:
- I don’t understand what the new Exec will have to offer.
- What is the purpose of this committee? I thought it was mainly to approve the goals of other committees.

Ava Nasiri:
- This would be more appropriate for the Governance Review Implementation Committee. Would refer it back to them.
• Because restructuring happened in the fall, there was a light approach by committees to their goals.

Jakob Gattinger:
• As chair of the Governance Review Implementation Committee, I would say that this is beyond our scope.
• The Governance Committee should deal with it.

Governance Review Implementation Committee – Jakob Gattinger
• Will be meeting right after the referendum to assess how to change Code if the Bylaw changes pass.

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

Arts – Brooklyn Rocco
• Limitless – annual networking conference.
• Launch of Hospitality, an AUS wellness service.
• Career Fair.
• Showcase with other faculties.

Commerce – Jennifer Zhen
• Hiring.
• Retreat in March.
• Case competition.
• Working on setting up a Networking Night.

Medicine – Daud Akhtar
• Match Day: 4th years chose specialties and found placements across Canada.

Science – Diane Nguyen
• Career development events.
• Science Career Info Fair.
• Selling swag in pop-up shops.

Pharmacy – Simon Qi
• Pharmacy Awareness Month this month.

VST – Roberto DeSandoli
• March 9th open house.

M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Board of Governors – Veronica Knott
• Haven’t met.
• Elections for new BoG reps.

Senate – Daniel Lam
• Senate elections.
• Meeting in two weeks.
Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- Kim Campbell did write her preface to the history book.
- Working on contract with publisher. Probably ready next time.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

8. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JEFFREY PEA:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the recommendations for the Student Services department as outlined in the attached document entitled ‘Services Review Report Final’;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the recommendations for Tutoring as outlined in the attached document entitled ‘Services Review Report Final’;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the recommendations for Safewalk as outlined in the attached document entitled ‘Services Review Report Final’;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the recommendations for Advocacy as outlined in the attached document entitled ‘Services Review Report Final’;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the recommendations for Volunteer Avenue and Volunteer Team as outlined in the attached document entitled “Services Review Report Final”;

Must be considered separately as it’s a 2/3rd motion

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the recommendations for Vice as outlined in the attached document entitled ‘Services Review Report Final’;

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“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the recommendations for Speakeasy as outlined in the attached document entitled ‘Services Review Report Final’;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve the recommendations for Implementation Next Steps as outlined in the attached document entitled ‘Services Review Report Final.’”

Hussam Zbeeb:
- Presented an overview at the last meeting.
- Did lots of consultation.
- Produced 75 recommendations.
• Some require Code changes that will come back to Council.
• Important to address the new issues that have arisen since the 2013 review.
• We need to set the direction of the services team.

Sally Lin:
• Advocacy Office and the Advocacy Committee: confusion over the name.
• Will this be rebranded or stay as the Advocacy Office?

Hussam Zbeeb:
• Rebranding is outside the scope of the Services review.

Discussion of whether the recommendations constitute Code changes.

Ava Nasiri:
• My understanding is that this is just approving in principle.

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… No objections
10. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

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The Speaker:
- The correct way to do this would be to amend Code. This is not a Code amendment.

Hussam Zbeeb:
- This directs me to go to the Governance Committee. A Code change will come next meeting.

11. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

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... No objections

12. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

**From the Executive Committee:**

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council authorize the use of the Student Services in the campaign for the referendums being held March 6-10, 2017.”

Ava Nasiri:
- Code allows Council to use our Services to promote referendums if we pass a motion authorizing that.
- We’ll put posters on the Safewalk car and pursue other relevant and creative avenues.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Are there limits?
- Will Speakeasy offer its service and then say, Oh, and vote Yes.
- People in vulnerable positions may not want a lecture.

Hussam Zbeeb:
- It will probably just be Safewalk: conversations while with students, a sign on the car.
- Not in the more sensitive services.

Ian Sapollnik:
- I would be much more comfortable knowing which services will be used and which will not.

Jakob Gattinger:
- And we need to make sure people have training in promoting the referendum.
Ava Nasiri:

- We could list the services, but I trust Hussam and the Service Coordinators.

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... Carried


Abstained: Jakob Gattinger, Mackenzie Lockhart

Jakob Gattinger asked that the fee presentation be brought forward now. There were no objections.

Fees – Jeanie Malone and Jakob Gattinger [SCD178-17]

- A new program in Biomedical Engineering.
- We were contacted about tuition consultation for the program.
- Problem: Fees being imposed outside of standard tuition. A program fee producing a 10-12% increase.
- Inadequate consultation because tuition and curriculum not considered at the same time. The Board of Governors does the finances while Senate does the academic side, and there’s no interaction.
- We suffered from a lack of information and unreasonable timelines, so it was hard to provide feedback.
- Recommendations:
  - The AMS needs to ensure consistency among Constituencies. The AMS should have quality control. The Constituencies have less experience than AMS Executives.
  - The AMS should take a stand against program fees that augment tuition. They’re understandable in professional programs, but in non-professional programs it’s not clear they are needed. We were told ours would be used for a capital project: that’s not right.
  - The AMS should look at the big picture and prepare for worst case scenarios.
14. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

- Biomedical engineering students will have to pay an extra $750 for their labs.
- There is an epidemic of program fees like these.
- The University President has said he’s willing to raise tuition in professional programs.
- We should be ready, especially since this is an election year.
- It wouldn’t hurt for the AMS to be proactive on issues like these.
- The EUS will probably bring motions on this, along with a full report.

Questions

Kathleen Simpson
- Along with SFU and UVic, we’re asking the government to reaffirm the 2% tuition cap if re-elected.
- Are you open to having your recommendations go through Advocacy Committee?
- How many constituencies sign confidentiality agreements with their faculties?
  - [No hands were raised.]

Samantha So:
- This is very important because of the high volume of tuition consultations.
- I’m preparing a tuition consultation protocol.
- Meet with the AMS VP Academic: bringing knowledge together will be useful.
- Some Constituencies have students on curriculum committees. Who does?
  - [Arts, Science, Engineering and the GSS.]

15. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED MARÍA DE FÁTIMA LAZO:

“That the question period be extended by 10 minutes and turned into a discussion.”

... No objections

Ian Sapollnik:
- I shared some of the same frustrations on the Senate side.
- I suggest working with your Faculty Senators on these issues.
- The Senators don’t get information on tuition and financials, so it would be useful to share.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Yes, we need to ensure that Senators are involved.

Jeanie Malone:
- Important to involve all stakeholders and use all resources.

Ava Nasiri:
- Have you considered a general consultation policy created by the AMS?
- This could prohibit an undergraduate society from talking directly to the
government or the University without checking with the AMS VP External or
VP Academic.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Don’t let Constituencies do wild things.

Jeanie Malone:
- Don’t let Constituencies be exploited.

Kathleen Simpson:
- We could probably get a policy through Advocacy to tell Constituencies to talk
to me if going to speak to the provincial government.

Veronica Knott:
- This is a Board issue.
- It will be the most important issue for Board reps next year, the epidemic of
lab fees.
- UBC says they’re regulated, but in truth they’re often spent on anything.
- The AMS needs to support the Board reps.

Jakob Gattinger:
- We have a set of recommendations to take to the University.

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

16. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Ad-Hoc Committee on AMS’ Relationship with Constituencies

“That Council adopt the following recommendations to be completed and updated on
to Council at the latest by the first meeting in November 2017.

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1. Constituency Executive Orientation at the end of April including, but not exclusive
to, the list of topics in Ad-Hoc report plus informal networking
2. An Undergraduate Handbook

RECOMMENDATION 2:
Council directs AMS Executives attend Constituency Councils in Term 1 to present
on how AMS can integrate with their work.

RECOMMENDATION 3:
Council direct AMS Executives to review governance relationship between
constituencies and department clubs to ensure appropriate financial and liability
oversight.

RECOMMENDATION 6:
Council directs Governance Committee to formalize and create a AMS President’s Council for Constituency Presidents and AMS Executives with a monthly meeting requirement as well as remove Constituency updates from AMS Council meetings.

RECOMMENDATION 7:
Council directs Governance Committee to institute and review the council reporting metric suggested in Appendix D.

RECOMMENDATION 8:
Council direct the Graduating Committee to review the responses from this consultation and improve incorporation with constituencies.

RECOMMENDATION 9:
Council directs President’s Council to review the incorporation with First Year Council and Constituencies.

RECOMMENDATION 10:
Council direct the AMS Executive to liaise with the Communications Department at the AMS to improve promotion and to bring the department to a President’s Council Meeting to improve collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION 11:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Governance Committee to review the risks surrounding the adoption of Bylaw 22. **This recommendation has been resolved.

RECOMMENDATION 12:
Council directs Governance Committee to standardize Constituency Elections dates and timelines."

Ryan Kamimura asked to have Recommendation 12 considered separately.

Veronica Knott:
- These are omnibused recommendations. Hope everyone is good with them.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Are the constituency orientations dates set?

Ava Nasiri:
- Two days after exams end: April 29 and 30.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Can we direct the new Presidents Council to do things? It doesn’t exist yet.

The Speaker:
- Once Code is amended.

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RECOMMENDATION 12:
Council directs Governance Committee to standardize Constituency Elections dates and timelines."
Veronica Knott:
- Standardizing Constituency election dates.
- Realize this will cause some Constituencies difficulty, but when all the Constituencies elect at different times, it makes the AMS inefficient.
- The idea is to ensure that every Constituency gets the same amount of orientation and support.

Jennifer Zhen:
- Standardizing the election date is not the best for us.
- We’re earlier. We have a team in place before everyone leaves for the summer.

Chris Scott:
- Is your issue with the election date or the turnover date?

Jennifer Zhen:
- A little of both, but the main thing is turnover.

Ava Nasiri:
- We can leave this to the Governance Committee.

Akhil Jobanputra:
- What if Constituency executives don’t show up for the mandatory orientations?

Veronica Knott:
- That was in the motion already passed.

Max Holmes:
- Standardizing election dates would certainly make the AMS Elections Administrator’s job easier.

Jakob Gattinger:
- The AMS is best at orientations. This would help with that.

19. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the motion be amended to change ‘completed and updated on’ to ‘completed and/or updated on’.”

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Often with recommendations we take them as directives, and this wording is directive, but it shouldn’t be.

The Speaker:
- Using recommendations is a new approach.
- Motions like these are just approval in principle.
- A Code change will still have to be passed.
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Bradley Balaton:
• How broad is the representation of Constituencies on the Governance Committee?

Veronica Knott:
• Any Councillor can attend committee meetings.

The Speaker:
• Reach out to the committee chair.

22. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the question be called.”

Requires 2/3rds

… Carried


Against (2): Ryan Kamimura, Jennifer Zhen

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart, Ava Nasiri

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From the Ad-Hoc Committee on AMS’ Relationship with Constituencies

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Against (3): Ryan Kamimura, Sumal Thalagala, Jennifer Zhen

Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart

24. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED BROOKLYN ROCCO:

From the Ad-Hoc Committee on AMS’ Relationship with Constituencies

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RECOMMENDATION 4:
That Council direct the Governance Committee to review and update the Constituency Media Protocol Policy.

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Credit Card Reimbursements

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Veronica Knott:
- The AMS VP Finance has raised concerns that I would like to respond to.
- The recommendation merely gives Budget Committee the discretion to look into credit card charges; it’s not required that they do so.
On deficits, it’s said that $1,000 is too small to involve the Budget Committee, but there should be oversight. The Budget Committee should be involved.

Some say this will create too much work. We don’t know that. Students want additional financial oversight.

Louis Retief (statement read by Keith Hester):
- I agree that financial oversight is needed.
- But the Budget Committee doesn’t meet every week.
- We do have full-time staff.
- Constituencies can’t wait for Budget Committee to meet.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Point of order re Keith speaking.

The Speaker:
- I recognize Keith, just as I recognize guests.

Jakob Gattinger:
- The people motivating and opposing a motion should be members of Council.

Ava Nasiri:
- In this case the Managing Director is not speaking for himself in opposition to the motion; he’s almost a proxy for the VP Finance.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Can the Speaker inform Council whether Executives can send proxies?

The Speaker:
- No.

Ava Nasiri:
- Let’s pass this and allow the Governance Committee to look at it.

Jeanie Malone:
- It’s reasonable to ask Budget Committee or one of its sub-committees to meet every week.

Jakob Gattinger:
- This is the primary reason the ad hoc committee was created in the first place.

Ryan Kamimura:
- What would it look like if the Budget Committee “may” act.

Veronica Knott:
- It means it’s up to the discretion of the Budget Committee.

Nika Moeini:
- This year we’ve been trying to make Budget Committee more efficient.
The sort of work referred to in this motion should not be done by Budget Committee; it should go to the VP Finance and staff.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- We need to clarify what “deficit” means in this motion.

Keith Hester:
- It means no money currently in their account.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Why is media protocol included here?

Veronica Knott:
- My bad.

Nika Moeini
- If this passes, can the Governance Committee change the dollar amounts?

The Speaker:
- This is merely a recommendation.

Niko Moeni
- We’re trying to move away from routine approvals at Budget Committee.

Bryan Starick:
- I can’t see how $5000 is routine.

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Against (1): Nika Moeini

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart, Chris Scott, Liam Simpson, Samantha So

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

**Block Party**

Ava Nasiri:

- How many have seen the video with the line-up? [Most Councillors raised their hands.]
- You as Councillor need to get your undergraduate society or program involved.
- Do councillors get free tickets? Depends. Comes with work. Not necessarily putting up posters, but involvement with social media.
- The last thousand tickets are the most difficult to sell.
- Asad, the Events Manager, is the go-to on this.

Hannah Xiao:

- What about the sound issue? Mitigating the effect of the sound on classes.

Ava Nasiri:

- Looking into that.

Jeanie Malone

- Are clubs running tents?

Ava Nasiri

- We’ll be sending out an email explaining.

Nika Moeini:

- Can you explain the booting idea?
Ava Nasiri:
- Wait for the Friday email.

Sumal Thalagala:
- Banners?

Ava Nasiri:
- That’s the referendum, which is actually more urgent than Block Party: change your Facebook photo to the referendum banner.

**Referendum Involvement**
Ava Nasiri:
- Promoting the referendum.
- Blue and Gold meeting tomorrow
- T-shirts, flyers, and posters. I encourage Councillors to help out.
- Sunday campaign rally
- Tuesday and Wednesday next week – Vote Party. Councillors encouraged to show up and send out links
- Posting a referendum video.
- Biggest barrier is lack of information. If students don’t know, they may vote No or not vote at all.

Armin Rezaiean-Asel:
- Will there be sound in your video? [Yes.] Good. I’ve seen the version without audio. It will be much less creepy with audio.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Concern online re art gallery question; need to dispel bad information.

Veronica Knott:
- There have been comments saying we can’t sell the art, but our research shows no evidence that that is true.

Ava Nasiri asked if Councillors could get information on the referendum into Faculty newsletters.

**Elections Committee Report – Max Holmes**
- Our agreement with the Ubyssey says that if we run a referendum or elections for them, we can charge them $5,000. Instead of asking for the cash, we’re getting $5,000 worth of free advertising about the election.
- I would ask that Councillors who have questions or complaints come talk to the Elections Committee or go to the Ombudsperson: go through the proper channels.
- Also, could all Councillors vote as soon as possible so we can be sure every Constituency is able to vote. If there are problems in a Constituency, we want to know right away.

Veronica Knott:
- What are the appropriate channels if there are concerns with Executives and their staff?
Max Holmes
- Written complaints are supposed to be submitted to the Elections Committee, not to Council.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Which Constituencies or Affiliates have had problems voting in the past?

Max Holmes:
- Regent and VST.
- UBC is trying to make sure those two will be able to vote electronically. If not, we will have to scramble and see what we can do.

The Speaker:
- Paper ballots?

26. MOVED VERONICA KNOTT, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGAL:

“That the agenda be amended to add a discussion on AMS executive and staff involvement in elections.”

… No objections

AMS executive and staff involvement in elections
Veronica Knott:
- Can VP’s and AVP’s file complaints? Once a sitting President dis-endorsed candidates: is that acceptable?

The Speaker:
- There is nothing in Code that stops an Executive from endorsing or working for candidates.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- What is the perception? That it’s unfair? Icky?

Ava Nasiri:
- Any involvement with endorsements from the sitting Executive is toxic for the incoming team.
- I’d be in favour of some policy preventing Executives from endorsing.
- It would be difficult to apply that this year to staff; they weren’t given a heads-up.

The Speaker:
- It’s something to look at.
- It happens at the provincial level, the federal level: When you’re working you do your work duties, but you can campaign outside your employment
- Maybe look at rules adopted by other student societies. Or by provincial or federal governments.
Max Holmes:
- The rules currently say you can’t use AMS offices for campaigning.

The Speaker:
- In an election complaint last year, I ruled that using physical space is against the rules, but Veronica is talking about people.

Armin Rezaiean-Asel:
- The HR Committee could discuss this.
- A VP or AVP could be writing or researching, and campaigning in subtle ways. It’s not just endorsing; it’s much deeper than that.

