STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Bradley Balaton (GSS), Julia Burnham (AMS), Roshni Pendse (AMS), Maistoo’a waastaan (Rodney Little Mustache, First Nations Piikani), Michelle Marcus (AMS Sustainability), Alex Nguyen (Ubyssey), Conrad Tomaszkiewicz (student at large), Nathan Bowles (student at large), Cameron England (student at large), Jason Tockman (AMS Policy Advisor), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm with the President in the chair.

1. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the agenda be amended to strike the Executive goals presentation and add a motion to suspend the policy on Executive goals; also to strike the job descriptions and add a motion about wrongful detainment.”

… No objections

3. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… No objections

4. MOVED HANNAH XIAO, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE:

“That on the recommendation of the HR Committee, Abdul Alnaar be appointed the Speaker of Council for a term effective May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019.”

Max Holmes:

- Abdul chaired our last meeting.
- He took a one-year sabbatical last year, but was our Speaker for three years before that.
- He has great experience to bring and will always keep us in check.

5. MOVED HANNAH XIAO, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE:

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… Carried

For (21): Joella Allen, Jennifer Cheng, Andria Coulbourn, Oliver Frayne, Jerome Goddard, Muse Greenwood, Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Cristina Ilnitchi, Daniel Lee, Amir Moradi,
Sarah Park, Tyra Philips (proxy for Kate Burnham), Isabella Preite (proxy for Cole Evans), Arash Shadkam, James Mangkang (proxy for Ananya Singh), Darren Touch, Andy Wu, Evan Zhou

Abdul Alnaar, the new Speaker, took the chair.

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

Welcome to our new Members: Darren Touch, Victoria Gomez (GSS)

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Journalism, Music, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark’s, GSS x 1, Regent

Goodbyes: Brad Balaton (GSS)

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

- The Speaker said he’d had a year off for his own sanity, but was happy to be back.
- The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral territory of the Musqueam people, adding:
  - Learning happened here long before the University.
  - We are privileged to be here living working and learning on these lands.

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

Rodney Little Mustache:
- It’s good that you did a land acknowledgement, but it should be done right at the very beginning of the meeting.

The Speaker:
- Code mandates when we do the acknowledgement.
- Other boards do it at the beginning, as you say.

Rodney Little Mustache:
- There is a tradition of introductions.
- I would like to thank the Coast Salish people for allowing me to live here for the past 25 years.
- It’s important to share and be inclusive.
- I wrote a letter about what the AMS could do on Indigenous issues, and wanted that letter shared.
- Also there was a meeting of an Indigenous Advisory Group, but no food was provided at the meeting.
- That was upsetting.
- There’s a lot for this Council to learn.

Marium Hamid:
- Apologies for the delay in replying to your letter.
- There’s no way I was not thinking about it.
- It’s a big undertaking on your part to be doing this.
- We will continue working on these issues.
- Usually we don’t publish letters, but if it is the will of Council we will publish it.
• When we have a plan for what we want to do, we will announce that.

Muse Greenwood:
• Giving, sharing, feeding.
• These are important.
• We did hear what you said about honouring First Nations traditions.

Max Holmes:
• My office hosted that meeting, and we should have had food for it.
• I apologize.
• We will make sure in the future that we will have food.
• We are trying to include as many perspectives as possible.

E) Consent Agenda Items

6. MOVED DANIEL TOUCH, SECONDED HANNAH XIAO:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated March 23, 2018 [SCD006-19]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 20, 2018 [SCD007-19]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 8, 2018 [SCD008-19]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 15, 2018 [SCD009-19]

... Carried

For (20): Joella Allen, Dylan Braam, Jennifer Cheng, Andria Coulbourn, Oliver Frayne, Jerome Goddard, Muse Greenwood, Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Chris Hakim, Max Holmes, Cristina Ilnitchi, Daniel Lee, Amir Moradi, Sarah Park, Tyra Philips (proxy for Kate Burnham), Isabella Preite (proxy for Cole Evans), Arash Shadkam, James Mangkang (proxy for Ananya Singh), Darren Touch, Evan Zhou

