STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Filza Raza (AMS Elections Administrator), Michael Kosgei (AMS Election Committee’s Communications Officer), Urvi Sardesai (AMS Chief Returning Officer), Abdul Alnaar (former AMS Speaker), Max Holmes (AMS AVP Academic), Cristina Ilnitchi (AMS VP Academic’s office), Sheila Wang (AVP Administration), Mark Ng Sun (student), Forest Kong (Economics), Moira Wyton (Ubyssey), Alex Nguyen (Ubyssey), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

1. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

“That Council accept the amendments to the agenda as presented.”

Alan Ehrenholz:
  • Some errors to correct.
  • Also adding the Election Administrator’s presentation and the appointment of the CRO.

2. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

“That Council accept the amendments to the agenda as presented.”

… No objections

3. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Elham Aboouei and David Gill (GSS)


Goodbyes: Mackenzie Lockhart and Keskine Owusu-Poku (GSS), Ryan Firsker (Economics)

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

The Speaker:
  • The meeting is taking place on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral land of the Musqueam people.
• We are privileged to be here.
• Learning happened on these lands long before the University.

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

E) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated June 7, 2017 [SCD126-18]
AMS Council minutes dated June 28, 2017 [SCD127-18]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 1, 2017 [SCD128-18]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 8, 2017 [SCD129-18]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated July 31, 2017 [SCD130-18]
Governance Committee minutes dated July 17, 2017 [SCD131-18]
Governance Committee minutes dated August 2, 2017 [SCD132-18]
Operations Committee minutes dated July 26, 2017 [SCD133-18]

... No objections

F) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes period):

By-election timeline – Filza Raza [SCD134-18]

• Nominations open September 4: forms available online and outside the office.
• Nominations close September 11, after five business days.
• All-Candidates Meeting the same day (September 11).
• Campaigning begins September 12.
• Debate September 14 in this room (Council Chambers).
• Outreach event: coffee with the candidates, date and room to be announced.
• Voting September 18-22 (closing 4 pm on the 22nd).
• Results announced 5:30 in the Pit (on September 22).
• Want to increase candidate participation:
  o Looking to have enough candidates, so looking to let as many people know about nominations as possible.
  o Possibly booting at Imagine Day.
  o Online marketing and posters.
• Seeking to increase voter turnout: 3.8% in the last by-election. Aiming to go higher.
• Want to use methods from the last general election: social media, polling stations in prime locations, get out the vote parties.
• Want to have clear communication:
  o Not that many people are aware the election is happening.
  o Want to inform people about election processes.

Questions
Jeanie Malone:
• We usually have a one week voting period.
• This seems long for a by-election.

Filza Raza:
• Nothing wrong with a longer voting period. It gives students more time to vote. It’s also more time to publicize.

Kevin Doering:
• A longer period creates a burden for the students campaigning.
• Also, did you consider adjusting the timeline to accommodate the University’s September 16 withdrawal date?

Filza Raza:
• In terms of the withdrawal date, we did look at options to end the election earlier, but the Election Committee believes that wouldn’t give people enough time.
• Also September 22 was the date set by Council.
• We have limited resources, so the extra days compensate for that.

Chris Hakim:
• It might have been better to cut back on nomination time.

Filza Raza:
• We wanted five business days for nominations because we didn’t want to penalize students on vacation, those not arriving yet.
• And students are not that connected to the AMS and need to hear about the election. Also they need to gather 50 signatures, so we wanted to give them time.

Jeanie Malone:
• What is the transition timeline for Jakob?

Alan Ehrenholz:
• Jakob will be in the position until the new VP Academic takes office, if I’m recalling the motion Council passed correctly.
• The new VP will take office when the results are presented to Council (on September 27).

Quarterly Budget Report – Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance)  

• Exec team expenditures on track.
• Exec expenditures look up because there’s a carryover from last year’s All-Presidents Dinner, but that’s misleading.
• Majority of spending for VP External has been for SUDS.
• All the Student Services are on target.
• Hired a Communications Manager and en route to having a fully fledge Coms team.
• Welcome Back Barbecue looks over budget, but that’s misleading because none of the revenues have come in yet (and it’s selling pretty well).
• Same for First Week. We’re still selling First Week kits.
• Business Operations:
  o Top performers: Upper Case/Blue Chip: Its revenue is 22% better than budgeted. Pit and Gallery are also better.
  o PhTea is the worst performer: Its revenue is 53% lower than budgeted.
  o Expenses generally are lower than predicted.
  o For the first quarter the net business contribution is 85% better than budgeted.