Max Holmes:
- Using rooms for campaigning …

The Speaker:
- Using physical resources is not allowed, but a VP or AVP could go home and work on a campaign.

Ava Nasiri:
- How tightly do we want to approach this matter? Stop all election talk in AMS offices?
- I’d say no public endorsing of candidates and no lodging of complaints unless a candidate.
- Avoid socializing with the Elections Committee.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- I’d lean towards looser: Please don’t actively campaign, as opposed to really firm no talking rules.

The Speaker:
- Maybe a compromise. Members who work for VP’s are students and have a right to express their views. Maybe allow them a leave of absence. It’s been done in other student unions.

Max Holmes:
- Not allowing staff members to submit complaints? I would say everyone should be allowed to submit. If you notice something unfair, you shouldn’t be prevented from submitting.

Kathleen Simpson:
- I wonder what Council thinks about extending this ban to all Councillors as well.

Dupreez Smith:
- Our council (in Kinesiology) discussed whether to endorse and decided not to, but individuals could say whatever they wanted.
Veronica Knott:
- I agree that Councillors should not be involved either, but my main concern is about staff.
- The Elections Committee is sometimes seen working in close quarters with the Executive and Executive staff members.
- If staff or Execs use power or influence …
- Does it look bad if all complaints from staff are being accepted?
- We have to remember the influence we have.
- The Elections Committee is so closely linked, and paid by the AMS.

Max Holmes:
- To check this a little, we added two poll clerks to the Elections Committee this year. They don’t work in the AMS office at all.
- The Elections Committee is pretty separated from the Society.
- I might know the staff, but others on the committee don’t.

U) Submissions:

AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Constituency Relationships Final Report [SCD179-17]
AMS Services Review – Final Report [SCD180-17]

V) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: March 15, 2017

W) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

X) Social Activity:

- Pit Night
### March 1, 2017 Attendance

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

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V3: Call To Question

V4: Council directs Governance Committee to standardize Constituency Elections dates and timelines.

V5: Motion 5- Ad hoc

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Max Holmes (AMS Elections Administrator), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Marium Hamid (AMS Governance), Anna Hoyt (AMS), Moira Nyton (UByssey), Samantha McCabe (UByssey), Alim Lakhiyalov (AVP Finance), Julian Del Balso (student at large), Kelsi Wall (AMS Policy Advisor), Keith Hester (Managing 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 JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion about Student Services.”

   … No objections

3. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

   “That the agenda be amended to add a discussion topic about changing the AUS constitution.”

   … No objections

4. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   … Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

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

Welcome to our new Members:
Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Journalism, Music, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark’s, Library & Archival Studies, Education, Nursing, GSS (1), BoG (1), Arts

Goodbyes: Aiyana Anderson-Maclsaac (Arts)

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

- The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional and unceded land of the Musqueam people, adding that this land was a traditional place of learning long before the University was established.
- The Speaker noted that Joanne (the Administrative Assistant) is away for this meeting, so all Councillors please clean up after yourselves and return your vote clickers.

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

Julian Del Balso:
- There are lots of trees and plant life on campus, but the trees are dead in winter when we’re here.
- Maybe it would be better to plant coniferous trees instead of deciduous.

Ava Nasiri:
- We will seriously take that into consideration and notify Plant Operations.

E) Consent Agenda Items

5. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL , SECONDED JEFFREY PEA:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated September 9, 2016 [SCD181-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 13, 2016 [SCD182-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 19, 2016 [SCD183-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 27, 2016 [SCD184-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 30, 2016 [SCD185-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 1, 2016 [SCD186-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 7, 2016 [SCD187-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 14, 2016 [SCD188-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 21, 2016 [SCD189-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 28, 2016 [SCD190-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated December 5, 2016 [SCD191-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 10, 2017 [SCD192-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 17, 2017 [SCD193-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 24, 2017 [SCD194-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 31, 2017 [SCD195-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 1, 2017 [SCD196-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 14, 2017 [SCD197-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 28, 2017 [SCD198-17]

... Carried

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

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

**Elections – Max Holmes (Elections Administrator)**

Election Results:
Max Holmes announced the AMS election results, making them official. The winners were:
- Alan Ehrenholz (aka the Engineers’ Cairn), President
- Daniel Lam, VP Academic
- Alim Lakhiyalov, VP Finance
- Pooja Bhatti, VP Administration
- Sally Lin, VP External

Referendum results (also made official once announced):
- All three referendums passed.
- The students voted to amend the AMS bylaws, to authorize the sale of four artworks from the AMS art collection, and to pay a new fee for a recreation facility.

Other results:
- Jeanie Malone and Kevin Doering were elected to serve as student members on the University’s Board of Governors.
- The five student senators elected were: Jakob Gattinger, Daniel Lam, Ian Sapollniz, Kevin Doering, and Simran Brar.

Turnout:
- There were 11,219 voters. That was a 20.7% turnout, the fourth best in recent election history.

Voting analysis:
- There were voting peaks after the email blasts, as usual, but also more voting at other times, and that’s why we got more votes this year.

Things that worked:
- The Great Debate (run by the Ubyssey).
- Social media elections announcement (better than the website).
- Having two poll clerks on the Elections Committee.
- Affiliated Colleges could vote electronically.
• Less paper, more online ads.
• Debates took place before the voting.

Things that didn’t work:
• Little or no interest in Voter-Funded Media. The Elections Committee doesn’t see the purpose of it. Putting $1,500 towards this is a waste of money.
• Debate Society moderators drew complaints. We need to work more with third parties hosting debates.

6. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED BRYAN STARICK:

“That the time for the presentation be extended indefinitely.”

…No objections

Max Holmes (continuing)

More things that didn’t work:
• The free Ubyssey ads. They would have cost us $20 a click, and only 87 clicked. Putting ads there is pointless since the Ubyssey is already covering the election. Shouldn’t do it if it’s going to cost money in the future.
• There’s no unsubscribe option on email blasts.
• Lots of minor postering violations.

Recommendations:
• Strict adherence to timeline for hiring the Elections Committee. Change it in Code to something realistic that will actually be followed.
• A larger Elections Committee. That will provide more opinions and help cope if there’s conflict of interest for some committee members.
• Split the Events and Communications positions again. Not clear why they were combined.
• Conflict of interest rules should be in Code.
• Need to make the electoral procedures more relevant to electronic voting.
• Should have a rule on whether elections and referendums should happen together.

Conclusion:
• The elections are over. Hallelujah.

Questions
Bryan Starick:
• Are there rules on bribery?

Max Holmes:
• There are none in the Code.

Brian Cho asked about Voter-Funded Media.
Veronica Knott:
- The idea of it was to encourage outside media to report on our elections to increase turnout.
- There used to be some valuable blogs: AMS Confidential, UBC Insiders.

Max Holmes:
- No one ever showed me anything to demonstrate turnout increased as a result of VFM.
- This year we had high turnout with a poor VFM.
- In past transition reports, Election Administrators say VFM is a drag on the job. They say we’ve never seen benefits from it.

Ava Nasiri:
- The objective of VFM is more commentary, not increased turnout.
- Maybe we should make it available to the Ubyssey. Let the Ubyssey run VFM.

Max Holmes:
- Interesting. If we want to salvage VFM, either go all in or all out.
- When we used to have $8,000 for prize money, there was a lot more involvement.
- We would need to do it earlier, put in more effort.

7. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the time for the question period be extended indefinitely.”

…No objections

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Last year the VFM rules actually required bloggers to write content, not just be content aggregators. Was that rule still in place?
- The idea is to add to the coverage.
- I don’t think Reddit UBC was doing that.

Max Holmes:
- If we had guidelines like that, we would have zero VFM.

Diane Nguyen:
- Some people wanted to retroactively change their vote.

Max Holmes:
- The Elections Committee talked about that.
- I don’t know of any system where people can change their vote.
- Simply Voting could perhaps do it, but it’s not simple and I worry about the secrecy of the ballot.
- Maybe we should not be encouraging first day voting.
- Another issue was that we can’t create new rules in the middle of elections.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Can we please get rid of VFM?
And is there an update on BDS?

Max Holmes:
- Yes, get rid of VFM.
- I’m still conducting a BDS referendum scheduled for March 27-31.
- I’ve started receiving campaign material.

Ava Nasiri:
- The only situation in which BDS would not run would be if we received an order from the court to hold it on an alternate date.
- There are court hearings underway.
- Our Bylaws say we have to hold a referendum within 30 days of receiving a petition, but the court can direct otherwise.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Can you email us about this once the hearings are done?

Namdar Shafiei:
- What sort of complaints were there about the Debate Society?

Max Holmes:
- It was suggested they weren’t always well informed.
- Also, some said the moderators were too soft and let people go on too long.

Kathleen Simpson:
- VFM was good for blogs, but only hacks care.

Kiara Scott asked about sustainability.

Max Holmes:
- It’s something the Elections Committee looked at.
- If we’d had more time, we could have done something.
- The amount of paper was a waste. I would encourage more in person things.

Simon Qi:
- I really enjoyed the Ubyssey articles.
- I’d be happy to give them more money.

The Speaker:
- With that presentation, the elections are now official and done.

The Engineers arrived for Pie Day (or the Day after Pi Day) to pie Councillors.

8. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That Council recess for thirty minutes.”

… No objections
Strategic Plan – Ava Nasiri

- Draft of a three-year plan covering engagement, representation, support structures, and internal operations.
- Seeking input.
- Have received about 30 responses so far.
- Feedback so far is calling for more cheap food, nap rooms, microwaves, a bigger emphasis on affordability, and more transparency within the AMS.
- Hoping Council will approve the final draft in April to guide the new Council taking office in May.

G) Consultation Period

Art Sale and Ad Hoc Committee – Ava Nasiri

- Still working on art sale.
- One thing to try out might be a robust art rental program.
- Maybe make more money that way than by selling right away.
- Going to strike a committee on this next meeting.
- Also need to research methods of sale. VP Admin staff can look into that, then work with a committee including experts, the Art Gallery Commissioner, a Councillor and the VP Admin.
- High level ideas, terms of reference:
  - How determine valuation of pieces.
  - Programming needs.
  - Rental vs. sale.
  - Work with the VP Admin and the VP Finance.

Discussion
Namdar Shafiei:
- What’s the idea behind renting?

Chris Scott:
- Same concept as a sale, but this would allow us to keep works in our collection.
- It’s pretty common among art galleries.

Louis Retief:
- Committee structure?
- Will the experts vote or be non-voting? Will they be paid?

Ava Nasiri:
- All wonderful questions.
- Not too much voting.
- Compensation to be considered.

Bryan Starick:
- Will the terms of reference deal with how the money is spent?
- Why should experts from the industry have a say in that?
Ava Nasiri:
- It will work around programming.
- Mostly determined by the Art Gallery Commissioner.
- Experts could tell us what’s relevant to what we want.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- We had trouble finding people to sit on ABBA etc. Have we already reached out to experts for this committee?

Ava Nasiri:
- Not yet, no.
- Council could even say they don’t want a committee.
- A back-up plan would be to task someone in the VP Admin’s department to speak to experts.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- That’s a good back-up: us to go to the experts rather than vice versa.

Brooklyn Rocco:
- I like the idea of renting.
- A concern I’ve heard is that people like looking at the art.

Ava Nasiri:
- We’ll spend the next week and a half hashing this out.

H) Appointments

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Ava Nasiri:
- All our referendums passed: thanks to Ella and Max, my President’s office team, the Exec team, Council, the Blue and Gold Society. Past two weeks devoted to that.
- Transitions the theme for the next five weeks: workshop Friday and an annual report reflecting on our year.
- Setting up hiring for the next team.
- April 29 and 30: mandatory orientation for Constituencies.
- UBC Strategic Plan still underway:
  - Steering Committee created with no representation from the AMS or the UBC Okanagan student union.
  - Some students were named, but not via the AMS.
  - Looking into this.
  - Ideally, someone from AMS Council should have been approached.
  - A bit alarming.
- UBC Sexual Assault Steering Committee and action plan.

Questions
Diane Nguyen:
- How will you accommodate those who have to go to a UBC welcome event and can’t go to the mandatory AMS orientation?
Ava Nasiri:
  • We’re putting together a handbook, but it can’t replace the in person experience.

Jakob Gattinger:
  • Are Block Party sales going well?

Ava Nasiri:
  • A little too well. I’m worried we’ll sell out next week.
  • We’ve sold about 5,200 and have less than 1,000 left.

Bryan Starick:
  • Could there be a back-up date for Orientation?

Ava Nasiri:
  • No one from this Council is expected; it’s those replacing you.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Kathleen Simpson, VP External:
  • Last Friday to Victoria on a lobbying trip to talk about the 2% tuition cap, student housing, and textbook affordability.
  • Provincial elections:
    o Video with President Ono.
    o Coffee covers for Upper Case.
  • Debate involving UBC350.
  • IFC and Pan-Hellenic training.

Chris Scott, VP Administration:
  • Club transitions.
  • Green wall going up in Great Hall pocket lounge.

Louis Retief, VP Finance:
  • Investment policy.
  • Finance Committee structure.
  • Advisory Board (revamp of ABBA).
  • Restructuring VP Finance office.
  • Templates for financial reporting.
  • Handbook for Finance Committee.

Hussam Zbeeb, Student Services Manager:
  • Hiring coordinators and my successor.
  • Working on asks for Counselling Services, with Kelsi.

Keith Hester, Managing Director:
  • Video wall up in Atrium, but not working yet.
  • Business budgets.
  • Quarterly reports.
• Renovation of the Old SUB basement.
• Refinancing: paperwork.
• Summer picnic for employee appreciation.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Governance Review Implementation, Jakob Gattinger:
• Thanks to all the members who showed up.
• We had a 4 or 5 hour meeting.

Operations Committee:
• SUB Expulsion.

Budget Committee, Nika Moeini:
• Discussing funds and Finance Committee Handbook.

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

Arts – Brooklyn Rocco
• Preparing for elections.
• Strategic planning.

Commerce – Jennifer Zhen
• POITS event.
• Grad night.
• Transitioning.

Engineering – Jeanie Malone
• Pi(e) Week.

Forestry – Sumal Thalagala
• End of year concert.

GSS, Bradley Balaton
• Elections, and should we re-seat our AMS reps now or wait till October?

Land & Food, Gloria Sun
• Transitioning.
• Wednesday night dinner.
• Harry Potter-inspired party.
• Fundraising initiative.

Kinesiology, DuPreez Smith
• Kin Games.
• Formal.

Regent, Mitchell Ferreria
• Academic symposium.
• Elections.
Science, Diane Nguyen
- Bubble soccer.

Economics, Daniel Gao (via Mackenzie Lockhart)
- Elections.

M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Senate, Daniel Lam:
- Just met.
- Flexible Learning. Arguments pro and con.
- Recognizing extra-curricular activities on transcripts.
- Continuing Studies is becoming an Administrative Unit.

Historical Update, Sheldon Goldfarb
- The election results prove that the Cairn is better than the Fire Hydrant. The Fire Hydrant came close, but lost in its attempt to get elected to the Board of Governors (back in the days of Darren Peets in 2005), but the Engineers’ Cairn has become AMS President.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

9. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIEI:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the contract with Heritage House to publish the AMS history book.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ava Nasiri:
- Sheldon Goldfarb has not only worked diligently on the history book for over a year, but he has found us a publishing house willing to pay its own money to get the book published.
- It will not cost us anything, and the AMS will receive royalties on the sales.

Bradley Balaton:
- What will the book sell for?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Not definite yet, but the publisher is suggesting $32.95.
- We will get 15% of the net profits.
- Expect the book to be published in the fall.
10. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIEI:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the contract with Heritage House to publish the AMS history book.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeanie Malone, Chris Scott

11. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI: [SCD202-17]

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the RBC interest rate swap agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Louis Retief:
- The refinancing is needed; it will save us a ton of money.
- We need to sign the agreement.

Sally Lin:
- There’s no specific time mentioned.

Keith Hester:
- It’s to be signed in the next month or two.

Ava Nasiri:
- How much money will we be saving?

Keith Hester:
- Switching the loan saves us approximately $62 million.

12. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the RBC interest rate swap agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

13. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council adopt the report entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Student Services’ and thus amend the Code accordingly.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Hussam Zbeeb:

- Last Council approved in principle the recommendations from the Services Review.
- Some of those required Code changes, and here they are.
- We are discontinuing Volunteer Avenue, assigning future reviews to President’s assistants, and expanding the scope of Student Services Manager reports.

14. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council adopt the report entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Student Services’ and thus amend the Code accordingly.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried unanimously


P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:
15. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED DUPREEZ SMITH: [SCD204-17]

**From the Governance Committee**
“**That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Committee Chairs’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”**

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jakob Gattinger:
- The original committee restructuring last September made Executives the chairs of all the standing committees.
- It will be a hybrid system now: some committees will be chaired by Executives, some not.
- And there will be pay for the chairs.

Louis Retief:
- But if Executives chair they get no additional pay.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Yes, and it’s not for the current chairs.

Bradley Balaton:
- Why do HR and Governance not have Executive chairs?

