AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of January 8, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Bahareh Jokar (VP External), Ross Horton (General Manager), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager)

Regrets: Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Bahareh Jokar

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm.

Executive Updates
Anne:
• worked part time this week
• Revising PAI goals
• Tuition consults on new programs
• Orientations reports in editing phase

Bahareh:
• Transit referendum update following last night’s council meeting
  o AMS taking YES position
  o Communications launch in January
• Compass card update for affiliate colleges

Ava
• SAC Clubs Tea Party Happening second week of January
• Orgsync Passed at Council
• New Sub Contract passed at Council

Tanner:
• Working AMS 2030
• The Governance Review
• Bylaw work
Suggestion to the execs to have events where they all are more present in the community
  o Mat likes this idea
  o
Mat:
  • Holiday update
  • Budget committee update

Ross:
  • New Sub Update
  • UBC Card Update and discussion.

Daniel’s Update from Tanner
  • SASC manager has been hired
  • SASC Assistant manager hiring process happening.
  • Daniel in the process of hiring assistant

Motion: Be it resolved that Exec Com recommend joining the Better Transit + Transportation Coalition as presented by the VPX

Moved: Bahareh
Seconded: Ave

3 in Favor
1 Abstention
1 Absent

Motion: Be it resolved that Exec Com support the AMS Position Statement on the Metro Vancouver Transit Referendum (Spring 2015)

Moved: Bahareh
Seconded: Ava

3 in Favor
1 Abstention
1 absent
The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.
Executive Committee Minutes 15th January 2015

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order 3:17 pm
   a. In attendance
      i. Tanner Bokor, Ron Gorodetsky, Bahareh Jokar, Daniel Levangie, Ross Horton, Anne Kessler
   b. Regrets:
      i. Sheldon Goldfarb, Mat Miadlikowski, Ava Nasiri (Arrived late/left early)

2. Approval of the Agenda
   a. Moved: BJ
   b. Seconded: AK
   c. Moved

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Executive Reports (5 minutes each)
   a. Chair’s Report
      i. Jaelle will be working as referendum coordinator if council will be launching its own questions
      ii. AMS 2030 ongoing
      iii. Gov Review taking time
      iv. Focus on Centennial applications (very big onslaught)
      v. Looking for a permanent solution to voting
         1. Working with Abdul, MK, and our a/v provider to source hardware for council chambers (instead of using escribe software)
      vi. Tanner to take a couple of days off next week; he must take them
         1. Moved: AK
         2. Seconded: BJ
         3. Moved
      vii. Tanner also heading to Seattle for part of week for meetings
   b. VP Academic’s Report
      i. Officially hired aboriginal commissioner; exciting news!
         1. Salia Joseph
      ii. Housing continues
      iii. Academic Experience Survey
         1. Working with one key service provider (Common Metric) for next year’s survey
2. Discrepancy around purchasing a product rather than provision of service
3. Service provider wanting to provide a package but not capacity for AMS to control questions
4. Working with other companies for quotes and functions (look promising)
5. Possibility of online portal (though with added cost)
6. Anne will (if available) bring those proposals to next exec comm

c. VP External’s Report
   i. City of Vancouver very appreciative of AMS involvement in transit referendum
   ii. Additional budget to come for events
   iii. Office very busy

d. VP Finance’s Report
   i. Unable to attend meeting (at Brewery Committee function)

e. VP Admin’s Report
   i. Not present yet (sick, but resting in preparation for second SAC tea party)

5. Staff Reports (5 minutes each)
   a. Executive Director’s Report
      i. Hiring Complete for SASC Manager and Asst. Manager
         1. Ashley Bentley and Josey Ross (respectively)
         2. Book
            a. Publisher pulls out
            b. Reviewing options for production/distribution
      3. Alumni relations
         a. Interested in partnering for Block party
         b. Willing to support book efforts in research
      4. Events
         a. $25,000 under budget for first week
         b. Unused funds could be used for Block Party
   b. General Manager’s Report
      i. Security request for events at Koerner’s pub
      ii. Company who advertises in student union’s building wants to put cell phone charging stations around sub
         1. Ross to follow up with Ava/SAC regarding space
      iii. Very supportive of faculty cup
         1. Interested in participating in food service with event
      iv. Working on budgets
v. March 30/31 now the prospective day of occupancy
   1. Businesses would not likely be able to open until after April 10
   2. Cannot actually cook food before occupancy
   3. Meeting follow up with Dwayne from Bird – January 30

6. Presentations
7. Old Business & Action Items
8. New Business
   a. Equity office report
      i. Imagine SASC and its work with a broader mandate (all equity issues)
      ii. Equity commissioner did background research on old position
      iii. Have survey of historical position
         1. Office was punitive
         2. Financial constraints also led to its closure
         3. Feeling at council that there was significant overlap with UBC
            equity office
         4. Feeling was that requirements for all clubs was too onerous
      iv. Review also included what other su’s have done to address equity issues
      v. Result of research:
         1. Better parallel with SASC than with Student Service
         2. Key focus will be educational
         3. Take some of the intersectional issues out of SASC
         4. Relationship with other offices on campus
         5. Punitive aspects would still go to Ombudsperson rather than
            Equity Manager
         6. Manager would not focus on lobbying (would still remain in VP
            acad office)
      vi. Question: could the SASC expand into offering equity rather than being a
          separate office?
         1. Discussion focused on specificity of SASC
      vii. Possibility of including a referendum for funding both the office and an
          initiatives fund
      viii. Anne to present at council next week (later in agenda so Anne can come
           from Senate) (Daniel to co-present)
   b. Centennial fund
      i. No student applications have been accepted so far
      ii. Good news: committee still interested in funding our book
      iii. Student groups needing support in writing grant applications
         1. Can we do workshops or offer tips and tricks worksheet?
         2.
   c. Governance Review
      i. Josh putting together final proposal for gov review proposal
      ii. Major changes to satisfy council requests:
1. Next fiscal year
2. Internal review and report first, then external review
3. Debrief meeting next week – Josh to email invite
d. Referendum Planning (possible areas for discussion)
   i. Need to start planning for AMS referendum questions
   ii. Bylaw amendments to Exec Job descriptions (LPC working on it)
   iii. Bringing back external advocacy fund?
        1. BJ would love to bring this back
   iv. Fee consolidation
        1. Not quite complete – need to add info in bylaws about portion of
discernitory income directed towards advocacy
   v. Index the new SUB fee?
   vi. Bursary fee (index and increase back to 2008 levels)?
   vii. LPC recommending removing SAC from bylaws
   viii. Tanner to sit down one on one with execs to figure out which questions
        we would like to consider including
   ix.
e. Grants and funds in general (AMS)
   i. DL asks about the interest from Exec around streamlining all our granting
      options and applications systems
   ii. All generally interested
   iii. Ross provides background on IPF: AMS $220,000 will no longer come in,
        but UBC may still provide
9. Discussion Period
   a. SPHR referendum question
   i. Discussion around referendum
   ii. AK suggests AMS investigate potential impacts of a yes vote
10. Adjournment
    a. Moved: bj
    b. Seconded: ak
    c. Moved Meeting ends 4:41pm

Next Meeting
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of January 22, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President, arrived 4:15), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Bahareh Jokar (VP External), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance, left 3:20), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order with Anne in the chair (in the absence of Tanner) at 3:05 pm.

Minutes
Approval of past minutes was deferred (Ava, Bahareh).

Executive Updates
Mateusz:
- Wrestling Club financing.
- Club waivers.
- Fixed subsidy form.
- Working with GSS on bursaries for international students.
- Ron and I going to a conference on creativity and leadership in the workplace February 19-22 in New York.

[AMateusz leaves.]

Ava:
- SAC Clubs Tea Party Happening attracted 200 clubs.
- Orgsync is being implemented.
- Clubs’ menu: alternative menu for clubs only.
- Three new committees meeting for first time. Also thinking of creating a Sports Advisory Council. (These new bodies will go into the SAC Policy Handbook.)
- Money from VP Students Office: well-being initiative.
- Executive wants tour of New SUB.
  - Anne: BoG would like one too.
New SUB handover now March 23-31. Less likely the last Pit Night will be in the New SUB.
SAC Guidebook.

Bahareh:
- Co-chairing the transit coalition (Yes side).

Anne:
- I’m going to be in a video on the lunar new year.
- Divestment passed at Council.
- The Equity Office presentation was received positively. There were questions about the difference between an AMS office and the UBC office; I’m looking into that. Council will also have to decide whether they want to support an AMS office financially.
- Housing meeting.
- Student Rights Handbook needs updating.

Ron:
- We have 50% of funding for a car: mainly for Safewalk, but also for SASC and Food Bank.
- Safewalk issue: Popular, usage up; sometimes being used by people who don’t need it as a sort of taxi service for groups. We already turn down groups of more than two, and will be handing out guideline cards for users.

Daniel:
- We used to run a Rentsline service; it’s expired, but our former Rentsline partners keep using our branding and seem reluctant to cease.
  - The Executive supported pushing on this. Daniel to work with Keith.
- Mateusz and I to work on account codes chart.
- Alumni Affairs is keen on working with us about the anniversary book, Block Party, etc.
- Bookings discussion.
- Sustainability is partnering with three former UBC students on an umbrella exchange program.

Ross:
- Looking into business partnerships that may be affected if BDS (Boycott-Divest-Sanction Israel) comes into effect here. It doesn’t look like it will affect us. The movement is not after companies like Coke that may have dealings in that part of the world; it’s really only targeting companies based in that part of the world.
• Budgets and business plans.
• Staff town halls.
• Looking into the payroll cycle change.

Sheldon:
• Issue concerning the Unecorn chair having missed five Council meetings and thus losing his Council seat and thus no longer being able to be chair of Unecorn.

[Tanner arrives.]

iPads
• Anne: Our current iPads are old or non-existent. Should we get new iPads, or other types of tablets?
• Discussion of the various types of tablets ensued.
• Action Item: Tanner to have Chris from IT bring comparisons to Exec.

Academic Experience Survey
• Anne: We’re looking at Insights West as the company to work with on the survey. The Executive was in favour of proceeding with Insights West.

Aboriginal Relations
• Anne: There’s potential for Musqueam involvement in the opening of the New SUB and a permanent agreement with them about purchasing art.
• Tanner: UBC is already commissioning a welcoming pole; there’s talk of First Nations art being commissioned on campus by others.
• Anne: We should be doing this too, encouraging the revitalization of culture by spending money of our own.
• Action Item: Anne to look into this.

Upcoming issues
• Hiring issue when both Execs and staff turn over on May 1.
• JD’s for Executives.
• Executive dinner? Transition writing party?

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm (Ava, Bahareh).
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 2, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance, arrived 11:15), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager, arrived 10:25), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Bahareh Jokar (VP External)

Guest: Ken Yih (Senior HR Manager, at 11:15)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am.

Minutes
The last five sets of minutes were approved (with amendments): November 28, December 12, January 8, 15, 22 (Ava, Anne).

Executive Updates
Ava:
- Clubs menu recommendations.
- New SUB tours in last two weeks of February for Execs, Board of Governors, etc.
- Wrestling Club issues re coach: sorting that out.
- We’ll have the old SUB basement for 1-1/2 years; can give everyone allocations.
- Orgsync on its way.

Anne:
- Talked to FLIT (flexible learning team).
- Meeting with the UBC committee overseeing Constituency orientations for first year students.
- BoG presentation on housing increases next Thursday.
- Starting up 2015 Academic Experience Survey. Will be just for undergraduates. The GSS is doing a separate survey for graduates. We’ll get their data.
[Ron arrives.]

Ron:
- Services vehicle on track.
- Volunteer Fair: Trying to find time to book on the concourse. May use the Design Cube instead.
- Food Bank fridge: liability, waivers re perishables.
- Safewalk Coordinator visited other schools’ Safewalks. They operate similarly, but have better funding.

Tanner:
- UBC Ombudsperson meeting.
- Ponderosa Commons is under control (elevator issue, etc.).
- LPC – Student Court.
- Budget Committee.
- Soup Day: Execs giving out soup.
  - Anne: Maybe with Sprouts.
- AMS 2030 committee not meeting.
- Faculty Cup was well done. Confusion about who’s running it: Rec students? The AMS? Need to talk to SLCC.
- Referendum and elections.
  - **Action Item:** All Execs but Ava to discuss External Lobbying Fund.
- Transit: Bahareh with the Mayors. Promotion soon at UBC. Meeting other student organizations.