Questions
Kevin Doering:
• How does this compare to last year?

Alim Lakhiyalov:
• There were no quarterly reports last year, so there is no record.

Textbook Broke BC Campaign Launch – Cristina Ilnitchi

• We’re one week from the first event.
• Third year of campaign to encourage use of free digital materials, in preference to expensive textbooks.
• Costs are still rising.
• Textbook prices are high.
• Can mitigate this through OER’s (Open Educational Resources).
• They benefit students because they’re free.
• There’s also a benefit to faculty, who can modify texts: the materials are adaptable.
• In one physics course students said they enjoyed the open online text as much or more than traditional textbooks.
• Students collectively saved $85,000.
• In the past we’ve told students to speak to profs, tell them how expensive the textbooks are, etc.
• But it’s a contentious topic, so we’re trying to change the conversation.
• We’re suggesting that students ask their professors if they can use an older version of the required textbook. Studies show that this gets the professor’s attention.
• They can also say things on course evaluations.
• We want to get people talking about OER.

Questions
Cameron England asked about engagement strategies.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
• In previous years we had a booth event at the bookstore asking students to go on social media about their textbooks, but some students don’t want to do that.
• This year we’re going to get a big pin board to attach receipts.

Antony Tsui:
• Have you considered buying textbooks and reselling them to students?
• We do this at SUS.
Max Holmes:
- This has been explored in the past, but it’s not financially sustainable.
- It’s better time spent to put resources into getting professors to switch to more affordable texts.

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz:
- Last Council meeting of the summer: now we shift to our two-week schedule (meeting every two weeks instead of three).
- Soft opening of Iwana Taco, our new Mexican restaurant: T-shirts available.
- Have a new assistant (Emily) focusing on project-based goals.
- Pep rally coming up: prepping my dance for it/speech with President Ono.
- Rolling out design changes in September for outlets, e.g., Garden Grove, the new name for Palate (the vegan/vegetarian outlet).
- Grad Class Council’s old project, the statue called When Women Rise, has been delayed till March.
- Permit for AMS Nest sign (another old Grad Class Council project).
- We’re hiring for the 2018 Grad Class Council.
- Blue & Gold Society is getting to be a large group: may hold more focused meetings, breaking it down into sub-groups.
- Former Council Speaker Dave Tompkins was here and updated Council software.
- Council Retreat in September.
- First Year Committee appointments soon.
- I’ve done many interviews over the past few days.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic – Jakob Gattinger (read by Jeanie Malone)
- Potential Excellence Fund allocations.
- Finished tuition consultation policy.
- Academic Experience Survey in progress.
- Conversation about tuition benchmarking.
- Talking to UBC VP Students team about student services.
- I’m on UBC search committees.
- Going to the Board of Governors meeting to talk about the AMS.

VP Administration – Pooja Bhatti (read by Alan Ehrenholz)
- Wellness Week.
- Club exec orientation.
- Club applications sent out.
- Clubs and Societies Working Group has confirmed an appeal process.
- Clubs without treasurers will be deconstituted.
- Campus Vibe and Showpass are being integrated.
- SLSC new Showpass ticket printer.
- Art Gallery training.
- Zero Waste Squad.
- Sustainability newsletter.
- Nest animation.
- SEEDS new project.
- Rental sports equipment
- Old SUB: Was hoping to have new numbers, but don’t have them; will get them by September 8 so can do a presentation September 13.
- Construction starts October 2.

**VP Finance – Alim Lakhiyalov**
- Quarterly report.
- Met UBC’s VP Finance and got some new ideas for the budgeting process.
- Also meeting the director of the UBC investment funds trust.
- Strategic planning for financial infrastructure: looking to use Laserfiche for HR, payroll, the finance side.
- Video orientation: Working on this with Communications.

**Sally Lin – VP External**
- SUDS:
  - Really successful and some really good feedback.
  - Thanks to all who helped: catering staff and building operations staff; my staff members Evan and Isabella.
  - Prepared a transition report.

- U-Pass:
  - Extension letter from Province.
  - Working with other student unions.
  - Referendum in 2018.