Jakob Gattinger:
- The President is in the HR structure, so there’s a concern there.
- Governance may make changes to Executive duties.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Why pay every chair the same? Some work much more than others.

Jakob Gattinger:
- We’ll never be able to equate the committees.
- It’s mostly a volunteer position, but we need to recognize people’s worth.

16. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED DUPREEZ SMITH:

**From the Governance Committee**
“**That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Committee Chairs’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”**

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (33): Jamiu Abdsalami, Bradley Balaton, Roberto DeSandoli, Julian Diaz (proxy for Rachel Chew), Mitchell Ferreria, Jakob Gattinger, Akhil Jobanputra (proxy for Maria de Fátima Lazo), Ryan Kamimura, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Jeanie Malone, Elise Mance, Nika Moeini, Ava Nasiri, Diane Nguyen, Jeffrey Pea, Simon Qi, Louis Retief, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Brooklyn Rocco, Ian Sapollnik, Chris Scott, Kiara Scott, Namdar Shafiei, Kathleen
Simpson, Liam Simpson, DuPreez Smith, Gloria Sun, Sumal Thalagala, Liam Simpson, Hannah Xiao, Jennifer Zhen

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

17. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to make these appointments.”

… No objections

18. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That Sally Lin (1 x Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Advocacy Committee effective tomorrow and ending April 30, 2017.”

“That Hannah Xiao (1 x non-Executive Councillor) be appointed Chair of the HR Committee for a period effective tomorrow and ending April 30, 2017.”

“That Lorenzo Lindo (1 x Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Student Life Committee for a period effective tomorrow and ending April 30, 2017.”

… Carried

19. MOVED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON: [SCD205-17]

From the Advocacy Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee, AMS Council adopt the policy Transit Advocacy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kathleen Simpson:
- A policy drafted by Kelsi and members of the External team.
- Replaces an expired policy.
- It focuses less on the Broadway line.
- In the supporting report we’ve added in the 44 Bus.

20. MOVED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON: [SCD205-17]

From the Advocacy Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee, AMS Council adopt the policy Transit Advocacy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Bradley Balaton, Julian Diaz (proxy for Rachel Chew), Mitchell Ferreria, Akhil Jobanputra (proxy for María de Fátima Lazo), Ryan Kamimura, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeanie Malone, Elise Mance, Nika Moeini, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Simon Qi, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Brooklyn Rocco, Ian Sapollnik, Chris Scott, Kiara Scott, Namdar Shafiei,
Kathleen Simpson, Liam Simpson, DuPreez Smith, Sumal Thalagala, Liam Simpson, Hannah Xiao

Abstained: Jakob Gattinger

21. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

From the Governance Review Implementation Committee
“Be it resolved that AMS Council Mandate the Governance Review Implementation Committee to review and propose updates to Constituency constitutions in line with the Governance Review Recommendations regarding uniform Councillor Term Commencement.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council mandate the Constituencies send to the Chair of the Governance Review Implementation Committee copies of their constitution and bylaws no later than March 20, 2017.”

Jakob Gattinger:
- Moving forward with the Bylaw changes, Constituencies’ constitutions will need to be changed, but it won’t be feasible for them to hold referendums.
- The Governance Review Implementation Committee will take care of the amendments.
- The committee will draft changes and then come to Council and have it amend the Constituency constitutions.

Bradley Balaton:
- Can Council do this?

The Speaker:
- It’s a little bit different for the GSS since it’s not a Constituency.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Council does have the authority by a two-thirds vote to amend Constituency constitutions.
- There’s no formal agreement with the GSS. We’ll figure out a solution.

22. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

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… Carried

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

23. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the President
“That AMS Council direct the Governance Committee to update the Code of Procedure according to the changes mandated by the referendum question entitled ‘Bylaw Changes 2017’ in consultation with chairs of other relevant committees.”

Ava Nasiri:
- This directs the Governance Committee to amend Code.
- This makes the most sense as the way to move forward with the necessary changes.

Ian Sapollnik:
- Can we add a deadline?

Ava Nasiri:
- Maybe let it go to Governance and let them propose deadlines.

24. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the President
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... No objections

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Notices of Motion from the Governance Review Implementation Committee:

BIRT on the recommendation of Governance Review Implementation Committee, Council approve the proposed Executive Goal Setting and Reporting Policy.

BIFRT on the recommendation of Governance Review Implementation Committee, Council direct the Governance Committee to remove all previous Executive reporting procedures from the Code.
BIRT on the recommendation of Governance Review Implementation Committee, AMS Council approve the changes to Constituency Constitutions as outlined in the attached document entitled Constituency Constitution Changes 2017.

T) Discussion Period

Referendum: Next Steps

Ava Nasiri:
- Any concerns or questions about the quick pace?

Julian Diaz:
- Why were the student Board of Governors representatives removed from Council?

Ava Nasiri:
- Their fiduciary duty is to the Board, and that trumps their responsibility to Council.
- Also part of the slimming down process.
- They’ll still be non-voting members, though.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Going to bring a resolution to appoint them as non-voting members.

Diane Nguyen:
- With the change in the threshold number, what are the next steps? Should we hold our elections based on the new number of seats?

The Clerk of Council said he would circulate the new numbers.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
- How will students have feedback on what the new funds are spent on (from the art sale)?)

Ava Nasiri:
- We’ll likely have a staff member in the VP Admin’s office do research, an environmental scan, and then leave it to the Art Gallery Commissioner.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- What are the next stages for the building referendum?

Ava Nasiri:
- Tomorrow we’re meeting with the VP Students to go over our high level expectations:
  - For the fee in the new facility they can’t charge more than in the Bird Coop.
  - Students get a say on what goes into the building, with 50% representation on the management committee.
  - Students are paying 50% of the cost of the new facility. That positions us well to ask for the moon.
**Final Council Meetings**

Ava Nasiri:
- There’s a March 29 meeting.
- We could force a meeting in the exam period, but being kind would mean waiting till April 26.
- Or do we want a mid-April meeting?

The Speaker:
- Maybe let Council think about it until March 29.

Ava Nasiri:
- The end of the year gift for Councillors: do you want sweaters or glasses?
  - [A show of hands indicated charcoal grey sweaters.]

**Arts Undergraduate Society constitution**

Liam Simpson:
- The AUS wants to change its constitution for the first time since 1999.
- We could submit it to Governance Review and have AMS Council change it.

Ava Nasiri:
- Another option would be to hold off for a year, engage Arts students, and have them vote in a referendum or at a quorate general meeting – unless your quorum is too high.

Sally Lin:
- Are we required to have a general meeting?

The Speaker:
- It’s whatever your constitution and bylaws require.

Liam Simpson:
- For the past three years we haven’t been able to reach quorum.

Jakob Gattinger:
- It may be reputationally risky if there are things in the constitution that aren’t used anymore, like Arts County Fair: is that still in the constitution?

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- You can try to reach quorum. If that fails, at least you know which way the vote is going.

Ava Nasiri:
- Perhaps as part of the sweeping change we’re about to make, Council could change quorum for the AUS. Then you could have a quorate general meeting.

Liam Simpson:
- That’s a great idea.
Jakob Gattinger:
  • If you want to do that, send changes like that to the Governance Review Implementation Committee.

U) Submissions:

  Final transit policy report
  [SCD206-17]
  Executive Accountability – Internal Policy
  [SCD207-17]

V) Next Meeting:

  Next Meeting: March 29, 2017

W) Adjournment:

  There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

X) Social Activity:

  • Pit Night
## March 15, 2017 Attendance

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

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V4: BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the contract with Heritage House to publish the AMS history book.

V5: BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the RBC interest rate swap agreement as presented

V6: That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council adopt the report entitled “Code Changes 2017: Student Services and thus amend the Code accordingly.”

V7: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled Code Changes 2017: Committee Chairs and thus amend the Code as recommended

V8: BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee AMS Council adopt the policy Transit Advocacy as presented

V9: Governance Review Implementation Committee omnibus motion re: constituency constitutions/bylaws

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Alan Ehrenholz (the Cairn, AMS President-elect), Max Holmes (AMS Elections Administrator), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Marium Hamid (AMS Governance), Sruthi Tadepalli (Ubyssey), Alim Lakhiyalov (AVP Finance, VP Finance-elect), Adrian Talingdan (interested student), Antony Tsui (SUS VP Communications), Sheila Wang (SUS VP Finance), Keith Hester (Managing 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 6:08 pm.

1. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED KIARA SCOTT:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:
   “That the agenda be amended by removing the Student Services motion and adding a Governance Review motion.”
   … No objections

3. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:
   “That the agenda be amended by rewording the motion on Election recommendations.”
   … No objections

4. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:
   “That the agenda be amended by combining the two presentations from the VP Finance.”
   … No objections

5. MOVED MARÍA DE FÁTIMA LAZO, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:
   “That the agenda be amended by adding a discussion topic on committee composition.”
   … No objections

6. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED KIARA SCOTT:
   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”
   … Carried

For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Bradley Balaton, Brian Cho, María de Fátima Lazo,

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

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


Goodbyes: Omar Alomeir and Taranjit Singh (GSS), Daud Akhtar (Medicine)

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

- After the regular acknowledgement of being on traditional, unceded Musqueam land, the Speaker encouraged people to attend the raising of the Reconciliation Pole on the Main Mall, marking the Musqueam-Haida connection, with the GSS gifting back a crest to the Haida nation.
- As Chair of Election Appeals Committees, the Speaker noted two appeals: one was withdrawn; and one, concerning VFM, was submitted too late.
- The Speaker announced that he will be stepping down as Speaker on May 31:
  - It has been an absolute pleasure to be your Speaker.
  - I started in 2013 and have had a blast.
  - I’m informing you now so that due process of selecting a new Speaker may begin.

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

E) Consent Agenda Items

7. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED BRIAN CHO:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee Minutes dated March 7, 2017 [SCD206-17]
Executive Committee Minutes dated March 14, 2017 [SCD207-17]
Governance Review Implementation Minutes - March 11, 2017 [SCD208-17]
AMS Council Minutes dated February 8, 2017 [SCD209-17]

... Carried

Jennifer Zhen

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

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

Business Budget Presentation – Keith Hester

8. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, THIRDGED BRIAN CHO:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 6:28 pm.
The meeting came out of camera at 7:05 pm.

ABBA Revamp and VP Finance Office Structural Changes – Louis Retief

ABBA

- The Advisory Board for Business and Administration (ABBA) was meant to oversee AMS businesses, but it didn’t do much.
- Now we want it to become a more general advisor to the Executive and Council, looking over all of the Society, helping with long-term planning.
- It’s odd that there are Councillors and Executives on ABBA; it means in effect that we’re advising ourselves.
- So we’re adjusting the composition to be just student and professional members.
- Executives will attend but not vote.
- Proposed changes will also define the meetings more clearly, specifying that they will be dealing with business metrics financials, annual goals, etc.

Finance Committee

- Reducing its size.
- Chaired by VP Finance.
- Overseeing a funds sub-committee and an IT sub-committee.

Fund Changes

- CPF (the Capital Projects Fund) has had problems. Have better defined it now.
- $370,000 comes into CPF every year.
- Want to make only 50% of that usable and send 30% to the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund.
- Want to allow small expenditures to just go through Finance Committee; larger ones still to Council.
- SUB Repairs and Replacement needs to have more in it. Bylaws say it’s supposed to have an amount equal to 15% of our assets. That would be $1.1 million, but it only has $600,000.
- (This is the fund that’s drawn on to replace business infrastructure, when things break down.)
9. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED LORENZO LINDO:

“That the time for the presentation be extended indefinitely.”

… No objections

**Louis Retief (continuing)**

Investment Policy
- Let’s make more money.
- Need to have something in place once the bylaw amendments take effect, allowing us more flexibility in investing.

VP Finance Office
- Splitting the AVP position into two: too much for one person.
- Also adding Sustainability Fund Administrator; moving this back from VP Admin to VP Finance. In practice, that’s what we do (handle the fund).

**Questions**

Bryan Starick asked about who would be voting members on the Budget Committee (which is becoming the Finance Committee) and about working groups/sub-committees.

Louis Retief:
- All members of the committee will be voting members.
- Working groups are for the short term. These sub-committees will be in place for the long term.

Bryan Starick:
- Will the new CPF rules restrict Council’s power?

Louis Retief:
- No, Council can always suspend Code.
- We’re just putting barriers in to ensure due diligence.

Bryan Starick:
- The 15% requirement for the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund: does that include depreciation?

Louis Retief:
- Yes, so if the assets depreciate, the amount we need to keep in the fund goes down.

Cameron England asked for clarification of the difference between the new Finance Committee and the new Advisory Board.

Louis Retief:
- The Advisory Board is for high level planning. The Finance Committee is for line items.

Bradley Balaton:
- If we only spend 50% out of CPF and 30% goes to the other fund, will we ever go into the remaining 20%? Does it just stay in the fund?
Louis Retief:
- That’s a question for the future. Maybe for large projects Council could suspend Code and spend it.

Bryan Starick:
- Is the Repairs and Replacement Fund only supposed to be used for equipment in this building (the Nest), or can it be used on other buildings, like Abdul Ladha.

Louis Retief:
- That’s not defined. It’s something to look at.

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Ava Nasiri:
- Wonderful few weeks.
- Team got together and put together the Executive Transition Handbook.
- Series of lunches and coffee meetings between the new Executive and UBC officials.
- On my own team of assistants, Ella is creating a referendum handbook, Marium has been supporting the HR team and running Grad Class Council, and Aaron Verones has been in charge of technology.
- Council sweaters will be hoodie-less crewneck sweaters in charcoal grey with a white logo. Subsidized, but not free.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP External, Kathleen Simpson
- Meeting with Sally about transition.
- Booking venues for SUDS.
- Provincial elections: co-hosting a debate on April 13.
- U-Pass Advisory Committee meeting.

Questions

Nika Moeini:
- When is SUDS (the Student Union Development Summit)?

Kathleen Simpson:
- August 11-14.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- What candidates are debating?

Kathleen Simpson:
- Limited to Green, NDP, and Liberal candidates in the Point Grey riding.
VP Academic, Samantha So (read by Kathleen Simpson)
- UBC Librarian search.
- Sexual assault policy.
- Academic Experience Survey: more responses in first 24 hours than all of last year.

VP Finance, Louis Retief
- Helping Alim hire his new team.

Student Services Manager, Hussam Zbeeb
- Working with HR on orientation.
- Talking to UBC’s CSI (Centre for Student Involvement) about their support services.
- Hiring of Service Coordinators is complete, and the new Student Services Manager will be Marium Hamid.

Questions
Nika Moeini asked about Incubator (now called the Entrepreneurship Hub).

Hussam Zbeeb:
- Operations Manual being worked on.
- Looking at funding.

Managing Director, Keith Hester
- Nest refinancing paperwork.
- Conducting survey to confirm the ideas in the budget: to make sure we’re doing what people want.
- Block Party has sold out.

VP External, Kathleen Simpson (additional point)
- Goody bag handouts to remind people to vote in the election.

VP Administration, Chris Scott
- Club transitions.
- Club survey.
- Green wall outside Great Hall.

Questions
Jakob Gattinger:
- Re staffing for the VP Admin office, what’s the difference between an assistant and an AVP?

Chris Scott:
- The assistant arranges meetings, does drafting.
- The AVP oversees the clubs office as a whole.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Maybe change job titles or other VP’s will want both an assistant and an AVP.
Kathleen Simpson asked about the club survey.

Chris Scott:
- There’s a lot of appreciation of other clubs and the AMS.

**Question for Student Services Manager**
Jamiu Abdsalami asked about discussions with UBC’s VP Students (Louise Cowin) concerning Safewalk.

Hussam Zbeeb:
- The entire Executive met with Louise to discuss several things, including UBC’s financial contribution to Safewalk.

**K) Committee Reports (2 minutes each):**

**Governance Committee**
- Post-Bylaw changes: Finance Committee, ABBA.
- Remote attendance.
- Standing committee composition.

**Student Life Committee**
- Blue and Gold and the Grad Class Council are now sub-committees.

**New SUB Committee**
- Jakob Gattinger: Why do we still have a New SUB Committee when we have an Operations Committee?
- Chris Scott: The New SUB Committee is handling Phase 4 of the New SUB project (which is the renovation of the Old SUB).
- Jakob Gattinger: Was that in the referendum?
- Sheldon Goldfarb: No, but the New SUB Committee oversees the whole New SUB project, which includes renovating the Old SUB.

**L) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):**

**Arts – Brooklyn Rocco**
- Elections.
- TGAS tickets on sale.
- Volunteer appreciation.

**Commerce – Ryan Kamimura**
- Hiring.
- Awards night.
- Turning over.

**Engineering – Jeanie Malone**
- Elections, transition.

**Pharmacy – Simon Qi**
- Fee referendum failed on a tie vote.
M) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each)

Senate – Daniel Lam
- Lunch with Dr. Ono.
- This is the last meeting at which student Senators will have a vote on AMS Council.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- With the book completed and a book deal signed, it looks like the end of history.

Questions
Alan Ehrenholz:
- Was the election of the Cairn a first?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- You could say it shows it really is the end of history, or maybe the beginning.
- No joke candidate has ever won an AMS Executive position before, though some won in the Constituencies, and the Fire Hydrant came close in a Board of Governors election.