Ross:
- Good-byes to Food & Beverage Manager Nancy Toogood and to Gallery Lounge manager Rick Kellough. Their many years of excellent service is much appreciated.
- Reviewing insurance coverage: don’t have media liability insurance. Looking into that.
- Pay schedule: The cash is available and the people have been contacted. They can get their money now (or later).
- BAGB metrics are going to Council.
- Bird says the New SUB is on track, though the Perch will lag behind.
- North side construction affected traffic in the SUB: sales down 15% (not 10% as expected).
- Finalizing budgets.

Daniel:
- Responding on issues such as the referendum, wrestling, and the composter.
Looking at work plans.
Hiring a PR person for the Nest.
Sent a letter to the Rentsline people; going to send them an invoice.

Tanner:
- The tablet issue: IT says, Why use anything but iPad? It works with current AMS servers.
  - Anne: We did ask for information. Can Chris (from IT) come speak to us?
  - Ava: I don’t think we individually have the right to say which tablet to use; the tablets will be for more than the one year we’re here.
  - Tanner: Let’s follow IT’s recommendations.
  - Anne: There are issues with the iPads. Updates, maintenance.
  - Ava: Maybe Anne and Chris can meet.

Sheldon:
- Working on book.
- Mike Duncan of the Alumni has been offering support (extra researchers) in return for the research we’ve done so far.
  - Tanner: The Centennial fund is probably going to lump our book in with the Alumni’s history wall project.
  - The Executive was in favour of sharing information with the Alumni in return for credit at the Wall.

Events
- Animating the new building.
- Staff structures.
- A Pit programming manager?
- Ava: It would be cool to make sure it’s a student, someone who can keep it relevant to the students.

[Mateusz arrives.]

[Ken arrives.]

Student Staff Turnover
- Ken: Issue of which staff can stay an extra month.
- Anne: Long term, will we be shifting to September hires? How hire for May if we’ll have a new Executive starting then?
- Tanner: Maybe research the options; see what other universities are doing.
• Action Item: Daniel, Ross, Tanner, Anne to talk about options and report back after Reading Week.
• Ava: We need a better AMS workplace community: perhaps student staff socials?

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am (Ava, Mateusz).
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 12, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Bahareh Jokar (VP External)

Guest: Ashley Bentley (SASC Manager, arrived 11:30)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

Minutes
The minutes of the February 2 meeting were approved (Anne, Ava).

Musqueam
- Anne: Discussion about Musqueam involvement in the New SUB opening. Applying to the Sustainability Projects Fund for a piece of Musqueam weaving to permanently recognize that we’re on Musqueam territory. Also talk of a Musqueam name for the SUB, but there was no original aboriginal name for New SUB.
- Ross: Is there a Musqueam name for Nest?
- Sheldon: Do we want something in Chinese too?
- Ava: We have the word “student” in many languages on the stairs of the New SUB.
- Action Item: Anne and Ava to discuss the language idea and report after Reading Week.

Whistler Lodge
- Ross:
  o We’ve scheduled a May 1 or May 2 close. At that point we’d be done and have the money.
  o The buyers have asked to move in earlier (March 2). They’ll leave our tenant (Seasons Whistler) in place for now; they’d take on the tenant. But the rent is
more than the interest we’d get from receiving the money two months early. We could negotiate over the difference.
  o If we leave early, we’ll need to decide sooner what to take from the lodge: art work etc. There will be some time pressure.
- Anne: Can we sort this out so we don’t lose any money?
- Ross: Generally, the sooner you close, the better. We’d end our responsibility (for repairs etc.) earlier.
- Tanner: How big a loss if we close now?
- Ross: It’s small: $7,000 rent for March, $3300 for April. We could split the rent. Even though we’re busy, I’m inclined to do this: be done, get our money. One less thing to worry about.
- Tanner: It seems so negligible, I think we should go ahead.
- Ava: Could we have a Whistler Lodge Appreciation event?
- Ross:
  o There’s a tenant in there now; we’d have to organize it with them.
  o Another point: we can leave stuff there. Not the art work, but there’s other stuff that the buyers want; we can give it to them.
- Sheldon: A SAC resolution is necessary to authorize any transfer of property under the jurisdiction of SAC.
- There was agreement among the Executives to go ahead with the transfer on March 2.
- **Action Item: SAC to pass a resolution re property left behind.**

[Ashley arrived.]

**HeforShe**

- Ashley:
  o HeforShe is a UN-run campaign about gender equality and gender-based violence. It’s associated with Emma Watson. The campaign is touring North America and wants to come here sometime in February. We don’t have to pay them; they just want space.
  o It does seem to align with AMS and SASC values.
- **Action Item: Tanner to email to find out and report back on details, and to follow up with Ava on outreach to clubs.**
- **Action Item: Daniel to talk to Anna about booking the Norm.**

[Ashley leaves.]
BDS
- Discussion on the upcoming BDS referendum.

UBC’s Got Talent
- Ava: We could get 7000 people at the Arena for a showcase of culture and talent.
- Tanner: Jael developed plans last term; we can reactivate them.

All-Presidents Dinner and Great Trekker
- Ava: SAC can hold an after event (the APD is on February 26).
- Great Trekker winner is Marty Zlotnik.

Orgsync
- Ava: Orgsync needs to contact IT for CWL.
- Action Item: Anne to connect Ava with UBC IT about CWL for Orgsync.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm (Ava, Anne).
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 23, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Bahareh Jokar (VP External)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

Minutes
The minutes of the February 12 meeting were approved (Ava, Anne).

Updates
Anne:
- Academic Experience Survey.
- Started transition report; it includes the names of 70 UBC people to know.
- Tuition policy delayed because Tobias resigned as chair of Unecorn and we haven’t met since then.
- Musqueam art (wool weaving):
  - Applying to Sustainability Projects Fund.
  - It may become part of our art collection, which would be good because that would ensure there would be someone looking after it. Waiting to hear from the Art Gallery.
  - Would like a tour to determine a good place for it in the New SUB.
  - Could go in a glass cabinet, but better to hang it so it can be seen from all directions.

Ava:
- New SUB on track. Discussing how to market the opening.
- New SUB tours being set up; they should be arranged through me.
- All Presidents Dinner on Thursday.
• Orgsync: Still waiting to be in touch with IT.
• Art Gallery: Working on opening show on SUB history.
• SPHR, Hillel, and I are meeting this Friday to seek an agreement on safe space for the BDS referendum.

Tanner:
• BuildAMS (the governance review): Presentation to Council this week, but motion being postponed to allow more consultation.
• AMS2030 presentation going ahead.
• Code changes: Would like something more formalized about Constituency Presidents and some other changes about the President.
  o Anne: What happened to the bylaw changes? Referendum?
  o Tanner: LPC hasn’t had a chance to look at the bylaws.
  o Anne: Maybe LPC needs another dedicated staff person.
• Societies Act changes expected to be passed by this session of the BC Legislature, but we’ll have two years to deal with that.
• Looking at fun things for the opening ceremonies of the new building and restoring memorabilia.
• BTTC work (transit referendum).

Bahareh is in Victoria for lobbying week (Colúm Connolly of the GSS is there too).
Mateusz is away at a conference.

Ross:
• Move.
• BAGB meeting.
• SUB traffic still an issue.
• Whistler Lodge closing date moving up to March 2. Leaving behind some assets so we don’t have to dispose of them.
  o Sheldon: Will we have a SAC motion to okay that?
  o Ross: That would be great.
  o Ava: Shouldn’t be a problem.
• Business donations, e.g., of food to the Red Cross club.
  o Sheldon: Code only prohibits donations derived from student fees; there’s no rule on what our businesses can do.
  o Ross: Looking for some guidelines.
  o Anne: From BAGB perhaps?
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- Ava: Could speak to Anna and Abby re sponsorships. And to SAC.
- **Action Item:** Ava to speak to Anna and Abby about how sponsorship rules may apply to business donations by us. And to SAC.
- Signs positive on refinancing the Nest.

Daniel:
- Hired an assistant (Emma Roberts) to work on projects.
- Also a Health and Dental commissioner to do a research project on how to modify the Health and Dental plan.
- Ron’s contract as Student Services Manager will be extended to match the new rules in Code, and we’re starting the hiring process for the next SSM.
- Advising conference last week. Main issue was sexual assault protocol.
- Medicine (Steven Pi) working out procedures for 3rd and 4th year students.
- Victims of Crime Awareness Week: Ashley (SASC) has put together a conference with the Faculty of Law and an anti-violence group. April 21.
- Team retreat.

BDS
- To become a weekly update. Nothing to report this week.

Mobile Dental Clinic
- Ross:
  - A third party wants to operate a mobile dental clinic near the SUB to do dental cleaning.
  - We’d already decided against a dentist in the New SUB; it would increase plan usage too much.
  - But this is being presented as preventative rather than restorative.
  - Suggestion of a trial run in March.
  - Could bring in revenue.
  - **Action Item:** Ross to come back with more details next week.

Golden Key Society
- Daniel: Golden Key is looking for us to sponsor them.
- Ross: That would really just be a donation or buying advertising.
- Sheldon: They came here several years ago and we said no to them.
- The Executive said no to the idea.
HeforShe

- Tanner: They want an event this Friday. A lecture. Will investigate further.
- Other Execs said this doesn’t give us much time for outreach.
- Ava: Could reach out to Resource Groups and feminist clubs.

Tuition Consultation

- Anne: Annual tuition consultation March 16 in the Norm at noon.

Course proposal

- Ava: Received a proposal from someone who wants to start a course on Failure Management.
- Tanner: Advise her to look into running a student-directed seminar.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am (Ava, Anne).
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 2, 2015

Attendance
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Guest: Abby Blinch (Communications Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

Minutes
The minutes of the February 25 meeting were approved with corrections (Ava, Bahareh).

Competitive Clubs
- Ava:
  - Athletics wants to sort things out by tomorrow.
  - Some of our clubs have assets that are of little use to us.
  - The point is to give these clubs services.
  - So planning to ask them for $1 a year to rent the equipment or other assets they have (which actually belong to us). This way the clubs can use them but they’ll still belong to the AMS.
  - Also, this would mean that the Wrestling Club’s mats, for instance, could be used by other clubs as well.
- Ron: Good to get an itemized list of the assets.
- Ross: Speak to Keith about insurance.
- Daniel: Inform the other clubs about the mats etc. It can be combined with room bookings.
BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) Referendum

- Tanner: We have received a petition calling for a referendum on the following 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?”
- Anne: It’s important for the Executive to reach consensus, not on the contents but on the process to follow now.
- A question was raised about when exactly the petition for the referendum was received: was it last Thursday or was it Friday? (This could affect the timing of the referendum.)
- Tanner:
  - Our lawyers (Davis) are auditing the petition, checking that the names of those who signed are exactly as on our membership list and that signatures and student numbers are legible. Also whether the Ombudsperson has received requests to have signatures removed.
  - Yes and No Committees have been unofficially formed; there are already posters up, websites, etc. even though the referendum has not been called yet.
  - The Elections Administrator will make decisions on campaign material already up.
  - UBC is playing a good role by promoting respectful dialogue and saying the AMS is an independent entity.

[Mateusz arrives.]

- Tasks divided:
  - Ava: Clubs and SUB.
  - Bahareh: Government liaising, especially with the federal government.
  - Anne: UBC, Campus Security, the RHA, the Faculty Association, the RCMP.
  - Mateusz: Yes and No expenditures.
  - Tanner: Liaising with the Ombudsperson; dealing with the media.
  - Daniel: Supporting the Executives; working with staff.
- Ross: Keep Sean (Security) in the loop re Campus Security, the RCMP, and the SUB.
- Daily working group including Tanner, Anne, Ava, Daniel.
  - Tanner: It will handle communications. Other tasks will depend on what Council does this week.
  - Daniel: The Executive will make philosophical decisions; the working group will organize and carry them out.
  - Ava: Should we add Councillors?
Anne: That made sense for tuition because it could affect Constituencies and we wanted Unecorn involved, but this is not like that.

Tanner: We can keep this composition, but have the meetings open: anyone can attend.

One issue is: Do we recommend sending the question to Student Court, which has the power under the Bylaws to reword an ambiguous question?

Sheldon: It’s been done at least twice.

- In 2001, a question calling for the Health and Dental Plan to be immediately cancelled went to the Court, which revised it to say the plan would be cancelled at the end of the current contract if the referendum passed.
- So the Court interpreted the Bylaw broadly; the Bylaw itself says the issue is whether the question can be answered yes or no.
- In 1989, in the Duke’s Cookies case, a petition arrived calling for the extension of Duke’s lease, but that lease had already expired and Duke’s had left, so the Court said the referendum simply couldn’t be held.