**Other:**
- Provincial budget proposal
- Minister Mark visited us last Friday and we had a short but pleasant chat.
- MP Joyce Murray also visited.
- Rent with Rights campaign.

**Questions**

Kevin Doering:
- Can you tell us more about Rent with Rights?

Sally Lin:
- Rent with Rights is a carryover goal from last year.
- ABCS has also signed on for it.
- Working on a campaign brief.
- Timed for October-November.
• Going to be loud and big.

Kevin Doering:
• Can you tell us more about the meeting with Minister Mark?

Sally Lin:
• Took her on a walking tour.
• She’s going to every postsecondary institution and wanted a walking tour.
• We talked for 15-20 minutes: just an introductory meeting.
• Telling her what the AMS is.
• Excited about her mandate letter from the Premier.
• Looking forward to speaking more with her.

Managing Director – Keith Hester (read by Alan Ehrenholz)
• Concept and design changes for our businesses.
• Working with tenants.
• Working on financials.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Operations Committee – Jeanie Malone
• Media protocols.

Governance Committee – Mackenzie Lockhart
• I’m no longer chair; the committee is without a chair.
• We were finishing the last recommendations sent to us.

Student Life Committee – Alan Ehrenholz
• Blue & Gold Society met, but there’s been no meeting of the full committee.
• Looking at how Blue & Gold fits in.

Finance Committee – Alim Lakhiyalov
• Software payments moved to Capital Projects Fund.
• Approved new special initiatives assistant.
• Loan approval for a club.
• Reviewed quarterly financials.
• Code changes coming tonight.

Steering Committee – Alan Ehrenholz
• No update.

HR Committee – Wendy Guo
• Finished hiring the Elections Committee.
• Recommending two job descriptions.
• Committee chair compensation.
• Pay raises.

Advocacy – Cameron England
• Two internal policies.
• Academic Experience Survey.
• Bike share policy draft.
• Caucuses – hiring rubric.
• Excellence Fund.
• Meeting VP’s to discuss outstanding items.

K) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

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

Board of Governors
Kevin Doering:
• No meetings since June.

Senate
Kevin Doering:
• No updates.

Ombudsperson
• No ombudsperson yet.

Historical Updates – Sheldon Goldfarb
• Book launch October 23.
• Bookmarks advertising the book.

Questions
Kevin Doering
Where did the name Blue Chip come from?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• Refers to blue chip stocks, so is a pun, like many of our outlet names, e.g., Pie R Squared.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

5. MOVED MIMI KAO, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Ainsley MacDougall as the student representative for the Faculty of Land & Food Systems and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

Mimi Kao:
• Since last Council meeting, we have followed the Council directive to repeat the nomination process which Council approved.
• Did this between August 11 and 18.
• Ainsley remained the selected person.
• We confirmed with Senate that they will accept this nomination.

Chris Hakim:
• Why was this turned down before?

The Speaker:
• Two Council meetings ago we realized that Council needs to approve the
  appointment procedure first.
• Last meeting they had not redone the process, so it was tabled till now.

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(proxy for Jakob Gattinger), Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Alim Lakhiyalov, Sally
Lin, Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart (proxy for David Gill), Mimi Kao (proxy for
Julian Villafuerte Diaz)

Q) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED KEVIN DOERING: [SCD138-18]

From the Advocacy Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee Council approve the
proposed Internal Policy entitled ‘Tuition Consultations’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (14): Katherine Westerlund (proxy for Daniel Luo), Joella Allen, Bradley
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(proxy for Jakob Gattinger), Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Alim Lakhiyalov, Sally
Lin, Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui, Mimi Kao (proxy for Julian Villafuerte Diaz)

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart (proxy for David Gill)

8. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED WENDY GUO: [SCD139-18]

From the Governance Committee
"That on the recommendation of Governance Committee, AMS Council approve the document 'Code Changes 2017 Constituency Metrics and GSS President' and amend Code accordingly."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- This does two things.
- First it codifies a requirement that Constituencies report their metrics to the new Presidents Council, as recommended by the ad hoc committee on Constituency relations.
- Second, it adds the GSS President to the Presidents Council. Technically, they’re not a Constituency President, since the GSS is not a Constituency, so this is needed to make them part of the new Presidents Council.