AMS President Ava Nasiri brought out sparklers for Councillors to light and led Council in a singing of For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow to celebrate the book deal.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

10. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL: [SCD213-17]

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the Global Fund MoU.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Louis Retief:
- We’ve had a partnership for five years, which has now ended. This is a renewal.
- We collect $11,000 a year from the students and pay $10,000 towards this initiative.
- I see no reason to discontinue; the fund is used for awesome projects.

Ian Sapollnik:
- What is the current balance in the fund? What is the extra money used for?

Louis Retief:
- It’s not used for anything; there’s not much in the fund.

11. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:
“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the Global Fund MoU.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

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

“Be it resolved that Council vacate the Brewery Committee, and amend its composition to be:

a. Three Councilors
b. The Designer, who shall be non-voting

Note: Other staff may be invited to meetings at the discretion of the chair.

Be it further resolved that the Brewery Committee return to Council with an update by September 2017 as to the progress toward a memorandum of understanding with the University regarding the project.”

Ava Nasiri:
- This is actually coming from Jakob, the current chair of the Governance Review Implementation Committee.
- The current Brewery Committee hasn’t been meeting.

Jakob Gattinger:
- I’ve talked with Michael Kingsmill, the AMS Designer, about this.
- LFS (the Faculty of Land & Food) is showing interest again.
- I got my start through the Brewery project.
- The VP Finance used to chair, but really that position is not too relevant.
- Other committee members are gone or not interested.

Ian Sapollnik:
- No Executive on the committee? That’s a concern. You need one for outreach and accountability.
- Either the VP Finance or the President, not necessarily as chair.

13. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:
“That the motion be amended to add a member of the Executive as chosen by the Executive to the composition of the committee.”

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- The Executive member can provide institutional support.
- Councilors are volunteers; Executives are paid.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- The flaw in that is that you will have an even number of people on the committee.
- Maybe change one of the Councillor positions to be an Executive.

14. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the amendment be amended to make the Executive non-voting.”

Jakob Gattinger:
- This will take care of that problem.
- I’d like a small committee that meets a lot, and the Executives are busy, but we can still have an Executive on the committee to make things happen.

15. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the amendment be amended to make the Executive non-voting.”

… No objections

16. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the motion be amended to add a member of the Executive as chosen by the Executive to the composition of the committee and to have that Executive be non-voting.”

… No objections

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

“Be it resolved that Council vacate the Brewery Committee, and amend its composition to be:

a. Three Councilors
b. The Designer, who shall be non-voting
c. An Executive chosen by the Executive Committee, who shall be non-voting

Note: Other staff may be invited to meetings at the discretion of the chair.

Be it further resolved that the Brewery Committee return to Council with an update by September 2017 as to the progress toward a memorandum of understanding with the University regarding the project.”

… Carried

Abstained: Jamiu Abdsalami

Discussion on whether to fill the committee now:

Ian Sapollnik:
- Should we wait till the May appointments?

Armin Rezaiean-Asel:
- Probably can find three Councilors to do some work this coming month, then refill in May.

Three Councillors nominated: Mackenzie Lockhart (GSS), Jakob Gattinger (Engineering), Liam Simpson (Arts)

18. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That Council appoint Mackenzie Lockhart, Jakob Gattinger, and Liam Simpson (3 x Councillors) to the Brewery Committee.”

… No objections

19. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That Council appoint Jakob Gattinger (a Councillor on the committee) as chair of the Brewery Committee.”

… No objections

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions: Committee Motions:

20. MOVED HANNAH XIAO, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

From the Human Resources Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Council approve the changes to the VP Administration Office as presented.”

*Assistant to VP Administration [SCD214-17]
*AVP Sustainability [SCD215-17]
*Sustainability Outreach Coordinator [SCD216-17]
*Sustainability Projects Coordinator [SCD217-17]

Hannah Xiao:
- Most of the changes are about the Sustainability Office. There will now be an AVP Sustainability and an Outreach Coordinator.
- Also a change in hours.

Nika Moeini:
• How will this affect Sustainability as a whole?

Hannah Xiao:
• The idea is to make it more efficient.

21. MOVED HANNAH XIAO, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

From the Human Resources Committee

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Council approve the changes to the VP Administration Office as presented.”

*Assistant to VP Administration
*AVP Sustainability
*Sustainability Outreach Coordinator
*Sustainability Projects Coordinator

... Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart, Ian Sapollnik

22. MOVED HANNAH XIAO, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the Human Resources Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Council approve the changes to the Vice-President Finance Office as presented.”

*AVP Finance (JD Change) [SCD218-17]
*Financial System Coordinator (New JD) [SCD219-17]
*Sustainability Fund Administrator (JD Change) [SCD220-17]
*VP Finance Office Structure Change [SCD221-17]

Hannah Xiao:
• Changing the AVP Finance position and creating the Financial System Coordinator.

23. MOVED HANNAH XIAO, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the Human Resources Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Council approve the changes to the Vice-President Finance Office as presented.”

*AVP Finance (JD Change)
24. MOVED NIKA MOEINI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL: [SCD222-17]

From Budget Committee

“That on the recommendation of Budget Committee Council approve the Business Budget for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year for a total business contribution of $766,432.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

Keith Hester:
- We’re forecasting a 20% increase in the business contribution over last year’s budget, and that’s being conservative. We could do even better.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Why is this separate from the rest of the budget?

Louis Retief:
- Ideally, it should all be in sync. Will suggest it be changed.

25. MOVED NIKA MOEINI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

From Budget Committee

“That on the recommendation of Budget Committee Council approve the Business Budget for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year for a total business contribution of $766,432.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

26. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

**From the Elections Committee**

“Be it resolved that the term for the Chief Returning Officer be extended from March 30, 2017 to April 7, 2017.”

“Be it further resolved that the appointment of Urvi Sardesai and Mary Agoncillo to the Elections Committee be extended from March 30, 2017 to April 7, 2017.”

Max Holmes:
- With a potential BDS referendum coming, we need an Elections Committee.

27. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

**From the Elections Committee**

“Be it resolved that the term for the Chief Returning Officer be extended from March 30, 2017 to April 7, 2017.”

“Be it further resolved that the appointment of Urvi Sardesai and Mary Agoncillo to the Elections Committee be extended from March 30, 2017 to April 7, 2017.”

… No objections

28. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK: [SCD223-17] [SCD223A-17]

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt the recommendations outlined in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by the dates in the report (August 2017 for the first 11 recommendations and the first meeting in January 2018 for recommendations 12 through 16).”

*Councillors asked that the following recommendations be considered separately: Recommendations 7, 9, 11 and 14. Requested respectively by Mackenzie Lockhart, Jakob Gattinger, Jamiu Abdsalami, and Ian Sapollnik.*

Max Holmes:
- The Elections Committee went through the Code to see what needs to be changed.
- I also drew on the experience of past Election Administrators and spoke to Sheldon, who said the last major overhaul of the Electoral Procedures was in 1998, the year I was born.

Mackenzie Lockhart asked about Recommendation 16 (candidates receiving reimbursement before the campaign period).

Max Holmes:
- I’ve talked to the VP Finance to see if this can be done.
For some candidates the wait to receive reimbursements is a problem.

29. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt the recommendations outlined in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by the dates in the report (August 2017 for the first 11 recommendations and the first meeting in January 2018 for recommendations 12 through 16).”

[Not including Recommendations 7, 9, 11, 14]

... No objections

30. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt Recommendation 7 in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by August 2017.”

[Recommendation 7 calls for the removal of posters as an approved method of campaigning.]

Max Holmes:
- Posters are an outdated way of campaigning.
- They don’t get the voters involved, and we shouldn’t spend AMS money littering the campus.
- And they’re not sustainable.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- It’s valiant to move to be more sustainable, but posters engage students who are not usually involved: they learn there’s an election.
- Banning posters would limit the visibility of the AMS.

Daniel Lam:
- Would this apply to Constituency elections?

Max Holmes:
- Not necessarily for Constituencies. Governance could extend it.

Kathleen Simpson:
- Putting up posters may not win many votes, but if there are no posters, that limits the visibility of the AMS.
- There are limits to AMS social media; the use is not that high.
- Posters can go to obscure buildings in small faculties.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Posters have to go.
- They don’t align with our Lighter Footprint Strategy.
- They’re a waste of paper.
• I don’t think posters brought out the voters.
• During the referendum and election, there were lots of complaints about posters.

Kiara Scott:
• We can invest in promoting the AMS as a whole during elections.
• Could have cards rather than posters. That would get candidates to go up to people.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
• Posters give candidates a chance to inform people.
• Will we hold the AMS to the same standard on posters? Or will we only be stopping candidates?

Ian Sapollnik:
• Posters take a lot of time to make.
• If we remove them, it will free up time for candidates to have better candidacies with more outreach.

Bradley Balaton:
• Posters for candidates in the election meant my club couldn’t get its posters seen.

Max Holmes:
• Postering has hurt our relations with the University because a lot of posters are put up in violation of UBC’s rules.
• Postering hurts clubs by covering up club posters.
• This change would not ban posters; the Elections Committee could still add it as an approved form of campaigning.
• And the rule wouldn’t apply to the Elections Committee.

Akhil Jobanputra:
• If we want more of a face, the Elections Committee can provide it with its posters, also with polling booths.

31. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried


Against (2): Jamiu Abdsalami, Kathleen Simpson
32. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt Recommendation 7 in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by August 2017.”

[Recommendation 7 calls for the removal of posters as an approved method of campaigning.]

... Carried


Against (5): Jamiu Abdsalami, Mackenzie Lockhart, Diane Nguyen, Kathleen Simpson, Hannah Xiao

Abstained: Sally Lin, Liam Simpson

Ava Nasiri:  
- These are recommendations: they’re more to explore the idea than to authorize or make a decision.  
- They will come back from the Governance Committee to Council.

Mackenzie Lockhart:  
- Do they have to come back to Council if they’re just directed at the Elections Committee?

33. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt Recommendation 9 in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by August 2017.”

[Recommendation 9 calls for a ban on candidates endorsing and supporting other candidates.]

Max Holmes:  
- Endorsing candidates is clearly slate-like behaviour and may harm the Executive team.  
- If there are no slates, there should be no endorsements.

Alan Ehrenholz:  
- Would this just be for AMS elections?

Max Holmes:
• Specifically AMS elections.
• Governance could look at Constituency elections too.

Kathleen Simpson:
• I absolutely support this.
• I’ve heard stories of slating going wrong at other universities.
• I would also look to Governance to look at banning others from endorsing.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Really should ban this in Constituency elections as well.

Bradley Balaton:
• Would this apply to clubs too?

Max Holmes:
• AMS Code rules on elections don’t apply to clubs. The VP Admin Office could look into it.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• Is there anything prohibiting endorsements between Constituency elections: one Arts, one Science, and one Commerce candidate endorsing each other?

Max Holmes:
• I don’t think I have ever seen that before.
• Something for Governance to look into.
• There’s a separate recommendation on Constituency and Club elections.

34. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt Recommendation 9 in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by August 2017.”

[Recommendation 9 calls for a ban on candidates endorsing and supporting other candidates.]

… Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

35. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt Recommendation 11 in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be
completed and reported on to Council at the latest by August 2017.”

[Recommendation 11 calls for the Governance Committee to review the oversight of Constituency and Club elections by the AMS.]

Max Holmes:
- Need to review the oversight of Club and Constituency elections.
- Code doesn’t say anything about online voting for them.
- There’s no training process for the Constituencies.
- The relationship between the Constituencies and the AMS is not clear.
- For clubs too it’s weird. Appeals of club elections go to the VP Administration, then me. Maybe they should stop at the VP Admin.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
- Constituencies should be allowed to use Simply Voting.

36. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt Recommendation 11 in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by August 2017.”

[Recommendation 11 calls for the Governance Committee to review the oversight of Constituency and Club elections by the AMS.]

… No objections

37. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED DUPREEZ SMITH:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt Recommendation 14 in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by the first meeting in January 2018.”

[Recommendation 14 calls for the Elections Committee to create a No campaign process in the AMS Code for uncontested races.]

Max Holmes:
- In uncontested races, we only support the candidates running.
- The No side is not supported, so we’re not really being neutral.

Ian Sapollnik:
- I’m against this.
- We’re not inherently supporting the candidate.
- Should we allow a No side for all races?
- There would be a financial burden.
- Who would be allowed to run a No campaign?
- It could lead to personal attacks.
- Such a rule makes me feel uncomfortable. I don’t see anything positive about it.
Jakob Gattinger:
- We had a No campaign in the EUS, and that candidate withdrew.
- We should look into it, see how to regulate it.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Do we need a No campaign?
- A No campaign could lend legitimacy without providing a valid alternative to the candidate.
- From a democratic point of view, what does that mean?

Louis Retief:
- As someone who ran unopposed, I think it’s a good idea. A good challenge.

Max Holmes:
- If there is an opposition currently, there is nothing we can do to regulate it.
- It would be better with regulation.
- Perhaps the ballot should say “Reopen Nominations.”

38. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the recommendation be amended to strike No and replace it with Reopen Nominations and to replace the word ‘uncontested’ with ‘all.’”

Ian Sapollnik:
- We need to be consistent.
- If we’re going to financially support No or Reopen Nominations, it should be for all races.
- The change to Reopen Nominations would mean we could give financial support without targeting one person.

Max Holmes:
- This is not in the spirit of our recommendation.
- This would spend money in contested races, so it would cost more money and make it complicated.
- It might lead to a by-election and even more money.
- It would give more legitimacy to uncontested races.

Kathleen Simpson:
- I support shifting to reopening rather than No.
- There’s enough negativity as there is.

Simon Qi:
- It’s pointless to do this where there’s already more than one candidate.

Ian Sapollnik:
- In a contested election, the Reopen option would be a way to say no to all the candidates.
Louis Retief:
- I agree with doing it for all races, but not with changing No to Reopen.

Max Holmes:
- I'd be okay with Reopen, but not for all races.

Bradley Balaton:
- Can we split this into two separate parts?

The Speaker:
- Not on an amendment.

39. MOVED IAN SAPOLLNIK, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the recommendation be amended to strike No and replace it with Reopen Nominations and to replace the word ‘uncontested’ with ‘all.’ ”

... Defeated

For (11): Bradley Balaton, Daniel Lam, Lorenzo Lindo, Mackenzie Lockhart, Diane Nguyen, Brooklyn Rocco, Ian Sapollnik, Kiara Scott, Kathleen Simpson, Hannah Xiao, Jennifer Zhen


Abstained: María de Fátima Lazo, Rachel Chew, Armin Rezaiean-Asel

40. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED DUPREEZ SMITH:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt Recommendation 14 in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by the first meeting in January 2018.”

[Recommendation 14 calls for the Elections Committee to create a No campaign process in the AMS Code for uncontested races.]

Ian Sapollnik:
- This is very dangerous territory.
- Candidates might get someone to run against them to avoid the process.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
- Would Max be okay with “Reopen Nominations”?

Max Holmes:
- I’m okay with that.
41. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED DUPREEZ SMITH:

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee AMS Council adopt Recommendation 14 in the document entitled ‘Elections Committee Report 2017’ to be completed and reported on to Council at the latest by the first meeting in January 2018.”

[Recommendation 14 calls for the Elections Committee to create a No campaign process in the AMS Code for uncontested races.]

... Defeated


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart, Elise Mance, Hannah Xiao

42. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED LIAM SIMPSON: [SCD224-17]

From the Governance Review Implementation Committee

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Governance Review Implementation Committee, Council approve the proposed Executive Goal Setting and Reporting Policy.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Governance Review Implementation Committee, Council direct the Governance Committee to remove all previous Executive reporting procedures from the Code.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jakob Gattinger:

- This is a beneficial move away from pay based on performance.

Sally Lin asked about the role of the Steering Committee.

Ava Nasiri:

- The Steering Committee is not mandated to look at Executive goals.

43. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED LIAM SIMPSON:

From the Governance Review Implementation Committee

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Committee, Council approve the proposed Executive Goal Setting and Reporting Policy.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Governance Review Implementation Committee, Council direct the Governance Committee to remove all previous Executive reporting procedures from the Code.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried


Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart

44. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That on the recommendation of the Governance Review Implementation Committee, and upon the acceptance by the Provincial Government of the Society's bylaw changes, Council recognize the UBC Board of Governors student members for the Vancouver campus and two student members of the UBC Vancouver Senate as non-voting members of Council.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jakob Gattinger:
- We’re reinstating them as non-voting members once they’re removed as voting members.
- We get lots of relevant information from them about Senate and BoG.

Ian Sapollnik:
- Great idea. Future Councils should engage people in these roles.

45. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JEFFREY PEA:

“That the motion be amended to add a clause mandating the Governance Committee to explore incorporating these non-voting members into committees of Council.” … Defeated

For (3): María de Fátima Lazo, Ian Sapollnik, Kathleen Simpson


Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeanie Malone
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeanie Malone

47. MOVED JEANIE MALONE, SECONDED KIARA SCOTT:

[SCD225-17]

“Be it resolved that AMS Council recognize new Constituency representatives effective May 1, 2017 and only May 1, 2017 for the term May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018.

