STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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

[SCD160-17]

... Carried


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

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

Website Upgrade – Kris Anderson

[SCD161-17]

- 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:
  - Making it easier to finding information on the website.
  - Usability.
  - More pictures of students.
  - A working calendar of events so people can find out what’s going on.
  - 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 2/3's... Carried


Abstained: Veronica Knott

Elections – Max Holmes [SCD164-17]

- 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:
- Dropped the odd rule that candidates can’t endorse in front of groups of more than three.
- 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:
- They can get one and a half times the spending limit and reimbursement amount; not double.
- 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.
- Within those categories, the questions will be listed in the order they were submitted.
- 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 [SCD166-17]
- 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 [SCD167-17]
  • 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."

Maria 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:

1) Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled Bylaws Amendment Package 2017?

2) Do you support the AMS establishing a graduated fee (“The Fee”) to contribute to the construction of a student fitness and recreation building at UBC Vancouver?

- The Fee will not be levied until an agreement between the AMS and the University has been reached including but not limited to the terms of the financial contribution of the University, and construction has started.
- The amount of The Fee will begin at a rate of $5. It will increase to $10 the year following, and will continue to increase by $5 per academic year up to a maximum of $25.
- The Fee would be levied on all UBC Vancouver students on an annual basis.
- The Fee would continue to be levied until the AMS has completed all its financing obligations for the student fitness and recreation building.
- The AMS Council will establish a process for active AMS members demonstrating need to apply for a refund of The Fee.
- The Fee will finance a maximum of $22.5M dollars towards project costs. The AMS’ goal is to use the momentum generated by the referendum to negotiate with the University to secure as many funds from UBC as possible to finance the remainder of project costs.

3) Do you authorize the AMS to sell up to three (3) pieces of art from the AMS Permanent Collection?

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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.”

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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3) “Do you authorize the AMS to sell up to four (4) pieces of art from the AMS Permanent Collection?”

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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 SHAFIGE:

“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-MacIsaac), Jakob Gattinger, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Jeanie 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:

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... 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

23. 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 question:

1) Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled Bylaws Amendment Package 2017?”

… Carried

For (26): Jamiu Abdalami, Daud Akhtar, Samantha So, Bradley Balaton, Sumal Thalagala, Suyesha Dutta (proxy for Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac), Daniel Gao, Jakob Gattinger, Ryan Kamimura, Veronica Knott, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Jeanie 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, Jennifer Zhen

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

24. 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:

2) Do you support the AMS establishing a graduated fee (“The Fee”) to contribute to the construction of a student fitness and recreation building at UBC Vancouver?

- The Fee will not be levied until an agreement between the AMS and the University has been reached including but not limited to the terms of the financial contribution of the University, and construction has started.
- The amount of The Fee will begin at a rate of $5. It will increase to $10 the year following, and will continue to increase by $5 per academic year up to a maximum of $25.
- The Fee would be levied on all UBC Vancouver students on an annual basis.
• The Fee would continue to be levied until the AMS has completed all its financing obligations for the student fitness and recreation building.
• The AMS Council will establish a process for active AMS members demonstrating need to apply for a refund of The Fee.
• The Fee will finance a maximum of $22.5M dollars towards project costs. The AMS’ goal is to use the momentum generated by the referendum to negotiate with the University to secure as many funds from UBC as possible to finance the remainder of project costs.

3) “Do you authorize the AMS to sell up to four (4) pieces of art from the AMS Permanent Collection?”

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.”

… 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 Zbeeb:
• 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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31. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIEI:

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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.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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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:

**From the HR Committee**
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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.

38. MOVED NAMDAR SHAFIEI, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:

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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?

41. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED AVA NASIRI:

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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

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

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