Abstained: Andy Wu

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

Academic Experience Survey – Max Holmes [SCD010-19]
• This is our annual survey.
• Big issues:
  o Food insecurity
  o Housing insecurity
  o Sexual assault
  o Discrimination
• Over 3,000 respondents: the first time in four years to break 3,000.
• Mostly full-time students.
• Among the respondents, 22% were graduate students, which is around their proportion in the student population: glad to see that.
• A drop this year in the proportion of undergraduates enrolled in a four-year program.
• The AMS is rated as good to excellent by less than half of the respondents.
  o This may be in part a communications issue.
• We asked a new question about whether the AMS does a good job representing the mental health interests of students, and close to half said yes, the highest rank we got from this set of questions.
• We received a higher rank this year than before in a question on whether the AMS does a good job representing students’ academic interests.
• We don’t do so well on the question asking if respondents trust the AMS to spend their money wisely.
• There’s been an increase in the number of people who say they feel safe on campus:
  o We can attribute that to new policies and Safewalk.
• On whether people feel connected to the Thunderbirds, three-fifths say they do not.
• On discrimination, non-Caucasians suffer more, and international students suffer more than domestic.
• LGBTQ suffer more, and women suffer more than men.
• There’s also more discrimination felt by older students.
• One-fifth of respondents say they face food insecurity on a monthly basis:
  o This is a key issue for us.
• Housing affordability affects grad students more:
  o This is another area for advocacy.
• One-quarter of respondents opted out of answering the questions on sexual assault, which we allowed because it could be triggering.
• One-tenth had experienced sexual assault or misconduct.
• One-twentieth had experienced this from a member of the UBC community.
  (We’re using UBC’s term “misconduct,” though we prefer “violence.”)
• Women are twice as much at risk as men.
• South Asian are at higher risk than others.
• LGBTQ+ are more than twice as likely to be affected.
• People who take part in extra-curricular activities are more at risk than others.
• A majority say sexual assault is a serious issue at UBC.
• One-third say they don’t trust other students to react appropriately if they see a sexual assault.
• Trust for UBC’s SVPRO and the AMS’s SASC is about the same.
• Still no majority saying they trust UBC procedures on sexual assault.

Questions
Michelle Marcus (Sustainability):
• I would suggest adding a section for people to add issues they think are the most important ones for the AMS to advocate on.

Max Holmes:
• We’ve done poorly in the past with those sorts of questions.
• Usually, we don’t get even 5% of respondents answering them.
• We can do that sort of thing better through our website and in Town Halls.
• We do have a general open question at the end of the survey.
Rodney Little Mustache:
  • You use the acronym LGBTQ, but you don’t include Two-Spirited.

Max Holmes:
  • We did recognize this and plan to change it.
  • We’re also planning changes to the ethnicity questions.

Sarah Park:
  • What did you change in your outreach to produce the increase in respondents?

Max Holmes:
  • We changed the prizes.
  • There were more prizes this time, and we do give them all out.
  • We did a lot on social media.
  • The survey was also on the elections ballot as a link: that was the biggest thing.

Muse Greenwood:
  • You talked of the need to improve communication: do you have thoughts on what that would look like?

Max Holmes:
  • There’s lots we can do.
  • Website redesign.
  • More campaigns.
  • More Town Halls.
  • Going to the people instead of expecting them to come to us.

Andy Wu:
  • I understand the difficulty of adding questions, but can we get a sense of priorities for students?

Max Holmes:
  • I think the questions get at that.
  • From answers to the questions on housing insecurity etc. we can glean how we should be advocating for students.

O) Executive Committee Motions:

7. MOVED MARIUM HAMID, SECONDED SARAH PARK:

“That Council suspend the timeline section of Policy I-9 (Executive Goal Setting and Reporting Policy) until June 20 to allow the submission of the Executive’s goals to Council to be postponed until the June 20 Council meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Marium Hamid:
  • I’d like to apologize for the delay.
• We’ve run into a few issues.
• We have a presentation, but we do not have the report entirely done.
• Also, the policy calls for us to reference the strategic plan, but the plan was never published.
• A number of senior staff positions are vacant, including some staff who are supposed to help and advise on our goals.
• Council would get only a small sense of what we’re doing if we presented now.
• If we suspend the timeline, we can beautify the report and presentation.

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9. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

“That Council direct the Governance Committee to review Policy I-9.”

Max Holmes:
• As we have seen, making the goals come in May is difficult.
• We’d like Governance to look at the timeline, the format.
• And we’ve not always had a strategic plan
• The policy should have been reviewed; it’s time to review it.

10. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

“That Council direct the Governance Committee to review Policy I-9.”

