

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Julia Burnham (Ubyyssey), Alex Nguyen (Ubyyssey), Rebecca Peng (Student at Large), Rick Bryant (Student at Large), Simran Brar (Student at Large), Daniel Lam (Rats of UBC), Filza Raza (AMS Elections), Bahareh Jokar (Studentcare), George Radner (Common Energy), Asad Ali (AMS Events), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), 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 6:02 pm.

1. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the agenda be amended to move the Common Energy motion to after the Studentcare presentation.”

... No objections

2. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED DANIEL LUO:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members:

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark's, GSS (2), Regent

Goodbyes: Jack Thomson (Regent), Elham Abouei (GSS)

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

Land Acknowledgement

- The Speaker acknowledged the meeting was taking place on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral land of the Musqueam people, adding:
- 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):

E) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED DANIEL LUO:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated February 23, 2018 [SCD287-18]
Executive Committee minutes dated March 2, 2018 [SCD288-18]
Council minutes dated January 24, 2018

Alex Preiss:

- I would like the January 24, 2018 Council minutes considered separately.

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

Studentcare – Bahareh Jokar [SCD289-18]

- Over 40,000 students enrolled, plus over 600 dependants.
- There were \$7.8 million in claims last year.
- The plan goes back to 1999; we’ve been working with the AMS since then.
- We manage the plan, which includes a network of providers who give discounts to plan members.
- Last year’s claims included over \$3 million for health (mostly drugs).
- We have a new service, Empower Me (managed by Aspiria), for stress: a 24/7 phone counselling service:
 - Over 500 cases this year:
 - 97% for counselling
 - 3% for nutrition, life coaching.
 - Referrals from counselling services.
- Last year, over \$4 million in dental claims, including wisdom teeth removal (oral surgery).

Questions

Alan Ehrenholz:

- Surprised by the numbers for Empower Me.
- Is it capable of taking more?

Bahareh Jokar:

- Yes, scale is not an issue. Want to see more usage.

Chris Hakim:

- Feedback for Empower Me?

Bahareh Jokar:

- Counselling Services has given positive feedback.

David Khang:

- I'm a part-time dentist, and Studentcare has one of the lowest amounts of coverage I've ever seen.
- It could be improved.
- Is there discussion about what is covered?

Bahareh Jokar:

- We work with multiple insurance companies.
- The Health & Dental Plan Committee takes recommendations.
- It's the nature of student plans to cover less than in robust plans, but this plan provides the basics: students get fairly significant services.
- Feedback on what we can improve is always welcome at the Health & Dental Plan Committee.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- If there are Councillors hearing from constituents that they need more coverage, let us know.
- We can see what can be done to reflect the needs of students.

Stephanie Norman:

- Is there review? A mechanism in place?
- What are the procedures for drugs that aren't covered without completing extra forms?

Bahareh Jokar:

- We do biannual surveys that are analyzed at the committee level.
- We have guides on what is covered.
- The top three prescriptions are for birth control, central nervous system drugs, and the flu shot.
- We follow the provincial formulary. If something is not on that, there's a process for adding it.
- It's on the website; it's an additional step.

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

5. MOVED JULIAN VILLAFUERTE DIAZ, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM: [SCD290-18]

"That Council accept the Common Energy MoU 2018 as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

George Radner (co-director of Common Energy):

- We've had an MoU with the AMS for the past two years.
- It's been very helpful.
- We've been negotiating this new version with Alim and Pooja.
- We're UBC's largest student sustainability organization

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Election Results – Filza Raza

[SCD291-18]

- Pretty awesome.
- We had roaming poll clerks and that helped boost the turnout to 20%.
- Ubysey coverage was really great.
- There were three debates.
- Reddit was a cool platform; we need more platforms.
- Facebook ads and Reddit ads worked well.
- The poll clerks used campaign tactics to get people to vote.
- New this year: face to face outreach.
- Classroom announcements.
- E-mail blasts: they always work.

To be improved

- IT error discovered on second day: a certain segment of voters couldn't access the ballot till then.
 - Will propose a process to avoid that, a test ballot.
- Polling stations didn't work as well as the roaming poll clerks:
 - People wanted to vote on their own phone or laptop.
- Coffee with Commuters worked well.
- Office space was an issue: our office was a tiny space that was hard to access.
- Need to hire earlier, by the end of November.
- Outreach was difficult: we did get some help from AMS Events.
- The website was not user friendly.

Results

- 11,410 students voted, or 20% of 57,040 eligible voters.

- The U-Pass referendum passed.
- There was miscommunication at the announcement party and a quorum issue with Enrolment Services.
- The general fee restructuring question failed to reach quorum (though it got more Yes votes than No votes).
- The referendum to remove Student Court also failed.
- The sustainable food fee question passed.
- There are two separate ballot totals because 2375 students couldn't vote at first.
- Election results:
 - The elected Executives are:
 - VP Academic & University Affairs – Max Holmes
 - VP External – Cristina Initchi
 - VP Finance – Kuol Akuechbeny
 - VP Admin – Chris Hakim
 - President – Marium Hamid
 - The elected Student Senators are:
 - Jeanie Malone
 - Max Holmes
 - Jakob Gattinger
 - Hannah Xiao
 - Marium Hamid
- *The announcement of the election and referendum results made them official.*

Questions

Cameron England:

- General feedback on election events: Debates, Coffee with Candidates?

Filza Raza:

- The Great Debate got the best turnout, perhaps because it was in a central location.
- For Coffee with Candidates, turnout of the candidates themselves was not great; that didn't help.
- But it's a good event.
- Need to market better.

Max Holmes:

- This year we tried new things:
 - Student staff and Councillors had to sign a waiver to work on a campaign and had to publicly endorse.
- The timing of the waiver was not good.
- Should these changes be written in Code?
- Should we be hampering the most involved people?
- How did it go?

Filza Raza:

- I don't think signing a document is much of a preventative measure, and the form gave them the rules.
- They could privately help without signing.
- Due date, true, was not at a good time: can look at changing that.

7. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That the question period be extended by one question.”

... No objections

Jakob Gattinger

- Some clubs tried to get people to vote no.
- I'm concerned that clubs are allowed to run a vote no campaign.
- Essentially, they made themselves into partisan polling stations.
- What can we do to crack down on that?

Filza Raza:

- You should have messaged me and filed a formal complaint.
- If you see weird things happening, you need to let us know.
- I didn't have any evidence of that.

8. MOVED JULIAN VILLAFUERTE DIAZ, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

“That question period be extended for one more question.”

... Carried

For (21): Pooja Bhatti, Simran Cheema, Alex Preiss, Suyesha Dutta, Cameron England, Laura Finkler, Jakob Gattinger, Muse Greenwood, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Max Holmes, Forest Kong, Amy Kwan, Alim Lakhiyalov, Lorenzo Lindo, Daniel Luo, Adrian Pang, Antony Tsui, Julian Villafuerte Diaz, Jacqueline Wu, Tomo Yamaguchi

Against (2): Alan Ehrenholz, Ella Klein

Abstained: Stephanie Norman, Juancho Ramirez

Jakob Gattinger:

- I'm not sure there is any Code on this, but do we think it is wrong?

Filza Raza:

- There is Code preventing individuals from using AMS resources. Did they?

The Speaker:

- There are Code provisions for funding No committees.

Filza Raza:

- No one petitioned for one.

Block Party Announcement – Asad Ali (AMS Events Manager):

- Block Party is three weeks away.
- I would love to ask you to help us promote this event.

The Speaker:

- This is out of order.

9. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That the meeting recess for five minutes.”

Max Holmes:

- Asad has something to say about an important event.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- As Councillors it is part of our job to make our events be successful.

10. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

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Against (8): Alex Preiss, Suyesha Dutta, Wendy Guo, Ella Klein, Daniel Luo, Adrian Pang, Antony Tsui, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

The meeting recessed from 6:45 pm to 6:50 pm.

Student Services Update – Marium Hamid

[SCD292-18]

- I've not included financials: not all the invoices are in yet.

Tutoring:

- 9% of budget.
- 7 locations.
- 686 interactions through February.

Foodbank

- 4.5 % of budget.
- 16% increase in interactions.
- 331 interactions through February.
- Large increase in January-February.
- 19% of the clients are new.

Speakeasy

- 11.6 % of Budget.
- Only 78 interactions.
- Been looking into them.
- Going to move to new third floor location and be integrated with other Services, especially Vice.
- Decreasing the number of volunteers.

Vice

- 5% of budget

- Trained 210 in naloxone use: proud of that.
- 491 interactions up to February.
- Workshops, booths and mentorship.
- Workshops most popular.

Safewalk

- 35% of the Services budget.
- Over 4,000 interactions through February.
- 2395 new clients.
- One walking and one driving team.
- Also T-Bird volunteers.
- \$25,000 from UBC's VP Students Portfolio.

Advocacy

- 6.5 % of budget.
- Client-based.
- 82 interactions up to February.
- Increase in cases of academic misconduct and financial relief.

E Hub

- 4.7% of budget.
- 65 ventures mentored: 2-6 people in a venture.
- 208 interactions.
- Raised \$30,000 for Get Seeded program – 12 teams going through this process.
- Each team will get \$500.
- \$20,000 from E @t UBC for students to work within their faculty.

- Financials will come to Council.
- E Hub will present next meeting.
- We are trying to lower the cost per interaction.

Budget Reforecast – Alim Lakhiyalov

[SCD293-18]

- Looking back at numbers initially predicted to see how close or far off we were: lots can happen in a year.
- All departments were consulted in January/February: the Finance Committee reviewed budgets.
- Business contributions were 30% higher than predicted.
- SUDS made money.
- Welcome Back Barbecue killed it: \$232,000 in revenue.
- First Week too, producing a lot more revenue than expected; a lot more sponsorship.
- Expenses:
 - Council lower than budgeted because no retreat, fewer Councillors, less food.
 - Academic Experience Survey cost up.
 - VP External down because SUDS made money.
 - Ombuds lower because we hired late.

- Building the new budget:
 - Welcome Back and First Week don't usually make money; don't think that will happen next year, and our goal is not to make money on those.
 - FarmAde cost will be lower: it's not all paid by us.
 - Communications and Design had lower costs due to staffing levels.
- We have \$2.6 million discretionary revenue and \$2 million expenses.
- We predicted a surplus of \$111,000, but now it looks like it will be \$552,976.
- Financially we have performed very well.
- We do have a rolling deficit from the past.
- Investment just migrated to new system: haven't yet seen the results.
Meeting our financial advisor tomorrow.

Questions

Cameron England:

- Can you elaborate on the decreased costs in Communications and Design Services?

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- We were understaffed in those departments.

Ella Klein:

- Can you give us more details about our investment portfolio?

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- During the election some were saying that our investments do not reflect our values.
- That's not true; we do invest sustainably.
- Before, we were stuck with a fixed income portfolio not making much of a return.
- Now we have new fund managers and a new policy, allowing us to invest more in equities and thus get more return.
- But we've been quite diligent; we don't invest in fossil fuels; we're focused on sustainability.

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

I) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz:

- This is the third to last meeting of this Council's term.
- Referenda:
 - Evan (the Referendum Coordinator) and I ran the Yes campaign:
 - One success, two not a success.
 - We received feedback from No groups; made adjustments in what our volunteers were saying.
- All-Presidents Dinner March 29: 165 RSVP's.
- Just Desserts next week.

- Meeting with Constituency reps and presidents.
- First Year Committee meeting this Friday.
- Thunderbird Athletic Council: Mental Health Awareness Run.
- Student Advisory Council created by Santa Ono: I was excited to be there.
- Grad Class closer to selecting a gift.
- Grad gift from 2013, the statue When Women Rise, is finally going up.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Admin – Pooja Bhatti

- AUS Council meeting on departmental clubs.
- Constituency social last night.
- EUS Council and SUS debates.
- Clubs: Elections and orientations.
- All Presidents Dinner getting ready:
 - Constituency of the year – great applications.
 - Great Trekker award: the recipient is bringing his family.
- Working with the GSS on the renewal of an agreement about one of their clubs.
- Art Gallery show reception tomorrow: installing additional signage.
- Old SUB on schedule for June 15.
- Ubysey agreement coming tonight.
- Sustainability: working with staff on Lighter Footprint Strategy.
- Sustainability newsletter.
- I will retire at the end of April: already transitioning Chris Hakim.
- My staff is writing transition reports.

Cameron England:

- Have all the clubs been transitioned into the UBC Life building?

Pooja Bhatti:

- Construction is not done yet.
- Working with the clubs on a fair agreement on how to use their space.
- Moving them will be up to Chris.
- The New SUB Committee will be involved.
- Want to make sure this is done sustainably.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Max Holmes

- Policy 73 Review Committee formed (on accommodation for students with disabilities).
- I was named co-chair of the Senate working group on undergraduate research.
- Eight tuition consultations in the last month.
- Senate endorsed UBC's strategic plan: the student senators voted yes, knowing that things are to be included on, for instance, sexual violence.
- Met with UBC's Paul Harrison about the fall reading break.
- Indigenous Advisory Group meeting.
- On UBC search committees for new VP's.
- Stadium Neighbourhood Advisory Committee met.

- University housing.

Ella Klein:

- Can we have an update on the GSS referendum?

Max Holmes:

- Tried to form an AMS-GSS advisory group.
- At the first meeting all the AMS reps attended; none of the GSS reps did.
- That proposed structure didn't work.
- Maybe the whole Executive needs to take this on: I plan to discuss this during the transition period.

Jakob Gattinger:

- What is the text of the question?

Max Holmes:

- I am unaware.

VP Finance – Alim Lakhiyalov

- Reforecast.
- New budgeting process for 2018-19.
- Meeting with fund managers tomorrow.
- Met Aspiria about the Empower Me program:
 - Also trying to secure funding for the program.
- Started transitioning Kuol.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:

- How will you take the reforecast into consideration for the next fiscal year?

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- Big question.
- Need to assess revenues, look at predictions.
- Want to do more of a departmental review.
- Looking to see which line items are not used.
- Want to work with the incoming Exec to see what their goals are so we can incorporate them into the budget.

VP External –Sally Lin (read by Pooja Bhatti)

- Was prepping to lobby.
- Now lobbying.
- Past three days have been positive: good discussions.
- With the ABCS (Alliance of BC Students), the Simon Fraser Student Society, and the UVic Student Society.

Managing Director - Keith Hester

- 3600 tickets sold for Block Party (55%).
- Slacklining event in the Atrium March 19.
- Last Band Standing this Friday in the Pit.
- 90's themed Pit night March 28.

- March 29 the last drag show.
- Working on budgets.
- Working on replacement of point of sale system.

Chris Hakim:

- How is the Pit revamp doing?

Keith Hester:

- It's getting better since we reintroduced food (predominantly burgers).
- It's not where it needs to be yet.

Simran Cheema:

- Are ticket sales the same as last year?

Keith Hester:

- We're slightly ahead of last year.

Student Services Manager – Marium Hamid

- Hiring season, including next Student Services Manager.
- Adding Assistant Food Bank Coordinator because of increased use there.
- RBC Get Seeded launching next Monday.
- Working on transitions.
- Meeting with community partners with incoming staff.
- SEEDS Studies wrapping up.
- Met with campus security re funding for Safewalk.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Brewery – Jakob Gattinger

- I will be resigning from this committee. (I will be in conflict because I'm going on the Board of Governors.)
- So you'll need to find a replacement.
- Hope to have exciting news for you before I'm gone.

Operations – Pooja Bhatti

- 14 new clubs approved by the Clubs & Societies Working Group.
- Consulted on Policy I-7 about expulsion from the building:
 - Rewriting it.
 - Consulting Ombuds, lawyers, clubs, Executives.
- Will bring new policy to Council.
- Lighter Footprint Strategy.

Ella Klein:

- What are some of the new clubs?

The Speaker:

- Send an email to Council.

Governance – Chris Hakim

- Will be meeting soon.
- Looking at election recommendations.

Student Life –

- No update.

Finance Committee – Alim Lakhiyalov

- Lots of budgets.
- Code changes coming.

Steering Committee – Alan Ehrenholz

- Haven't met.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:

- Do you intend to meet?

Alan Ehrenholz:

- Trying to schedule a meeting for next week.

HR Committee - Joella Allen for Wendy Guo

- Haven't met.

Advocacy – Max Holmes for Sally Lin

- Meeting next week.

New SUB – Pooja Bhatti

- On schedule for June 15.

SHAPE – Alan Ehrenholz

- Got a report from the Assistant Art Gallery Manager.
- The committee will meet next week.

L) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz

- Will discuss Constituency elections when the Constituency elections have concluded.

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone

- Meeting the new Board chair.
- Transitioning Jakob.
- Working with UBCO rep to make sure we advocate together.
- Next meeting April 19.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- What should we see at this meeting?

Jeanie Malone:

- No docket yet, but I would predict:
 - Housing Action Plan
 - Policy 131 – sexual assault
 - Strategic Plan
 - Restructuring how the Board works.
- A packed meeting.

Senate – Jaymi Booth

- Appointed to diversity ad hoc committee.
- Approved graduation.
- Approved strategic plan pending changes.
- Our next meeting is cancelled, so this is my last meeting.

Max Holmes:

- I hear there was confusion over the numbers on the diversity committee.

Jaymi Booth:

- A faculty member raised concerns about gender diversity on the committee.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- Why is the next meeting cancelled?

Jakob Gattinger:

- Neither sufficient nor urgent business.

Ombudsperson

- Away.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- The incoming VP Finance is President of WUSC (World University Service of Canada).
- I was invited to speak at a recent WUSC conference here about the history of WUSC.
- What I found out is that though now when you think WUSC you think refugees, in earlier days (after World War II) it did other things:
 - Raising money for book drives, clothing drives, etc. for students overseas.
 - Holding conferences.
 - Sending students on exchange.
 - One of their more memorable activities, in 1961, was the bed-pushing campaign:
 - Done in collaboration with the Intellectual Stunt Committee, which arranged for students to push a hospital bed 42 miles (70 kilometres) from the US border to UBC, the idea being to encourage people to donate books for overseas.
 - They hoped for 500 books, but got 7,000, and bed-pushing became a nationwide craze.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

11. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED JULIAN VILLAFUERTE DIAZ:
[SCD294-18]

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:
AMS Council minutes dated January 24, 2018.”

Alex Preiss:

- I have a concern over a statement about a student’s financial situation.
- In the Guest List, Daniel Lam is described as “not a poor college student.”
- That seems inappropriate.

The Speaker:

- I believe that is also how he introduced himself at the meeting.

Daniel Lam:

- That is how I signed the guest list.
- It can be changed, but I chose to sign it that way.

12. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED JULIAN VILLAFUERTE DIAZ:

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O) Executive Committee Motions:

13. MOVED ALAN EHRENOLZ, SECONDED JAKOB GATTINGER: [SCD295-18]

“That Council approve the MoU for the Grad Class Council gift ‘When Women Rise’ [a sculpture], as presented.”

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Alan Ehrenholz:

- Been working on this with UBC’s Student Housing & Hospitality Services (SHHS) for a long time.
- It was originally approved by the Grad Class Council five years ago, but was more expensive than anticipated.
- SHHS is going to pay upfront for the purchase and we will make them yearly payments to reimburse.
- SHHS will also be responsible for maintenance costs.

Cameron England:

- I’m happy this is now moving forward after five years.

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P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

15. MOVED ADRIAN PANG, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

From the Music Undergraduate Student Association

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(6) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in the School of Music from \$15 to \$25 starting in Winter Session 2018/19, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

Adrian Pang:

- We have one of the lowest budgets at UBC and of music schools across Canada.
- We would like to increase the fee to hold more events and make student life better in the Music building.

Jakob Gattinger:

- Did you have a referendum and is there proof?

Max Holmes:

- Lots was sent to us, more than they had to (every single ballot).
- It's in accordance with Code and Bylaws.
- They got quorum and a majority yes vote.

Chris Hakim:

- Has your council seen the results?

Adrian Pang:

- Yes.

Alex Preiss:

- Can you expand on your plans?

Adrian Pang:

- We're going to hold a Wellness Week and also do other things our students want that we don't currently have a budget for:

- Yoga, coffee socials, sports days.
- We have asked our members and will prioritize their replies.
- Currently, we have three big events that use about 70% of our budget and would like to be able to do more.

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Q) Committee Motions:

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

17. MOVED POOJA BHATTI, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM: [SCD296-18]

“That Council accept the Ubysey Space Agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Pooja Bhatti:

- Been working with the Ubysey for the past few months.
- Feel it's fair: it meets both sides' requirements.
- It's similar to the CiTR agreement.
- It's been approved by the Ubysey board of directors.

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Abstained: Jakob Gattinger

T) Discussion Period

GSS referendum about leaving the AMS

Jeanie Malone:

- In response to the earlier question about the wording of the referendum question:
- They've been consulting lawyers and have learned that there'd need to be changes in the AMS Constitution and Bylaws.
- I understand they decided to disband their referendum committee because they can't hold a referendum to remove themselves from the AMS.
- They could only run a referendum to authorize themselves to do more research on this.

Jakob Gattinger:

- No one is here from the GSS right now due to their AGM.
- They are the second largest constituency in the AMS.
- I would like our Executive to work with the GSS to fill their Council seats and discuss their financials.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- We have been actively engaged in these conversations all year.

David Khang:

- Last year there were talks in Law about the benefits of being part of the AMS.
- We have seen these benefits.

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- One of the biggest benefits is the health and dental plan, which is mostly used by graduate students.
- If they left the AMS, they'd pay higher premiums (in a separate plan).
- The Finance Office has always reached out to the GSS.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- In 2011-12 the EUS did a report on leaving the AMS.
- It was determined that it was not legally or financially feasible.

Jakob Gattinger:

- I was not aiming to criticize the VP Finance.
- I just wanted to try to make sure these discussions happen.

Talking the Talk

Max Holmes:

- This year we shrunk Council.
- The hope was to have more robust discussions as a result.
- But lately I've noticed motions to end Council by 7 pm or put everything on the consent agenda.
- And I've noticed Council tends to run shorter, with Councillors speaking less.
- So I'm wondering if Councillors feel comfortable speaking on issues.
- Have Executives been bringing enough information forward?

- On the MacInnes Field Parkade issue, Council produced lots of good recommendations after a detailed presentation:
 - Do we on the Executive need to bring more information to you?
 - Are we doing enough to encourage discussion?
 - Are we hampering discussion?

Ella Klein:

- My personal experience includes a current Executive telling me to speak to them in private: they didn't want any surprises at Council meetings.
- I was surprised by that: I think there needs to be more discussion at Council.
- I don't want things done that will be stifling discussion.

Cameron England:

- When I first started I was intimidated.
- Others were outspoken.
- I felt small.
- This year I tried to speak up more.
- I feel tentative sometimes still: I don't want to sound dumb or ill-informed.
- Committees are easier.
- Sometimes there has been discontent over abstentions, but I think abstentions are a valid vote.
- Sometimes I'm torn on an issue; the discussion has been too quick for me to think it through.

Jakob Gattinger:

- It's been better this year: the Executive have sent fewer things at the last minute.
- Last year there was lots of last minute stuff, and that contributed to longer meetings.
- It comes down to finding a couple of areas you're interested in and focusing on that.
- Learning how to hold the Executive accountable can take a while.
- We looked at two-year terms, but that wasn't feasible.
- But if you do stay on Council for a couple of years you develop knowledge and can challenge the Executive.

Chris Hakim:

- In Constituency elections, current Councillors should inform incoming Councillors; this would help them be ready to speak up.

Muse Greenwood:

- For myself, because I'm still absorbing, one of the things that would have helped was a little bit of onboarding.

Simran Cheema:

- It took me about three months of meetings to feel comfortable.
- Better onboarding would be great: more information about rules and responsibilities.

Jeanie Malone:

- This sense that there's a barrier at the beginning – it's something I've seen.
- Orientation helps.
- It's just a slow learning curve.
- Every Council struggles with this.

Marium Hamid:

- Last year we had a governance review which produced lots of ideas.
- One of them was better onboarding.
- But then how many Constituencies come to the AMS orientation?
- The AMS has lots of resources for orientation.
- We can definitely work on that.
- The Constituencies should also make sure to attend and tell us what they want to see.

Cameron England:

- The orientation process this year was a step in the right direction.
- When I first started, it was the middle of term and I felt like a fish out of water.
- Orientation is key, though it may be logistically difficult.
- Councillors who start mid term should also be oriented.

Alex Preiss:

- Could we create a prefab Council orientation in digital form?
- A guidebook and a welcome package.

Ella Klein:

- Council has passed a few policies that have created backlash.
- If there is no debate, if there is unanimous consent, how is this going to look?

Muse Greenwood:

- Re digital orientations: When is the time to propose ideas about working on a project like this?
- Like an airline safety video.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- We did produce some videos; we could include these in orientations.
- You can provide feedback to us or HR.
- When we do the orientations we also provide a feedback form.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- As people have said, there is a steep learning curve.
- Orientations can help, but my experience is that you learn best by doing.
- You learn to speak at Council by speaking at Council.
- One way to get more Councillors to speak would be to bring back Constituency reports.
- The Constituency reports mean you have to speak (about what's going on in your Constituency).
- They also give you experience speaking.

- And they create a friendlier atmosphere in which Councillors may feel more comfortable speaking.
- Council meetings end really early now.
- They used to always go past 10 pm and Council would have to vote to extend.
- That doesn't happen anymore.

An anonymous poll of Councillors showed support for bringing back Constituency reports (the vote was 15-5-1).

Max Holmes:

- When we do presentations we get more feedback than when we just list things in our updates.
- Should we do more presentations than updates?

Another anonymous poll on this was 11-7-0 in favour.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:

- It would be helpful for the Executive to present clear questions to Council; that would facilitate discussion.

Chris Hakim:

- Feel free to come to post-Council socials.
- That's a good way to get to know us.

Public Notice of Committee Meetings

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:

- Notice for committee meetings is supposed to be posted on the website, according to Code.
- Is there interest in following this?
- What other steps do we want to take to ensure transparency?
- The I-7 expulsion policy and the lack of quorum for the fee referendum: maybe it would have helped if there'd been more transparency.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- We have spoken about this.
- We can tell the committee chairs to copy Sheldon and his assistants: they will then post meeting announcements.
- Committee chairs are responsible for this.

Cameron England:

- Putting information on the website would be helpful for students at large.

Max Holmes:

- Well raised point.
- And we need to encourage more Councillors to run for chair or vice-chair of committees.
- It's sometimes difficult for Executives; they have lots on their plate.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- I think it's good Code. We should follow it.
- Is that enough? Do we want to do more than that?
- How do we encourage people to come out and voice their opinions?

Max Holmes:

- Something to look into.
- For my sexual violence working group we are using Formstack to gather anonymous submissions.
- Maybe we can do consultations on the website.
- Something for next year's team to look into.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:

- We could do more with social media.
- Also Town Halls.
- Would Communications staff do that?

Alan Ehrenholz:

- If we want to start posting, yes, we can do that.
- It would be a strategic shift.
- We're very saturated; we already post a lot about businesses and services.
- We are hiring a new Communications Manager who could look into this.

U) Submissions:

Sustainability Report

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V) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: March 28, 2018

Note: The April meeting will be held April 25th

W) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

X) Social Activity:

March 14, 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 | | |
| Alim Lakhiyalov | VP Finance | X | |
| Marium Hamid (non voting) | Student Services Mgr | X | |
| Alex Preiss | Architecture | X | |
| Cameron England | Arts | X | |
| Tomo Yamaguchi | Arts | X | |
| Chris Hakim | Arts | X | |
| Ella Klein | Arts | X | |
| Suyesha Dutta | Arts | | Cole Evans |
| | Audiology | | |
| Jeanie Malone (non voting) | BoG | X | |
| Kevin Doering (non voting)_ | BoG | | |
| Jacqueline Wu | Commerce | X | |
| Simran Cheema | Commerce | X | |
| | Dentistry | | |
| Forest Kong | Economics | X | |
| Albert Tung | Education | | |
| Jakob Gattinger | Engineering | X | |
| Daniel Luo | Engineering | X | |
| Daniel Lee | Forestry | X | |
| Eric Ottenbacher | Graduate Studies | | |
| | Graduate Studies | | |
| | Graduate Studies | | |
| Bradley Balaton | Graduate Studies | | |
| | Journalism | | |
| 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 | | |
| | Regent College | | |
| Antony Tsui | Science | X | |
| Lorenzo Lindo | Science | X | |
| Wendy Guo | Science | X | |
| Sarah Park (non voting)_ | Senate | | |

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| Nidah Hamre | | | | | | | | |
| Amy Kwan | | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | |
| Jack Thomson | | | | | | | | |
| Alex Preiss | | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Antony Tsui | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | | | |
| Wendy Guo | | | | Y | N | | | |
| Lorenzo Lindo | | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | |
| Muse Greenwood | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Adrian Pang | | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y |