Be it further resolved that the term dates for all members of AMS Council be set to May 1 to April 30 annually.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council approve the changes to Constituency Constitutions as outlined in the document entitled ‘Constituency Constitution Updates Summary’ as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jakob Gattinger:
- Last time we recommended changes to Constituency constitutions, but ran into problems.
- Don't want to force Constituencies to amend their Executive term dates.
- The voters gave us a mandate for changes. Should we impose this on the Constituencies (without changing their constitutions, just by directing them to adhere to these dates for their terms on AMS Council)?

The Speaker:
- To impose a May 1-April 30 term goes against Bylaw 5(2)(f), which says Constituency representatives take their seats according to the bylaws of the Constituency.
- Therefore this motion is out of order.

Ian Sapollnik:
- Council has the jurisdiction to amend Constituency bylaws. Can it suspend
those bylaws?

The Speaker said that would be out of order.

48. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.”

… No objections

49. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be recessed for 15 minutes.”

Ava Nasiri:
- Instead of getting caught up in a circle of debate, let’s send this back to Governance Review.
- The issue merits more than 15 minutes. I’d like Council to really seriously read the documents.

Jakob Gattinger:
- If we go to April 26, it doesn’t leave much margin for error.

50. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be recessed for 15 minutes.”

… Defeated

For (10): Jamiu Abdsalami, María de Fátima Lazo, Jakob Gattinger, Sally Lin, Jeanie Malone, Elise Mance, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Brooklyn Rocco, Ian Sapollnik, Liam Simpson

Against (13): Rachel Chew, Daniel Lam, Lorenzo Lindo, Nika Moeini, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Louis Retief, Kathleen Simpson, DuPreez Smith, Gloria Sun, Sumal Thalagala, Hannah Xiao, Jennifer Zhen

Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Brian Cho, Cameron England, Diane Nguyen, Kiara Scott

The Speaker:
- Can we do a universal amendment, amending all constitutions?

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- There are problems. GSS bylaws are not under AMS jurisdiction, for instance.

Ava Nasiri:
- We could add a discussion topic on Constituency start times.
- Also let’s do a straw poll on whether to resolve this tonight or wait till April 26:

51. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED DANIEL LAM: [SCD226-17]
From the Governance Committee

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Governance Committee Council approve the AMS Internal Investment Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The policy will take effect only after the updated AMS Bylaws are approved by the BC Corporate Registry Office

Louis Retief:
- This doesn’t specify the investments. It leaves room for future decisions.

52. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

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… Carried


53. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED DANIEL LAM: [SCD227-17]

From the Governance Committee

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled “Code Changes 2017: Finance Committee” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

Note: The policy will take effect only after the updated AMS Bylaws are approved by the BC Corporate Registry Office.

Louis Retief:
- Structural changes, budget timeline, funds changes.

54. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Governance Committee
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Note Requires 2/3rds

Note: The policy will take effect only after the updated AMS Bylaws are approved by the BC Corporate Registry Office.

… No objections

55. MOVED MARÍA DE FÁTIMA LAZO, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA: [SCD228-17]

From the Governance Committee

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: ABBA Revamp’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

Louis Retief:
- It will no longer be ABBA but the Advisory Board.
- It will provide a strategic overview and planning for the Society.

Bradley Balaton:
- How much harder will it be to find people for it if we’re giving it more responsibility?

Louis Retief:
- We’ve had some great applicants so far.
- In the past some were surprised that they were being limited to advising on the business side.

56. MOVED MARÍA DE FÁTIMA LAZO, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

From the Governance Committee

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: ABBA Revamp’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

Q) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Discussion Period
Standing Committees

María de Fátima Lazo:
• Governance discussed whether, with the reduction in the size of Council, the composition of the committees will have to change.
• Governance doesn’t have experience of the other committees to know how many members each should have, so we’d like input from the other committees.

Ian Sapollnik:
• This is very important.
• We’re giving you one week to let us know if you have input on how many Councilors, Executives, and at large members there should be on each committee.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• This committee structure was designed with the idea of working groups doing most of the work. The size of the committees was dictated by that idea. Is that still what we want?
• Also, reducing the size of Council means reducing the pool of Councillors.

Bradley Balaton:
• A lot of the extra seats on Council were held by people who didn’t sit on committees.

Louis Retief:
• It could be two students at large and three Councillors for each committee. Standardized.

Jakob Gattinger:
• We changed committees to get away from standardized committee structures.
• Maybe we need to revisit the old rules about limiting the number of members from any one Constituency.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
• I’m against standardization.

Sally Lin:
• Advocacy should not be reduced in size.

María de Fátima Lazo:
• If chairs of committees have input, tell me your thoughts.

Ava Nasiri:
• Maybe send out a survey.

57. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

“That the agenda be amended to add an item on Constituency start dates.”
Ava Nasiri:
  • It would be helpful to have direction on whether Council thinks it a good idea to explore a centralized shift despite the Speaker’s ruling that it’s out of order.

Louis Retief:
  • We need to hear from the Constituency reps on this.

Jakob Gattinger:
  • Motions of Council should be followed.
  • Council directed the Constituencies to send in their constitutions.
  • Only three did.
  • I had to track the others down.
  • The Constituency reps here should remember that they’re directors of a board.

The Speaker (to Constituency reps):
  • Do the work you’re supposed to do.

58. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

“That the agenda be amended to add an item on Constituency start dates.”

… Carried


Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Rachel Chew, Lorenzo Lindo, Mackenzie Lockhart, Hannah Xiao

Constituency start dates

Ava Nasiri:
  • We can discuss this tonight, then have solutions ready to go to Council a week or so before the next Council meeting, with a motion passed April 26.
  • The structure we’re looking for is having all Councillors begin on May 1, with the exception of certain professional programs.

Jakob Gattinger:
  • I’m opposed to the idea of exceptions.
  • Nursing is never going to attend anyway; they have practicums Wednesday night.
  • Exceptions take us down a dangerous road.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
  • The bylaws are confusing about how the GSS fits in.
  • Most Constituencies don’t meet over the summer.
  • We should consider exceptions, like for Education.
Alan Ehrenholz:
- Nursing could come back in May.
- I don’t like special exceptions.
- I want to make things simpler to understand.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Some Constituencies consist only of graduate students.
- I’m unsure about the GSS commitment to the AMS; they’re planning a referendum on leaving.

Ava Nasiri:
- We’re never going to be able to properly represent all 50,000 students.
- It’s our responsibility to make this body accessible.
- I’m in favour of the May 1 rule, but we have to be thoughtful.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- The old rule in Bylaws was for standardized turnover, but it was not followed. That’s why we changed it to leave it up to the Constituencies.

Jennifer Zhen (Commerce):
- We’re more than happy to turn over in May as long as our elections can remain at the time they are now.

Nika Moeini:
- We in Arts are going to be fine with the new start date.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- We’ll need special exceptions for one-year programs.
- If we don’t accommodate them, we’ll have some problems.

Bryan Starick:
- Instead of saying the start day is May 1, we could say the end date is April 30.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- They’d have no representation over the summer.

Bradley Balaton:
- They’d have no representation at all.

Marium Hamid:
- A lot of Constituencies haven’t said anything. Please give us your feedback.

59. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JEFFREY PEA:

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

Be it resolved that all Presidents of Constituencies will contact the AMS President
by Friday, March 31 at 12 noon to convey the feelings of their constituents a standardized May 1 start date:

1) For members of AMS Council from their Constituency
2) For all elected members of their Constituency.

Be it further resolved that non-compliance will result in referral to Student Court for a $10 fine.”

Louis Retief:

- It’s sad that we have to pass such a motion to get the Constituency presidents to do their job.
- We shouldn’t sink to this level.

*Jakob Gattinger agreed to drop the Be It Further Resolved Clause.*

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... Carried


Against (2): Bradley Balaton, Mackenzie Lockhart

Abstained: Ian Sapollnik

61. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JEFFREY PEA:

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Ava Nasiri:

- We should serenade Jakob with For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow.

Mackenzie Lockhart:

- Someone should email all the Presidents.
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… No objections

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Jakob Gattinger:
• Notice of motion to amend Code to allow remote attendance between May and August by video link or conference call, with the Executive and the Speaker to look into what system should be adopted.

U) Submissions:

Global Fund Final Review [SCD229-17]
Global Fund External Committee Report [SCD230-17]

V) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: April 26, 2017

W) Adjournment:

63. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

… Carried

For (12): Bradley Balaton, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Diane Nguyen, Jeffrey Pea, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Brooklyn Rocco, Kiara Scott, Sumal Thalagala, Hannah Xiao, Jennifer Zhen

Against (4): Jamiu Abdsalami, Jakob Gattinger, Louis Retief, Ian Sapollnik

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.

T) Social Activity:

Pit Night
Appendix A: Recommendations from Elections Committee

From the Elections Committee:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the following recommendations to be completed and updated on to Council at the latest by the first meeting in August 2017.

RECOMMENDATION 1:
Council direct Human Resources Committee to create a hiring timeline and change the term dates for the entire Elections Committee in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 2:
Council direct Governance Committee to abolish the Events and Communications officer on the Elections Committee and replace the position with the Events Officer and the Communications Officer in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 3:
Council direct Governance Committee to restructure the Elections Committee to consist of 6 members chaired by the Elections Administrator in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 4:
Council direct Governance Committee to create conflict of interest rules for all Elections Committee members and a way to enforce these rules if broken in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 5:
Council direct Governance Committee to update the Electoral Procedures for online voting and create an article laying out how paper balloting will proceed in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 6:
Council direct Governance Committee to abolish VoterMedia from the Electoral Procedures in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 7:
Council direct Governance Committee to remove posters as an approved method of campaigning in Elections in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 8:
Council direct Governance Committee to require the Elections Administrator at times outlined in the attached document to attend Council meetings and to present to Council in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 9:
Council direct Governance Committee to ban candidates from endorsing and supporting other candidates running in elections in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 10:
Council direct Governance Committee to update the reimbursement level requirements for candidates as outlined in the attached document.
RECOMMENDATION 11:
Council direct Governance Committee to review the oversight of Constituency and Club elections by the AMS.”

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the following recommendations to be completed and updated on to Council at the latest by the first meeting in January 2018.

RECOMMENDATION 12:
Council direct the Elections Committee for the 2017/18 academic year to create a more detailed candidate violation and punishment procedure in the AMS Code of Procedure for the Elections Committee to follow.

RECOMMENDATION 13:
Council direct the Elections Committee for the 2017/18 academic year to review the referendum campaign regulations and create more enforceable rules for all referendum campaigns in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 14:
Council direct the Elections Committee for the 2017/18 academic year to create a No Campaign process for uncontested races in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 15:
Council direct the Elections Committee for the 2017/18 academic year to create new rules regarding the involvement of student staff, executives, and Councillors in the AMS elections in the AMS Code of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION 16:
Council direct the Elections Committee for the 2017/18 academic year to create a system that allows candidates to receive reimbursement money before the campaign period to alleviate candidate's financial burdens in the AMS Code of Procedure.”
# March 29, 2017 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: Alan Ehrenholz (President-elect), Alim Lakhiyalov (AVP Finance, VP Finance-elect), Daniel Lam (VP Academic-elect), Pooja Bhatti (VP Admin-elect), Leslie Tulett (External Office), Asad Ali (Events Manager), Aaron Verones (President’s assistant), Max Holmes (AMS Elections Administrator), Marium Hamid (AMS Governance), Bryan Starick (Engineering), Sruthi Tadepalli and Samantha McCabe (Ubyssey), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing 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 6:22 pm.

1. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED ELISE MANCE:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

“That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Add a discussion topic on Constituency fees
- Amend motion 14 to add the Board members and move the motion between C & D.”

… No objections

3. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED BROOKLYN ROCCO:

“That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Add a motion on the Student Services Manager
- Strike the AMS Strategic Plan 2020 consultation
- Strike final Executive report presentation.”

Ava Nasiri:

- The Strategic Plan discussion is online and we will leave the consultation for the future Council.

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… No objections
5. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED ELISE MANCE:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

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

Welcome to our new Members: David Khang (Allard Law)


Goodbyes:

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, adding:
  - Learning took place here long before the University.
  - We are privileged to be here.
  - It was great to see all of you at the pole raising.

6. MOVED ELISE MANCE, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“Be it resolved that Council recognize Sarah Park and Jaymi Booth as the two student members of the UBC Vancouver Senate who will serve as non-voting members of AMS Council effective immediately and ending March 31, 2018.

Be it further resolved that Council recognize Kevin Doering and Jeanie Malone as the two student members of the UBC Board of Governors who will serve as non-voting members of AMS Council effective immediately and ending March 31, 2018.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Concerns were raised about the dates.
- The Speaker suggested saying it should be when their terms end.

7. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the dates in the motion be changed to say ‘until their term ends.’ ”

... No objections
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... Carried


Abstained: Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Louis Retief

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

E) Consent Agenda Items

9. MOVED ELISE MANCE, SECONDED DIANE NGUYEN:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated March 21, 2017 [SCD231-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated March 24, 2017 [SCD232-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated March 30, 2017 [SCD233-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 4, 2017 [SCD234-17]

... Carried


Against (3): Jakob Gattinger, Louis Retief, Samantha So

Abstained: Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart

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

Election Results – Max Holmes (Elections Administrator) [SCD235-17]

Boycott, Divest & Sanction Referendum Results
- Turnout was 2,975 or 5.5% of the eligible voters.
- The No side won 1,513 votes (52%).
- The Yes side got 1,396 votes (48%).
- So the referendum failed.
Student Legal Fund Society election results:
- Alim Lakhiyalov, Austin Ferguson, Ben LeSage, Keely Bass, Sam Sutter, Sally Lin.
- Ubyssey Publication Society referendum failed.

Questions
Cameron England:
- Re BDS, is there an appeal process?

The Speaker:
- The appeal process is outlined in Code, but it’s now beyond the timeline to appeal.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Were there any major complaints?

Max Holmes:
- Quite a few complaints about people ripping down posters, on both sides.
- Also people posterizing where they’re not supposed to.
- Confrontations.
- The No campaign put stickers where they shouldn’t, and they couldn’t be taken off (that’s why there are rules against putting stickers up).
- But there was nothing that led to a formal appeal.

Jakob Gattinger:
- How much did we spend on the legal process, and are we getting the money back?

Ava Nasiri:
- Approximately $20,000.
- Not getting any back; it would mean going against a student.
- The ruling was a positive one for the AMS, setting a precedent. The court stood behind the AMS ruling.
- We kept the costs to a minimum and got a good result.

Louis Retief:
- Would more posters have increased voter turnout?

Max Holmes:
- No way to know. Posters were everywhere, but turnout was abysmal.

Louis Retief:
- What was your favourite part of being Elections Administrator?

Max Holmes:
- I won’t say leaving …
- The democratic process.
Hussam Zbeeb:
- What was your least favourite part?

Max Holmes:
- The BDS referendum.

Pooja Bhatti:
- Max, you did a really great job.

**Services Review – Hussam Zbeeb**

Vice update
- Finding the balance in the use of drugs, alcohol, and technology.
- Focusing on harm reduction.
- Peer dialogue.
- Mentorship.
- Outreach.
- We found it was mostly used for alcohol and drugs (with an even split between them).
- Zero use for technology.
- There were 53 drop-ins altogether.
- It has a Facebook page.
- Integrating training with Speakeasy.

E-Hub update
- Community, consults, curriculum.
- Consult prong has been built out.
- Developing the other two.
- Expecting to start in September 2017.
- UBC AVP Research wants to include E-Hub in the UBC Innovative Plan, which would mean a financial contribution.

Safewalk
- Back to a mix of driving and walking; not exclusively driving.
- UBC is agreeing to collaborate financially, but no dollar figure has been set.

Other Developments
- Shift in the communication focus.
- Lobbying for improvement in well-being on campus.
- Phasing out AMS Volunteer services.
- Implementing a Food Bank grant program.

**Questions**

Jakob Gattinger:
- What is happening with sponsorship in eHub? Where will funding come from?

Hussam Zbeeb:
- This will come from e@UBC.
Jamiu Abdsalami:
- How will the new Food Bank program work?

Hussam Zbeeb:
- It will be advertised to all clients.

**Business Capital Requirements Presentation – Keith Hester**

**Food Cart**
- We’re moving Flipside outside and at first thought: Food Truck.
- But that’s too expensive, so we’re going with a food cart initially.
- There will no longer be a burger restaurant in the Nest, though burgers will be available in the Pit.
- The cart will go on the plaza and be mobile; we’re look to get a food truck roaming licence, so it could go off campus.
- We’re going to call it the Burger Bar, like in the old building.
- The cost will be $20,000.
- The annual revenue will be $140,000, and the profit will be $5,000.
- We’re using a payback model so as not to deplete the Capital Projects Fund; we’ll borrow the money and repay over four years.
- The current Capital Projects Fund balance is $2.1 million.

**Questions**

Kevin Doering:
- We need a hip name: Anthony’s Weiners?