Daniel: The issue is, Is the question clear enough so a person can vote Yes or No reasonably. Are there two real options?

Anne: The question does present two options and is not like the past Court cases.

Tanner: To play devil’s advocate against that view, you could say the question is like using Socratic method. In this case, No seems to mean that you support war crimes and illegal occupation.

Anne: The question doesn’t assume that; it’s as if it said do you support the AMS in opposing an alien invasion: it doesn’t assume an invasion is actually happening.

Ava: Posters refer to Microsoft and HP as companies to boycott, but it’s unclear if the petitioners mean that. We might ask Student Court to get clarification.

Daniel: Do we add a list?

Sheldon: That might be seen as changing the question.

Anne: I have asked what was meant and could provide a list.

Ava: They left it ambiguous; it might be best to leave it that way.

Mateusz: There are no war crimes, so no companies can be supporting them.

Anne: It would not be onerous for us to interpret.

Ross: By saying “support the AMS” the question doesn’t actually compel Council.

Tanner: If we send the question to the Court, we might get a question with stronger language that would compel us; and in general we don’t know how the Court will function.
Anne: Can the Court meet the one-week deadline to return with the question? The judges have not even been hired yet. They haven’t been trained.

Tanner: There are concerns about whether the question is entrapping.

Ava: We could send the question to the Court afterwards. Have them interpret it then.

Daniel: Which gives us the best process?

Tanner: At Concordia they revised ahead of time to get rid of entrapment.

Ron: People may think if you vote No you’re supporting war crimes.

Anne: People are fairly well informed.

Tanner: We usually write questions for the uninformed voter, keeping it simple and clear. My recommendation is to wait till Council meets before announcing dates for the referendum. Wait to see if Council refers the question to the Court.

[Bahareh leaves.]

Anne: We can go ahead and call the referendum now. If Council says no, then we can cancel or postpone.

Tanner: If I call it today for next week, then there will be an abridged campaign. The Elections Administrator and others will have lots to do in a hurry. It’s not fair to give only one week. I’d like to wait till Council, then call the referendum for March 16-20, with discussion in the week of March 9-13.

Ava: There’s a risk that campaigning on the referendum from March 9-13 would overshadow the voting for the Executive elections. The two should either be together or completely separate.

Anne: Both sides are already organized. We’re not planning tons of events. We could have this in one week. If we push it later, people would become very disengaged. If pushed to the very end of March, it would mean a 4-week campaign period.

Tanner: The Council Speaker has advised that if there are concerns about process, it’s not in the interests of the AMS to go ahead immediately.

Anne: I’m concerned about student engagement.

Mateusz: It’s not best for engagement if students are not sure what the question means and if the process is super rushed.

Abby: What will the optics be of postponing it?

Tanner: I’m not concerned about engagement. People will come out for this question whenever it’s held. Let’s hold it after the Executive elections.
Anne: We can call it for next week, during the elections, and then if the petition turns out not to be valid, we can cancel the referendum.

Ava: A lot of Councillors will be leaving soon. Do we want experienced Councillors dealing with this or a brand new Council? Also it will be exam season and we’re moving.

Tanner: Councillor turnover won’t be till April.

Anne: The longer this simmers, the worse it will be.

Tanner: For the average student, this will just be showing up: will they have enough time to learn about the issues?

Comparisons were made to the Brewery referendum.

Tanner: We can’t compare this to any other referendum.

Ava: In what way will things be rushed if the referendum takes place next week?

Sheldon: Code requires that the Elections Administrator advertise the referendum a week in advance in a campus publication – which would mean today. (A campus publication could mean a website). The EA is also supposed to hold an information meeting a week in advance, which would mean today. The No Committee is also required to submit a petition with 150 signatures to get funding, and the Elections Committee has to vet the signatures.

Ava: Okay, this gives us reasons to postpone.

Anne: It’s true that this is a lot to throw at the Elections Administrator. Why wasn’t anything done on Friday when the petition arrived? And we knew this was coming. We haven’t done our due diligence. We need to scramble today.

Mateusz: It’s not our job to act in advance. We can’t act on every rumour we hear.

Ava: We had time to meet with administrators but not to sit down as an Executive to discuss this before now.

Anne: We made mistakes. We weren’t planning.

Tanner: I strongly disagree. Lots of planning is in place, but we can’t act until we get the catalyst (the petition). I’m going to recommend it be delayed.

Anne: We can publicize it today and call a meeting for tonight, announcing it on social media. Not much else has to happen.

Tanner: We don’t have the audit of the signatures back yet.

Anne: If the petition is not valid, then we cancel the referendum.

Ava: After hearing all that needs to be done, I think we should delay.

The Executive voted on the following motion:
“Whereas the question was received on Friday and procedures require publicity and an information meeting a week before the voting begins,

Therefore be it resolved that the Executive recommend that the President call the referendum for March 16-20.”

... Carried

Note: Anne opposed.

• Taking a stand:
  o Tanner: We should recommend something to Council.
  o Anne: I think we should not take a position for or against the question. We should stay neutral.
  o Ava and Tanner agreed.
  o Anne: We should send a motion to Council saying the Executive strongly recommends a neutral stance.
  o Tanner: And we should also ask them to resolve to encourage responsible debate.

The Executive agreed to send a letter to Council recommending a neutral stance and responsible debate.

MOVED ANNE, SECONDED AVA:

“Be it further resolved that the Executive recommend to Council that it retain the current wording of the referendum question.”

... Carried

The meeting lost quorum at 11:55 am.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 9, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Bahareh Jokar (VP External), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager)

Guest: Ken Yih (Senior HR Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am.

Minutes
The minutes of the February 23 meeting were approved again with additional corrections, and the March 2 minutes were approved with corrections (Anne, Bahareh).

VSEUS
- It was agreed to send the VSEUS fee motion to Council.

BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) Referendum
- Daniel: What do we have to do to fulfill the motions approved by Council last week? Also, what direction and support do we give the Elections Committee?
- Sheldon: Generally, the Elections Committee is neutral and just publicizes the fact that there is a referendum.
- Tanner: I’ve given formal notice of the referendum to the Elections Committee. Any dialogue events should be left to the Executive Committee.
- Ava: The Executive was asked to issue one statement; that can go on the website. Also we were tasked with holding events or arranging safe spaces for dialogue.
Bahareh: Part of our statement should be that we didn’t do this to demonize the Yes side.

Tanner:
- There will be one broadcast email from the Elections Administrator. He will make a statement calling for responsible dialogue and debate.
- The Council position will go on the website.
- My assistant Jael will look into the next steps for events. Talking to the UBC Ombudsperson, the Equity Office, and our Events Department.
- **We should have an internal group (Anne, Jael, Anna from Events) to discuss further.**
  - I will prepare a two-page memo to Council about the timeline and messaging.

Sheldon: The actual ballot could link to the Yes side, the No side, and the Council position.

Daniel: We should publicize booking availability in the SUB, highlighting standard things available to all, for instance free bookings for clubs.

Ava: We want to avoid non-student and non-club groups from approaching clubs to ask for bookings.

**Action Item: Ava and Daniel to discuss this.**

Daniel: Does the Executive want to run any events?

Bahareh: Can we propose options to Council?

Tanner: Yes.

Ava: I see myself more as facilitating spaces rather than being present in person.

Anne: I don’t think we should do a ton of stuff, but we should not do nothing. Maybe one event moderated by someone skilled in mediation.

Old SUB

Ross: What is this building going to look like after we move out? UBC plans to close the Main Concourse. The top and bottom floors will still be available to us for the summer or even longer. Access to the Norm (on the main floor) will be needed.

**Action Item: Ask Uli to speak at next week’s Exec meeting. Ava, Uli, Ross, and Michael Kingsmill to discuss.**

New SUB

Ross: Questions about logistics, operations, the opening ceremony. It doesn’t look like we’ll be ready.

Ava:
- There’s a consultant walkthrough today; we’ll have a better idea after that.
It looks like we’ll have the building as a whole open during the exam period, but not everything in it will be open.
- Tanner: I think we should go ahead unless there are major issues. There’s a reputational impact.
- Ava: It’s not just that. This will go on forever if we let it. Only if it’s absolutely impossible should we delay. Otherwise we should go ahead.
- **Action Item: Bring this back next week.**

### Dental Clinic
- Ross: The clinic is not going to happen.

### Hiring student staff

[Ken arrives.]
- Daniel: There are fixed and flexible positions.
- Discussion about which should be posted when.
- Ava: A new Executive may want changes, and money may be an obstacle depending on what’s been budgeted.
- Ken: This scenario would still work. Just some positions would start in August instead of right away.
- Daniel: Wave 1 and Wave 2.

[Ava leaves.]
- Discussion of the role of the incoming Executive.
- Anne: There’s something to be said for hiring the top staff first, others later.

[Tanner leaves.]

The meeting lost quorum and adjourned at noon.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 23, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance, arrived 10:29), Bahareh Jokar (VP External, arrived 10:28), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director, arrived 11), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Guests: Craig Levido (Food & Beverage Manager), Ryan Bissell (Executive Chef)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:21 am.

Minutes
The minutes of March 9 were approved (Anne, Ava).

UBC Card
• Ross: Going ahead with an expanded UBC Card agreement for the Nest (use of UBC Card to pay for purchases in AMS food outlets).

[Bahareh and Mateusz arrive.]

Business Forecast
• Ross: We have an updated forecast. The numbers are worse.

[Craig and Ryan arrive.]

Menus for the New Outlets
• Ryan: Working on advancing the quality.
• Craig:
  o T-Bird Breakfast (formerly available in the Gallery) will be available in Flipside.
o Flipside will also have:
  ▪ Fountain pop.
  ▪ In-house burgers (not bought), all beef.
  ▪ Smaller menus, focusing on quality.
  ▪ Hot dogs for the first time, all beef.
  ▪ Gluten-free fried food.
  o Breakfast at Flipside will end at 10:30.
• The Executive suggested extending breakfast to 11 am.
• Craig:
  o Will do. And the T-Bird will also be available all day at Upper Case.
  o Upper Case will also have bagels and various types of coffee, including voodoo coffee and cold draft coffee, with a warning about how strong they are.
  o There will be a 15-cent charge for those who don’t bring their own cup; the 15 cents will go to the Food Bank.
  o Lower Case will have a similar menu, but with more pies and cakes, also made in-house.
• Ryan: Much of the food is cross-marketed.
• Craig:
  o The Grand Noodle Emporium will have a concourse take-out side and a dine-in side.
  o It will also be licensed for beer and wine.
  o Its food will be not just Chinese, but Asian from India to Korea.
• Ryan: Still playing with opening and closing times; flexible. Will be serving dinner.
• Craig:
  o Peko Peko (Japanese food) will have differential prices depending on the cost of the product: California rolls from dungeness crab will cost more than cucumber rolls.
  o The Executive suggested more detailed descriptions on the Peko Peko menu.
  • Ryan: The Pit will have a gastro style, with shareable items, salty and spicy items, salads, and of course burgers: bigger than those in the current Pit Burger Bar.
  • Bahareh: Will students be able to buy food in one outlet and eat it in another?
  • Ryan: We’d prefer they not do that.
  • Craig: There will be lots of seating outside the actual outlets: 800 seats.

[Daniel arrives.]

• Bahareh: But this will be the students’ home.
Anne: If a friend gets something from Peko Peko, can they join me in the Grand Noodle Emporium?
Ava: Maybe have one space where you can do that.
Craig: This is a larger discussion.
Ava: Will it be possible to buy sandwiches without fries or salad at a cheaper price?
Craig:
  o Generally, in a pub you get fries, but we could take $1.50 off for a sandwich only.
  o Pie R Squared will have 16-inch and 9-inch pizzas for sale that can be made à la carte with whatever toppings the customer orders. (You can still order pizza by the slice.)
  o The Perch has several menus, including a power lunch for $19.
  o It can host corporate functions, there will be a happy hour, and there will be a dinner menu.
  o There will also be a lounge for drinks (where you can also get food).
Ryan: In the Perch the aim is for something refined and high quality, but affordable.
Craig: In general we are going for individual pricing so we can make incremental changes quickly.

[Tanner:]
KUS
  o The KUS (Kinesiology Undergraduate Society) referendum passed.
  o We have sent Jason (the KUS president) the legal advice we received about their MoU.
Mateusz: We need to rewrite that MoU.
Ava: It’s unwise to bring it forward now.
Sheldon: Council directed that it come back after the referendum.
Action Item: Ava to talk to Jason about postponing for two weeks.