... No objections

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

Preliminary Budget – Keith Hester & Marium Hamid [SCD011-19]

Marium Hamid:
• In the absence of Kuol, Keith and I are doing this.
• Council will see the full budget in June.
• This is a preliminary budget based on the reforecast.
Keith Hester:
- Our projected surplus is $135,776, which is down.
- We have a rolling deficit of $2 million, which we’re paying off.
- We have discretionary revenue of $2,503,940.
- Our expenses are $2,368,164.
- Business income is $785,813.
- Investment income is $375,000: going up because of our new investment policy.
- A minimum wage increase is coming in, but we’re projecting an increased contribution from the businesses even with that.
- We’re hiring for two new positions: Senior Manager, Student Services, and Senior Manager, Finance & Administration.

Questions
Dylan Braam:
- Concerning the increase in the minimum wage, will we be increasing the other non-minimum wage earners’ wages?

Keith Hester:
- The HR Committee is looking to bring in a new system.
- Yes, other wages will go up.

Marium Hamid:
- We’ve always had a commitment to keep people above minimum wage.

Andy Wu:
- Senior Student Services, including Communications and Design: what is that?

Marium Hamid:
- That includes our whole Communications Department: current staff and ones we’re going to hire.

Keith Hester:
- In previous years many of these positions were vacant.
- We’re going to fill them.
- There’s also a website redesign in that part of the budget.

Andria Coulbourn:
- Why is there nothing for FarmAde?
- Can we partially fund it?

Marium Hamid:
- We’ve had discussions with UBC.
- Inflationary pressures have made it increasingly difficult for us to give money.
- UBC said they’d be happy to fund.
- They do want logistical support.

Hannah Xiao:
- There are quite a few blanks in the budget.
• Does that mean zero or To Be Determined?

Keith Hester:
  • It means zero.
  • For instance, Volunteer Avenue is at zero because it doesn’t exist anymore.

Marium Hamid:
  • Those lines will disappear after three years.

Hannah Xiao:
  • Why are some portfolios going up and some going down?
  • Is it because of the minimum wage?

Marium Hamid:
  • My portfolio went down in the number of positions.
  • Other portfolios are adding positions and are creating some full year positions.
  • Overall, it will be about the same as last year, just distributed differently.

Bradley Balaton:
  • Why has the Events budget almost doubled?

Keith Hester:
  • Partly because of the minimum wage: production expenses are rising.
  • Same number of events, or less, compared to last year.

Marium Hamid:
  • Over the next two weeks we will be working on the Events budget, getting more projections.
  • We’re working on negotiations with vendors.

Andy Wu:
  • Student services budgets are all up except Speakeasy, which was cut by $4,000. Why?

Piers Fleming:
  • Our Speakeasy volunteer training program was a huge expense.
  • We used to have a retreat, but I cut that.
  • That will save us $7,000 (but we lose some because of minimum wage).

Andy Wu:
  • How long has the Policy Advisor position been vacant, and why is the salary still the same?

Keith Hester:
  • The previous person left in mid-February.
  • The person starting now is for a full year in the new fiscal year.

Dylan Braam:
  • With the new $12.65 per hour minimum wage, will the entry level rate be changed to be above that?
Keith Hester:
- That's going from $11.35 to $12.65, a $1.30 increase to our base salary.
- All other groups will be changing upward as well.

Dylan Braam:
- Will there be proportionate percentage increases, or are we going to a flatter structure?

Keith Hester:
- The increase is just the dollar amount of the minimum wage increase.

11. MOVED MARIUM HAMID, SECONDED SARAH PARK:  [SCD012-19]

“That the AMS 2018/19 preliminary budget be accepted as presented.”

The Speaker noted that though the Bylaws require a 2/3rds majority for the final budget, there is no such requirement for the preliminary budget.

Marium Hamid:
- This is a preliminary budget.
- A lot of the questions you’ve brought up will be addressed by the Finance Committee.

Muse Greenwood:
- We are voting on the preliminary budget now and in three weeks there will be another vote.
- If this fail, what happens?

The Speaker:
- We would have to suspend Code.

Tyra Philips:
- What will the timeline be for the final budget?
- A lot of us didn't have enough time to review the preliminary budget as it was only sent today.

Marium Hamid:
- This wasn’t done in a timely fashion, but for the final budget, the document will go out the Friday before the Council meeting.

Hannah Xiao:
- It would be good if the Finance Committee minutes could be circulated next time.

12. MOVED MARIUM HAMID, SECONDED SARAH PARK:

“That the AMS 2018/19 preliminary budget be accepted as presented.”