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Abstained: Pooja Bhatti

10. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED WENDY GUO: [SCD140-18]

From the Human Resources and Finance Committees
"That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Council approve the amended Job Description for the Sustainability Funds Administrator."

"That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council approve a budget amendment changing the salary of the Sustainability Funds Administrator from $6204.60 to $9306.90."

Note: The individual in the role has agreed to the changes.
Note: Requires 2/3rds

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- This position is under my portfolio.
- The hours for the position have been increased because the person in the position is to spend more time promoting the fund and creating a newsletter.
- The wage change reflects the change in hours.
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Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart (proxy for David Gill)

12. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE: [SCD141-18]

From the Human Resources and Finance Committees
“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Council approve the proposed Job Description entitled ‘Special Initiatives Assistant.”

“That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council approve a budget amendment of $6204.60 for the salary of the Special Initiatives Assistant.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds


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Gattinger), Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Alim Lakhiyalov, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart (proxy for David Gill), Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui, Mimi Kao (proxy for Julian Villafuerte Diaz)

Abstained: Bradley Balaton

14. MOVED WENDY GUO, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

From the Human Resources Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, Council set the pay rate for non-Executive chairs of standing committees at Tier One, effective once the new chairs are appointed in September.”

Alan Ehrenholz:
- Because the chairs don’t oversee other staff members, it was decided that the appropriate level for them should be Tier One, not Tier Two.
- Over the summer they got Tier Two because Council’s last direction on this, two years ago, was to pay them at Tier Two, but now starting in the fall they’ll get Tier One.

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Abstained: Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Mackenzie Lockhart (proxy for David Gill)

16. MOVED WENDY GUO, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

From the Human Resources Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, AMS Council appoint Filza Raza as the Elections Administrator for a period effective August 16th and ending September 29th.”

“That Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee appoint Michael Kosgei as the Election Committee’s Communications Officer for a period effective August 22nd and ending September 29th.”

“That Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee appoint Urvi Sardesai as the Chief Returning Officer for a period effective August 30th and ending September 29th.”
Wendy Guo:
- We worked with the HR Department in this process.
- Did extensive screening and interviews.

Cameron England:
- Since these hirings are just for the by-election, which ends September 22, why are they being hired until September 29?

Wendy Guo:
- They will have things to do after the voting ends.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- There’s always a chance of appeals, so have to allow extra time for that.
- Also though the voting ends September 22, the Elections Administrator doesn’t present the results until September 27.

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… Carried


18. MOVED WENDY GUO, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

From the Human Resources Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Council approve changes in pay rates from $11.25 to $11.49 for Tier 1, $12.17 to $12.43 for Tier 2, and $13.16 to $13.44 for Tier 3 effective September 9th, 2017.”

Wendy Guo
- Permanent staff are getting a raise, and we wanted to match that for student staff.

Jeanie Malone:
- What is the rationale for the amount? Is it from CPI? Tuition increases?
Wendy Guo:
  • This is directly related to CPI.

Bradley Balaton:
  • I assume we have room in the budget for this.

Alim Lakhiyalov:
  • I budgeted for this from the start.

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… Carried


Abstained: Cameron England

20. MOVED WENDY GUO, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

From the Human Resources Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, Council approve the increase in hours for the AVPAUA to 30 hours a week for a period from August 14th to September 29th.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The AVPAUA has agreed to the change in hours.

Wendy Guo:
  • Last Council we said we wanted to re-evaluate these increased hours after Jakob’s return.
  • We decided to retain the increase because of the additional work.

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Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart (proxy for David Gill)

22. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM: [SCD142-18]

   From the Finance Committee

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   Alim Lakhiyalov:
   - The big thing here is the Campus Culture Fund.
   - It’s important that this money go to culture.
   - The Code change makes clear what the money should be used for.
   - Also, for the seven clubs eligible for this fund, there’s now a rule saying they can’t apply to the Clubs Benefit Fund.
   - Other changes include introducing a preference for use of funds from the Student Initiatives Fund for local projects and not for travel expenses.
   - Also this codifies the Competitive Athletics Fund.

   Mackenzie Lockhart:
   - Does anyone know the wording of the referendum question?

   Sheldon Goldfarb:
   - It directed the collection of $1.50 per student for seven named clubs involved in culture and performance.
   - It said the fund should be administered by the Finance Commission, which doesn’t anymore, so the Finance Committee will do the administering.