Report on Whistler Lodge
  o Tanner: We’re required to produce a report on the sale process.
  o Sheldon: Council asked for this.
  o Ross: It was because a lot of the discussion had to be in camera at the time. For transparency, Council wanted details published after the sale went through.
Action Item: Mateusz to write report.
New SUB

- Ava:
  - We had a scare over fire sprinklers. Thought they might cause large delays, but it turns out the issue was more over air ventilation, and the delay is not as bad.
  - We’re now looking at occupancy at the end of April; it’s been pushed back 10-15 days.
  - There’s a problem with a lack of bodies to do the work, especially a lack of millwork installers.
- Ross: What’s being announced?
- Ava: Will discuss this with Abby. The aim will be to explain how things work, which will include the reasons for delay.

BDS

- Anne: Panel discussion tomorrow afternoon and a mediated discussion/debate space tomorrow night. Mediated by a paid consultant. Both in the SUB.
- Tanner:
  - Looking into livestreaming.
  - Some Councillors have been commenting that there has been no broadcast email from us stating the Council position, though the memo I sent out made clear what we would do (use the website and social media rather than a broadcast email).
  - People have been asking to see the March 4 and March 11 minutes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am (Bahareh, Ava).
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 30, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic, arrived 11:15), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Bahareh Jokar (VP External), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director, arrived 11:25), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Guests: Uli Laue (Director of Operations), Keith Hester (Director of Finance)

Regrets: Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Ross Horton (General Manager), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager),

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:06 am.

Minutes
The minutes of March 23 were approved with one correction (Ava, Bahareh).

Old SUB
- Uli reported on space in the Old SUB for UBC and the AMS.
- Ava: Subway and Starbucks are staying open?
- Uli: Yes.

BDS
- Tanner: The referendum did not meet quorum, so that is the end of the official process.
- Bahareh: Perhaps we should issue a statement on the integrity of the process, how well it went.
- Ava: We should not just think it’s over. We may want to speak to the group who brought forward the question to see if they have any concerns. We can follow up with both groups to see if they need support.
- Tanner: The UBC Ombudsperson has recommended sit-downs with both parties. We can ask about their future plans, their concerns; ask how we can improve the process.
[Anne arrives.]

- Anne: We should involve UBC in the dialogue.
- **Action Item:** Anne to discuss with the referendum parties the steps moving forward.

**Referendum Procedures**

- Tanner: Our referendum procedures are antiquated and not user-friendly. I’d like to direct LPC to look at them, specifically at the rules around collection of signatures and the definition of the end of the School Year.
- Ava: Can I propose that we not do this now? I don’t think the procedures are deeply flawed, and we’ll just look reactive.
- Anne: There’s the issue of online signatures.
- Ava: Maybe we should consult the groups first.
- Tanner: The new Societies Act, which has just been passed, may affect this.
- Anne: Is the issue what’s in the Code or the need for a guide to the Code? It’s not urgent.
- Sheldon: We should also consult the Elections Administrator, and there’s an issue about defining who our members are, i.e., determining who is an eligible voter.
- **Action Item:** Sheldon and Pierre to discuss the implications of the new Societies Act and to talk with Tanner about referendum procedures.

**Capital Expenditure Projects**

- Uli: BAGB has removed certain capital expenditures from the business operations budget, and they’ve also been removed from the New SUB budget. Perhaps they should be paid for out of dedicated funds. The items include:
  - Traffic counter software
  - Espresso machines.
  - Pipe and Drape.
  - Stage pieces.
  - Remote door openers.
  - Media Wall software.

[Daniel arrives.]

- Uli: The cost will be $100,000 a year for 3.5 years.
- **Action Item:** Executive to meet Wednesday to decide on a motion for Council.
AMS Equity Office

- **Anne:**
  - Bringing back the proposal for an AMS Equity Office.
  - Been speaking to UBC’s Access and Diversity and UBC’s Equity Office: they will probably provide a letter of support explaining why our plan does not overlap with what they do.
  - There’s some confusion about the name. Maybe it should be the AMS Inclusion Office. And it won’t be more than one person, so really just an AMS Inclusion Coordinator.
  - One change is that it may be better to go with a two-year rather than a one-year pilot to have a long enough time to set goals.

- **Action Item:** Anne to send report to Council and invite feedback. Exec to discuss on Wednesday.

- Anne: We hope to get a fee for this via a referendum.

- Ava: Is there space for a new office in the New SUB?

- Anne: We may not need an office.

Protest

- **Daniel:**
  - The Women’s Centre is organizing a protest about the recent sexual assaults, planning a sit-in at President Gupta’s office, and they may ask SASC to take part.
  - The idea is to ask the University to do more.
  - Do we want SASC involved?

- Ava: Individuals are fully within their rights to take part, but we should ask them not to say they’re acting on behalf of SASC.

- Sheldon: According to Code, the Student Services (which include SASC) are not to engage in lobbying without permission from Council.

- The Executives agreed that SASC should not be involved.

- Daniel: What SASC is doing is organizing a conference for April 21: an Inter-University Day on Violence Against Women. Ashley from SASC will be leading it.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at noon (Bahareh, Ava).
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 8, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Bahareh Jokar (VP External), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Ross Horton (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm.

Minutes
The minutes of March 30 were approved with corrections (Ava, Anne).

BDS
- Anne has reached out to the referendum parties about the steps moving forward.

UBC Life Building and Loan
- Ross: We’re anticipating loan offers from more than one financial institution. Negotiations are progressing positively.
- The Executives discussed the implications. It could save the AMS money and free up funding for renovations to UBC’s Life Building (the Old SUB).

KUS
- Ava: In his update to Council, the new KUS President will be mentioning steps to take in the wake of the referendum on the new building for Kinesiology. He may also add a discussion topic.

In Camera
The meeting went in camera at 5 pm.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 13, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Bahareh Jokar (VP External), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am.

Minutes
The minutes of April 8 were approved (Ava, Anne).

Updates
Anne:
- Working on ternary report.
- Committee revising the Neighbourhood Plan re University Boulevard.
- Received $4500 from the Sustainability Projects Fund for the Musqueam weaving; applying to Grad Class Council for the rest.
- Vantage College: Unable to do formal focus groups, but have gathered feedback informally on the question of Council representation. It looks like the Vantage students would like Faculty-based representation. But would like to hear from Council on whether to try more focus groups.
- Contacting the University re the BDS follow-up. Looking ahead, there are dialogue issues which UBC has expertise in. Looking to see what they will do.

Bahareh:
- Transit: Coffee for commuters, BTTC rally. Elections BC has received ballots from only 4% of the eligible voters.
Ava:
- Club Executive Orientations: new things this year: Orgsync, the Clubs Resource Centre, coordinating philanthropic activities; fried chicken from the new Clubs Menu.

Tanner:
- We owe President Gupta a dinner (because UBC won the chef challenge a while ago).
  - Discussion of when there will be an actual meeting with President Gupta; the AMS has had no official meeting with him since December.
- UNA board.
- BoG reception for the community.
- Met with President Gupta’s Executive Director. Issues discussed:
  - Transit.
  - The University Budget (they’re consolidating communications staff).
  - Move of Campus & Community Planning to VP External’s portfolio.
    - (The VP External position is currently vacant. A search committee will look for new one. Question about student representation on the committee.)
- The AMS Ombudsperson has asked me for a one-pager on the BDS.
- Lev Bukhman’s donation for the Nest lounge in the New SUB.

Daniel:
- Block Party was good despite the rain. Only two hospitalizations.
- SASC: Communications issues with UBC Counselling.
- New brand being rolled out by May 1 rather than waiting for the New SUB to open.

Ross:
- Revising business budgets for BAGB.
- Refinancing project still making good progress.
- Move to new building planned for long weekend in May; most businesses will close in the old SUB in early May.
- Planning a small welcoming gift for staff in the Nest.

**Academic Experience Survey**
- Anne: Just under 1400 responses. Would like more. An email exclusively about the AES worked last year.
- Tanner: Could also put out a push notification on the app and use UBC’s FYI newsletter.
Sports Day

- Daniel: UBC Rec organizes an annual Sports Day for University faculty and staff, this year taking place on May 8. We asked if the AMS could take part, and they said yes if we let them use space in the old SUB. They could use the extra space. We could become a co-sponsor of the event.

SASC Conference

- Daniel: SASC needs an extra $500 or $1000 for the conference.
- It was agreed that the money could come from an Executive budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11 am.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 20, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance, arrived 10:33), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Bahareh Jokar (VP External),

Guests: Aaron Bailey (President-elect), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic-elect)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am.

Minutes
The minutes of April 13 were approved (Ava, Anne).

Updates
Anne:
  • Academic Experience Survey: Had received 1400 responses before the weekend; will probably close it by the end of the week.
  • Vantage College to be discussed at Council.
  • Acadia Park: concerns about an RHA for there.
  • Contacting the University re the BDS follow-up.
  • Officially received KUS materials re their fee referendum; passed along to Tanner for the Council agenda.
  • UBC Policy 71 (on tuition consultation).
  • Transition.

Ava:
  • 80% of clubs have signed up for OrgSync.
• Uploading guidebooks for clubs soon.
• Bookings report.
• New SUB smoke test.
• Hiring.
• Meetings of University Sport and Recreation Council and the Physical Activity Working Group.

Tanner:
• UNA Board meeting. Discussed community centre and University Boulevard neighbourhood plan.
• Vision Vancouver Gala: Talked about transit.
• Campus Animation.
• U-Pass.
• BAGB.
• Transit referendum voting: the number of ballots is now up to 24%.
• Destruction of the old General Services Administration Building (GSAB) is underway.
• Board of Governors dinner went well. They discussed parking.

Ross:
• Revising business budgets for BAGB.
• April traffic and revenue down more due to additional construction.

Daniel:
• Orientations/onboarding for new Executives and Councillors; also for student staff.
• CSJ (Canada Summer Jobs): Last year received a lot; this year only two; had been hoping for 5 or 6. The plan is to split them up into four half-summer jobs.
• PR for the new building. Working on media kits; hoping to get earned coverage.
• SASC hosting a “conversation” (not a conference) on sexual assault: not public, trying to avoid a media frenzy; want it to be a working meeting.

Mateusz:
• Preparing budget.
  o Sheldon: Will it be ready by Wednesday (to give the required 7-days’ notice to Council)?
  o Aaron: Been speaking to Chris (chair of Budget Committee). He will try.
• Health and Dental Committee.
• Student Court confusion.
• Ombudsperson hiring.

**Landmark Cinemas**
• Daniel: They’re looking for a partnership.

**Third Party for AMS Elections**
• Daniel: Spencer Keys (former AMS Communications Manager, former AMS President) has approached us with a suggestion about outsourcing some parts of our election process.
• Jenna: An alternative would be to provide more internally, using the resources we have.
• Daniel: Related to the governance review. We should probably look at whether there is a better method for running our elections.

**CSHG**
• Developments with Canadian Student Horizons Group, connected to Travelcuts. There is money to disburse.

**Elections Canada**
• Tanner: They’re looking for a campus office for the federal election.
• **Action Item:** Aaron, Tanner, Ross, Ava, Daniel to schedule meeting with them.

**Foro**
• Ron:
  o Interest in a marketplace for used books and other items. The Services Review looked into a used bookstore, but found it not feasible for us to run it. However, there is an outside company, Foro, that is interested in doing this for us.
  o It would be an app-based system, listing prices and descriptions of items.
  o They’re not looking for a fee from us, just for us to make them an exclusive partner, something like what we used to have with Rentsline.
  o One drawback: yet another app. But it could be linked through our AMS app and would be a Service, so would not cause confusion with our business apps.
  o It will be next to free and may generate revenue for us (they would pay us).
• Tanner: Would we set up safe sale zones?
• Ron: We’re talking about that.
• Anne: How will the UBC Bookstore react?
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- Ron: This will be less focused on books than on personal items: furniture for apartments, etc.
- Anne: Still should probably give a heads-up to the UBC Bookstore.

Adjournment
- The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am (Ava, Anne).
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 27, 2015

Attendance
Present: Tanner Bokor (President), Anne Kessler (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration, left 10:55), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager, arrived 10:40), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Bahareh Jokar (VP External), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:22 am.

Minutes
The minutes of April 20 were deferred.

Updates
Ava:
- Interviewing for hiring.
- Posting guidebooks for clubs on the website soon; also the Clubs Menu (food selections for clubs; not for outside groups).
- New SUB:
  o Smoke test went well.
  o Productive meeting about scheduling: the millwork shop is at capacity.

