STUDENT COUNCIL AGENDA

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A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at ________________

1. MOVED ___________________ , SECONDED ___________________

   “BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.”

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

Welcome to our new Members:

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

Good-byes:

C) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

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

   Centennial Celebrations – Veronique St-Antoine
   Hundredth Anniversary Book – Sheldon Goldfarb
   UNECORN Policy Review – Mohamed Shaaban
   Aboriginal Acknowledgement – Anne Kessler and Spencer Lindsay

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

F) Appointments

2. MOVED ___________________ , SECONDED ___________________

   “BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint (1 x Councillor or Student At Large to remain indefinitely and 1 x alumni member) to the AMS Centennial Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 2015.”

G) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

H) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

I) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):
J) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

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

L) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

3. MOVED ______________________, SECONDED ______________________

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated June 11, 2014
AMS Council in camera minutes dated June 11, 2014
AMS Council minutes dated July 2, 2014
Budget Committee minutes dated July 9, 2014
Budget Committee minutes dated July 14, 2014
Budget Committee minutes dated July 25, 2014
Budget Committee minutes dated August 7, 2014.”

M) Executive Committee Motions:

4. MOVED ______________________, SECONDED ______________________

From the Executive Committee

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the expenditure of up to $54,400 from the Capital Projects Fund to purchase the Laserfiche document management system.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the project implementation be completed by December 2015.”

Note: The annual fee for support from Laserfiche is $6,135

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the expenditure of up to $10,275 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund to purchase a server to support the Laserfiche document management system.”

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the expenditure of up to $9,750 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund to purchase a scanner.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The current balance in the Capital Projects Fund is $1,875,000.
Note: The current balance in the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund is $692,225.71.

N) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

O) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED ______________________, SECONDED ______________________
From the Budget Committee
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the amended budget as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

6. MOVED ________________________, SECONDED ________________________

From the Budget Committee
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the budget for Governance Audit as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

7. MOVED ________________________, SECONDED ________________________

From the Oversight Committee
“That the part of Council’s July 2 motion postponing the presentation of PAI recommendations until August 13 be amended to postpone the presentation of the recommendations until the first meeting of February.

Note: These are recommendations from the Legislative Procedures Committee, based on a review of PAI done by the Oversight Committee.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

8. MOVED ________________________, SECONDED ________________________

From the Extraordinary Hiring Committee
“That Code Section IX A, Article 1A(8) be suspended to allow the hiring of the CRO, the Online Communications Officer, and the other members of the Elections Committee to be postponed until the first meeting in September.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

9. MOVED ________________________, SECONDED ________________________

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the changes recommended by the Legislative Procedures Committee to the position entitled ‘SUB Community Engagement Coordinator’ as was circulated.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: Quorum was not present when LPC approved this.
Note: The SUB Community Engagement Coordinator has agreed to these changes in writing.

10. MOVED ________________________, SECONDED ________________________
From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the changes recommended by the Legislative Procedures Committee to the position entitled Clubs Administrator as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The hours will change from 15 hours per week to 20 hours per week from July 1 – October 31.
Note: The SAC Clubs Administrator has agreed to these changes in writing.
Note: The Budget Committee has approved these changes.

11. MOVED ______________________, SECONDED ______________________

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the new position recommended by the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘AMS Student Nest Street Team Member’ setting its pay level to Tier 1, as circulated.”

Note: Quorum was not present when LPC approved this.

12. MOVED ______________________, SECONDED ______________________

From the Legislative Procedures Committee
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Legislative Procedures Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2014: Constituency Creation’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: Quorum was not present at LPC when it approved this

13. MOVED ______________________, SECONDED ______________________

From the University & External Relations Committee

“Whereas the Engagement Charter, written by UBC Campus and Community Planning in consultation with the AMS and other campus stakeholders, will be approved by the UBC Board of Governors in September 2014; and

Whereas the Engagement Charter addresses many gaps in consultation noted by the AMS in the past;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS endorse the Engagement Charter and commend UBC for taking a large step towards improving consultation and engagement practices at UBC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMS recommend to the UBC Board of Governors the creation of a body that can provide independent oversight of the consultation processes such as a stakeholders’ report to the Board on consultation that will break the circular feedback loop that exists.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMS recommend to the UBC Board of Governors that it set a time for a regular review process of the Engagement Charter to ensure that the Principles and Guidelines remain up to date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the VP Academic and University Affairs write a letter to the UBC Board of Governors expressing the AMS’s endorsement of the charter and continuing suggestions for improvement.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

