

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Emili Gubskaya (Assistant to the President), Ian Stone (Assistant to the President), Akhil Dattani-Jobanputra (Assistant to the President), Cyril Moersch (Forestry), Jonathan Elmer (Run Van), Caitlin Midgley (FHIS), Stuart Isherwood (AMS), Roshni Pendse (AMS), Daniel Lam (not a poor college student), Julia Burnham (Ubysey), Jack Hauen (Ubysey), Sam McCabe (Ubysey), Leslie Tulett (Alumni Centre), Keith Hester (AMS Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

1. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ , SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the agenda be amended to add two appointment motions (for the Advocacy Committee and the Health & Dental Plan Committee).”

... No objections

2. MOVED BRADLEY BALATON, SECONDED WENDY GUO:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Amy Quan (Pharmacy), Laura Finkler (Nursing)

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark's, Forestry, Commerce

Goodbyes: Sumal Thalagala (Forestry), Julien Hart (Commerce)

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

- The Speaker acknowledged the meeting was taking place on unceded traditional and ancestral land of the Musqueam people, adding that:
 - Learning was happening here long before the University.
 - We are privileged to be living and learning on lands that are not our own.

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

Hana Ouchi – International Relations Students Association

- Winter Benefit Gala February 3.
- For charity: raising money for refugees.
- Come out, dress up, have fun.

Cyril Moersch - Forestry

- Apologies for lack of Forestry rep.
- We're holding elections and you can expect a new rep soon.

E) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED WENDY GUO, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

"That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated December 7, 2017	[SCD251-18]
Executive Committee minutes dated December 14, 2017	[SCD252-18]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 5, 2018	[SCD253-18]
Operations Committee minutes dated November 22, 2017	[SCD254-18]
Governance Committee minutes dated November 14, 2017	[SCD255-18]
	... Carried

For (23): Alexa Tanner (proxy for Elham Aboouei), Joella Allen, Bradley Balaton, Pooja Bhatti, Suyesha Dutta, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Laura Finkler, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, David Khang, Ella Klein, Forest Kong, Amy Kwan, Sally Lin, Daniel Luo, Stephanie Norman, Adrian Pang, Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui, Albert Tung, Julian Villafuerte Diaz, Tomo Yamaguchi

Abstained: Max Holmes

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

Budget Procedure Update – Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance) [SCD256-18]

- A better way of budgeting.
- Councillor Gattinger asked the VP Finance to look into the budgeting process and the issues we had with it.
- One of the issues was trying to do it in too short a time:
 - The new VP Finance takes over on May 1 and is supposed to propose a preliminary budget within two weeks.
 - The whole process is just two months long (until the final budget).
 - This is problematic because the short time makes it hard to consult all departments and it limits the long-term planning opportunity. Also mistakes can be made.
 - The better way is to begin earlier, in January, and consult department heads then.
 - By the end of February there can be a preliminary draft of the preliminary budget.
 - By the middle of March preparations can begin for the final budget.
 - The final budget submission can be made by the end of March, at which point 80% of the budget can be locked in.
 - Then there will be the transition of the new Executive team.
 - There will be a 20% float that can provide space for creativity for the new VP Finance and projects they may want to work on.

- This is different because it will allow the Finance Committee to do an in-depth review, and it promotes a decentralized process.
- There will be a bottom-up process as before.
- Overall there will be more time to plan, to be innovative.

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

Student Development Awards Committee

Nominees: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Daniel Luo (Engineering)

4. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That Alan Ehrenholz and Daniel Luo (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the Student Development Awards Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the awards ceremony scheduled for March 28, 2018.”

... Carried

For (25): Alexa Tanner (proxy for Elham Aboouei), Joella Allen, Bradley Balaton, Pooja Bhatti, Suyesha Dutta, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Laura Finkler, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, David Khang, Ella Klein, Forest Kong, Amy Kwan, Alim Lakhiyalov, Lorenzo Lindo, Daniel Luo, Stephanie Norman, Adrian Pang, Juancho Ramirez, Jack Thomson, Antony Tsui, Albert Tung, Julian Villafuerte Diaz, Tomo Yamaguchi

Abstained: Jakob Gattinger, Max Holmes

Other Committees

Advocacy Committee

Nominee: Suyesha Dutta (Arts)

Health & Dental Plan Committee

Nominees: Chris Hakim (Arts), Cameron England (Arts)

Chosen: Cameron England

5. MOVED SALLY LIN, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ

“Be it resolved that Suyesha Datta (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2018.