Anne:
- Transition report.
- Acadia Park: concerns about RHA representation.
- Vantage College report.
- Equity policy report.
- Academic Experience Survey: Received 450 more responses and now have 2800 altogether, so will keep it open.
Tanner:
- Talked to Lev Bukhman about Studentcare and the Nest.
- Carole Jolley of UBC Animation is interested in working with us about wedding photography, etc. on campus.
- UNA Access Agreement is up for renewal.
- Cleaning out files.
- Transition report.
- Last Executive meeting.

Ross:
- Getting ready to move to the Nest.
- Year End.
- Business budgets were approved by BAGB, but some parts of them were removed by the Budget Committee.

[Ron arrived.]

Daniel:
- Block Party review and survey.
- Financial software implementation looks good.
- Safewalk challenges: ride refusals. Not taking intoxicated passengers in the Safewalk cars; this is to protect the Safewalk staff and the cars, but there needs to be some system to get intoxicated students home. We could work with party organizers to train them, help them create buddy systems.
  - Ron: Maybe involve the RCMP.
  - Action Item: Invite Jenna to discuss the issue with the SASC/Safewalk group on Get Home Safe.
- SASC conference on sexual assault was fantastic; may lead to working with the Ending Violence Association.

[Ava leaves.]
Ron:
  • Following up with Foro. Want to partner with them. Will need to go to Council. Want things made clear in our contract with them, e.g., re marketing campaigns, timelines, and priorities.
  • Transition for Service Coordinators.

Budget
  • Tanner:
    o Budget Committee approved a high level budget (the preliminary budget, which is going to Council on Wednesday).
    o Capital assets were excluded; they want the businesses to come back and make the case for them for the final budget.
    o Most of the rest of the budget went through as presented. One exception is Block Party, which the committee wants to look at.

Adjournment
  • The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.
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AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of May 8, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic, left 1:54), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Jude Crasta (VP External) Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager, arrived 2 pm), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:49 pm.

Agenda
The agenda was adopted (Mateusz, Jude).

Minutes
The minutes of April 20 and April 27 were approved (Jenna moved, Jude seconded, Mateusz abstained).

Executives on Committees
- The Executive agreed to keep the current assignments on Council committees except for switching Ava to sit on Educom while Jude will sit on LPC. So:
  o LPC: Mateusz and Jude
  o Educom: Jenna and Ava
  o Unecorn: Jenna and Jude
  o Student Life and Communications: Mateusz and Ava
  o Hiring: Aaron and Mateusz

[Jenna left.]

Executive Committee Schedule and Structure
- It was agreed to hold meetings on Tuesdays, from 10:30 to noon.

[Ron arrived.]

- It was agreed that meetings should focus on discussions instead of updates.
- It was suggested that meetings begin with a check-in about what each of us has done for students this week. Mateusz objected, but it was agreed to try this for one week.
Transitional Honorariums
- Mateusz reminded the Execs to complete their transitional honorarium evaluations.

Move to the Nest
- Ava:
  - There were only minor issues on the walkthrough earlier this week, so it looks like we’re ready to move. All we’re waiting for is the paperwork.
  - We can schedule the move for next weekend. The only drawback is that if the paperwork does not come through in time, then we would have to postpone and reschedule (probably for two weeks later), and that would cost us $10,000 to $15,000.
  - The risk is low, and it would be good to get in the new building.
- The Executive agreed to schedule the move for next weekend.

Budget
- Mateusz: With the preliminary budget approved, now it’s onto the final budget. There will be a new Budget Committee on May 13 to start looking at it. We’ll hold one-on-one meetings and do some research to justify the preliminary numbers. The main addition is $50,000 for the governance review.

Compass Card
- Jude: Our current machines will start dispensing Compass Cards for students as of May 16 for June travel. We will be coordinating with UBC Communications about releasing information.

Executives on Committees
- The Executive formally approved the Executive appointments (Mateusz moved, Ava seconded).

Old Action Items
- Meeting with Elections Canada next week about outreach strategy and booking space.
- Mateusz is writing the Whistler Lodge sale report and expects to be able to send it to Council by Wednesday.
- Jenna has been meeting with the SASC/Safewalk group about Get Home Safe (the plan for getting intoxicated students home).

Executive iPADS
- Motion to come from the floor at Council.

The meeting went in camera at 2:30 pm.
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AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of May 12, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance, arrived 10:41), Jude Crasta (VP External) Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager, arrived 10:43), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Guests: Uli Laue (Director of Operations), Keith Hester (Director of Finance)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:38 am.

Agenda
The agenda was adopted (Jenna, Jude).

Minutes
The minutes of May 8 were approved (Jenna moved, Ava seconded).

Nest Opening
- Ava:
  - Question of when to open the doors to the public and when to have an opening ceremony.
  - Staff will move in on May 19. We could open the doors to the public then and have a ceremony later (June 2).
  - If we open the doors before June 2, we can get revenue coming in earlier.
- Uli: It’s quite common for buildings to open before holding a ceremony. It would help morale to open earlier.

[Ron arrived]
- Aaron: My thought is that we open the doors quietly and have a celebration on June 2.
- Jenna: Will everything be ready on May 19?
- Uli: Not everything, but some things.
- Jude: Perhaps wait till the end of that week.
- Keith: We won’t open to the public on May 19; we’ll be unpacking.
- Ava: We’ll be ready to open on May 20.
- Aaron: We can still open the doors on May 19.
Jude: How will it look then? As if still under construction?
Mateusz: It won’t be obvious that we’re open anyway.
Ava: It can be our test opening versus the polished building.
Uli: Furniture for the public areas will be going in.
Jenna: It would be nice to have some businesses open.
Ron: There will be a Destination UBC tour going through on May 23. (Orientation program for new students.)
Aaron: The alumni building opened though they’re not finished. As long as it’s clean, with no sawdust, that will be fine.
Jude: How will we get in?
Uli: All the doors will be open.
Jenna: We can have internal messaging (e.g., through the clubs) for the quiet opening.
Aaron: Formal messaging for the June 2 ceremony.
Ava: Council piece for the ceremony: perhaps a 10-minute Council meeting in the Nest. The new Council Chambers is not ready yet, so the regular June 3 Council meeting will take place in the old building.
Not everything will be ready on May 19: Clubs, CiTR, SASC, Archives not moving then.
Uli: We will have access to the entire old building all summer long.
Daniel: So we’ll hold off marketing till a few days before the opening ceremonies. Should we put anything on the website now?
Ava: Could be confusing.
Mateusz: It wouldn’t be a quiet opening then.
Ross: Could advertise it as a sneak peek.
Uli: It’s better for revenue from the businesses if we start letting the public in by May 20.
Ron: We should tell the Ubyssey so they don’t have to speculate.

[Ulil and Keith left.]

Executive Office Space
Discussion of whether to change the office allocations.
Agreement was to stick with the current allocations.

VP Academic’s conferences
Jenna going to:
  o Open Textbook Summit downtown, end of May, costing $250.
  o Student Teaching and Learning conference, mid-June, Vancouver, $450.
  o First Year Transition conference, October, Baltimore, $275 + travel costs ($750?)
  o CACUSS May 24-27 in Vancouver.

eScribe
Aaron: Resetting things between us. Communication problems last year. They say we have a six-year contract with them. Sheldon to check.
Next Meeting
- In the Nest.

Adjournment
- The meeting adjourned at 11:09 am (Jenna, Jude).
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of May 19, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President, by Skype from Montreal), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Jude Crasta (VP External), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance, by Skype from Montreal), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:53 am, with Jenna in the chair.

Agenda
The agenda was adopted (Ava, Jude).

Minutes
The minutes of May 12 were approved (Ava moved, Jude seconded).

Move
- Ava: May 26 and 27 are the tentative move dates for the bulk of the AMS. The second tier of moves will be in June.

Updates
Aaron:
- In Montreal for studentcare conference.

Jenna:
- Speaking to the CUS about their building.
- Looking to produce a nuanced tuition policy with Unecorn.
- Orientation steering committee re pep meets etc.
- Policy revamps by the University.

Ava:
- Coordinating the move: party planning for the celebrations, for this time of year and for September.
- Nest refinancing: Consultation before the next Council meeting.

Mateusz:
- Will have Whistler sale report ready for the Agenda Committee a week Friday.
Jude:
- Found a SUDS Coordinator.
- External Policy reviews.
- Speaking to the ABCS delegates.
- Looking at federal representation, e.g., CASA.

Daniel:
- Wrong address on the new business cards. Fixing.

Ross:
- New building passed the LEED air quality test, which is good.
- Health inspection for Upper Case cafe today.
- Nest refinancing:
  - UBC Legal says that to refinance we’ll need to amend the lease, which will require provincial approval and could take six months.
  - We’ll also need agreement for the credit agency that this is not university debt.
  - So this will take time.

Project Proposals
- Executive projects decided on at the Executive retreat:
  - Governance review (or inter-connectedness): a prelude to governance review, really: to see how the different parts of the AMS inter-connect now: Mateusz.
  - Council cohesion: Jude.
  - Nest programming: Ava.
  - University relations: Jenna.
- Action Item: Presentations on these to Council.

Adjournment
- The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am (Jude, Ava).
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of June 2, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration, by phone from 10:54), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Jude Crasta (VP External), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:39 am.

Agenda
The agenda was adopted (Mateusz, Jude).

Nest
Aaron: The building is open! [Shows Shia LaBoeuf’s spoof motivational video.]

Minutes
Minutes of May 29 approved with a correction (Jenna, Jude).

eScribe (Council software for agendas and minutes)
Aaron: Some confusion over whether we were in a one-year or a six-year agreement with them. We think it was a one-year contract, and now the issue is whether to renew or look for something else.
Jenna: Can it work? [It was not able to work this past year.]
Mateusz: It’s very slow.
Jenna: Wasn’t very user friendly.
Daniel: There was no RFP, but Tanner did look at others.
Jude: What capabilities are we looking for?
• Aaron: Something to consolidate agenda items, handle voting and amendments, meeting management. Something that would automatically add postponed items to subsequent agendas.
• Jude: Also having compatibility with Council hardware?
• Aaron: Maybe we should do a proper RFP, and I can talk to Hong about hardware.
• **Action Item:** Aaron to talk with Hong about hardware and to contact eScribe about going through an RFP process.
• **Action Item:** Next Exec meeting to brainstorm on RFP.

[Ava joined the meeting by phone.]

**Nest Update**
• Ava: Meeting about communications for the opening celebration on June 18. We may or may not have our liquor licence by then. Victoria has asked for more details than we were expecting.

**SAC Appointments**
• Aaron: They weren’t advertised on the website, so are not on the agenda for this week’s meeting. Will this lead to quorum problems?
• Ava: It’s okay. SAC doesn’t meet every week, and with the Council members appointed we can make quorum. The positions are up on the website now, so we’ll appoint at the June 24 Council meeting.

**Art Gallery submission**
• Aaron: Josh Bokor, the former Art Gallery Commissioner, submitted a report that he wanted to go to Council. It’s a rather negative report, saying the AMS doesn’t care about the art gallery and pointing fingers at specific Executives; not very constructive. So I removed it from the agenda. Maybe it can be passed on to the new Commissioner.
• Ava: It was not requested by SAC; anything from the Art Gallery should go through SAC.
• Aaron: It did have some useful recommendations, raising issues about lending out pieces and displaying them more often.
• Jude: Perhaps circulate it to us.

**Human Resources**
• Ava: Now that the Executives have done their hiring, it would be good to reflect and brainstorm to come up with tips for next year and feedback for HR.
• **Action Item:** Ava to arrange a meeting of the five Executives.
Executive Nest Requests

- Ava: If Execs or their staff need anything for their offices, let me know. Different furniture etc.
- Jenna: Access with cards instead of keys?
- Ron: A UBC server error is delaying that.
- Jenna: People have been locked out of areas.
- Ava: Call Security if that happens.
- Jude: When will trash collection begin?
- Ava: That’s a UBC custodial thing.
- Sheldon: Hooks for coats?
- Ava: That’s on the list, along with blinds and tinting of windows.

Foro

- Ron showed the Foro app and explained how it would work for students wanting to buy or sell books and other items. It is not anonymous, so is safer than Craigslist. You can contact the seller.
- Ron:
  - We’re looking at a partnership agreement with them, an endorsement and marketing agreement. This would help us fulfill our mandate: the Services Review a couple of years ago said we should get into selling used books.
  - Foro wants to become a sponsor at Welcome Back and Block Party, and would like to hire our street team to promote the app.
- Ava: Have you checked with Anna and Abby about sponsorship?
- Daniel: We’ve looked at this with Anna; it’s not out of step with our sponsorship practices. We are concerned about over-appifying ourselves. We’ll probably make a decision by July.
- Action Item: Ron to circulate information and agreement to allow Executives to provide feedback.