Lorenzo Lindo:
- Renting to Constituencies: Who would staff it and who gets the profits?

Keith Hester:
- You would rent it and staff it.
- The profits would be yours.

Samantha So:
- For the name: How about Ivana Weiner?

Bradley Balaton:
- Could have a naming contest.

Diane Nguyen:
- How much are we saving by doing this instead of using external food trucks?

Keith Hester:
- External trucks actually pay us, but we can’t use them except for special events. There are UBC trucks, but the revenue from them goes to UBC.

Bryan Starick:
- Does the $20,000 include the vehicle to move the cart?
Keith Hester:
- No, our catering van can tow it.

Lorenzo Lindo:
- What would the cost be to rent it to Constituencies?

Keith Hester:
- We haven’t discussed it yet.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
- When will the cart be ready?

Keith Hester:
- In June.

Ava Nasiri:
- What is the thinking behind having the project pay for itself and returning the profits to the fund rather than having it be a business contribution to the general budget?

Keith Hester:
- The bottom line of the businesses goes into Endowment Fund, but only the interest from that fund can be used.
- This model means refilling the Capital Projects Fund, which is less restrictive because more than the interest from that fund can be used.

Louis Retief:
- It also keeps the businesses responsible; it’s a loan they have to pay back.

10. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED SAMANTHA SO:

“That time for the presentation be extended indefinitely.”

… No objections

**Business Capital Requirements Presentation – Keith Hester (continued)**

**Gallery 2.0**
- Started June 27, 2016, after the abject failure of the previous outlet.
- There was fervour for the Gallery Lounge in the old building.
- A referendum called for re-creating it in the new building.
- So far it’s worked pretty well. Daily revenue has climbed from last September through March (from $2600 to $4600).
- It’s also a popular place for events, like weddings.
- It’s become a student hangout.
- We never spent anything on it; we took its furniture from the Lev Bukhman Lounge elsewhere in the Nest.
- We’re looking to replace the furniture now and make better use of the patio: put umbrellas out to protect against rain and, in summer, to provide shade.
- We want to change the lighting and also create some study space in it.
- Adding a cocktail bar.
- Total cost $59,100.
- Like the Food Cart, we will be borrowing from CPF and then repaying out of the Gallery’s profits.
- Changing the name to the Gallery Patio and Lounge.

Questions
Jakob Gattinger:
- What about big wedding tents for the patio?

Keith Hester:
- We looked at that, but it can get quite windy; it would be difficult and expensive to secure big tents; maybe another $60,000.

Sarah Park:
- What about heaters?

Keith Hester:
- Similarly, heaters would need an enclosed space. We’re looking into it, but there’s no decision yet.

Kevin Doering:
- Do you know which type of seating students prefer?

Keith Hester:
- Feedback cards have provided some information.
- We can also see what works best.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- We could look into building another wall.

Kathleen Simpson:
- Can you expand on the cocktail bar concept?

Keith Hester:
- Now you go to the main bar.
- This will mean a dedicated end of the bar just for cocktails.

Cameron England:
- Will table service be considered?

Keith Hester:
- Not part of this project, but we are looking at a hybrid table service model.

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Ava Nasiri
- Our last remarks.
• It’s been swell: three years and five months for me on the AMS Executive.
• We are all here to serve students: remember that what you did, those of you who are leaving, had an impact. You contributed to something bigger than yourself.
• If you are incoming, now is your opportunity.
• After my first year, I realized how large the potential is here at the AMS.

Questions
Daniel Lam:
• Have you picked a Councillor of the Year?

Ava Nasiri:
• Yes, this year’s recipient contributed many hours keeping Council responsible and attentive, going over and above in ensuring the Governance Review was implemented: Jakob Gattinger
• There will be wine and an honorarium.
• Also, for all Councillors: sweatshirts

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP External – Kathleen Simpson
• First day of voting is coming up in the provincial election: you can vote and get ice cream in the Nest.
• Couldn’t be happier than to pass on the job to Sally.
• I had a great time in the AMS.

Questions
Kevin Doering:
• What is the biggest challenge going to be in the next five years?

Kathleen Simpson:
• The Broadway Line.

The Speaker:
• What have been the greatest successes in your time?

Kathleen Simpson:
• Winning pre-election promises to reduce the student loan interest rate and maintain the tuition cap.
• Also getting more housing built.
• I’m hopeful we’ll see more progress on the housing rights campaign.

VP Administration – Chris Scott
• This has been a great Council to work with, and a great Executive team.
• The AMS is very formative.
• A shout-out to the Operations Committee.
• Thanks to Council for making me a better Board member.
• Excited to pass the torch to Pooja.
VP Academic & University Affairs – Samantha So
- Working on sexual assault policy.
- Also policy on institutional housing.
- Tuitions and curriculum consultations are taking a good direction for students.
- Tuition submission on PhD fees.
- VP Academic team restructure.
- Excited to pass things on to Daniel Lam.
- Don’t know a single student as passionate as Daniel.

VP Finance – Louis Retief
- I’ve made a pre-preliminary budget submission to Council, but don’t ask me about it; ask your new VP Finance, Alim.
- Shout-out to Budget Committee and the Executive.
- Congratulations to Alim, and for him I have a gift of green pens to symbolize our $300,000 surplus. Not red pens like Mateusz gave me (to symbolize our deficit then).

Questions
Jamiu Abdsalami:
- Does the new budget reflect the new form of Council?

Jakob Gattinger:
- Committee chairs will be paid again; that will be a chunk of money.

Ava Nasiri:
- I would like to recognize the contributions of my Executive team: Aaron Verones, the best assistant ever, and Marium Hamid.

Student Services Manager – Hussam Zbeeb
- I would echo the sentiments of everyone here.
- Marium, my successor, did incredible work with Governance Review and will do the same as Student Services Manager.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Block Party broke even for the first time ever.
- Congratulations to Asad and the Events Department.
- Really want to thank the outgoing Executive for all they did.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Brewery Committee - Jakob Gattinger
- Michael Kingsmill and I met with the Land and Food director.
- The stars are aligning for the brewery.

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

Arts – Brooklyn Rocco
- First ever AUS transition day.
- TGAS this weekend.
- Tacofino is coming.
Engineering – Jeanie Malone
  • Changes in the structure of the Dean’s office and about how our programs are run.

Comments
Ava Nasiri:
  • I would like to commend the EUS on an appropriately scathing letter (to the Ubyssey).

Samantha McCabe (the Ubyssey):
  • We love that sort of stuff.
  • Please keep reaching out to us.

M) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Board of Governors – Kevin Doering
  • Met April 13.
  • Policy 131 on sexual assault passed.
  • UBC Game Plan presentation (on athletics).
  • AMS fee increases were approved.
  • Promising discussion on the student experience.

Senate – Sarah Park
  • Curriculum approvals.
  • 13 new awards.
  • New School of Public Policy and Global Affairs established.

Questions
Sheldon Goldfarb
  • This is a new degree granting school? It might thus be entitled to become an AMS Constituency if it has enough students.

Kevin Doering
  • Enrolment is only about 60 students: not enough to meet the 1% threshold.

11. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JAMIU ABDASALAMI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to assign the undergraduate students in the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs to the Arts Undergraduate Society and the graduate students to the Graduate Student Society.”

Mackenzie Lockhart:
  • I don’t think anyone is in the room from the School; we can’t consult them now.

Ava Nasiri:
  • I’m against amending the agenda like this.
  • There hasn’t been time put in to discuss this.
Chris Scott:
- Probably some consultation process is required.

12. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the motion be withdrawn.”

... No objections

**Historical Update - Sheldon Goldfarb**
- Former AMS President Mike Lee is running in Vancouver-Langara in the upcoming provincial election.
- Was AMS President in 1989-90.
- Our first president of Chinese ancestry.
- He thought we should change our name from Alma Mater (Nourishing Mother) because he feared it would encourage students to expect to be coddled by us.

**Questions**
- Other former AMS Councillors running? Bowinn Ma?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Yes, former Engineering rep (and EUS President) Bowinn Ma is running in North Vancouver-Lonsdale.
- Former GSS rep Conny Lin and former Education rep Richard Jaques are also running.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

13. MOVED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

**From the Executive Committee**
“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council direct the Governance Committee to instate the Student Services Manager as a non-voting member of Council.”

Note: Code to be updated by Governance Committee to reflect changes.

Ava Nasiri:
- Historically the Student Services Manager always had a non-voting seat, but it got lost in the recent changes.

14. MOVED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

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15. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

From the Executive Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council direct the Governance Committee to draw up an Internal Policy for the procedures needed for biannual committee reviews.”

Ava Nasiri:
- Hoping committees will continue to stay relevant.
- Reviews like these will help that happen.
- Would like the Governance Committee to create a process for doing this every other year.

16. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

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… No objections

17. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON: [SCD239-17]

From the Executive Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee (acting on behalf of the Governance Review Implementation Committee) Council approve the changes to the Constituency constitutions as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ava Nasiri:
- This is coming back to Council.
- The changes align start dates to May 1, so that all Councillors will start at the same time to allow for robust orientations to improve Councillor performance.

Jakob Gattinger (to the Constituencies):
- Please update your constitutions (in accordance with this motion).

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…Carried

Abstained: Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart

19. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI: [SCD240-17]

“That the recommended changes to committee structure be accepted as presented in the document entitled ‘Committee Changes 2017’.”

Ava Nasiri:

- Governance Committee spent time going over committee changes, but didn’t have a chance to approve them.

The Speaker:

- So are these Code changes?
- When we make the appointments next month, will we do so according to this proposed new Code or the current Code?

Ava Nasiri:

- We would like to do them according to the new Code.

Jakob Gattinger:

- Maybe suspend the relevant sections of Code to go with this.

Ava Nasiri:

- Maybe next Council meeting can start with a Code suspension and appoint under the new structure.

20. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

“That the recommended changes to committee structure be accepted as presented in the document entitled ‘Committee Changes 2017’.”

… No objections

21. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ANTONY TSUI:

From the Executive Committee

“Whereas the actionable items of the AMS Governance Review have been completed,

Be it resolved that AMS Council declare the Governance Review 2016-2017 officially complete.

Be it further resolved that the Governance Review Implementation Committee be dissolved effective April 30, 2017.”
Jakob Gattinger:

- The actionable items are now complete.
- A lot of the review involved a change in how the AMS thinks: we no longer see two sides to the organization (business and student government).
- Have been aligning the two sides. It’s a bit of a fuzzy process, but it’s been moving in the right direction.
- More specifically, we now have a Managing Director instead of a General Manager and an Advisory Board for the whole Society and not just for business.
  - We’ve chosen the student members for the new board: Louis Relf and Chris Scott.
- We have a new Executive team plan, the new Executive goal-setting and reporting policy, I-9.
- We’ve restructured the committees to get rid of useless work.
- We reduced Council size and worked to make sure Council discussions are high level.
- We did not pursue the two-year Council term plan because it was not feasible.
- Orientations have been set up for this weekend; hope they go well.
- Self and peer evaluations are starting this year.
- Officers of Council have been created; they will be reporting through the Advocacy Committee.
- We got rid of the Oversight Committee.

22. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

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

Be it further resolved that thank you’s be sent to the members of the committee.”

… No objections

23. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ANTONY TSUI:

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… No objections
24. MOVED SAMANTHA SO, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA: [SCD241-17]

“That Council adopt the AMS Strategic Plan 2020 Draft 3.0 as presented.”

Ava Nasiri:
- We presented Strategic Plan 2.0 a few months ago.
- There have been some changes since then.
- It’s still not the final version.
- We’d like the current form of the document ratified and then the new Executive will take further steps.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Can we make the Council section less operational and more high level?
- Otherwise it looks good.

25. MOVED SAMANTHA SO, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

“That Council adopt the AMS Strategic Plan 2020 Draft 3.0 as presented.”

... Carried


Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Antony Tsui (proxy for Brian Cho), Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

26. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ELISE MANCE: [SCD242-17]

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Remote Attendance at Council’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

Jakob Gattinger:
- In summer we have people who can’t attend.
- It’s good to get as many Councillors as possible at a meeting.
- It will be at the discretion of the Speaker and the distant attenders won’t count towards quorum.

Daniel Lam:
- They can vote but not be part of quorum?
Jakob Gattinger:
- Their vote counts, but there has to be quorum in the room for the meeting to take place.
- We don’t want a meeting with a majority away.

Bradley Balaton:
- I don’t think we should require quorum in the room.

Jeanie Malone:
- There could be technical issues with those phoning in: may not allow for productive or reliable communication.

Jakob Gattinger:
- It will be up to the Speaker to set the rules.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Is there a plan for how to do this?
- Will we find the necessary equipment?

Jakob Gattinger:
- The Code change says it is up to the Speaker and the Executive to find something.

27. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ELISE MANCE:

From the Governance Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Remote Attendance at Council’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried


Abstained: Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart

28. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the Finance Committee:
“That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council approve the expenditure of $60,000 out of the Capital Projects Fund to fund the capital business requirements for the Gallery Bar and Lounge which will be repaid over four years through Gallery depreciation costs.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The balance in the Capital Projects Fund is $2,129,000.
Louis Retief:
- First time we’re paying back what we spend. It’s a cool model.

Jakob Gattinger:
- On the statement of the balance in the fund, what about the new system that restricts us to spending only 50% of what’s in it?

Louis Retief:
- That will start next year.
- It’s not yet technically available.

29. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

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… Carried


Abstained: Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart

30. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the Finance Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council approve the expenditure of $20,000 out of the Capital Projects Fund to fund capital business requirements for the Food Cart which will be repaid over four years through Food Cart depreciation costs.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The balance in the Capital Projects Fund is $2,129,000 - $60,000.

… Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart
31. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED ELISE MANCE:
   [SCD243-17], [SCD244-17], [SCD245-17], [SCD246-17]

From the HR Committee
“That Council approve the changes in the VP Academic & University Affairs office as presented.”

Ava Nasiri:
- The HR Committee hasn’t actually met on this due to exam schedules.
- Hoping Council will be sympathetic to the logistical difficulties and allow the VP Academic to hire.

Samantha So:
- This is a restructuring to make the office more functional and not based on topical issues.
- So there will be a Researcher and a Campaigns and Outreach person.
- Allows the office to be more pro-active rather than reactive.
- Follows the new Officers of Council structure.
- Also increases the hours to 15.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Some of the positions will be reporting to the AVP rather than the VP.

Samantha So:
- Only two of them.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Student government staff should report to the VP.
- They’re carrying out your promises, and for accountability it’s better to report to the VP and avoid creating an extra hoop.

Kathleen Simpson:
- I don’t think the extra layer dilutes the responsibility of the Executive.
- Responsibility still rests with the VP.
- Also, AVP’s are paid managerial salaries and take on a managerial role.

Chris Scott:
- The VP Academic has lots of meetings.
- Having to direct staff on top of that is a bit much.
- This approach is way more efficient.

Louis Retief:
- I have the same situation.
- It creates cohesion.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- What is the purpose of the change?
- Why now?
- What are you fixing?
Samantha So:
- The eliminated commissioners were topical and did not have much work to do except liaising with groups, which is what the Officers of Council will be doing.
- The new positions will be functional; they will take on various issues.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Can you explain more about the hierarchy shift?
- Why are two particular commissioners reporting to the AVP?

Max Holmes (the incoming AVP):
- It’s difficult for the VP to manage five people because they’re going to so many meetings.
- We chose these two commissioners because their work would be closest in work to the AVP.

Jakob Gattinger suggested that the incoming Executives and the Managing Director take a look at the reporting structure.

Samantha So:
- This is a transitional year.
- I’ve asked HR to check in to make sure this structure is working.

32. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED ELISE MANCE:

**From the HR Committee**

“That Council approve the changes in the VP Academic & University Affairs office as presented.”

... No objections

33. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND: [SCD247-17]

**From the HR Committee**

“That Council accept the External Research Commissioner job description as presented.”

Ava Nasiri:
- Same logistics as for the previous motion (the HR Committee did not meet on this).

Kathleen Simpson:
- I support this change.
- I wish I had done it.

Sally Lin:
- Increasing from 10 to 15 hours to increase commitment.
- Also broadening the scope: not just to work on transit issues.
- Hoping to produce high quality research.
- Updating the job description to meet current needs.
• Seeking better qualified applicants.

34. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

From the HR Committee
“That Council accept the External Research Commissioner job description as presented.”

... No objections

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

Constituency Fees – Jakob Gattinger
• The Engineering Undergraduate Society has been shorted $13,000 by the University on two EUS fees:
  o They didn’t integrate CPI.
  o We didn’t get a separate $2 fee.
• Wanted to let everyone know to check and make sure you’re getting your proper fees.
• Work with Enrolment Services.
• These are fees passed by the Board of Governors, but not carried out by Enrolment Services.

Bradley Balaton:
• Did they actually collect the money?

Bryan Starick:
• We think the fees were collected, but the money didn’t go where it was supposed to.
• It went to pay off our building loan.

Jakob Gattinger:
• One went there.
• The other we’re not sure if it was collected.

Ava Nasiri:
• The AUS passed a similar CPI motion in 2014.
• It’s maybe something to check on.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Kinesiology and others too.