Be it further resolved that Cameron England (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2018.”

... Carried

For (24): Alexa Tanner (proxy for Elham Aboouei), Joella Allen, Bradley Balaton, Pooja Bhatti, Simran Cheema, Suyesha Dutta, Alan Ehrenholz,

Cameron England, Laura Finkler, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Max Holmes, Ella Klein, Amy Kwan, Alim Lakhiyalov, Daniel Luo, Stephanie Norman, Adrian Pang, Juancho Ramirez, Jack Thomson, Antony Tsui, Albert Tung, Julian Villafuerte Diaz, Tomo Yamaguchi

Abstained: Jakob Gattinger

I) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz

- Lovely to see so many people in the Council chambers.
- Working on filling vacancies: we've got the number down to the lowest in a long time.
- Student Leadership Conference:
 - I spoke at their opening ceremony, got great feedback.
 - I was a "living library."
- Executive office hours: hoping to make them more useful.
- Working with Max on our part in UBC's strategic plan process.
- Working with Pooja on MoU's for the Student Leadership Conference.
- Meeting with UBC's Andrew Parr about an MoU for the When Women Rise statue.
- Faculty Cup next Friday.

Questions

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:

- Re office hours: are you looking into using Reddit?

Alan Ehrenholz:

- Looking for the best way to engage students.
- Reddit is one way. Maybe Town Halls on themed topics.
- If anyone has ideas, I'm open to hearing them.

Juancho Ramirez:

- How many people come to your office hours now?
- How many do you expect?

Alan Ehrenholz:

- Not a lot; it's infrequent; not as frequent as I would like.
- I don't expect, but would like people to come.

Jakob Gattinger:

- Looking back, how valuable have your conferences and travel experiences been this year?

Alan Ehrenholz:

- The only conference I went to was the Studentcare one on the health and dental plan.
 - That was meaningful. Able to give feedback to Pacific Blue Cross and to talk with other schools' student councils.
- I haven't found another conference that was meaningful enough to want to go to.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic – Max Holmes

- Marijuana Policy Development Committee met and it went well.
- Met UBC's Provost about their strategic plan; gave feedback.
- Went to the Associate Deans academic meeting.
- Property Planning Advisory Committee meeting on the Arts Student Centre.
- Breakfast with Santa Ono:
 - We spoke about mental health, affordability, sexual violence.
- Spoke with UBC Properties Trust about getting involved earlier in their planning processes.
- Housing Action Plan discussions.
- Signed membership access MoU with UBC (to allow us to continue receiving students' email addresses to contact them on AMS business).
- Upcoming tuition consultation.
- Stadium Advisory Committee.
- Excellence Research Group.
- TLEF (Teaching and Learning Excellence Fund) adjudication.
- More on the Strategic Plan:
 - Felt that Indigeneity not woven into the plan.
 - Worried about the metrics in the plan.
 - Not enough prioritization.

Questions

Jakob Gattinger:

- Looking back, how valuable have your conferences and travel experiences been this year?

Max Holmes:

- Haven't gone to any.
- My budget was spent by my predecessors.
- I'm looking at local conferences, but haven't found one yet.

Jakob Gattinger:

- Re being included earlier in planning discussions by Properties Trust, have you discussed incorporating students onto their board?

Max Holmes:

- No, but we can bring that up.

VP Administration – Pooja Bhatti

- The Art Gallery had money left over, so we used it to produce a catalogue for the current show, something we haven't done before.
- Last week did a tour of the Nest checking on signage.
- Clubs Week last week went very well.
- Michael Kingsmill and I did a walkthrough of the UBC Life Building (the Old SUB).

- Working with Alan on All-Presidents Dinner.
- Working with Alan and Equity on new Pride installation.
- MoU's with tenants.
- Nest animation.
- Sustainability Fair yesterday.
- Working on Constituency Handbook.
- Attended EUS and another Constituency council meeting.

Questions:

Jakob Gattinger:

- Looking back, how valuable have your conferences and travel experiences been this year?

Pooja Bhatti:

- I unfortunately haven't gone to any except SUDS, and that was here.
- I really appreciated SUDS, getting to meet other student leaders.
- Looking at conferences on conflicts and club management.

Albert Tung:

- Who won past club of the year awards and what did they do to win?