Rec Collaboration

- Daniel: Rec is interested in further collaboration with us. Last year we did the Winter Classic Hockey Game, Storm the War (for a basketball game in War Memorial Gym), etc. They want to do more.
- Jenna: With us alone or with other partners?
- Daniel: With us as the key partner/promoter, bringing in our clubs.
- Ava: In return we should get free bookings for the Faculty Cup.
- Aaron: And Thunderbird Stadium.
- Daniel: We want space and flooring to do our big events. Let’s look into that.
• Jenna: We should figure out what we want.
• **Action Item**: Daniel to arrange a meeting with Ava, Aaron, Anna, Borna, Alex, and Craig.

**Open Educational Resources/BC Campus**
• Jenna:
  o Went to amazing summit on open textbooks. Many campuses are working on this. BC Campus is the centre of innovation in BC.
  o Starting conversations with them about going forward with open and free educational resources without copyright.
  o This includes open textbooks that professors can edit to create their own textbooks; students could get free materials instead of buying textbooks at the bookstore.
  o The government used to fund this, but no more. Advocacy needed, from the students.

**Adjournment**
• The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of June 9, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic, left 11:15, returned 11:57), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Jude Crasta (VP External), Ross Horton (General Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Ava Nasiri (VP Administration)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:39 am.

Agenda
The agenda was adopted (Jenna, Jude).

Minutes
• Minutes of June 2 approved (Jenna, Jude).

International Tuition
• Jenna:
  o The Board of Governors is going to vote on a resolution to increase international tuition again on the grounds that higher tuition is needed to reflect UBC’s standing as a global university and to reflect the value of a UBC degree.
  o There will be a program by program review. We think this should be based on the needs of students, not market value.
  o We want to look at the process of consultation for tuition and other issues.
  o This year will be worse than last: a much higher increase. We need to be prepared.
  o We need to deal with the divide over opposing an increase and providing input on how to allocate the money from the increase. It’s problematic to do both together.
  o We should be engaged earlier, in problem-solving, instead of just being asked to respond to the University’s solutions.
Aaron: What if a dean won’t take part in the program by program review?
Jenna: The Board of Governors has committed to following the draft of Policy 71, which requires such a review.
Aaron: In the problem-solving phase, we should ask for the inclusion of general students in addition to student leaders.
Jenna: There will be an ongoing conversation.
Aaron: What if solutions are proposed in the review process, but a Dean ignores them?
Jenna: There will be an ongoing conversation.
Aaron: In our document, we’re accepting that tuition increases are the only solution.
Daniel: Maybe we should suggest other options (such as budget reallocations).
Aaron: If we can see other solutions besides tuition increases, what do we do?
Daniel: We need to identify champions and allies.
Jenna: We’d want to show how certain increases might be detrimental to UBC. They might decrease diversity.
Aaron: There are three things the University should consider: reputation, financial impact, and diversity. Increases could lead to a dip in enrolment and a shift to a less diverse student body.
Jenna: We need to produce data about other universities, for instance U of T.
Daniel: Pierre can do research on that.
Aaron: We should seek to separate consultation: housing and tuition are too much to consider together.

Consultation (by the AMS)
Jenna: Looking into how to consult our members properly. We want to reach a diverse set of students, not just through social media. Through clubs, other means. Maybe walk around the Nest to ask students how they’d like to be consulted.
Jude: Exploit the Agora. Attract people to a booth.
Aaron: Use a town crier. Or a cafe scientifique forum for brainstorming.
Ron: Smaller town halls in the residences.
Jenna: Social media, hashtags.
Aaron: Use the current AMS account. Use the app.
Jenna: Want to develop a plan by July for consultation in September.
Jude: Outreach AMS?
Jenna: We want to go beyond the people already on that.
Ross: Work with Events: can consult students at Welcome Back Barbecue, the Pit, Clubs Days, Homecoming, club events.
Jenna: Varsity athletes.

[Jenna left for the Board of Governors meeting.]
Changemaker
• Daniel: A non-conference conference on problem-solving processes. They (UBC Student Development’s Centre for Community Engaged Learning) want someone from us on their steering committee.

Communications
• Aaron: Janet Teasdale (UBC Student Development Director) wanted to know our communication goals. It seems the University wants to share best practices; they want ideas on how to engage students.
• Ross: What we’d like is continuation of the agreement under which they provide us with contact and other information for our members.
• Also a good idea to connect our Communications Department with UBC’s Student Communications Services.

Council software (and hardware) for voting etc.
• Aaron:
  o No voting hardware in the new Council Chambers, but microphones there will be able to cue space on the speakers’ list, and there are cameras which can broadcast to other rooms.
  o RFP process: eScribe wanted to know why. I told them it’s because of new needs in a new building, and because we didn’t do one last time.
• Discussion on what we want in the software:
  o General:
    ▪ App-based or web-based?
    ▪ Best if it multiple device friendly
  o Voting:
    ▪ Moving and seconding
    ▪ Elections/appointments
    ▪ Public/private
    ▪ Recordable
    ▪ Editing function
    ▪ Proxies
    ▪ Two-thirds votes
    ▪ Timing function (5 more seconds to vote)
    ▪ Visible display as an option: always show who’s voted but not necessarily how they voted (able to turn that off if don’t want people’s votes known before voting is finished)
o Debate:
  ▪ Speakers’ list
  ▪ Timing function (for Exec remarks etc.): maybe connect to mike; mike goes dead when your time is up?
  ▪ Connect to video conference

o Meeting materials:
  ▪ MS Office compatible
  ▪ Embedded pdf viewer
  ▪ Get online/play video files
  ▪ Presentation/powerpoint compatibility (presenter able to control slides)
  ▪ Presenter view; connection with hardware
  ▪ Uploading associated documentation connected to the agenda
  ▪ Separate device connection/screen duplication
  ▪ Automatic email notification of next meeting, sending the documents; sending new documents if an update; New Boardroom

o Other
  ▪ In camera mode (ability to shut everything down)
  ▪ PM or Discussion Forum to allow private conversations?
  ▪ Ranking of questions by the Councillors?
  ▪ Separate columns for points of information, order, and privilege
  ▪ Storage for past meetings
  ▪ Deferral button to send something to the next agenda
  ▪ Future meeting management
  ▪ Stock template for agendas
  ▪ Populating agendas by committees, commissions, etc. via the Secretariat
  ▪ Uploading committee/commission minutes
  ▪ Minutes uploaded even before approved: not yet public, but to be seen by Council members.

  • Further consultation on these issues with Councillors.

Pro-D for Executives and their Staff
  • Daniel: Workshops, team building.
  • **Action Item: Daniel to draft options.**

Softball Game
  • Staff softball game June 30.
  • Discussion over whether to invite Councillors.
  • Mateusz wanted it noted that he would love to see Councillors there.
• Aaron: Never a bad idea to invite our board members.

[Jenna returned.]

Retreat
• Aaron:
  o June 26-28 (Friday-Sunday) at UBCO.
  o Booked buses.
  o Looking to get funding from UBC President’s Fund.
  o Mainly a social retreat with some brainstorming.
• Jenna: Let’s not talk about the CFS.
• Aaron: The focus should be on collaboration between the two campuses and the cementing of relationships.
• Discussion over whether to invite the GSS Executive.
• Action Item: Aaron to reach out to the GSS President to see if there’s interest.

Foro
• Ron: Working on spelling out the promotional relationship; expectations; terms of service; safe hubs.
• Aaron: Ava suggested labelling the bookselling part of the app. A filter.
• Ron: App overload being considered.

Old action items
• Executive list of appointments to go to Council.
• Whistler sale report to go to Council.

Executive travel
• Aaron: Mateusz and I are going to the Young Governance Conference nine days from now downtown.
• Mateusz: $200 each.

Adjournment
• The meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes of June 30, 2015

Attendance  
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic, left at 11:55), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Jude Crasta (VP External, left at 11:45), Ross Horton (General Manager), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Daniel Levangie (Executive Director)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 10:41 am.

Agenda  
The agenda was adopted as amended (Jude, Ava).

Minutes  
• Minutes of June 16 approved (Jenna, Jude). Mateusz abstained.

International Health Promotion Conference  
• Jenna:
  o Next step post-conference is to begin working with Healthy Minds/Healthy Campuses on promoting health, especially mental health.
  o The Wellbeing Initiative will be putting forward a proposal to the UBC Executive to include wellbeing as the foundation of the strategic plan.
• Ava: There’s also a Physical Activity Working Group. Is there a crossover between that and wellness?
• Jenna: It may be under the Wellbeing Initiative Steering committee I sit on; I wouldn’t be able to sit on a committee and its own working group.
• Sheldon: This brings up the issue of the list of Exec appointments that’s to go to Council.
• Action Item: For Friday, Execs to send list of all committees they sit on (to go to Council).

Volunteer Stuff


Ava discussed the Engagement Commission, an ad hoc group made up of AMS Events, Executive Special Projects, the SLCC Chair, the Philanthropy Coordinator, and someone from the Constituencies. Its aim is to coordinate what we’re doing so that, for instance, both Events and Philanthropy don’t go with requests to the same external group.

Jenna: Maybe connect me and Jude with that.

Aaron: It’s not a policy group.

Ava: It’s more events focused. Maybe it should involve Jude for the federal election and Jenna for the Academic Experience Survey, but unless they’re hosting parties ...

Ava: The Engagement Commission is putting together a volunteer base, hoping to sign up students for volunteer opportunities within the AMS. Perhaps it should work together with Volunteer Avenue.

Ron: The two of us should probably meet with the Volunteer Avenue Coordinator.

Ava: We should figure out where this should sit. This would be for volunteer positions within the AMS, whereas Volunteer Avenue helps students find positions with other organizations.

Action Item: Execs to think of times of the year they may want to use volunteers.

Ava: This is not like the Events street team. This is for anything, a band of people centrally available.

Sheldon: We tried something like this before.

Ross: It’s easier to get volunteers for specific things they’re interested in, but if they understand what this is, you may find some interest.

SUDS

Jude:
  - 31 registrants so far.
  - Finalizing events.
  - Portfolio-specific breakout sessions each morning. Mid-day breakout session as an alternative to workshops.
  - Looking for something on finances.
  - Only able to open two slots for other schools.

Ava suggested using the “Steal This Idea” model (COCA used it). Several schools could each give a short presentation.

Jude: We have that as part of the Open Forum.

Jenna: Send the program around to us for offline discussion.

Nest Maintenance

Ross:
  - It’s warm in the building.
Only certain areas have chillers, but there are air handling units for the rest of the building; unfortunately, they’re not working as they should be, so there’s not enough air flow.

We’re working with the contractors and trying to get it fixed as fast as we can.

There is also a balancing issue, which may take months.

There is a concern about heat in the bookable rooms.

- Ron: Can we rent air conditioning units?
- Ross: We could.
- Ava: They had a similar problem in the Alumni building, but as soon as the air flow system began actually working, it was fine (maybe even too cold).
- Sheldon: This is an issue for employees too. Are fans being considered?
- Ross: Yes.
- Jude: What should we be telling people?
- Ross: We’re balancing the building. It’s a LEED Platinum building, so it’s complicated. We recognize the issue and are working on it. UBC is also aware of it.

**Property Tax**

- Ross: The BC Assessment Authority is looking to charge property tax to third party tenants on campus. Not going to charge us or UBC, but it looks like our tenants will have to pay.

**Promo/Swag**

- Ron:
  - The Services order promotional material every year. We’re looking to order cool items appropriate to students, e.g.:
    - charging cables
    - whistles (for Safewalk)
    - flashlights
    - padfolios (leather folders)
    - stylus pens
    - coffee mugs
  - All these would have our logo on it, the AMS logo for materials we give away (as raffle prizes etc.), individual Service logos for materials being used by the Services.

- Jenna: Point?
- Ron: It’s a good way to start conversations at fairs; we give pens or other things away at booths; we can put our key messaging across then. Can also give things out at meetings. Branding.
- Jenna: How much does this cost?
Ron: We spend $12,000 for all our outreach in the Services.
Ava: Do you coordinate with Events?
Ron: This doesn’t overlap, but we do in general coordinate with Events.
Ava: Maybe promote this to clubs.

Canadian Intern Association
- Aaron:
  - A group dealing with the rights of those doing internships.
  - They’re reaching out to student unions across Canada in a Know Your Rights campaign. Have produced a guidebook.
  - They’re asking for $500.
  - We could refer them to the SLFS (Student Legal Fund Society).
  - We can’t donate money, but could partner with them.