... Carried

Against (1): Andria Coulbourn

**Point of Sale System – Keith Hester**

- In 2011 one thing we noticed is that we had cash registers that belonged in a museum.
- One of the first things I did was invest in a Point of Sale (POS) system, which made it easier to change prices.
- Seven years later this POS system is breaking down.
- The system we bought is no longer being made; we can’t replace parts.
- And the company we bought from was bought by another company in 2014: the problems began then.
- We’re looking now for:
  - Speed of service (queues are pretty long at the outlets)
  - Reliability (when the system goes down, people get upset)
  - Better price on service
- Have looked at a whole range of systems.
- Ended up with two: Positouch and Squirrel.
- They’re both local, but overall we preferred Squirrel: they’re a better fit for us.
- Squirrel integrates with our other systems and is easy to use.
- The cost is $156,000, which is less than what we spent in 2011.
- They will include two tablets: mobile POS.
- Additional benefits:
  - We are going to launch an AMS card to replace the UBC card.
  - We currently pay $85,000 a year to UBC to use their card; we will save that.
- We will pay $31,362 per year from the Capital Projects Fund.
- If we make the decision now, we can get the system up and running in 6-8 weeks, in time for September.

**Questions**

Jerome Goddard:
- The first year meal plan is on students’ UBC cards: will they have to use two cards now?

Keith Hester:
- They are required to have the UBC card, but they can use the AMS card as well.
- We won’t be refusing the UBC card. They can use both.

Dylan Braam:
- The UBC card will remain?

Keith Hester:
- The fee we pay will drop from $85,000 to $16,000.
Dylan Braam:
- How easy is it to change the agreement with UBC?

Keith Hester:
- It's an annual agreement.
- Expires in June.

Sarah Park
- If the problems began in 2014, why the delay?

Keith Hester:
- Moving into this building took a lot of our time.
- We just lived with a bad service for a while.

Muse Greenwood:
- Will the $156,000 over 5 years add to the deficit?

Keith Hester:
- No.

Muse Greenwood:
- Did you speak to other schools about Squirrel?
- Did they experience any unexpected costs?

Keith Hester:
- I did talk to other schools, but also I’ve been doing system implementation for 25 years, and actually costs tend to go down.

Andy Wu:
- Does management expect an increase in training costs?

Keith Hester:
- The $156,000 actually includes training.
- And the system is easy to use.

13. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED HANNAH XIAO:

“That $156,808 be taken from the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of a new point of sale system.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The available amount to spend from CPF is $250,000.

Bradley Balaton
- Can you explain the CPF amount available?

Keith Hester:
- Code says we can spend only half of the annual intake, which is approximately $500,000.
Muse Greenwood:
- Appreciating your extensive experience, will we see any increase to our bottom line by switching?

Keith Hester:
- Our service contracts will go down in cost, but I wouldn’t be comfortable saying we’d see an increase in revenue.

Muse Greenwood:
- So it’s justified to go ahead?

Keith Hester:
- Yes, because for the system we have, the machines aren’t being produced anymore.

Dylan Braam:
- Does approving this mean approval of negotiations?

Keith Hester:
- This allows us to conclude negotiations with Squirrel.

The Speaker:
- It is customary for this body to approve contracts.

Keith Hester:
- It’s a contract to make a one-time purchase.
- It’s not for multiple years.

Dylan Braam
- What about maintenance?

Keith Hester:
- The contract is for the first year of maintenance.

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Against (2): Dylan Braam , Muse Greenwood
Abstained: Jerome Goddard, Daniel Lee, Amir Moradi, Sarah Park, James Mangkang (proxy for Ananya Singh)

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

At Large appointments

Operations Committee (2 required)
Nominees: Katherine Westerlund, Ina Na

Governance Committee (1 required)
Nominee: Nathan Bowles

Finance Committee (2 required)
Nominees: Conrad Tomaszkiewicz, Katherine Westerlund, Michael Dobson, James
Chosen: Conrad Tomaszkiewicz and Katherine Westerlund

- Rodney Little Mustache asked that nominations be reopened for Governance Committee.
- The Speaker said he would entertain a motion to reopen nominations.
- No motion was put forward.

Rodney Little Mustache:
- I originally wanted to be on the Advocacy Committee.
- The website said there was an opening on that committee.

The website did announce a vacancy on the Advocacy Committee, but there was actually no vacancy.