Pooja Bhatti:

- Don't know last year's winner.

Kevin Doering:

- Two years ago it was the Student Exchange Club for expanding their membership and providing a needed service.

Daniel Lam:

- Last year it was Biz Tech.
- When is the All-Presidents Dinner?

Pooja Bhatti:

- March 29, 6-8 pm.

VP External – Sally Lin

- The External team met with the provincial government on mental health issues on campuses. It went pretty well. We were identifying issues and they were taking input.
- Researching on issues such as loans and grants, co-op, Work Learn, U-Pass for provincial consultations.
- Interview with a Master's student about student debt.
- Submission to provincial government on sexual violence and misconduct policies.
- Meeting with UBC's Michael White about Broadway Line communications.
- U-Pass usage survey: working on draft questions.
- SEEDS project is going great.

Questions

Jakob Gattinger:

- Looking back, how valuable have your conferences and travel experiences been this year?

Sally Lin:

- Hosted SUDS: others came to us. It produced a surplus, which was great.
- I went to Ottawa once for a think tank on government policies (innovation and technology).
- Open Education Resources conference in Vancouver: saw a great presentation.
- Would be interested in attending a conference on management and planning.
- I share my budget with my staff and may send one of them to a regional transportation conference.
- The conferences I have attended have been useful and taught me a lot.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:

- Did the Rent with Rights campaign have an impact?

Sally Lin:

- It went well. We got just under 900 signatures: not the thousand we aimed for, but still a huge increase over last year.
- Will share with the provincial government on next lobby trip.
- We're planning a housing fair about tenants' rights.
- A professor from Allard (the Law School) is interested.

VP Finance – Alim Lakhiyalov

- We had breakfast with Santa Ono – it was great.
- Doing an Empower Me analysis.
 - Meeting with Aspiria about student feedback on the program.
- Credit cards:
 - Deployment has started.
 - Unfortunately there have been delays in training.
- Budget consultation has started.
- Budget reforecast coming on February 28.
- New budgeting process starting.

Questions

Jakob Gattinger:

- Looking back, how valuable have your conferences and travel experiences been this year?

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- The only one I went to was Studentcare.
 - Met Executives from other schools and asked how they handle their portfolios.
 - Also talked to Empower Me about taking on the program.
- I may use the rest of the budget for training.

Juancho Ramirez:

- Re credit cards: why the switch to US Bank?

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- The decision was made a long time ago, mostly because we switched banks from BMO to RBC.

Alexa Tanner:

- Are you collecting feedback on Empower Me?

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- We're meeting with Aspira to get a survey done.
- There are privacy and confidentiality issues.
- If you have feedback and are willing to share, please send it to me.

Student Services Manager – Marium Hamid

- EHub has launched and is hiring people.
- Wellness: Vice and Speakeasy. We're making changes to locations and structures based on feedback.
- Working with UBC Communications to see how to integrate communication about mental health services.
- CUS and Forestry are already part of Tutoring. If others want to collaborate, get in touch.

Questions

Jakob Gattinger:

- Looking back, how valuable have your conferences and travel experiences been this year?

Marium Hamid:

- I went to a conference given by CACUSS (the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services) with UBC's VP Academic.
- It discussed emerging trends in service delivery.
- Using the budget to subsidize the cost of the conference for the next Student Services Manager.
- I may go to a local conference.

Keith Hester – Managing Director

- Budget reforecast: aiming for late February.
- Working on next budget.
- Investigating new POS (point of sales) systems and a new payroll system: our current systems are old.
- Removing barrier between this building and the old building.
- RBC tenant in February.
- Holding a legal aid clinic in April.
- Inaugural formal (Lovestruck) on February 9.
- Block Party line-up finalized and will be announced on February 26.

Questions

Alan Ehrenholz:

- Would the Events Manager appreciate it if Councillors invited people to the Block Party event?

Keith Hester:

- He'd be thrilled.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy – Sally Lin

- Meeting next Thursday.

Operations – Pooja Bhatti

- Discussing departmental clubs.

Governance – Chris Hakim

- Talked about Student Court.
- Discussed referendum and fees and the idea of reviewing fees: allowing students to re-vote in referendums on whether to continue specific fees.

Student Life – Lorenzo Lindo

- Feedback form for AMS events
 - Hope to collect feedback after events and present to Council.
- Grad Class Council finally formed.
- The Blue & Gold subcommittee discussed the new recreation facility and also a plan from Move UBC (a program of UBC Recreation) to organize an attempt to break the record for the number of people walking backwards.
 - More money needed for the walking backward project.
 - Have \$5,000, but need \$10,000 more to pay for a Guinness Book of Records adjudicator to attend.
- UBC recreation space is opening in the basement of the Life Building in the spring.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Where did you get the original \$5,000 for the backwards walk?

Juancho Ramirez:

- UBC Athletics and Recreation.

Chris Hakim:

- Why do we need \$15,000 to walk backwards?

Juancho Ramirez:

- It's to pay for the adjudicator and for use of the logo and licensing.

Jakob Gattinger:

- Will we beat the record by a lot? So it won't immediately be broken again by somebody else?

Juancho Ramirez:

- Yes, the record is 1,107 individuals. There are lots of people here. This is doable.

Finance Committee – Alim Lakhiyalov

- Reviewed new budgeting process.
- Appointed a member to the Impact Grant subcommittee.
- Looked at an application from the Advocacy Service for an online platform.
- Took first look at fee structure.

Steering Committee – Alan Ehrenholz

- Meeting next week to discuss how it can oversee Executive goals.

Human Resources – Wendy Guo

- No update.

Ad Hoc Brewery Committee – Jakob Gattinger

- Working with AMS Designer Michael Kingsmill and the Land & Food people on a proposal to the University.

New SUB – Pooja Bhatti

- No updates.

Questions

Jakob Gattinger:

- When will we get an update and why does this committee still exist?

Pooja Bhatti:

- Any updates I have given.
- There's nothing else for the committee to do, but it's supposed to stay in place until the project ends.

Jakob Gattinger:

- Was that rule in the referendum?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Not in the referendum, but it's in Code.

SHAPE – Alan Ehrenholz

- Working with the Art Gallery Assistant Manager to review the collection.
- Looking at what to do to get the pieces in sale shape.
- After that we will decide how to move forward.

L) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz

- Meeting next week.

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

BoG – Kevin Doering

- Welcoming three new members to the Board.
- Committees meet February 6. Full board February 16.

Questions

Jakob Gattinger:

- Is there still a vacancy?

Jeanie Malone:

- One member's term has expired, but they remain in place until the province appoints someone new.

Senate – Jaymi Booth and Sarah Park

- In last Wednesday's Senate meeting, we discussed the UBC Strategic Plan and provided our feedback to Dr. Ono. We also managed to increase the number of student seats on the new Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Diversity & Inclusivity from two to four out of 11 total members.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- My first chance to tell you about the book launch.
- *The Hundred-Year Trek* was finally published at the end of November.
- We had a book launch on December 4 in the Alumni Centre. Lots of people attended.
- I have been interviewed about the book by CBC Radio (On the Coast) and CBC TV (Gloria Macarenko on the Our Vancouver show).
- Today I met Santa Ono and gave him a copy of the book.
- I'm handing out coasters with historical questions about UBC, mostly from the book. (The Coasters were produced by the Alumni.)

Questions

Albert Tung:

- Can you sign books if we bring them to Council?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I'm happy to sign any time.

Alan Ehrenholz asked for a Discussion topic on Council dates.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

6. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ALIM LAKHIYALOV:

“That the meeting adjourn at 7:40 pm.”

Max Holmes:

- This is not necessary.

Jakob Gattinger:

- This motion is not debatable.

The Speaker

- You are correct: it's not debatable but is amendable.

7. MOVED KEVIN DOERING:

“That the motion be amended to have the meeting end at midnight.”

The Speaker ruled this out of order.

Jakob Gattinger:

- I would like to withdraw the motion

There were no objections to the withdrawal.

T) Discussion Period

Student Services Manager – Alan Ehrenholz

- There has been discussion about the role of the Student Services Manager and how it might be changed.
- The Executive has reached a consensus:
 - Starting next year we're directing the Managing Director to hire a student who will be able to continue for an additional year even if they graduate.
- The idea is to remain student-centric but to seek more continuity.

Jakob Gattinger:

- Maybe you should change the title to VP Services, like other Executives.
- With that title you might attract more applicants.
- I think people would be more inclined to take the role

Alan Ehrenholz

- We will consider the suggestion.

Jakob Gattinger:

- I'm not suggesting we elect them.

Cameron England:

- I think this is a good compromise.
- From the Executive minutes I can see that the issue was continuity and this is a good solution.

Council dates – Alan Ehrenholz

- We'll meet on February 7, but we can't pass the referendum motions then if we want the referendums to take place with the elections: it's too early under the rules.
- We will bring final wording then and take feedback.
- Then on February 14 a short meeting to approve the referendum questions.
- February 28: We'll need a full meeting then, even though it conflicts with Senate.
- Then March 14 and 28.
- A tentative meeting April 4 (just before exams) if we need one.
- April 25th meeting: turnover time/transition.

Cameron England:

- Could we not meet on March 7 instead of March 14?

Alan Ehrenholz:

- We looked at this but thought this schedule would be best.
- March 14 won't really be a full Council meeting.

8. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED POOJA BHATTI, THIRDED BRADLEY BALATON:

"That the meeting move in camera."

The meeting went in camera at 7:30 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 7:40 pm.

U) Submissions:

V) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: February 7, 2018

Note: There will be an extra meeting on February 14.

W) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

X) Social Activity:

JANUARY 24, 2018 Attendance

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

Name	Constituency	Present	Proxy
Mohamed Shaaban	Speaker of Council	X	
Alan Ehrenholz	President	X	
Max Holmes	VP Academic	X	
Pooja Bhatti	VP Administration	X	
Sally Lin	VP External Affairs	X	
Alim Lakhiyalov	VP Finance	X	
Marium Hamid (non voting)	Student Services Mgr	X	
Alex Preiss	Architecture		
Cameron England	Arts	X	
Tomo Yamaguchi	Arts	X	
Chris Hakim	Arts	X	
Ella Klein	Arts	X	
Suyesha Dutta	Arts	X	
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone (non voting)	BoG	X	
Kevin Doering (non voting)_	BoG	X	
	Commerce		
Simran Cheema	Commerce	X	
	Dentistry		
Forest Kong	Economics	X	
Albert Tung	Education	X	
Jakob Gattinger	Engineering	X	
Daniel Luo	Engineering	X	
	Forestry		
Eric Ottenbacher	Graduate Studies		
Elham Aboouei	Graduate Studies		Alexa Tanner
David Gill	Graduate Studies		
Bradley Balaton	Graduate Studies	X	
Juancho Ramirez	Kinesiology	X	
Julian Villafuerte Diaz	Land & Food Systems	X	
David Khang	Law	X	
Joella Allen	Library/Archival	X	
Stephanie Norman	Medicine	X	
Adrian Pang	Music	X	
Laura Finkler	Nursing	X	
Waged Jafer	Ombudsperson		
Nidah Dara	Planning		
Amy Quan	Pharmacy	X	
	Population & Public Health		
Jack Thomson	Regent College	X	
Antony Tsui	Science	X	
Lorenzo Lindo	Science	X	
Wendy Guo	Science	X	
Sarah Park (non voting)_	Senate	X	
Jaymi Booth (non voting)_	Senate	X	

	St. Mark's		
	Social Work		
Muse Greenwood	VST		

Vote Records

- V1: test
- V2: consent agenda items
- V3: Alan and Daniel
- V4: Suyesha
- V5: Suyesha and Cameron
- V6: motion to stay in camera
- V7: motion to stay in camera

Name	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7
Alan Ehrenholz		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Pooja Bhatti		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Alim Lakhiyalov			Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Sally Lin	Y	Y				Y	N
Max Holmes	N	A	A		Y	Y	N
Tomo Yamaguchi		Y	Y	Y	Y		
Chris Hakim	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Ella Klein		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cameron England	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N
Suyesha Dutta		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Simran Cheema					Y	Y	N
Commerce Rep							
Forest Kong	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	N
Albert Tung		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Daniel Luo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Jakob Gattinger			A	A	A		N
Eric Ottenbacher							
GSS Rep							
Alexa Tanner (proxy for Elham Aboouei)		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bradley Balaton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Forestry Thalagala							
Juancho Ramirez	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Julian Villafuerte							
Diaz	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
David Khang		Y	Y	Y		Y	
Joella Allen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Stephanie Norman		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A

Laura Finkler		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Nidah Hamre							
Amy Kwan		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Jack Thomson			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alex Preiss							
Antony Tsui	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Wendy Guo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Lorenzo Lindo	Y		Y	Y		Y	N
Frances Kitson (proxy)							
Adrian Pang	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N