Kevin Doering:
• This is part of larger trend with the University.
• No one knows who administers the childcare bursary.
• It’s something to look at.
• It’s not just these two instances.
Max Holmes:
- There are many issues of who pays fees, e.g., Arts and VSEUS.

Kathleen Simpson:
- Working with Enrolment Services over the U-Pass, I found a great deal of confusion.
- It's very difficult for them to keep up with all the changes, and mistakes occur.

Diane Nguyen:
- How do we approach Enrolment Services?

Louis Retief:
- There are specific people to speak to.

Ava Nasiri:
- Instead of having individual Constituencies pursue this, it would be best for the incoming Executive to take the lead.
- The Constituency part of this is important, but we should centralize this.

Kathleen Simpson:
- In my experience, the more complicated the fee, the more likely it is to get mixed up. Graduated fees, exceptions, etc. are hard for them.

U) Submissions:

AMS Executive Annual Report [SCD248-17]

AMS Pre-Preliminary Budget for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year [SCD249-17]
Budget Link: https://www.dropbox.com/s/rga8w3u1dywa1xo/AMS%20Prelim-Prelim%20Budget%202017-2018.xlsx?dl=0

V) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: May 3, 2017

W) Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

X) Social Activity:

- Pit Night
### April 26, 2017 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: Max Holmes (AVP Academic), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Alex Nguyen & Samantha McCabe (Ubsyssey), Chris Scott (student), Jude Crasta (student), Keith Hester (Managing 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 DANIEL LAM, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

… No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members:

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

Goodbyes:

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

Speaker’s Business
• In accordance with the new Code just passed last time, we have a Council member joining us remotely via Skype audio: Jakob Gattinger.
• And we have lots of new Council members starting tonight so I will explain some basics.

Land Acknowledgement
• We are on the unceded ancestral land of the Musqueam people.
• Learning happened long before this institution.
• We are honoured to be here on territory that is not our own.

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

E) Consent Agenda Items

2. MOVED SARAH PARK, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated April 18, 2017

… No objections
F) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute period):

**Election Buddy Software – Alan Ehrenholz**

- This is the software we used last year for appointments.
- There’s a Google form to fill out in which you can list your top three choices for committees to sit on and provide blurbs or bios explaining why you should be on those committees.
- You have till next Wednesday to do that and then until the following Tuesday to vote.
- We’ll tabulate the votes and determine who will be getting the positions before the Council meeting on May 17.
- This will save time at the meeting.

*Questions*

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- Do we have to sit on a committee?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- No, you have to seek election to at least one committee.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- Can we sit on more than one?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- The form has three spots. You can sit on three, even more.
- If no one applies for a spot, or if there is a tie in the online voting, we will deal with that at the Council meeting.

Antony Tsui:
- Can we use this in SUS?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- Yes, there is a small fee for the online software. It’s not ours.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Can we use this for people attending remotely?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- I’ll look into that.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- Do we post just one bio or blurb?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- No, different ones for different positions.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- What about chair appointments?
Alan Ehrenholz:
- Those will be done in Council.

**Committee Responsibilities – Alan Ehrenholz**

- There are a lot of committees and less of you than last year.
- The seven AMS standing committees are:
  - Steering Committee: Reviews goals of the other committees.
  - Advocacy: Reviews policies, advises on campaigns, initiatives.
  - HR: Hires the Elections Administrator and the Speaker, approves job descriptions and standards of employment.
  - Finance: Oversees finances, administers funds, makes quarterly reports, oversees investments, oversees the IT Committee.
    - Alim Lakhiyalov: IT is a Finance sub-committee. There are also sub-committees on funds, investments, sustainability, and impact grants. If you want to get on one of those, join the Finance Committee.
  - Operations Committee:
    - Pooja Bhatti: Deals with the Nest and clubs: bookings, space allocations, regulations for clubs and Constituencies, the art collection.
  - Student Life: Works with the Blue and Gold Society, works on Homecoming.
  - Governance: Looks at Code, Bylaws, policies.
- There are also some other committees and boards we will be filling:
  - CiTR Board (for the student radio station).
  - Aquatic Centre Management Committee: Oversight of the new Aquatic Centre.
  - SLFS (Student Legal Fund Society):
    - Sally Lin: Supports litigation about access to education, gives out funds to students pursuing litigation, also provides workshops (e.g., Know Your Tenancy Rights) and lawyer referral subsidies.

3. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED LORENZO LINDO:

“That time for the presentation be extended indefinitely.”

... No objections

**Committee Responsibilities – Alan Ehrenholz (continued)**

- Sustainability Projects Fund Committee: connected to VP Finance, adjudicates sustainability projects.
- AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee: advises on the plan.
- University Ombudsperson Committee:
  - Daniel Lam: Shirley Nakata is the University Ombudsperson. This committee oversees her office.
- AMS ad hoc Brewery Committee:
- New SUB Committee: Renovations in the Old SUB for new club space. This committee oversees that.
- Additional external committees: Once a year the Executive is supposed to present a list of the external committees they sit on. This is a relatively new
rule in Code which has not been followed since its inception. We aim to follow it.

Questions

Chris Hakim:
- Who sits on SLFS?

Sally Lin:
- There’s an elected board of directors with six members, and there’s an AMS representative, who has a vote.

Cameron England
- Does running for a non-AMS committee count as seeking election to a committee?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- No, you have to seek election to a standing committee.

Pooja Bhatti
- New SUB Committee will continue only till August.
- Operations Committee: Also will work with Constituencies this year.

Juancho Ramirez:
- When we name our top three committee choices, do those include external committees?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- Yes, but at least one should be for an internal standing committee.

Jakob Gattinger:
- This is just for the summer appointments.

Alan Ehrenholz
- Yes.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- Is Sustainability Projects a sub-committee?

Jakob Gattinger:
- Yes, it is a sub-committee of the Finance Committee.

Sarah Park:
- What are the time commitments?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- Talk to the chairs. It can vary.

Mariam Hamid:
- Can non-voting members of Council sit on a committee?
Sheldon Goldfarb:
  • Yes.

4. MOVED JULIAN VILLAGUERTE DIAZ, SECONDED ALIM LAKHIYALOV:

“That time for questions be extended for five minutes.”

… No objections

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
  • When will vice-chairs be chosen?

Alan Ehrenholz:
  • That will be discussed at the committee level.

Q) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Governance Committee
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Alan Ehrenholz:
  • This comes from last year’s Governance Committee.
  • Moving forward on structure.
  • If we don’t make this change, I will have to change the committee vacancies we are sending out.

Bradley Balaton:
  • Why are we increasing the number of Councillors on some committees, given that we are reducing the size of Council?
  • Can we fill all the spots?

Alan Ehrenholz:
  • Yes, we think we can. Councillors have shown interest.
  • This adjustment is to create odd numbers on committees to avoid ties.
Cameron England:
- What is the motivation for the changes in the number of students at large on the Advocacy?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- To ensure an odd number for voting.
- We’ve standardized the number of members on each committee at 7.

Cameron England:
- Keep in mind the importance of at large members on this committee.
- As a past member, I found at large contributors valuable.
- It’s important to promote equity.
- Important to have more than one student at large.
- Maybe have fewer Councillors.

Chris Hakim:
- We should not reduce the number of at large members on this committee.
- The whole point is to get opinions from more than one student at large.

The Speaker:
- I’m not sure it’s necessary to be concerned about tie votes because how often do all committee members show up?

Jakob Gattinger:
- It also makes it easier to reach quorum.

Sarah Park:
- I also wonder about the reduction of at large members on the Student Life Committee.

The Speaker:
- There is justification in the document. It says the committee interacts with the Blue and Gold Society, which consists of at large members.

Jakob Gattinger:
- The Governance Review report justifies what’s happening here. I would advise Councillors to consult that.
- On Advocacy, we now have Officers of Council; they’re students at large.
- We are trying to make things efficient.

Chris Hakim:
- Can we amend this document (the proposed Code amendment)?

The Speaker:
- Yes, we have done that sort of thing in the past.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Point of order: You can’t amend documents. You can just accept or reject.

The Speaker ruled that documents can be amended.
Jakob Gattinger:
- Challenge the chair.

6. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDEd CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the Chair’s ruling be upheld.”

The Speaker:
- I’m going by past precedent.
- And I don’t see anything in our Code or in Robert’s Rules forbidding this.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Only the motion can be debated.
- This sets a dangerous precedent.
- The last Council voted to accept these changes in principle.

The Speaker:
- I’m remembering a time when we were accepting recommendations from the MNP Governance Review consultants. We changed some of those. How is this different?

Jakob Gattinger:
- They were recommendations.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- During the debate on the Bylaw changes, I proposed a motion to amend the Bylaw changes, and it was not ruled out of order.
- We should not be aiming to be super-efficient. We represent students and need to debate on their behalf. It’s not a dangerous precedent to do that.

Jakob Gattinger:
- If you want to reverse a decision of a past Council, you need to pass a motion to reconsider.

The Speaker:
- Actually, since it’s not the same meeting, the motion would be a motion to rescind.
- I will ask the Clerk of Council if there are other precedents for amending documents.

Clerk of Council:
- Yes, one that comes to mind is the Olympics report of 2010.

7. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDEd CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the Chair’s ruling be upheld.”

... Chair’s ruling upheld
For (11): Bradley Balaton, Mikayla Berger, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Daniel Lam, Lorenzo Lindo, Mackenzie Lockhart, Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Against (5): Pooja Bhatti, Alan Ehrenholz, Alim Lakhiyalov, Sally Lin, Jakob Gattinger

8. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

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Pooja Bhatti:
- We’re reducing the numbers for quorum and efficiency.
- But all committees are open to all students.
- You can always come to the meeting and express your opinion.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- I’m still skeptical about changing it to one member at large.
- If that student doesn’t show, you lose all student-at-large input.
- As to meetings being open to all students, if you’re not involved in the AMS, it’s hard to find out about committee meetings.
- This is decreasing the possibility of having non-Councillors in the room.

Jakob Gattinger:
- It is dangerous to overturn actions taken by a previous Council.

Marium Hamid:
- I can explain about the Advocacy Committee and Officers of Council.
- MNP said marginalized groups feel unrepresented, so we created 11 kinds of Officers of Council.
- They were all appointed last month.
- They will function as an advisory board sitting with the Advocacy Committee.
- So there will really be 11 members at large.
- The Blue and Gold Society is a working group of Student Life Committee.
- That’s 12 students at large.
- We didn’t put it in Code because of quorum issues.
Mikayla Berger:
- Do the 11 vote?

Marium Hamid:
- In the sub-committees, yes, and they report to the committee.

9. MOVED MIKAYLA BERGER:

“That Article 8 on the Advocacy Committee in the proposed Code amendment be amended to increase the number of at large members and decrease the number of Councillors.”

The Speaker:
- This is out of order.
- The only amendment you can make is to the proposed change in the number of at large members. The proposed change says nothing about the number of Councillors.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- This change was approved in principle by last Council.
- We’re going to provide resources to engage with students.
- As much as this seems a reduction in numbers, you as Councillors also represent the at large students.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- This reduction causes me anxiety.
- I understand that there will be advisory sub-committees reporting to the committees, but is there direct representation of the sub-committees on the committees?

Marium Hamid:
- There are a several caucuses (Equity, Student Life, Issues), each with a chair reporting to the committee.
- These caucuses have their own terms of reference.

10. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

I) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz
• Welcome.
• The last five days have mostly been training and orientation.
• Also been attending UBC Chancellor reappointment meetings.
• Been meeting with my team.
• Working on Executive goals.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Managing Director – Keith Hester
• Our fiscal year is May to April, so it just finished and we're working on Year End.
• Also paperwork on the Nest refinancing.
• Orientations.

Alim Lakhiyalov – VP Finance
• Exciting week.
• I'm new to Council, so this is very interesting.
• Orienting the Finance team.
• Working on the preliminary budget for May 17.
• Reviewing departmental budgets.

Sally Lin – VP External
• Busy with orientations and transition meetings.
• May 9 is ice cream/voting day.

Questions
The Speaker:
• Is the AMS going to livestream the election results?
Sally Lin:
- The NDP Club is doing this in the Lev Bukhman Lounge.

**VP Academic – Daniel Lam**
- Met with Louise Cowin (the UBC VP Students) about consultations: there may be changes to UBC’s Policy 71 on consultation.
- There’s also a Policy 95 amendment coming (Policy 95 is the investigation policy).
- Discussions on mental health and well-being.

**VP Administration – Pooja Bhatti**
- Orientations and transition.
- Goal setting next week.
- Contacting clubs.
- Coordinating office and locker moves.
- Working with Michael Kingsmill on getting the Old SUB up and running.

**Marium Hamid – Student Services**
- Orientations.
- A lot of MoU's (eHub, Vice).
- Meeting with campus partners.

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

**L) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):**

**Arts – Cameron England**
- Last met as AUS Council on April 4.
- New execs transitioning.

**Science – Antony Tsui**
- Started exec hiring.
- Positions are open to non-Science students.
- Met with Science student engagement officer.
- Meeting with Science advising.
- New rep on search committee.
- Faculty of Science meeting May 11.

**Kinesiology – Juancho Ramirez**
- Met with new engagement officer.
- Looking to amend our constitution and review our code.

**Land & Food – Julian Villafuerte Diaz**
- Starting hiring.
- Redoing our constitution.

**M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):**
Senate – Sarah Park
- Haven't met since last update.
- Senate Caucus discussing tuition for PhD programs.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- The AMS history book is being published in October by Heritage House.
- Tentative price is $32.95.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

11. MOVED LORENZO LINDO, SECONDED POOJA BHATTI: [SCD005-18]

“That on the recommendation of the Student Services Manager the revised Safewalk agreement be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Marium Hamid:
- Same as the old agreement.
- Monetary changes to reflect current prices.
- Checked by Keith and Kelsi.
- This is an initiative from Hussam, the former SSM.
- UBC agreed with what we asked for.

12. MOVED LORENZO LINDO, SECONDED POOJA BHATTI:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

T) Discussion Period
U) Submissions:

V) Next Meeting:

   Next Meeting: May 17, 2017

W) Adjournment:

   There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

X) Social Activity:

   • Pit Night
## May 3, 2017 Attendance

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

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V4: BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Student Service Manager the revised Safewalk agreement be accepted as presented.

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Jamiu Abdsalami (member at large), Leslie Tulett (member at large), Asad Ali (AMS Events), Max Holmes (AMS AVP Academic), Jasmine LeBlanc (President’s Assistant), Samantha McCabe (Ubsyssey), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm.

1. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

“That Section F be moved to after committee appointments (to Section H).”

... No objections

3. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“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, Journalism, Music, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark’s, Library & Archival Studies, Education, Nursing,

Goodbyes: Abdul Alnaar

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

- Jakob video conferencing

- The meeting is taking place on the ancestral territory of the Musqueam people. Learning happened on this land long before UBC

Words of wisdom from the Speaker
- Ask questions
• Make your voice heard/count
• You’re elected to represent your students
• I’ve had an awesome time.
• It was my pleasure to serve as your Speaker.

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

E) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED MARK BANROFT:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated February 15, 2017 [SCD006-18]
AMS Council minutes dated March 1, 2017 [SCD007-18]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 25, 2017 [SCD008-18]

… No objections

F) Consultation Period

G) Appointments

Chris Hakim:
• Tomo is away for the summer.
• Can he sit on a summer committee?

The Speaker:
• There are no rules against this, but it’s a valid concern.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Remote attendance at committees is allowed.

5. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED MIKAYLA BERGER:

“That Antony Tsui, Cameron England, Jeanie Malone and Christopher Hakim (4 x Councillors) and Jamiu Abdalami (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2017.”

“That Sarah Park, Tomo Yamaguchi, Jakob Gattinger, Wendy Guo and Carol Dou (5 x Councillors) and Leslie Tulett (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2017.”

“That Bradley Balaton, Jeanie Malone, Tomo Yamaguchi Julien Villafuerte Diaz (4 x Councillors) and Caroline Hannah and Scott Pizdarco (2 x members at large) be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2017.”
“That Lorenzo Lindo, Juancho Ramirez, Daniel Luo and Christopher Hakim, (4 x Councillors) and Hannah Xiao (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2017.”

“That Jakob Gattinger, Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeanie Malone, Cameron England and Christopher Hakim (5 x Councillors) and Kelvin Tsu, (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2017.”

“That Jeanie Malone, Ryan Firkser and Lorenzo Lindo (3 x Councillors) and Novera Sayed, Amy Wu (2 x members at large) be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2017.”

“That Michael Blaney (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Steering Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2017.”

… No objections

6. MOVED WENDY GUO, SECONDED MIKAYLA BERGER:

“That Cameron England be appointed Chair of the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2017.”

“That Wendy Guo (non-executive member) be appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2017.”

“That Lorenzo Lindo be appointed Chair of the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2017.”

“That Mackenzie Lockhart (non-executive member) be appointed Chair of the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2017.”

… No objections

7. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“That Jakob Gattinger (1 x Councillor or member at large for a one year term) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors effective immediately and ending April 30, 2018.”

Note: Alexandra Lee Mann was elected to the 2 year term in May 2016.