   Kevin Doering:
   - What is the source of the funding for the Competitive Athletics Fund?
   - Is it from the $21 Athletics and Intramurals fee?
   - And how much is in the funds?

   Alim Lakhiyalov:
   - I can follow up on the source of funding.
   - There is no fee specifically for Competitive Athletics.
   - Currently, we have $100,000 in the fund for it.
   - We have $200,000 in the Clubs Benefit Fund, including $80,000 collected this year; we collect every year. There is a fee for that.

23. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

   From the Finance Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council approve the proposed Code change entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Funds’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart (proxy for David Gill)

24. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE:

“That the agenda be amended to add a discussion on the Ombudsperson.” … No objections

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

Ombudsperson
Alan Ehrenholz:
- The Ombudsperson job description is online. You can now apply. A hiring process will ensue.

Our Turn Action Plan
Alan Ehrenholz:
- Sally presented on this on August 9.
- Today she wants to lead a discussion on the details of the plan, how to proceed.

Sally Lin:
- Councillors said they wanted to discuss this further.
- The Our Turn Planning Committee is hoping to hear about us signing on.
- They want to launch in October.
- The organizers have sent us a scorecard to grade the University on its sexual assault policy.
- UBC got 78%; the average was 63%.
- We should think about all the tasks they’ve asked us to do: surveys etc.

Jeanie Malone:
- The UBC policy requires us to do a survey?

Sally Lin:
- No, it’s Our Turn that wants us to run a survey.
- Looking for standardized questions.
- Don’t want to retraumatize anyone through questions.
Kevin Doering:
- What is SASC’s response to this?

Sally Lin:
- Most of what SASC wanted has been added in, though not the questions for the survey.
- I haven’t had a final conversation with SASC about the final version.
- Want to make sure this is more than just one year; want to make this annual.
- SASC will provide support and prevention work; the Executive will do advocacy.

Cameron England:
- Do we have any monetary obligations?
- What is our role in this?

Sally Lin:
- There’s nothing monetary.
- There’s resource sharing.
- They’re uploading materials.
- By signing on, we’d have to run a survey and do the other components of the program.
- There are five steps for signing on and 19 other recommendations.

Bradley Balaton:
- The GSS did a similar survey.
- It might be worthwhile talking to them.

Jeanie Malone:
- Do we have a current statement on rape culture?

Sally Lin:
- Step one requires that we issue a statement that there is a rape culture on campus and that the AMS is committed to addressing it.
- We did push the University to include language around rape culture in their policy, which they did, so it would not be a wild thing for us to pass such a motion.

Jeanie Malone:
- Have we said this in a public statement?

Sally Lin:
- No, only in a submission to the University.
- The Our Turn committee would like us to do this sooner rather than later.

Kevin Doering:
- Council should sign on to this.
- Can you elaborate on the survey?
- Would it be part of the Academic Experience Survey? Something separate?
Sally Lin:
- The earliest we could do the survey would be as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in February or March 2018.

Jeanie Malone:
- Because we've recently gone through a consultation on this for UBC's Policy 131, it might be more useful to do the survey later to see how Policy 131 is being implemented.

Sally Lin:
- I asked Our Turn about this.
- I told them some parts of their plan are not applicable to us; do we still have to follow all the steps?
- They said no, we should adapt the plan to our circumstances. If a reflective process would be best, then that's what we should do. …
- Is everyone here comfortable with the direction we're taking?
- If so, are you comfortable with us giving them our logo?

Jeanie Malone:
- It would be better if we think about our statement and our words.
- I'd like to see this at the next Council meeting.
- Maybe bounce it off the Advocacy Committee.
- I would speak in favour of joining this group.

Sally Lin:
- So yes to the logo?

U) Submissions:

   Human Resource Committee monthly report [SCD143-18]
   Steering Committee monthly report [SCD144-18]
   Finance Committee monthly report [SCD145-18]
   Advocacy Committee monthly report [SCD146-18]

V) Next Meeting:

   Next Meeting: September 13, 2017

W) Adjournment:

   There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

X) Social Activity:

   - Pit Night

Vote Records

V1: test
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V3: LFS Senate Motion
V4: Internal Policy
V5: code change
V6: sustainability admin change in salary
V7: initiatives assistant
V8: tier one
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