Professional Development
- Aaron:
  - Daniel has been looking into a Habits Course, something to teach us about mindful energy and not burning out.
  - Two options:
    - A series of short numerous sessions (each one 45 minutes long)
    - Longer sessions (two to five for a total of 15-25 hours)
  - Perhaps in August?
- Action Item: Execs to send Aaron their preferences (short or long sessions) and availability.
- Jenna: UBC is offering Positive Space Training for free. I will be looking into having this training offered for AMS Staff. I have also been talking to UBC about catering their training and resources to all student leaders.

Communications
- The Executive provided feedback on a variety of issues:
  - postings for committee vacancies
  - the website
  - campaign updates and approvals
  - deadlines
  - response time.

[Jude and Jenna left.]
• Action Item: Aaron to discuss further with Daniel.

Adjournment
• The meeting adjourned at noon.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of July 7, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Jude Crasta (VP External), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ross Horton (General Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:36 am.

Agenda
The agenda was adopted (Mateusz, Jenna).

Minutes
- Minutes of June 30 approved (Jenna, Ava). Mateusz abstained.

Committee Appointments
- Aaron: Still putting together list of all the external committees Execs sit on. Going to discuss the procedure with LPC.
- Action Item: Execs to send list of all committees they sit on (to go to Council).

President as Signing Officer
- Aaron: Two of the signing officers will be away in August (Mateusz and Jenna). Going to speak to LPC about a Code amendment to make the President a signing officer in that period. Was done last year.

Ternaries
- The first written performance reports are due 48 hours before the July 29 Council meeting. Sheldon will send around the Code rules for doing them.
Tuition Consultation

- Jenna:
  - The Board of Governors has approved a draft of an amended version of Policy 71 (on tuition consultation).
  - Working with the VP Students Office on a template for best practices to follow; these will be set by the elected student leadership and the VP Students.
  - The aim is to ensure thorough consultation this time and going forward.
  - The best practices would include providing a rationale and background information for any tuition increase, followed by initial meetings with the elected student leadership, and then general student consultation.
  - What we’re asking for is genuine consultation focusing on those affected by any increase.
  - We want them to respond to the substantive data and any alternatives we present; also to questions we raise about the impact on diversity.

- Aaron: Who will decide what is substantive?
  - Jenna:
    - We’ll be working with the Deans. Data is to be shared. The consultation will be worked on together.
    - Re the background information: that was a big issue this year. We want a reasonable amount to be provided, so we can have a proper consultation.

- Aaron: This still presumes that tuition is the response to financial problems. There’s no suggestion of other solutions.
  - Jenna: In our meetings we’ve looked at alternative solutions. This year the Board has directed faculties and programs to increase their tuition to match peer institutions, ensuring that this year this will be the solution.
  - Aaron: But for future years …
  - Ava: Last year we heard things framed one way at preliminary meetings; then it changed. We need them to be upfront.
  - Jenna: They will have to provide a public rationale if they want to increase tuition, which this year is the Board resolution passed on June 9.
  - Ava: They may be reluctant if it’s public; but they should give the student leadership a heads-up.
  - Jenna:
    - The rationale will go to the AMS, the undergraduate societies, and the GSS. That will help with initial meetings.
    - The proposed tuition plan must match that rationale.
    - They don’t have to release a broadcast message right off the bat.
They shouldn’t have decided things before they sit down with us the first time. They’ll have an idea of what they want to do, but they shouldn’t have made their decision yet.

- Aaron: But the Board has already decided this time.
- Jenna: Yes, this time.
- Aaron: But never again? It says that in the policy?
- Jenna: It will be in the best practices attached to the policy. The best practices will be like procedures for a policy. And there will be a review of best practices at the end of the year, with a chance to change them. The best practices are more general than the policy, covering all sorts of increases.
- Aaron: The question is, What is the enforceability of the best practices?
- Jenna: The VP Students and the Provost have agreed to the best practices. They can force the Deans to fill out the templates.
- Aaron: But it’s just the best practices of the VP Students. What if she decides to change what she thinks best practices should be? Are the best practices in the policy?
- Jenna: Best practices are referred to in the policy.
- The proposed policy was put on screen; it refers to “best practices as articulated by the Responsible Executive” (meaning the VP Students).
- Aaron: There should be a link to a Best Practices document, and it should be made binding.
- Jenna: For now that is not possible, but perhaps an appendix to the policy.
- Aaron asked about mandatory consultation on housing and non-mandatory fees.
- Jenna: Campus & Community Planning consults.
- Aaron: But they’re not required to.
- Jenna: That’s a whole other conversation. We want to talk about residence contracts soon. UBC’s Principles of Engagement are in our favour. Every group we’ve told we’re working on consultation is happy. For now, though, the focus is on tuition.

**HR and the Executive**
- There was a discussion about lessons the Executive learned from the hiring process. Also feedback on the Executive orientation.
- Sheldon volunteered to do a timeline of Executive duties.

**Adjournment**
- The meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of July 14, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic), Jude Crasta (VP External), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance, arrived 10:52), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ross Horton (General Manager), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:42 am.

Agenda
The agenda was adopted (Jenna, Jude).

Minutes
- Minutes of July 7 approved (Jenna, Jude).

Federal Election Polling Station
- Jude:
  - Been talking to Elections Canada about having a polling station in the Nest for the upcoming federal election.
  - Given the space requirements for such a station, there’s only one suitable location in the building, and it’s already been booked for a commercial client.
  - Looking at options: maybe use something in the Old SUB (the old Ballroom) or move the commercial booking.
  - If we can’t host the polling station, there won’t be one on campus, and if we don’t host it this year, we may not get the opportunity in future years.
  - Meeting with our Bookings and Conferences people.
  - This polling station would not just be for students, but for all voters in the area, so it would mean a lot of people would be directed to our building.
- The Executives’ consensus was to go forward with the polling station.
- Action Item: Jude to continue working on bringing the polling station here.
Mateusz arrives.

**Centennial Celebrations**
- Aaron: We’ve been granted over $20,000 for projects:
  - $10,000 for the book (being done by Sheldon and his team) and a microsite to complement the book (being done by Abby and Communications).
  - $8500 to our art collection for restoration, a show, etc.
  - Now an additional $5000 to pay for our participation in a centennial session on September 30.
- Sheldon: September 30 is the University’s centennial; ours is October 15. At the last meeting of the Services Team we learned that aside from a ball being arranged by Anna and Events, we have no activities planned. We could perhaps have a cake on the 15th?
- Aaron: The session on September 30 cannot be a party, and no alcohol can be involved. It’s a mid-afternoon session.
- Jenna: We could bring in some past AMS Presidents and have a networking event.
- Aaron: But for the 15th?
- Jude: Pins? T-shirts?
- Jenna:
  - The Musqueam weaving project may be ready then. It would be in recognition of us being on unceded traditional Musqueam territory.
  - Also, perhaps talk to the SUO.
- **Action item: Aaron to coordinate with Anna (Events) and Rae (Nest Engagement).**

**VP Students Meeting**
- Two meetings: today with the VP Finance and Operations. Tomorrow the monthly meeting with the VP Students.
- Aaron: For tomorrow, we’ve been asked to present AMS Executive goals. We can show them our new Vision Statements.
- Sheldon suggested getting copies of the minutes for the monthly VP Students meetings. Aaron send he would check on that.
- Mateusz was told he needs to attend the VP Students meeting.
- Mateusz: Why?
- Aaron: To present your goals.

**Adjournment**
- The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes of October 21, 2015

Attendance  
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance, arrived 11:22), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration, arrived 11:21), Jude Crasta (VP External), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ross Horton (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council, arrived 11:17)

Regrets: Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager)

Recording Secretary: Daniel Levangie

Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 11:09 am.

Agenda  
• The agenda was adopted (Jude, Jenna).

Minutes  
• The minutes of October 14 were approved (Jude, Jenna).

Board of Governors orientation  
• The Executive has been invited and is interested in going. Ross and Daniel are also interested in attending.

WUSC  
• Jenna is following up with UBC’s Janet Teasdale and WUSC about the initiative to do something for Syrian refugees.

Medical Journal  
• The Medical Undergraduate Society is looking to transfer their journal to the University.

AGM  
• Aaron:
  o After the required procedural motions, we’ll have a tuition discussion.
  o I’ll bring the tuition motions from last year’s AGM.
  o We won’t be able to pass any tuition motions at this year’s AGM (because we don’t expect to make quorum), but I can bring suggestions to Council.
  o A faculty rep on BoG would like to attend to hear student feedback about tuition.

[Sheldon, Ava, and Mateusz arrived. Mateusz explained that he had been hiring.]

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.
AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of October 28, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration, arrived 11:13), Jude Crasta (VP External, left 11:30), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager, left 11:30), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Jenna Omassi (VP Academic), Ross Horton (General Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:11 am.

Agenda
- The agenda was adopted (Jude, Mateusz).

Minutes
- The minutes of October 21 were approved (Mateusz, Jude).

Safewalk, Food Bank, and other Services
- Ron: Safewalk is having super-high usage rates and they’re still going up. Perhaps it’s because there’s more time of darkness.

[Ava arrives.]

- Ron:
  - Video ready to go; it’s an introduction to the Services.
  - Food Bank is receiving $1,125 raised jointly by us and Parking in the Food for Fines program. Food Bank is conducting lots of drives and entering lots of partnerships.
  - Safewalk: The increased use means it’s incurring overtime expenses. Costs are up. We’re looking for external funding sources, maybe by monetizing the cars: put advertising in them. Maybe approach companies on campus to find a named sponsor and rebrand if Council approves. Maybe approach BCAA (their car sharing program) or ICBC.

- Aaron: We should tell the University that we’re having to look for sponsors because they’re not helping us. Perhaps that will get them to help us.
• Ron: Want to speak to Brian Sullivan, the former VP Students, to ask about the $50,000 a year his office used to give us. Now we get a car, which we appreciate, but it’s not $50,000.
• Aaron: If Safewalk continues to grow, we need to find more sustainable ways to support it.
• Ron: We’ve made it as efficient as we can.

Foro
• Ron:
  o They want to make us their flagship partner.
  o Our mandate is for used textbook selling, so this would work for us.
  o They would be listed on our site.
  o They’ll pay to booth in the Nest; we’ll give them sponsorship spots for Welcome Back Barbecue and Block Party.
  o If they use AMS staff and resources, they will pay.
  o They’ll make money from sponsors.
• Action Item: Ron to circulate MoU.

Rentline
• They are still using our logo, and complaints about them are coming to us. We are trying to get them to stop.

[Ron and Jude leave.]

Student Leadership Conference
• Aaron: SLC wants to use our space for their conference [for free]. They use AMS catering.
• Mateusz: We’d lose business.
• Daniel: No, they would have their lunch wherever; if they’re here, they may buy other stuff from our outlets. But maybe they should pay set-up costs.
• Ava: I’d like to see their budget.
• Aaron: They break even. They don’t have money to pay for space. We sponsor them every year.
• Ava: This should go through SAC as well.

Tuition increase
• Aaron: Townhall at noon today. Hasn’t become a hot button issue. Tonight a presentation to Council from the Social Justice Centre. Also motions. Picking up on last year’s AGM resolutions, which we’re still bound by. They’re going to ask for money.
• Mateusz: They have money, a surplus.
• Sheldon: Last year we had a committee to distribute money.
• Aaron: We should have a committee.
• Ava: You should speak to them before the meeting about the terms of reference of such a committee. We may be putting them in an awkward position if they don’t know the structures we have. It would make sense to have the conversation ahead of time.
• Daniel: Was last year’s committee efficient?
• Ava: Yes, it met a lot.
• Aaron: If they propose something different, we can bring forward last year’s structure. I’ll find out what motions they want to bring.

GSS Agreement
• Brief discussion about GSS space in the Nest and attempts to reach an agreement with them.

Holiday Season: AMS Gives Back
• Ava:
  o This is for clubs collecting food, clothing, etc. Large bins in the Agora. Signage saying: AMS gives back.
  o Community service, donations, volunteering.
  o Maybe reach out to UBC Student Housing.
  o Last week in November and first two weeks in December.

Website
• Daniel: Spoke with Comms. There’s lots of space to work with. Doing a makeover of the landing page to include a clearer call to students for action/engagement.

The meeting adjourned at noon.
AMS of UBC Vancouver

AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of November 4, 2015

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Regrets: Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Recording Secretary: Daniel Levangie

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

Agenda
- The agenda was adopted (Jenna, Jude).

Minutes
- The minutes of October 28 were approved (Jenna, Jude).

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Moved-Jenna
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AMS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of November 18, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration, by phone till 11:25, then in person), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance, arrived 11:50), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager, arrived 11:20), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ross Horton (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Jude Crasta (VP External)

Guest: Jade Scrymgeour (External Office)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:12 am.

Agenda
- The agenda was adopted (Jenna, Ava).

Minutes
- The minutes of November 4 were approved (Ava, Jenna).

Special Occasion Licences (for alcohol events)
- Aaron: Still waiting for the University to set up a meeting. The EUS is saying there’s a discrepancy: the amount of alcohol was cut in half.
- Ava: Sharon is emailing the Constituencies for information.
- Action Item: Aaron to speak to the University; Ava talking to the Constituencies and the Ubyssey.

24-hour Nest opening
- Aaron: I’ve connected Shaun (AMS Security Manager) with the Library about costing.
- Ross:
  - One issue is finding staff to keep the outlets open. Students are busy studying.
  - It would cost $1500 a night to stay open 24 hours.
- Not doing it this term.

Old SUB use
- Ross meeting John Metras (UBC Infrastructure Development).
Global Degree

- Aaron: Something to empower young people to travel around the world. Global Degree is running a contest. Will be doing a presentation in the Nest in January.
- The Executive expressed support.
- Daniel: Could be part of our Frost Fest package.

[Ron arrives.]

Chinese Film Festival

- Aaron: Been approached by Grand Master Chang about using the Norm in the New Year. He wants our blessing and attendance by Executives.
- Ava: We’re partnering with Equity on the Lunar New Year program.
- Jenna: Just to be clear: we can give the go-ahead and say we hope to attend, but in no way are we committing to funding.
- Ross: Is he looking to rent the space? Is it a commercial booking? He should speak to Andrea in Sales.
- Maybe refer him to the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA).
- **Action Item: Aaron to follow up with Grand Master Chang.**

Block Party budget

- Daniel: Current budget is $53,000, but now that we have Thunderbird Stadium, we’ll need a floor covering, and that will cost $150,000 to rent.
- Jenna asked about a deal with Athletics. Is that off the table?

[Ava arrived in person.]

- Aaron: Yes, for the pilot year. Athletics is all in for going in next year and beyond, but this year it’s up to us to do it to pave the way.
- Daniel: Cost are not fixed. Ticket prices can be raised. Maybe there should be a presentation to Council to get a sense of what Council would like. Then we can go to the Budget Committee and have it recommend a budget amendment to Council.
- Ron: Do we want to go to a fee-based system (i.e., an addition to AMS fees)?
- Ava: This is a party. Not everyone parties. Some are not old enough.
- Ron: This is not coming from anywhere.
- Jenna: We’re trying to rein in fees. And we don’t know what next year will bring.
- Daniel: Because of Bill 41, we don’t know whether we’ll be required to set different types of fees.
- Ron: Not a separate fee; incorporate it into the AMS fee.
- Jenna: But that entrenches it, and we don’t know what’s happening.
- Ron: AMS Events is growing.
- Aaron: We can go for better talent. I’m in favour of that approach. Need to see the prices. Anna [the Events Manager] is dedicated to keeping it affordable for students.
- Ava: Sponsorship? We have to be careful about exposing students to corporate culture. But if we can get funding ...
- Sheldon: Don’t we already get sponsors?
- Aaron: Not title sponsorship. I think we should push for more sponsorship.

**New SUB budget**
- Ava:
  - We’re over budget.
  - We’re in a lawsuit against our excavators, and we’re seeking to recover money over Rogers Wireless, the Life Building, and the Loading Bay, which would be a hefty sum, but we don’t have the cash on hand to pay Bird for working on deficiencies.
  - Meeting with Keith and Michael to go over the budget.
  - May have to ask Council to release the $600,000 contingency for the Old SUB Basement. It’s just sitting there and we don’t know when it will be used.
  - Student fee revenue is up because of the increase in the number of students, so we will have the money for the SUB Basement when we need it, but we need money now for the New SUB.
- Ron: This won’t jeopardize the basement?
- Ava: No. There’s flexibility from the fees.
- Sheldon: What happened to the refinancing plan?
- Aaron: Still being worked on.
- Ava: After the meeting tomorrow, I should have a clearer idea. May ask for a motion to take money from CPF. Maybe a placeholder for now.

**Boardpad**
- Aaron: Need a motion from Council to allocate money from CPF for Boardpad (the software program for Council documents).

MOVED JENNA, SECONDED AVA:
“That the Executive recommend that Council allocate ____ from CPF to support licensing and implementation of Boardpad.”

... Carried
Aaron to get the exact numbers.

**Foro MoU**
- Ron: They’re asking about bookings. Do we want to tie space and endorsement on the website? There’s a simple MoU now, but there was talk of something more intricate.
- Ross: Maybe it should say that for advertising they’ll pay the commercial rate.
- Ron: Maybe if they share a booth with us, that would be fine; but if they want a standalone one, they will pay.
Action Item: Ron to send around an MoU including a clause about Foro paying for a standalone booth.

Rentsline
- Action Item: Daniel to send an official letter saying to cease and desist using the AMS logo.
- Rezgo also uses our logo, but we still do work with them.

[Mateusz arrives.]

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.
Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President and Chair), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic, arrived 11:33, left 11:47), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Jude Crasta (VP External), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ross Horton (General Manager)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:14 am.

Agenda
- The agenda was adopted (Mateusz, Ava).

Minutes
- The previously approved minutes of November 4 were corrected to indicate that Mateusz was present.
- The minutes of November 18 were approved (Mateusz, Ava). Mateusz abstained on the vote.

Special Occasion Licences (for alcohol events)
- Aaron: Meeting next week.

Chinese Film Festival
- Aaron: Grand Master Chang would like a letter of support.

Build Broadway
- Jude:
  - Resurrecting the Build Broadway campaign from 2012 in the wake of the transit plebiscite.
  - We want a long-running community outreach campaign: lawn signs, etc.
  - There is community support for rapid transit going to UBC, and support from MP Joyce Murray, MLA David Eby, and City Councillor Andrea Reimer.
Meeting scheduled with Peter Fassbender, the BC minister responsible for TransLink.
- We want the province to be a partner in this.
  - Mateusz: Money?
  - Jude: Yes.
  - Mateusz: $15,000?
  - Jude: There’s the cost of polling the community. We’re asking UBC C&CP to fund all or part.

**COP 21**
- Jude:
  - UN climate change conference in Paris beginning November 30.
  - The City of Vancouver has invited us to go as part of their NGO team, and UBC has booked this for us.
  - We’re flying out on December 1 and returning December 10. Our group includes me, Kathleen Simpson (AVP External), and Robin Asgari (chair of Unecorn).
  - It’s a great opportunity for us to meet people about the Broadway transit line/sustainable transportation.
  - Canadian Press has said they will ask questions for us at the conference.
  - The total cost to us will be $2,000.

MOVED AVA, SECONDED MATEUSZ:
“That the $2,000 expenditure for the trip to the Paris be approved.”
... Carried

**Oversight**
- Discussion of new protocol for Executives on Standing Committees as proposed by the Oversight Committee. Instead of each Exec serving on two committees, there will be six total votes for Execs: one Exec will have to be on two committees; the other four can be on one each.

[Jenna arrives.]

- Assignments were made:
  - Unecorn: Jenna and Jude
  - LPC: Mateusz and Aaron
  - SLCC: Aaron and Ava

**Meeting with UBC President and VP Students**
- Next Monday morning.
- What issues should we raise?
• Suggestions:
  o Tuition
  o Government relations
  o The Broadway line
  o The Life Building and the $750,000 for the Loading Bay
  o Sexual assault
• It was agreed to raise the following three issues:
  o Tuition, but broaden it to be Affordability
  o Government relations
  o The Life Building and the $750,000 for the Loading Bay.

Council
• For the December meeting, a policy on sexual assault. Also, Christmas celebration.

  [Jenna leaves.]

• Ava: Perhaps also a Council-facilitated get-to-know each other activity.

Next Meeting
The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 2 at 11 am.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.
AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of December 2, 2015

Attendance
Present: Aaron Bailey (President and Chair), Jenna Omassi (VP Academic), Ava Nasiri (VP Administration), Mateusz Miadlikowski (VP Finance), Daniel Levangie (Executive Director), Ross Horton (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Jude Crasta (VP External), Ron Gorodetsky (Student Services Manager)

Guest: Jade Scrymgeour (External Office), Alan Ehrenholz (Oversight Chair)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:12 am.

Agenda
- The agenda was adopted (Mateusz, Jenna).

Minutes
- The minutes of November 25 were approved (Jenna moved, Mateusz seconded). Mateusz abstained on the vote.

Oversight and PAI
- Alan:
  - Oversight looking for fair way of allocating the PAI incentive for Executive attendance at Standing Committees.
  - Too many Execs are now attending each committee.
  - Was not the intention to have the President sit on Standing Committees.
  - Want to strike the line in Code requiring that.
- Jenna: We thought the plan was to have four of the Executives each sit on one committee, and one Executive (the President) sit on two.
- Alan: We’ve talked of maybe requiring only one.
- Mateusz: How will you determine the President’s PAI if he doesn’t sit on committees?
- Alan: 40% of PAI is for attendance at meetings, including Executive and Council. We thought we’d just use Executive and Council attendance for the President and also the other meetings he’s attended so far. The reasoning is that the President has lots to do.
- Jenna: We thought that the Vice-Presidents have more to do.
• Aaron expressed concern that committee assignments are being determined by the need to fulfil the PAI incentive requirements instead of to ensure that there is proper Executive representation and the Executive perspective on committees. Oversight should think why the Society wants Executives on committees. For now let’s just maintain the status quo.
• Jenna: What we decided on last time.
• Alan: In the end it’s your money. We can decide on a date to apply any change. For now we can continue the status quo.

Chinese Film Festival
• Aaron: Grand Master Chang keeps emailing. For now this is on the back burner.

Council gift
• Aaron: Last year it was hard to get rid of the hoodies. This year instead we’re thinking of giving glasses: highball glasses and stemless wine glasses. One glass for each Councillor.

Food and Nutrition Working Group
• Aaron: UBC group. Part of the University’s well-being initiative.
• Ava: Maybe they could come explain to us what they’re trying to do. Want to make sure it’s useful.
• Mateusz volunteered to sit on it. Ross said he could get someone from his team.

Corporate Relations Parameters
• Daniel:
  o A new UBC office (a one-person office at this point) is seeking to function as a conduit for external partnerships: connecting external people with the appropriate people at the University.
  o They could direct people to us too.
  o The concept seems good. We can refer people who come to us to this office, and we could also say if there’s a partner related to what we do, send them to us, as with Umbracity connecting to AMS Sustainability for their umbrella sharing program.
• Aaron: We may get too many referrals. Everyone wants to work with students. Unless the external people are offering something of value to our students, I would be reluctant.
• Ava: The UBC office could send us a list every couple of weeks. If anything sticks out and we’re interested, we could go from there.
• Mateusz: We’d become promoters.
• Jenna: So many people already come to us.
AMS Executive Committee

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- Ava: We could have it so they would go to this University office; then we’d get a list from the office. There would be no direct contact.
- Jenna: As long as the office is not promoting.
- Daniel: The potential partnerships should have to add value to the students and the AMS, benefit our governance functions.
- Aaron: It will be fine for this office to flag things for us as long as there’s no expectation.

IT Policy
- Ross: Currently, AMS employees can download programs, and we’ve had issues with malware. We want IT to have the power to look at programs before they’re downloaded. There would be a 24-hour hold on all downloads.
- The Executive thought this was fine.

Pit Bookings
- Daniel:
  - On student clubs booking the Pit.
  - We will have exclusive ticketed events Fridays and Saturdays, from 9-11 pm.
  - Anyone already inside before the event can stay, but during the event period only ticketed people can come in.
  - Security costs in excess of our normal costs will be billed to the club, and there will be a damage deposit.
  - Corporate bookings not allowed, except at times when the Pit is not open.
- Mateusz: Why make the clubs pay for extra security? If extra people are attending, that’s extra revenue.
- Aaron: Some clubs book and their members don’t buy drinks.
- Mateusz: Set a minimum.
- Aaron: Not easy to set. The extra charge may only be $200.
- Mateusz: After 11 pm, when anyone can come in again, there could be damage caused, and then what?
- The Executive agreed to refer the matter to SAC.

Rentsline
- Daniel: They have removed our logo, but are still using a url with ams in it. Didn’t send a legal letter; hoping to get them to comply without one.

Next meetings
- For the rest of December, only as needed.

The meeting went in camera at noon.