“That Daniel Luo and Sarah Park (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the AMS/UBC Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30 2018.”
“That Alan Ehrenholz (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Student Legal Fund Society Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 30, 2018.”

“That Carol Dou (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 30, 2018;

“That Jakob Gattinger (1 x Councillor) and Daniel Lam (1 x Executive member) be appointed to the University Ombudsperson Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 30, 2018.”

Jakob Gattinger:
- This committee didn’t meet last year

“That Jakob Gattinger, Mackenzie Lockhart, Julian Villafuerte Diaz (3 x Councillors) be appointed to the AMS Ad Hoc Brewery Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2018.”

“That Jakob Gattinger be appointed Chair of the Brewery Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2018.”

“That Mikayla Berger and Antony Tsui (2 x Councillors) and Daphne Tse and Amy Wu (2 x members at large) be appointed to the New SUB Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in August 2017.”

... No objections

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

Executive Goals Presentation [SCD009-18]

President (Alan Ehrenholz):
Carryover goals
- Support graduate students.
- Get International Student Association more involved.
- Grad Class Council and Nest sign (last year’s gift).
- Time capsule.
- Book launch.

Councillor support
- Exec support
- Student society support through clubs and constituencies
- Student life – Blue and Gold Society
- University representation
- Athletics facility

VP Academic – Daniel Lam
Platform pillars
- Affordability for students – consultations
- Internal consultation policy
- Campaign commissioner
- Advocate for increased funding
- Listening tour (professors)

Financial assistance
- Affordable housing
- Create relationship with RHA
- Review Policy 73
- Indigenous initiatives
- Winter Feast

8. MOVED LORENZO LINDO, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM

“That the time for the presentation be extended indefinitely. … No objections

**VP Academic – Daniel Lam (continued)**
Enhanced student experience
- Academic Experience Survey – use the same questions to observe trends
- Universal design of learning
- Support student mental health
- Working on housing contract – Rents with rights

**VP Administration – Pooja Bhatti**
Support
- We can support you better
- Workshops

Student life
- Work with events to get more involvement
- Increase school spirit
- Expand SLSC
- Add more sustainability to the office

Operations
- Project – clarify support for clubs
- Outreach to clubs and students

Sustainability
- Continuing projects initiated by Chris Scott
- Old SUB

**VP Finance – Alim Lakhiyalov**
- Sustainable financial plan
- New investment policy
- Fund manager
- Ensuring businesses are doing well
- Professional development
• Consult constituencies’ VP Finances
• Recreate treasurers’ training material
• Financial literacy programs
• Modern accounting
• Improve software
• Replace Sharepoint with Profix
• Expand the use of Square technology
• Replace Rezgo with Showpass
• BMO spend dynamics – reimbursements
• Club credit cards
• Well-being fund (carryover goal) out of health & dental reserve interest

VP External – Sally Lin
• Building engagement networks
• Reach out to student groups
• Support caucuses
• Run non-passive campaigns
• Build connections with all three levels of government

5 project specific goals
• Student housing and rental rights
• Academic affordability
• Transportation
• SUDS
• Sexual violence prevention and response

• Follow up on provincial election promises
• Textbook Broke campaign
• Broadway corridor
• Passed policy on transit advocacy
• U-Pass program – expires 2018
• Please come visit me

Student Services Manager – Marium Hamid
• Improved uniform data collection across all services
• On-going employee development
• Create manuals for each service

Prioritizing the student experience
• Data driven
• Feedback for each service
• Targeted outreach
• Needs calendar
• List of collaborations and MoU’s
• Report on relationships

Questions
Jakob Gattinger:
• Council interactions – inherent in your job
• Governance review should be referenced differently
• The goals are done but the governance review is not over
• Policy I-9 must be aesthetically pleasing – it’s not – what’s your plan?

Alan Ehrenholz:
• Following Policy I-9: Sending goals document to Communications to make it look better.
• Council interactions – people have tried to push things through Council
• No last minute agenda items
• Governance review – I’m aware it’s ongoing.

9. MOVED LORENZO LINDO, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That time be extended by 5 minutes.”

… No objections

10. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED DANIEL LAM: [SCD010-18]

From the Executive Committee
“That Council accept the Executive goals as presented.”

Mackenzie Lockhart:
Point of order
• Code says Steering Committee must “Approve and co-ordinate” goals.
• Does Code take precedence over policy?

Jakob Gattinger:
• Mac is correct
• Governance was directed to remove that section of Code.

The Speaker:
• Code does take precedence.

Alan Ehrenholz:
• Point of parliamentary inquiry:
• A motion was passed: should this be in the spirit of the past motion?

The Speaker:
• You are bound by Code as it currently stands.
• The Steering Committee has the power to approve those goals.

The Speaker:
• There is a policy but there is also Code:
• You can decide as a Council to approve or not.
• A committee provides a recommendation.

Alan Ehrenholz:
• Can we suspend Code?
The Speaker:
- You will be suspending a lot more than just what you want by suspending this section of Code.

Chris Hakim:
- What happens if we fail this?

The Speaker:
- Going against Code is worse than going against policy.
- How does Council want to proceed?

11. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That this motion be referred to the Steering Committee.”

Alan Ehrenholz:
- I feel we can approve these as a Council.
- We followed all the procedures in I-9 but we didn’t have a Steering Committee.

Mark Bancroft:
- I would like the recommendation of Governance Committee.

Daniel Lam:
- Would we have to suspend Code to pass these?

The Speaker:
- No – I made my ruling:
- You can pass this tonight.

Cameron England:
- I speak in favour of sending this to committee.
- The Steering Committee has this duty.
- This council should not allow Code to be circumvented.

The Speaker:
- We have asked Governance to remove this section of Code but it hasn’t been done yet.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- That policy doesn’t say anything about when the committee approves the goals.

Antony Tsui:
- Get the Code and policy fixed first.

Bradley Balaton:
- We just elected the Steering Committee.
Mark Bancroft:
- What meeting was the motion passed from Governance?

Jakob Gattinger:
- To convene Steering we have to appoint vice-chairs.
- This will delay the approval of the goals.

12. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That this motion be referred to the Steering Committee

... Defeated

For (4): Mark Bancroft (Proxy for Daniel Luo), Simran Cheema, Chris Hakim, Mackenzie Lockhart

Against (12): Daphne Tse (Proxy for Julien Hart), Bradley Balaton, Mikayla Berger, Alan Ehrenholz, Wendy Guo, Alim Lakhiyalov, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Abstained: Cameron England, Jakob Gattinger

13. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Executive Committee
“That Council accept the Executive goals as presented.”

14. MOVED LORENZO LINDO, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (2): Simran Cheema, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Against (8): Mark Bancroft (Proxy for Daniel Luo), Daphne Tse (Proxy for Julien Hart), Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Lorenzo Lindo, Mackenzie Lockhart

Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Daniel Lam

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Alim – your goals involve IT goals.
- We’ve bought a lot of wasted software.
- Can you be more specific about what you will be purchasing?

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- We’ve made an IT committee to oversee projects and prioritize projects.
15. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Executive Committee
“That Council accept the Executive goals as presented.”

... Carried

For (13): Daphne Tse (Proxy for Julien Hart), Bradley Balaton, Mikayla Berger, Simran Cheema, Alan Ehrenholz, Wendy Guo, Alim Lakhiyalov, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Abstained: Mark Bancroft (Proxy for Daniel Luo), Cameron England, Jakob Gattinger, Chris Hakim, Mackenzie Lockhart

AMS 2017/18 Preliminary Budget – Alim Lakhiyalov

Summary
- Total revenue from fees $20,653,000
- $18.5 million non-discretionary
- SASC requested increase – will come out of reserve
- Executive Committee increase due to Faculty Cup
- Events increase – expanding department.
- President’s budget increase – community engagement coordinator
- VP Academic increase due to CPI salary increase
- VP Academic decrease – sustainability moved to VP Admin
- VP External increase – lobbying
- VP Finance – more staff and sustainability
- Student Services increase due to meal discount going to portfolio

16. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED JULIAN VILLAFUERTE DIAZ:

“That time be extended by 5 minutes.”

... Carried

For (10): Daphne Tse (Proxy for Julien Hart), Mikayla Berger, Simran Cheema, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Daniel Lam, Lorenzo Lindo, Juancho Ramirez, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Against (2): Mark Bancroft (Proxy for Daniel Luo), Alan Ehrenholz

Abstained: Bradley Balaton, Jakob Gattinger, Mackenzie Lockhart

AMS 2017/18 Preliminary Budget – Alim Lakhiyalov (continued)
- Not approved by Finance Committee as the committee was just appointed today.
- $356,000 surplus.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- Re Farmade
- Last year $2,839.00 this year nothing
- Why?
Asad Ali:
- Farmade might not happen

Chris Hakim:
- $7874 on Ombuds last year
- Why nothing this year?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- This Executive decided to not hire an ombudsperson.
- Hard to find an appropriate student.
- No budget for a full time staffer

Chris Hakim:
- If we need an ombudsperson who should we go to?

The Speaker:
- The University
- In the bylaws there is an ombudsperson

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Meal allowances
- Student services
- Some summaries are missing meal cards
- Design services – what is it

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- Staff meal plans – renamed employee meal plan

Marium Hamid:
- 10 staff
- Mine is for the coordinators
- The Safewalkers go to Safewalk
- Tutoring goes to tutoring

Mark Bancroft:
- Meal plan: why do some have meal plan budgets and some don’t?

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- $2600 has been added to each portfolio

Mark Bancroft:
- So it’s the same amount for everyone?

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- These were rough calculations.

Mark Bancroft:
- Volunteer and staff appreciation
- What’s the difference?
• Exec comm lines 10 & 17

Alim Lakhiyalov:
• One is office staff
• One is for socials

17. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

**From the VP Finance**

“That the AMS 2017/18 preliminary budget be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

• Initial presentation
• Prelim budget
• On-going work

Mark Bancroft:
• There are quite a few things that are still unclear
• Typos
• Inconsistencies
• This should be reviewed by Finance Committee before coming back to Council

Alan Ehrenholz:
• If this budget is not approved, we should pass a motion extending the time for the prelim budget.
• Final budget due in June

Mark Bancroft:
• Does SUDS need the budget to move forward?

Sally Lin:
• We have been waiting on budget and goal approvals so we can move forward.

Mark Bancroft:
• My area of concern is the increase in the SUDS budget.

Sally Lin:
• We had to increase the budget to accommodate for the potential of no sponsorship
• I kept the revenue forecast low.

18. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

**From the VP Finance**

“That the AMS 2017/18 preliminary budget be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried
For (13): Daphne Tse (Proxy for Julien Hart), Bradley Balaton, Mikayla Berger, Simran Cheema, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Alim Lakhiyalov, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Juancho Ramirez, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Abstained: Mark Bancroft (Proxy for Daniel Luo), Jakob Gattinger, Mackenzie Lockhart

H) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz
It’s been entertaining so far.

- Exec retreat
- Goals
- Team building
- Hiring for student life initiatives position
- Prelim budget
- Summer kick off bbq – community
- Staff orientations
- Met with VP Students re strategic plan
- Search committee for sexual assault director
- Communications Manager was let go
- Recruiting a new one
- Others in the Communications Department have resigned.
- Mohamed Shaaban is a candidate for Speaker

19. MOVED DAMIEL LAM, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the meeting be extended by one hour.”

... Carried

For (12): Daphne Tse (Proxy for Julien Hart), Bradley Balaton, Mikayla Berger, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Daniel Lam, Lorenzo Lindo, Mackenzie Lockhart, Juancho Ramirez, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Against (1): Mark Bancroft (Proxy for Daniel Luo)

Abstained: Jakob Gattinger

Cameron England:
To Abdul

- Thank you
- Arts Council thanks you
- You have been influential to all of us
- Encouraging us to speak up
- Telling us to stand up for our constituencies
- You will be truly missed
- Your contributions will not be forgotten
Chris Hakim:
- Thanks for knowing Robert’s Rules and that my last name is Arabic

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Scared me at first
- Welcomed me
- Encouraged me to speak up and get involved
- Makes everyone feel welcome and a bit more of a family
- Thank you

Max Holmes:
- Thanks Abdul from all the elections administrators
- He’s been there for us
- You were referred to as a rock

Lorenzo Lindo:
- More sass
- You helped me learn a lot
- You encouraged me to participate and be sassy

Sally Lin:
- Thank you for your help to councillors
- We appreciate you
- Thank you for caring
- Thank you for your guidance

Daphne Tse:
- I was brand new and was appointed chairperson
- I didn`t know what to do
- You were an inspiration to me although I`ve never met with you

Daniel Lam:
- You keep me in line
- You`ve guided me more than you know

Alan Ehrenholz:
- On behalf of all of us thank you
- Four years is a long time
- I hope you enjoyed your time
- Thank you from all of us

Abdul Alnaar:
- I’m an international advisor at UBC
- Sometimes it’s tiring
- It’s still amazing
- I want to leave you with this: speak up, be heard and make it count
- This is a position of privilege
- Don’t get too stressed
- My sass comes from a good place
• All the best
• Go easy on your next speaker

Question to the president
• Re communications being let go
• Who’s working on the new website?

Alan Ehrenholz:
• Great and valid question
• We need to get it done
• It’s on hold until our new comms person comes in

Mark Bancroft:
• Any financial repercussions with the vendor?

Keith Hester:
• The website is about 50% done
• The vendor is aware the project is on hold

Abdul Alnaar:
• I have full confidence that the society is in good hands

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Sally Lin – VP External
• Working on goals and now we are getting rolling on those goals
• SUDS
• Team goal setting tomorrow

Abdul Alnaar
• I have enjoyed following your portfolio
• Thoughts on youth voter turnout?

Sally Lin
• We ran events to encourage people to come out and vote
• There were long lines
• We have reached out to Elections BC to get the youth voter stats

VP Finance – Alim Lakhiyalov
• Thanks for listening today
• Thanks for your questions
• Working on prelim budget
• Integrating Showpass
• Redoing treasurer training
• First week team getting going

VP Academic – Daniel Lam
• Goals and budget
• Attended retaliation meeting group – University is creating a policy around retaliation
• Emergency Board meeting to welcome new Provost and VP Academic
• Check out the exec welcome message
• Met with Michael White re land use plan amendment

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
• Can you expand on the land use plan?

Max Holmes:
• Far down the road
• Stadium village – market housing – green space – need an amendment to the land use plan
• U Blvd – academic land being used for residences

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
• Is this the same as a re-zoning?

Max Holmes:
• Land use has to be approved by both the board and government
• It’s the same except it requires 2 approvals

Alan Ehrenholz:
• Rezoning is the government part
• Land use is a broader agreement

VP Admin – Pooja Bhatti
• Working on integrating teams
• Sustainability and clubs
• Meeting with Michael Kingsmill re Old SUB project

Managing Director – Keith Hester
• Main goal to help exec achieve their goals
• Still working on the refinancing of this building
• Fiscal year end

Student Services – Marium Hamid
• Great exec retreat – got feedback on my goals
• Exciting time for services
• eHub and Vice will run for their first full year
• new MoU’s
• Renewed contracts with other campus partners
• Coordinators starting
• Coordinators working on student specific goals
• eHub and Vice update will come to Council soon

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):
L) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Cameron England
- Arts Council won’t meet until September
- Hiring staff positions

Science – Wendy Guo
- Our exec committee is hiring
- Hiring for AVP, chairs and re-action

Engineering – Mark Bancroft
- Engineering student centre closed this summer

Kinesiology – Juancho Ramirez
- Finished hiring
- June retreat
- Undergrad curriculum programs update
- Still working with athletics on a new building

M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Senate – Sarah Park and Jaymi Booth
- New school of Biomedical Engineering
- New minimum funding policy
- Approved 15 new awards
- 6 president excellence chairs

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

20. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON: [SCD012-18] [SCD013-18]

From the President
“That Council suspend Code Section IX C, Article 2(9)(c) requiring that changes to job descriptions go through the Human Resources Committee and approve the name changes for the job descriptions from the VP External as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The current appointees have agreed to these changes
• The people have accepted the change
• Non-monetary changes – just hour changes
• People are already in these positions
• Mostly due to the fact we just appointed the HR Committee

Lorenzo Lindo
• Does the code suspension need an end date?

Speaker
• I suggest an amendment change the word “and” to “to.”

21. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the motion be amended to change ‘and’ to ‘to’.”
… No objections

22. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

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Note: The current appointees have agreed to these changes
… No objections

23. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

[SCD014-18]
[SCD015-18]

From the President
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Note: The current appointees have agreed to these changes

• Employees have agreed
• In the roles already

It was agreed to amend “and” to “to” in this motion.

24. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

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Mackenzie Lockhart:
• Is this retroactive?

Alan Ehrenholz
• Not until council approves the motion.
• It is a possibility

Bradley Balaton
• Did the preliminary budget assume this change?

Alim Lakhiyalov:
• Yes.

25. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

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T) Discussion Period

U) Submissions:

V) Next Meeting:

  Next Meeting: June 7, 2017

W) Adjournment:

  There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 10:31 pm.

X) Social Activity:

  • Pit Night
### May 17, 2017 Attendance

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

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