14. MOVED ______________________, SECONDED ______________________

From the University & External Relations Committee

Whereas the AMS University and Government Relations Advisor has provided a report showing that the cost of post-secondary education in BC can make studies at UBC inaccessible, particularly for lower income students;

Whereas in the 2014 AMS General Election 90.9% of voters voted “yes” on the following referendum question: “Should the AMS, guided by the principle that education is a right, advocate for reduced tuition for both national and international students?”;

Whereas AMS advocacy must reflect its members’ interest in a lower cost burden to pursuing academic studies, an interest reflected by these referendum results;

Whereas the AMS nevertheless recognizes that the university faces financial restraints due to ongoing government funding cuts and inflation;

Be it resolved that the AMS urges UBC to explore all possible avenues to reduce the cost of university tuition and fees or, at the very least, strictly respect the 2% government-imposed tuition increase cap, regardless of the academic program;

Be it further resolved that the AMS oppose any percentage annual increase of UBC international student tuition greater than that of UBC Vancouver domestic student tuition;

Be it further resolved that the VP External continues to advocate for increases to the provincial government’s core funding to UBC.

15. MOVED ______________________, SECONDED ______________________

From the University & External Relations Committee

Whereas Student Loan Eligibility Requirements prevent accessibility of post-secondary education by populations in need due to their holding of additional assets, which are assumed to be liquid, though often are not;
Whereas BC has the highest student loan interest rate in Canada, though BC has one of the best credit ratings and other provinces have been striving to eliminate interest rates on student loans entirely;

Whereas a 6-month grace period to pay back student loans is often an insufficient amount of time in which to find gainful employment;

Whereas interest is accumulated on the 6-month grace period meaning that in actuality once a student is not considered a full time university student interest starts to accumulate;

Whereas it is now encouraged and increasingly expected for students to gain work experience through internships and other work opportunities and so many students are away from school for extended periods of time, or taking part time studies, in order to gain these opportunities and the Student Loan Program often considers these students as having left school and their interest begins to accrue, even though these students are not finished school and will be returning to classes; and

Whereas the amount of money distributed through the Student Loan Program has not increased with inflation and is not enough to cover the cost of living. This makes many students on the Student Loan Program have to focus on covering the deficit between the amount the loan gives out and the actual cost of living making these students unable to focus on their studies or their postsecondary experience;

Be it resolved that the AMS of University of British Columbia, Vancouver lobby provincial government and all relevant parties for a full review of eligibility requirements in order to eliminate the inclusion of non-liquid and necessary assets in loan calculations;

Be it further resolved that the AMS of University of British Columbia, Vancouver lobby provincial government and all relevant parties for the reduction of the student loan interest rate to the prime borrowing rate;

Be it further resolved that the AMS of University of British Columbia, Vancouver lobby provincial government and all relevant parties for an increase in the grace period from 6 months to 12 months, and that the 12-month grace period is interest-free;

Be it further resolved that the AMS of University of British Columbia, Vancouver lobby provincial government and all relevant parties that the Student Loan Program will accommodate the diversifying needs of students and allow for internships and part time status without considering the student as having left school; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS of University of British Columbia, Vancouver lobby provincial government and all relevant parties for an increase in the monetary amount allotted to students for the cost of living to cover the actual cost of living, and tie the amount allotted to increase with inflation.

P) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

Q) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
R) Discussion Period

S) Submissions:
AMS Foundation Directors Meeting minutes June 11, 2014
AMS Foundation Special General Meeting minutes July 2, 2014
Budget Committee Minutes (not for approval) dated November 1, 2013
Budget Committee Minutes (not for approval) dated January 21, 2014
Budget Committee Minutes (not for approval) dated February 17, 2014
June-July UNECORN Report

T) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: September 10, 2014

U) Adjournment:

16. MOVED _____________________, SECONDED _____________________

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at ____________.”

S) Social Activity: