AMS Student Life & Communications Committee

Minutes of May 13, 2013

Attendance

Present: Serena Ng (Chair), Aram Karakas (Kinesiology), Owen Liu (Engineering), Andrea Palmer (Engineering), Stephanie Goh (Land and Food Systems), Dusan Milovanovic (Member-at-Large), John Chow (Member-at-Large)

Guests: Jenny Chen (AMS Firstweek Coordinator), Ekateryna Baranovskaya (AVP External), Patrick Meehan (External Advocacy Commission Vice-Chair)

Regrets: Derek Moore (VP Administration), Tanner Bokor (VP External)

Recording Secretary: Andrea Palmer (Engineering)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:42pm.

Introductions

General theme of goals: increased inter-constituency collaboration and communication

Approval of Agenda

Moved: John Chow  Seconded: Stephanie Goh

That the agenda be adopted.

The motion carries unanimously.

AMS Firstweek Presentation

Events:

- Improv and comedy
- Outdoor movie, yoga, dance classes
- Pool party (collaboration with AMS Clubs - for returning students)
- All ages dance party (patio)
• Electro Show (Pit)
• Welcome Back Barbecue (maybe near Thunderbird Arena)
• Coordinate with Blue Crew for games
• Really cool frosh kits - sunglasses, umbrella, reusable containers (food services), beach towel, playing cards, frisbee, cooler bag/backpack, tumbler (or water bottle), hot/cold pack, depending on sponsorship.

Cost:
• $70-80, depending on barbecue
• Q: Is there a reason the frosh kits cost so much?
  o A: Most of the cost is for the events, not the kits. Depends on how many events we want to run
• Q: What was the cost last year? I remember it being ~$60.
  o A: I think last year was the same.

Feedback:
• Collaborate with constituencies re: swag
• Q: What about a multi-tool?
  o A: I’m trying to not spend money. I want to mostly have things people will use.
• Q: What should SLCC do?
  o A: You can reach me at firstweek@ams.ubc.ca - email me with merch/event ideas or improvements. If you are with a constituency and you want to collaborate with swag, let me know.
• Q: Can you send an email to constituencies to give out the list for frosh kits?
  o A: I can and will, but it won’t be finalized for about a month (depending on sponsorship).

Overview of SLCC and Mandate, and Expectations

Serena: I sent you the mandate and it’s extremely broad: improve social and personal lives of students at UBC. My goal this year is to focus on what exactly this committee can do, set goals and what to do for the AMS. You all mentioned inter-constituency events, but we should think about how the AMS can help with this, whether it be connecting constituencies or improving the communication

Expectations:
• Check your emails often
• Be open and respectful of everyone’s opinions and ideas
• Work hard - there is a lot of independent work outside the committee meetings
Summer Projects and Brainstorming

In the past:
- Mainly just All-Presidents Dinner
- Gave feedback on AMS Firstweek and AMS Block Party
- Working a little on communications

Serena: I met with all AMS execs about what their goals are.
- Work with the university, align goals with UBC’s goals
- Communications - We’ll be taking on a stronger role while a Communications Manager is being hired and after. It will most likely be making recommendations through a report.
  - There is a report. Serena will find it and send it out if possible.
- Council engagement – There can be a lot to be improved upon. Execs are trying to create pods – executive focus groups
  - Ekateryna: Working on a new on-boarding process for councilors – SLCC to discuss further during next meeting
  - **Tangibles: Council socials (once-a-term)**
  - Also, this committee does not have a budget
  - **Council Engagement Sub-Committee: Dusan, Aram, Andrea, Ekateryna**

How do we address student life?
- AMS as a central resource for inter-constituency events.
  - There have been times where everyone throws their events on the same day.
  - Make recommendations to SAC to improve upon this
  - What do presidents want from the AMS? How can we address relationships between external groups and the AMS?
    - It might be good if this committee can create a dialogue between constituencies and the AMS, to help foster ‘friendly rivalries’
    - Beneficial to be aware of faculty-weeks
      - Aram: Can we coordinate faculty weeks?
      - A: We should create something to connect constituencies, rather than SLCC be coordinating it.
    - Increased inter-constituency events – planning needs to happen early on during the summer
    - More casual “beers on us” events - reach out and see who is here over the summer (executives) to make the relationships as strong as we can
  - **GOAL: Create structured communication channels between constituencies around fostering these relationships (further discussion at next meeting)**
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- Faculty Cup
  - Friendly competition between faculties
  - Recommend to SAC to organize (talk to SAC Vice-Chair and Derek)
  - Appoint a point person from SLCC to begin the communication
- Dusan: REC has a RE)(erecise program that this would fit in directly. **Dusan will take the lead on contacting REC about it, and see if UBC REC would be willing to organize it as well.**
- Q: What will our (SLCC) role in it?
  - A: We need to make sure the roles are split and SLCC/AMS still has a say.