Steering Committee (1 required)
Nominee: Isabella Preite

Student Life Committee (1 required)
No nominees

15. MOVED AMIR MORADI, SECONDED CRISTINA ILNITCHI:

“That Katherine Westerlund and Ina Na (2 x students at large) be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2018.”

“That Nathan Bowles (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2018.”
“That Conrad Tomaszkiewicz and Katherine Westerlund (2 x students at large) be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2018.”

“That Isabella Preite (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Steering Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2018.”

… No objections

16. MOVED AMIR MORADI, SECONDED TYRA PHILIPS:

“That Ishleen K and __________ (2 x students at large) be appointed to the New SUB Committee for a period effective immediately and ending August 31, 2018.”

… No objections

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Marium Hamid

- Spent last week in Montreal with Kuol for a Studentcare meeting.
- Learned about Empower Me and mental health.
- Working on budgets.
- Two new senior managers being recruited.
- Communications plan: launching website in August.
- Committee meetings.
- Met some people from UBC about a conference in Stanford for curriculum and design.
- Grad ceremonies.
- Honorary degree reception for founder and CEO of Hoot Suite.

Muse Greenwood:

- Would like to raise the issue of how we welcome people to Council.
- There was a sense of reprimand tonight, a tonality that was not what I want.
- If we’re talking about communication, that’s part of it.

Marium Hamid:

- Robert’s Rules are not the easiest to understand
- Rules have to be followed, but we strive to make things as welcoming as possible.
- It’s one of the things we’re trying to fix, and it’s the responsibility not just of the Speaker or me, but of all Councillors.
- On communications more broadly and publicizing committee vacancies, getting a new website will help.

Jeanie Malone:

- Can we get an immediate update to website content and not just wait till August?
- The site still talks about 2010.
- It’s a source of confusion and is hard to navigate.
- I would like the Council section patched.
Marium Hamid:
- The vendor we’re using for the website is the quickest; some told us it would take six months or more.
- It’s hard to make changes in the meantime.

Hannah Xiao:
- Do you have a plan for outreach to students for the Fall nominations?
- We used to get tons of applicants for our committees.

Marium Hamid:
- We usually get more in the Fall; that’s when students are on campus.
- A lot also depends on Councillors doing outreach.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Welcome to Jason Tockman, our new Policy Advisor.
- Currently hiring for several positions.
- Budget.
- POS.
- Looking at replacing the website; the current one is not very wonderful.
- Year-End: the auditors are coming in June.
- Minimum wage.

Hannah Xiao:
- It seems we’re bringing back some senior positions we eliminated a while ago.
- What’s different now from when we decided to eliminate them?

Keith Hester:
- It took some time to reassess after redistributing the duties to me.
- The positions will be a little different.

Marium Hamid:
- The Governance Review never asked for the removal of those positions; in fact, the opposite.
- We’re bringing them back.
- Lessons learned.

Student Services Manager – Piers Fleming
- All services are running smoothly (the ones running in the summer).
- Dealing with effects of minimum wage increases.
- Meeting Campus Security to secure $25,000 for subsidizing Safe Walk.
- Speakeasy and Vice will share the room that Aquasoc is leaving.

Sarah Park:
- In the budget discussion you said you’re changing the volunteer retreat.
Piers Fleming:
  - Yes, we will keep the training in-house, eliminating the trip to Cultus Lake.

VP External Affairs – Cristina Ilnitchi
  - Transit: Millennium Line construction on Broadway.
  - Submissions about fare reviews, night bus services, new 41 B-Line.
  - Submissions about review of Copyright Act and Open Access.
  - Preparing for municipal elections in October and federal election next year.
  - U-Pass meeting about contract.
  - TransLink meeting.
  - SUDS promotion.

Dylan Braam:
  - What are the mitigating strategies for disruptions caused by Broadway construction?
  - What construction method are they looking at?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
  - We are doing data collection about effects on businesses, the effect on foot traffic.
  - Didn’t discuss the construction method but how the construction would impact how our students get to campus.
  - Also noise issues.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Max Holmes
  - Property Planning Advisory Committee re Arts Student Centre: hopefully see one soon.
  - Cost of Learning Materials presentation to Senate – guidelines that UBC should adopt.
  - Met with the new Board secretary, who is amazing.
  - Met with UBC’s Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office to discuss communications:
    - Making sure we don’t gloss over difficulties.
    - A lot of messaging about believing survivors.
  - Density discussions: some people are upset, but increased density on campus will generate more money and alleviate the housing crisis.
  - VP Academics caucus meeting.
  - No Fall reading break this year, but working on it for the next.
  - Provost meeting on Friday.
  - Other UBC search committees coming along.

VP Administration – Chris Hakim
  - Clubs and constituencies – looking at space allocations.
  - Presidents Council going well.
  - Survey to Constituencies about how we can support you.
  - Submissions open for Hatch Art Gallery.
  - Marketing scheme.
  - Sustainability: SEEDS projects: eliminating single use products.
  - Helping make sure clubs moving into the Old SUB are sustainable.
• Three-year sustainability strategy for each constituency.
• Opening the basement of the Student Life Building (the “New SUB”) on July 17 instead of July 15.

Max Holmes:
• What is the coolest part of the New /Old SUB and why?

Chris Hakim:
• Sprouts, probably – because it’s sustainable.

**VP Finance – Cristina Ilnitchi for Kuol Akuechbeny**
• Credit card program – redrafted policy – going to Finance Committee.
• Credit cards for Execs and Service Coordinators.
• Training for credit cards starts next week.
• Attended Presidents Council.
• Departmental budgets.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

**Student Life – Marium Hamid**
• Meeting next week.

**Advocacy – Max Holmes**
• Heard updates from the two VP’s on the committee.
• Committee goals discussed.
• Motion coming tonight.

**Operations – Chris Hakim**
• Talked about carryover goals.
• Club elections online via Campus Vibe: looks feasible.

Dylan Braam:
• Does moving club elections online mean the AMS will be taking more control?

Chris Hakim:
• Yes, we are not as laissez faire as you may think.
• We review all elections.
• There will be more oversight.
• Going online will allow more students to vote.
• It will also allow us to control who votes: prevent non-members from voting.

**Human Resources – Hannah Xiao**
• Appointment of the Speaker.
• Approved Ombudsperson JD.
• Talked about goals and goal setting.
• Wage structure motion coming tonight.

**Finance – Marium Hamid for Kuol Akuechbeny**
• Met once on the budget.
• Will meet more to finalize the budget.
• Approved some funding.
• Will appoint a Vice-Chair now that the at large positions are filled.

Andy Wu:
• Will Finance be reviewing the investment policy soon?

Marium Hamid:
• Have been adjusting funds.
• Will hear more from Kuol.

Governance – Dylan Braam
• Meeting tomorrow to set goals.
• Will be looking at some leftover goals.

Steering – Marium Hamid
• Waiting for other committees to meet.

Brewery – Max Holmes
• Haven't met yet.
• I met with AMS Designer Michael Kingsmill and former Brewery Chair Jakob Gattinger: it was a productive discussion of the future of the brewery.

New SUB – Chris Hakim
• Haven't met yet.
• Move-in date is now July 17.
• We saved $1.3 million.

SHAPE – Marium Hamid
• Haven't met yet.
• Invites will be sent shortly.

L) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Marium Hamid
• First meeting was well attended: 7 or 8 presidents showed up.
• Discussed sustainability and helping Constituencies.
• Discussed oversight of finances and rollout of credit cards: checks and balances.
• First week activities:
  o Discussed accessibility, land acknowledgements, making sure people feel welcome.

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone
• June cycle meetings start next week.
• Docket will go out tonight.
• Topics:
Approval of merging Vancouver and UBCO Education faculties.
Policy 73 (academic accommodation) discussion.
Financial aid report.
Policy 131 (on sexual assault).
Arts Student Centre.
Indigenous Activity Committee.

Senate - Hannah Xiao
- At the last meeting Senate approved degrees and received annual reports from Senate committees.

Historical update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Gave a talk on the history book at the Brock House Senior Centre.
  - Two audience members were in the book.
- The talk of Point of Sale and cash registers reminds me of the first AMS business, in 1920 at the old Fairview campus:
  - It was a cafeteria selling lunches for 25 cents (no doubt collected using old-fashioned cash registers).
  - Also offered afternoon tea and sold crumpets, cake, and something called glacier bars.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

17. MOVED HANNAH XIAO, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN: [SCD014-19]

From the HR Committee
“That on the recommendation of the HR Committee Council accept the new hourly wage structure as presented.”

Hannah Xiao:
- The provincial minimum wage is going up, so our wages are going up.
- Tiers are going up accordingly.

Dylan Braam:
- Was there any discussion of raising by percentage rather than absolute value?

Hannah Xiao:
- No.

Dylan Braam:
- Would the chair be interested in doing that instead of in effect bringing in a pay cut?
Keith Hester:
- How is it a pay cut?
- But no, not raising by percentage.
- We’re cognizant of having to increase next year and the following year.
- Can’t afford a percentage raise.

Marium Hamid:
- This increase is already affecting us, cutting into our margins.

18. MOVED HANNAH XIAO, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

From the HR Committee
“That on the recommendation of the HR Committee Council accept the new hourly wage structure as presented.”

... Carried

For (16): Joella Allen, Andria Coulbourn, Oliver Frayne, Jerome Goddard, Muse Greenwood, Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Cristina Ilinitchi, Daniel Lee, Amir Moradi, Isabella Preite (proxy for Cole Evans), Arash Shadkam, James Mangkang (proxy for Ananya Singh), Evan Zhou

Against (3): Dylan Braam, Tyra Philips (proxy), Andy Wu

Abstained: Sarah Park

19. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED HANNAH XIAO: [SCD015-19]

“That on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee, Council endorse the attached statement on behalf of the Society in regard to Loujain al-Hathloul’s wrongful detainment in Saudi Arabia.”

Max Holmes:
- This is a graduate of UBC, an alumna and former member of the AMS detained in Saudi Arabia for advocating for women’s rights
- Our statement calls for her release and says her arrest is alarming and inconsistent with Saudi Arabia’s commitment to a more tolerant and open society.

Muse Greenwood:
- This is fantastic, but we have just seen it.
- When is this going out?
- Do we have time to learn more?
- Can we look at this at our next meeting?

Max Holmes:
- This is a recent development, and we wanted to make sure we had a statement out.
- We can discuss it more.
Marium Hamid:
- This came to our attention through an email from her colleagues.
- I would have gone ahead with issuing a statement as President, and could still do so if Council wants to wait.

Hannah Xiao:
- Is this meant to encourage UBC to make a statement?

Max Holmes:
- That was the original intent, but UBC released a statement today, so now it's in solidarity with them and everyone else.

Sarah Park:
- How will this be released?

Marium Hamid:
- On our website, and we can put it on social media.
- We are not submitting it to an official body.

Andy Wu:
- Professor Ono’s letter was directed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- Can we include language to encourage Canadian diplomats to take action?

Max Holmes:
- I would like it approved with its current language, but we can also send it to the Minister, and we can check with UBC to see what response they receive from the government.

20. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED HANNAH XIAO:

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... Carried

For (19): Joella Allen, Dylan Braam, Andria Coulbourn, Oliver Frayne, Jerome Goddard, Muse Greenwood, Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Cristina Ilnitchi, Daniel Lee, Amir Moradi, Sarah Park, Tyra Philips (proxy for Kate Burnham), Isabella Preite (proxy for Cole Evans), James Mangkang (proxy for Ananya Singh), Andy Wu, Evan Zhou

H) Appointments

21. MOVED ANDRIA COULBOURN, SECONDED CRISTINA ILNITCHI:

“That the nomination for the at large position on the Student Life Committee be reopened.”

Andria Coulbourn:
- Someone has reached out (Danica Coulbourn).
22. MOVED ANDRIA COULBOURN, SECONDED CRISTINA ILLUICHI:

“That the nomination for the at large position on the Student Life Committee be reopened.”

… No objections

23. MOVED MARIUM HAMID, SECONDED ANDY WU:

“That Danika Coulbourn (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2018.”

… No objections

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Discussion Period

U) Submissions:

T) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: June 20, 2018

U) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

X) Social Activity:
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V1: Welcome to AMS Council! Please test your clickers!

V2: test 2

V3: Speaker appointment

V4: Consent Agenda Items

V5: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend the timeline section of Policy I-9 (Executive Goal Setting and Reporting Policy) until June 20 to allow the submission of the Executive goals to Council to be postponed until the June 20 Council meeting.

V6: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS 2018/19 preliminary budget be accepted as presented.

V7: BE IT RESOLVED THAT $156,808 be taken from the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of a new point of sale system

V8: BIRT on the recommendation of HR Committee that council accept the new hourly wage structure as presented

V9: BIRT that on the recommendation of Advocacy Committee that Council endorse the attached statement on behalf of the Society in regards to Loujain Al-Hathloul’s detention in Saudi Arabia
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