- Alumni Engagement
  - It would be interesting to start engaging AMS alumni, executives and councilors
  - Ekat: UBC wants more students to give input on Alumni Centre
  - **Serena will talk to Sheldon about the possibility of this idea. He will likely have names and we'll need to find contact information. Go through Alumni Association**
  - Motivation for councillors: Networking and finding more about our history
  - Q: What about smaller constituencies? They might get less out of an alumni social.
    - A: Ekat: You will still get a lot out of it because my life as a councillor was different than my life with the AUS. You do different things.

- Restructure of Athletics Department
  - Kiran had recommend that the SLCC would look through the report and comment on what still needs to be addressed regarding the reform and what the AMS should do.
  - Ekat recommends talking to someone from Finance (Joaquin) about the nature of the money we give to Athletics.
  - **TASK: Aram and Dusan to give student input on behalf of the AMS. Meet with Caroline and Derek.**

- All Presidents Dinner
  - Need to email Professor Toope and Dr. Louise Cowin ASAP to set a date
  - Keep it on a Thursday evening, choose a date between end of January to February
  - By the end of the summer: Need to create a theme, send invites to UBC President and VPs and secure funding
  - Talk to past key coordinators about budget
  - **All-Presidents Dinner Working Group: Owen, John and Stephanie. Dusan as a resource.**
Francesca and Serena will create transition report
Serena will talk to Joaquin Acevedo regarding budget
  - Summer: Stephanie, John, Owen
  - Fall: John, Stephanie, Owen
  - Winter: Stephanie, Andrea

Blue Phone/Safety Review

Campus and Community Planning Office is looking for student feedback on safety on campus. Feedback on blue phone/tower system at UBC, and how to enhance safety on campus.

- Blue phones are ineffective
  - Unaware of their locations
  - No one is going to stay around the pole in an emergency. Few situations in which it may be useful
  - First instinct for many is to call 911 on cell phone, not find a blue phone
  - Have a network of sirens/lights on blue phones (like BCIT)
    - Immediate help to draw attention, where the student in need of help may be near
    - Could be problems, as students may/already use the phone as pranks
- The campus changes so much with construction - going from point A to point B changes monthly, so many people don’t know where they are, or what they do.
- To improve safety support, you should focus on things people can access with their phones – not location-based, but rather mobile
- Could create a QR code on the poles and around campus that has Campus Security contact information
- Need more awareness on available resources for campus security
- Ekaterina: Really likes the campus resource/phone number card. Look into putting them in AMS Firstweek, constituencies and Orientations to put into Frosh kits and give them out on Imagine Day

Tasks Assigned

Dusan, Aram, Andrea, Ekateryna – Council Engagement Sub-Committee

Dusan – Liasing with UBC REC for coordinating the Faculty Cup with constituencies

John, Stephanie, Owen – All-Presidents Dinner Working Group

Aram, Dusan – Feedback on Athletics Department restructure (Talk to Caroline)
Serena – Talk to Sheldon and Caroline about idea of alumni relations, Talk to Joaquin about funding for All-Presidents Dinner, Work on All-Presidents Dinner transition report

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is May 27, 2013 at 5:30pm.

Meetings will be held bi-weekly, Mondays at 5:30pm.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.
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Guests: Ekateryna Baranovskaya (AVP External), Harsev Oshan (Shinerama Coordinator)

Regrets: Andrea Palmer (Engineering), Derek Moore (VP Admin)

Recording Secretary: Dusan Milovanovic (Member-at-Large)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:38pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: John Chow Seconded: Owen Liu

That the agenda be adopted.

_The motion carries unanimously._

Approval of Minutes

Moved: John Chow Seconded: Stephanie Goh

That the minutes of May 13, 2013 be approved.

_The motion carries unanimously._
Appointment of Vice-Chair

- Ekat: Technically, it should be called “Alternate Chair”

Moved: John Chow  Seconded: Owen Liu

That Aram Karakas be appointed as vice-chair/alternate chair of the Student Life & Communications Committee.

The motion carries unanimously.

Sub-Committee Reports

All-Presidents Dinner  (Stephanie Goh, John Chow, Owen Liu)

- Proposed date: Thursday January 30
- E-mail invitation was sent to Serena for approval
- Serena: Looked good. Send to Professor Toope and Dr. Louise Cowin as soon as possible
- Tanner: VP Students has expressed interest in more funding for this event
  - Previous funding from VP Students’ Office was $2500
- John: No budget outline
  - Serena: Francesca and I are currently finishing up our transition report for the previous year
  - Tanner: Caroline organized it the year before that, so she has information
  - Serena: Will pass off more transition reports to you soon
  - Harsev: Last year was the first year we made a profit ($20). Goal is to break even for the event
- John: Will be sending the email invitations tonight

Competitive Sports Model Consultation (Aram Karakas)

- Overview: UBC is planning on hiring a new athletics director for the varsity program. Decided to restructure the whole model as a result. Athletics has been separated from wellness.
  - Looking for a report reviewing the entire sports model
- Aram: Obtained contact information for involvement in the review
  - T-Bird Athletics Council president – will be helpful in spreading word to varsity teams
  - Profs in Kin have expressed interest in helping as well – Meeting with them on June 6th
- Serena: Will be sending out the model for everyone to review, so at our next meeting we can provide our own feedback as well
Aram: Current feedback has simply been comments on the site, and no formal report has been made
Serena: Not enough students know about this reform
Q: Does VP Students know that we’re doing this?  
   o A: Yes
Q: What is the current model?  
   o A: There is no definite model.
Tanner: Would be a good idea to talk to Kiran and Derek about this  
   o Caroline, Derek and Aram have taken the lead on this report

Faculty Cup (Dusan Milovanovic)
- Struggling to get in contact with UBC REC
- Maria has joined the team!
- Hope to meet with UBC REC and discuss their involvement with this

Council Engagement & On-Boarding Process

Council On-boarding
- Orientation is not happening at Whistler this year due to budgetary constraints
- Will now be in the SUB Ballroom
- Happening in July
- Plan for the day has not been formalized
- Need to discuss what would be useful for councilors to know
- General format: This is the AMS, Roberts Rules, etc.
- Workshops: focus on professional development, leadership and team-building  
  o Public speaking
  o Equity
  o Debate
- Serena: A better on-boarding process is a really good idea. Personal experience: very nervous in my first year being AMS Representative and often confused with many things
- Serena: What do you want SLCC to work on?  
  o Ekat: Workshops to be run
- Ideas for workshops/sessions:  
  o Public speaking
  o Roberts Rules – discuss direction of the AMS instead of a random topic
  o Conflict management
  o Resources and important people (structure of AMS and UBC)
  o Acronyms
  o How AMS corresponds with Senate and BOG
  o Strategic planning information
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- Budget and finances (reimbursements) – may be too individualized
- New SUB Project

Q: Is this meant to be a strategic planning meeting?
  - Tanner: Yes
  - Ekat: But this will be after the budget has been approved
  - Tanner: We are required to have a strategic planning meeting
  - Ekat: The only concern is that if we shift towards this, it takes away from the relaxed atmosphere and forces more of a “work” atmosphere
  - Tanner: Executives sat down and made a list of ideas and visions for the future and how to pursue this with council
  - Tanner: Do you want this to be more workshop-based or team-building focused?
    - Serena: Both. The bonding and team-building part is just as important as the skills gained from the workshops. Building a good team is really important.
    - Ekat: Every year we’ve had both.
    - Serena: I think as long as the workshops are spaced out enough and that there is still time for the team-bonding aspect. Building a good team is important for effectiveness as well.
    - Ekat: General ideas is what I’m looking for right now

  - We can discuss further at our next meeting. Will be setting up a council engagement sub-committee meeting soon.

Student Union Development Summit (SUDS)

- Brings in other execs from other student unions
- Theme: Future of Student Unions.
  - Role has been changed since this began in the 1990’s.
  - What types of things should student unions be doing?
- Some organizations think we shouldn’t lobby government, while some organizations think we should be at the forefront of things like strikes
- Tanner: We just resurrected this last year. Mix of social events and workshops. Administrative things, budgets, how to effectively lobby the government, better ways for student communication, etc.
- Looking to extend this to councilors at a severely subsidized price
- John: Is this only for councilors?
  - Tanner: Would like to open this up to constituency members, but it depends on the budget
    - Regular price: $300, subsidized price: ~$50
- Revenue from AMS, sponsorship and delegate fees
Inter-constituency Collaboration and Communication

What can the AMS do to facilitate more communication between constituencies to provide a means for collaboration?

- Tanner: Hoping to create a system for constituencies for communication
- Aram: There is a Facebook group for all constituency presidents
- Serena: Possible idea to create a joint Google calendar
  - Would get messy fast
  - Tanner: current website has a calendar and we’re hoping to fix it to allow constituencies to add events
  - Serena: I see this working for only bigger events (ie. Faculty weeks, SUS has Oktoberfest, Cold Fusion, etc.)
    - Purpose would be to share events, allow for constituencies to be up-to-date on what constituencies are doing and prevent overlapping on bigger events and possibly facilitate collaboration
    - Most constituencies use Gmail and it’s easy to use
  - Harsev: Lobby to constituencies for small amounts of money and pool together to host a collaborative event
- Serena: Thinking back to our first brainstorming and goal-setting meeting, what did you want to achieve in this committee?
  - John: To be more aware of what other constituencies are doing
  - Ekat: With no budget, this is basically what we can be focusing on
  - Owen: Social media is the way to go to connect students
- Stephanie: Is there any way to have a board for us to post about events?
  - Tanner: AMS is working on something – system between constituencies
  - Stephanie: What about a physical board? If it was in a communal place, it keeps people in the loop and attract people not involved in Council.
  - Tanner: Could ask SAC as it relates to them
  - Ekat: This could work since all Presidents are councilors and would see it
- How would we maintain the Google calendar?
  - AMS has a Gmail account
  - Owen: Would the calendar only be accessible to all executives?
    - Yes, the goal is to connect all executives
  - Ekat: Google calendar offers a lot in terms of customization.
  - Could SAC cover this and monitor the postings?
    - Tanner: Given how busy SAC is, that wouldn’t be feasible
  - Serena: What we need to establish right now is who is going to be monitoring the postings and who will be updating it
    - Once a system is well-established, there may not be a need for it to be monitored as much
    - Need to set up a calendar and establish posting rules and requirements
Who would have access to the calendar?
- Harsev: Your goal here is to ensure events do not overlap. You want to give open access to people to view the calendar.
- Each constituency to nominate one executive for writing permissions. All other executives for reading permissions only.

Serena will speak with Derek and email all presidents to see who would be interested

Tanner: How else can the AMS help out with constituency promotion?
- There are many options: website, twitter, web feed, etc.
- To work on further inter-constituency communication and AMS communications during the next meeting

Shinerama (Harsev Oshan)
- Looking for a Graphic designer for Shinerama
- Whoever wins the design contest will have an opportunity to showcase their art at the Art Gallery
- More information on Shinerama at the next meeting

Tasks Assigned

Owen, Stephanie, John – Send e-mail invitation to Professor Toope and Dr. Louise Cowin

Dusan, Maria – Get in contact with UBC REC regarding Faculty Cup

Serena – Speak with Derek regarding inter-constituency Google calendar and e-mail all presidents to see which constituencies are interested

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is June 17, 2013 in SUB 224.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.
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Committee Minutes of June 17, 2013

Attendance

Present: Serena Ng (Chair), Andrea Palmer (Engineering), Aram Karakas (Kinesiology), Owen Liu (Engineering), Stephanie Goh (Land and Food Systems), Dusan Milovanovic (Member-at-Large), John Chow (Member-at-Large)

Guests: Harsev Oshan (Shinerama Coordinator)

Regrets: Celia Yang (Science), Maria Fung (Member-at-Large), Tanner Bokor (VP External), Derek Moore (VP Admin)

Recording Secretary: Andrea Palmer (Engineering)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:41pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Aram Karakas Seconded: Stephanie Goh

That the agenda be adopted.

*The motion carries unanimously.*

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Stephanie Goh Seconded: Aram Karakas

That the minutes of May 27, 2013 be approved.

*The motion carries unanimously.*
Sub-Committee Reports

All-Presidents Dinner (Stephanie Goh, John Chow, Owen Liu)
- Date set for Thursday January 30, 2014
- Professor Stephen Toope and Dr. Louise Cowin are both confirmed
- Next steps:
  - Stephanie will be meeting with Joaquin and Caroline
  - AMS budget is passed – we have $10 000
  - Will be approaching VP Students Office
- Last year:
  - Catering cost more than $12 000
  - 210 people attended
  - Have vases and some decorations last year

Council Engagement (Andrea Palmer, Dusan Milovanovic, Aram Karakas)
- Has asked Kiran if she needs help with WOW
- Pre-council socials
  - Pre-council may clash with classes
  - Generally thinks post-council will be better, especially during the school year (ex./ Pit nights)
- Potentially plan one larger council social towards the end of the year
- Serena gave sub-committee emails to Ekat – she will follow up soon

Competitive Sports Model Consultation (Aram Karakas)
- Will be meeting with Caroline, Derek and Laura Thompson (President of Thunderbird Athletics Council) on Wednesday June 19
- Concern: model looks fine, but unsure how it will be implemented

Faculty Cup (Dusan Milovanovic, Maria Fung)
- Have contacted UBC REC, and willing to work with us on this
- Need to contact constituencies to discuss who from each interested constituency will be assisting in the planning process
- Serena found an old call-out on the SUS website that gives an idea how the structure was like years ago
  - A general call-out was made for each position
  - Constituencies did not seem to have a large role to plan the event unless they applied for the position
  - There used to be a social afterwards for participants
- How much of a role will constituencies play?
  - Would like constituencies to play a larger role in planning process so they are more invested in the event
• How much of a role will SLCC play?
  o Our goal is to engage constituencies. Taking a hands-off approach is ignoring that goal
  o REC keeps its volunteers very busy

• What can UBC REC contribute?
  o Volunteers
  o Equipment
  o Facilities/space

• Who would chair or co-chair this event?
  o A member of SLCC to co-chair, at least for the first year

• Potential dates:
  o All day event
  o Thursday or Friday
  o February 13, 2014 (Thurs.)
  o March 12, 2014 (Friday)

• Charged each constituency ~$250
  o Dusan: We need to decide if we are going to do this
  o Depends on UBC REC contributions
  o Event and marketing costs

• Next steps:
  o Contact all VP Student Life or Sports Coordinators from all constituencies and gather interest
  o Put together a planning committee
  o Dusan will begin preliminary talks with Maria, Carleana (AUS) and Melissa (SUS)

Inter-Constituency Common Calendar (Serena Ng)
• Serena will be starting the calendar
• Verbal interest from SUS, AUS, EUS, LFSUS and KUS
• Posting template:
  o [Constituency] Event Title (Category)
  o Constituencies: may have more than one in the title if it’s a collaboration
  o Categories: may have more than one in the title
    • Academic
    • Careers
    • Networking
    • Professional Development (Prof Dev)
    • Social
    • Sports
  o Ex. [SUS] Science Career Expo (Careers, Networking)
• In the description:
  o Brief description of the event (3 sentences max.)
    ▪ Target audience
    ▪ All-ages or 19+
  o Open for collaboration?
  o Ticket info or more information
  o Facebook link to event
  o Contact information of coordinator – name and email

• Only one representative from each constituency will be able to edit, all executives can view

• Do we want to limit what types of events that would get posted?
  o Higher-budget, flagship events
  o Events that other constituency members may want to attend
  o Ex. Faculty weeks, career fairs, large socials, etc.

• Include AMS Events (ex. Welcome Back BBQ, Block Party, Clubs Days, etc.) and UBC REC Events (Day of the Longboat, Storm The Wall, etc.)

• Colour coordination:
  o Three colours: constituencies, AMS Events, UBC REC
  o Why not one colour per constituency?
    ▪ It may be quite confusing if many constituencies want to get involved
    ▪ Different shades for many colours may cause confusion
    ▪ When copied to another calendar, it is all one colour anyways
  o Tentative dates vs. dates set in stone (need to decide if we will use different colours or in the title)

• Next step:
  o Serena to email constituency presidents by the end of this week to gauge interest
  o Create definite structure for calendar

Shinerama Presentation (Harsev Oshan)

• During AMS First Week:
  o Will be showing 60 sec. video
  o Selling popcorn and beverages
  o Having an all-ages event – capacity: 500

• Harsev: What did you think for the coin drive last year?
  o Good idea and initiative
  o Rules were very unclear
  o Varying constituency sizes – change rules slightly
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- Challenge: All undergraduate societies are really spread out
  - Have all coin jars in the SUB concourse for 2 hours/day
  - More of a hype if there’s a shorter time period
  - During Shine Week
- Challenge: getting constituencies engaged
  - Give us media to share through our social media channels
  - Heavy marketing will difficult as we are all promoting our own events during the first week as well
- Wants to dunk all constituency presidents and AMS President on Imagine Day
  - UBC Aquatic Centre won’t rent out the dunk tank anymore
  - Might be able to partner with SUS
- Celebration of Light: July 27, July 30, Aug.3
  - Huge revenue generator
  - If you or your friends are interested in helping out, let Harsev know
- Club Crawl
  - During the 2nd week of August
  - Goal: 100 people (2 buses)
  - Pit Pub, Joe’s Apartment, Fortune Nightclub
  - $10 including transportation and a free drink
- “Exec Auction” – come up with ridiculous ideas for the AMS Execs to do
- Harsev will send all volunteer requests to Serena to be forwarded

Tasks Assigned

Owen, Stephanie, John – Secure funding for All-Presidents Dinner

Dusan, Maria – Create structure for Faculty Cup planning committee

Serena – Email all constituency presidents for inter-constituency common calendar interest

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is July 8, 2013 in SUB 266J.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.
AMS Student Life and Communications Committee

Minutes of August 19, 2013

Attendance

Present: Serena Ng (Chair), Stephanie Goh (Land and Food Systems), Maria Fung (Member-at-Large), John Chow (Member-at-Large), Tanner Bokor (VP External)

Guests: Caroline Wong (President)

Regrets: Aram Karakas (Kinesiology), Owen Liu (Engineering), Dusan Milovanovic (Member-at-Large), Celia Yang (Science), Derek Moore (VP Admin)

Recording Secretary: Andrea Palmer (Engineering)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:38pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Tanner Bokor Seconded: Maria Fung

That the agenda be adopted.

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Tanner Bokor Seconded: Maria Fung

That the minutes of June 17, 2013 be approved.

The motion carries unanimously.
Sub-Committee Reports

All-Presidents Dinner (Stephanie Goh, John Chow)
- Stephanie: Any updates from VP Students?
  - Tanner: You should probably operate under the assumption that you're not getting that money.
  - Serena: How much do we have allocated from the AMS?
  - Tanner: $10,000
- Stephanie: Student Care (Health and Dental) should be giving us up to $3,000
- John: We should stick with AMS and use SUB Ballroom as venue.
- Tanner: We used Botanical Gardens for SUDS, and we got AMS catering there. It was super cheap. But your alcohol is through Wescadia. You can also do it through Thea’s (GSS) - free. MOA if you have a lot of money to spend ($4,000 for venue, $9,000 for food). Use atriums of buildings: Life Science Atriums. Pharmacy building. ESB.
  - Side note: Tanner has an events commissioner, if you need bookings, go through them.
- John: What if we go through a winery?
  - Tanner: There's a legal issue.
  - John: What is it?
  - Tanner: It could be in violation of your SOL or the venue's liquor license. We ran into it last year with Molson.
- Serena: What are you planning on finishing by September?
  - S&J: Confirm catering. Come up with a theme.
  - Tanner: You can always change up the menu. Last year: Salmon, Chicken, Vegetarian Shephard’s Pie. Two salads that were very good.
  - Serena: Look at the menus - don’t have to be finalized until the month before. When are the invitations sent out?
  - Tanner: Last week of Nov.
- Caroline: What's the final date?
  - Serena: January 30th.
- Serena: For the Great Trekker Award, do we have to go through Alumni Affairs?
  - Caroline: Yes.
  - Serena: You need to give SAC a deadline for club awards and Exec Com a deadline for the Great Trekker Award. At least a month before the dinner.

Faculty Cup: (Maria)
- Serena: Heard from KUS, AUS, SUS, EUS. Still waiting on from FUS, CUS, LFSUS etc.
• Proposed date: Friday, March 14th.
• We should consider having a social. SUS used to hold Ethanolypics (beer pong, beer drinking games). It could be an interesting twist on Faculty Cup social.
• Co-chairs will be Maria and Dusan
• Maria: Dusan is working on a proposal.
  o Serena: He already sent it to me. Thinking of how it would work and based on Dusan’s proposal, we have tug-o-war, dodgeball, etc. Trying to think of events that are for big teams.
• Maria: Want to meet with committee mid-Sept.
• Serena: Since we have heard from 4 constituencies, we can start the committee.

Inter-Constituency Common Calendar (Serena Ng)
• It’s done!
• AMS Events is on board, waiting on UBC REC
• All constituencies need to start adding things to the calendar. I’ve only seen AMS events and KUS events.
• Serena: I’m waiting on LFSUS to send a representative, but they are interested. I have emailed CUS three times, and they have not gotten back to me.
  ▪ John: SoCo will be representative for LFSUS
  ▪ Serena: I will share the calendar with her as soon as possible.

Any Other Business

• Caroline: How many of you feel like there is a cohesive campus-spirit at UBC?
  o .... crickets .... (Not really...)
• Caroline: I was talking with the execs about building community on campus. My idea is a AMS Fun Team. Undergrad social coordinators, REC Leaders, Greek Presidents, The Calendar- ask them: how do you want to go about building campus spirit?
  o Is it through fun shenanigans, random acts of kindness etc?
  o We’re trying to figure out perks for these people: Pit Nights, Concert Tickets.
  o As a byproduct - they're more engaged on campus, with the AMS etc. I just want to bring this up with you before the executives. It's like a volunteer outreach team. I feel like I should go to people who are less involved - perhaps a rotational basis.
  o Things that liven up our campus. Flash mobs. Stepping. Flash nap.
• John: We have some already: Undie run etc. We don’t have to necessary start our own events.
Caroline: Day of the Longboat. Storm. Undie Run are a lot of staple UBC events. What if this focuses more on commuter students?
Tanner: The bus loop is technically Translink's property, so we can't do anything there.

Caroline: What about the LFS Agora Community Dinners?
John: $5 dinners on Wednesday. The space is limited, so we're getting a lot less people coming. We always have extra food. Technically, for LFS students.

Caroline: Doesn't the LFS do more campus-wide projects?
John: Yes, friends and connections. Not restricted to LFS (missed what they were talking about).

John: The Faculty Cup is one thing.
Caroline: It could be a sub-committee under SLCC. But this year I'm going to hand-select people for this committee.

Serena: I think bigger, fewer events would be better.
Andrea: What about Diner en Blanc?
Tanner: What about stacking about of people on buses and doing something funny? Translink is surprisingly OK with it.
Serena: There's a great YouTube channel who does things like this in New York. It's called ImprovEverywhere. You could get ideas there.
Caroline: Everyone on the 99 is going to the same place-they're going to UBC. But reports say that students can't make friends on campus.

Caroline: Asking for representatives from each constituency. Everyone please send names.

Whistler Lodge:
Tanner: We're going to be doing active student consultations, between now and September 4th council meeting. I'm creating a plan, but need help carrying it out. We're going to do 2 town hall sessions, one next week and one on the third. We're doing smaller focus groups for less-engaged students.
Serena: What will these public consultations like?
Town Halls - Executives and staff members will present on what the lodge is. Question period. Half hour period for open statements/questions.
Focus groups - asking targeting questions, same as Town Hall but smaller-scale.
Town hall on Sept 1st
Focus groups before council on the 4th? I'm just looking for volunteers and people to help spread the word.
Tanner: We're going to meet with larger clubs, VOC and Ski & Board. Online Town Halls and Q&As and online platform. All the reports and resources on the lodge to centralize everything in one place. Give all this information to council to make a good decision.

Serena: When will you meet constituencies?
  ○ Tanner: Set it up next week, have it done by Sept 1st.

**Tasks Assigned**

Owen, Stephanie, John, Sheliza
  • Secure funding and sponsorship for All-Presidents Dinner and continue planning

Serena
  • Follow up with UBC REC for Common Calendar
  • Email more constituencies regarding Faculty Cup

Everyone
  • All SLCC members to send names to Caroline of good candidates for AMS Fun Team

**Next Meeting**

None.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.
AMS Student Life and Communications Committee
Minutes of November 7, 2013

Attendance

Present: Serena Ng (Chair), Celia Yang (Science), Barnabas Caro (Arts), Stephanie Goh (Land & Food Systems), Dusan Milovanovic (Member-at-Large), Nick Echeverria (Member-at-Large), Tanner Bokor (VP External), Derek Moore (VP Admin)

Regrets: Aram Karakas (Kinesiology), Maria Fung (Member-at-Large)

Recording Secretary: Celia Yang (Science)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:08pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Nick Echeverria Seconded: Dusan Milovanovic

That the agenda be adopted.

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Stephanie Goh Seconded: Barnabas Caro

That the minutes of Thursday Sept. 19 be adopted.

The motion carries unanimously.
Sub-Committee Reports

**All-Presidents Dinner** (Stephanie Goh)
- Invites will be sent out soon

**Faculty Cup** (Dusan Milovanovic)
- Plan to have each constituency have an event during each of their faculty weeks to encourage inter-constituency competition
- Ensure each executive team challenges each other during these events
- eg./ KUS – KINBall, SUS – Gladiator

Brainstorm of Future Projects

- School wide spirit week [Nick] idea came from high school spirit week during tests
  - Ideas: face paint (point: don’t need to prepare), pjs, crazy hair, car smash
  - [Action: meet with the Calendar-Rob: Barnabas connect Nick to Rob]

- [Tanner] President provided funding to fund cross campus initiatives
- [Barnabas] bus up to UBCO for events (ie. capture the flag) potential: combine with Nick’s school spirit idea
  - [Action: Nick, Tanner and Barnabas: Connect with each other and UBCO before next meeting]

- [Celia] Smaller “events” in heavy traffic areas to promote school spirit, create noise to boost mood during rain/exam season
  - [Action: brainstorm on signage ideas to boost campus morale to provide to Abby]

- [Stephanie] events that get people from one end of the campus to the other end
- [Dusan] rotating beer garden possibly have a final destination at the end Faculty Cup, pop up beer gardens
  - Need to watch for fire code licensing, throw events in sub

- [Tanner] Outreach AMS faculty based-$50 ikea gift card and pizza party for at least 100
  - [Action: spread word on Outreach faculty wise to each constituency]

Competitive Sports Model Discussion

- Moved to be discussed in 2 weeks
  - Action: Derek send discussion questions by next Wed/ Thurs
AMS Student Life & Communications Committee

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Next Meeting

Thursday Nov.21, 2013

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.
AMS Student Life and Communications Committee

Minutes of November 28, 2013

Attendance

Present: Serena Ng (Chair), Barnabas Caro (Arts), Stephanie Goh (Land & Food Systems), Dusan Milovanovic (Member-at-Large), Nick Echeverria (Member-at-Large),

Regrets: Aram Karakas (Kinesiology), Maria Fung (Member-at-Large), Celia Yang (Science), Tanner Bokor (VP External), Derek Moore (VP Admin)

Recording Secretary: Stephanie Goh (Land & Food Systems)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:12pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Barnabas Caro Seconded: Dusan Milovanovic

That the agenda be adopted.

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Barnabas Caro Seconded: Barnabas Caro

That the minutes of Thursday Nov.7 be adopted.

The motion carries unanimously.
Sub-Committee Reports

All-Presidents Dinner (Stephanie Goh)
- Invitations are already sent out and have gotten RSVP’s
- [Action] Serena – follow up with Great Trekker recipients

Faculty Cup: (Dusan Milovanovic)
- Still determining layout and how to run the competition
- Confirmed date: March 7, 2014, runs from 2-7pm
  - First Friday after Reading Break
- Looking at registration and optional faculty shirts
  - Constituencies could just wear their faculty colours
  - Constituency members can sign up under their respective faculties, information is sent and compiled by their sports representatives and they can organize who is playing during which time slots
- Venue possibility: SRC – one gym for registration, two gyms for competitions
  - Close to bus loop
- Evening Event: Mahony’s
- Possibly idea: “Harry Potter”-inspired theme; between 2-7pm, a trophy could be hidden somewhere on campus and the faculty who finds it will receive bonus points

UBC-V & UBC-O Relations (Barnabas Caro & Nick Echeverria)
- Tanner is looking up buses and speaking with UBC-O
- Idea to take UBC-V students to UBC-O for sporting events, and possibly vice-versa
- Go back to Nick’s original idea of having spirit days, leading up to Faculty Cup

Next Meeting

TBA (Term 2)

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.