STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Angela O'Donnell (Ubyssey), Alex Nguyen (Ubyssey), Zak Vescera (Ubyssey),
George Radner (Sustainability Collective), Jeanne Legua (student), Lindsay Peloquin (AMS
Archives), Tessa Grogan (AMS Archives), Kareem Ibrahim (Member at large – Law), Sam
McCabe (Ubyssey), Madeleine Gustavson (AMS CRO candidate), Justice Tuccaro (Election
Events candidate), Halla Bertrand (AMS Elections), Matthias Leuprecht (student Senator),
Julia Burnham (AMS staff), Will Shelling (AMS staff), Michelle Marcus (AMS Sustainability),
Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith
Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin
Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm with Max Holmes in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- At this time we would like to acknowledge our presence on the unceded,
  traditional, and ancestral land of the hәn̓q̓әmin̓әm̓-speaking xʷməθkʷәy̓әm
  (Musqueam) people.
- The Chair would also like to acknowledge that learning happened here long before
  the University was established.
- We are privileged to be living, working, and learning here.
- We hope that this acknowledgement inspires us to reflect on the reconciliation still
  to be achieved between Canada and the First Nations peoples.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED KUOL AKUECHBENY, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion and presentation from the Finance
   Committee on air conditioning and cameras and to move these up on the agenda.”

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- The motion was only approved by the Finance Committee at the last minute and
  was not ready to be sent out Friday with the agenda.
- The presentation will be done by our Designer, Michael Kingsmill, and I want to
  give him a chance to leave early; that’s the reason for moving the item up.
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… No objections

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED JEROME GODDARD:

“That the agenda be amended by striking the motions about the Speaker and the Advisory Board appointments.”

Cole Evans:
- Hiring is going well, but we’re not quite ready.
- Stay tuned: next meeting.

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… No objections

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the agenda be amended to move the motion on Election team appointments to after presentations.”

Cole Evans:
- Some lovely people are joining the Elections team. They’re here tonight for the motion, and I don’t want to make them wait.

7. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

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… No objections

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ANDREW AU:

“That the agenda be amended to move the discussion topic (on Council-Exec Relations) to after the Board and Senate updates.”

Cole Evans:
- There’s a possibility that points brought up may affect committee motions.

Dylan Braam:
- Which motions?
Cole Evans:

- The Governance Committee motion on procedures for disciplinary action.

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ANDREW AU:

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Against (2): Dylan Braam, Kate Burnham

Abstained: Joella Allen, Bryan Starick, Alexa Tanner, Christina Wiesmann

10. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED EVAN ZHOU:

“That the agenda be amended to add a Constituency elections presentation as the first presentation.”

Chris Hakim:

- As per recent Code changes, the Elections Administrator has to present Constituency election results.

11. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED EVAN ZHOU:

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... No objections

12. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (27): Kuol Akuechbeny, Andrew Au, Dylan Braam, Kate Burnham, Jennifer Cheng, Gareth Clegg, Andria Coulbourn, Dan Northgraves (proxy for Derek Bennett), Cole Evans, Oliver Frayne, Jerome Goddard, Chris Gooding, Yash Gurnani, Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Cristina Ilnitchi, Matthew Epstein (proxy for Daniel Lee), Daniel Lam (proxy for Andy Wu), Jacqueline Wu, Arash Shadkam, Gurshabad Singhera, Bryan Starick, Alexa Tanner, Riley Ty, Christina Wiesmann, Kevin Zhang, Evan Zhou
D) 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, VST

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

Max Holmes:
- I am chairing. Please bear with me, as I’m fairly new to this.
- Abdul is here to help.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

13. MOVED YASH GURNANI, SECONDED ANDREW AU:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

- Executive Committee minutes dated October 17, 2018 [SCD135-19]
- Executive Committee minutes dated October 24, 2018 [SCD136-19]
- Advocacy minutes dated October 15, 2018 [SCD137-19]
- HR Committee minutes dated October 15, 2018 [SCD138-19]
- HR Committee minutes dated October 29, 2018 [SCD139-19]
- Student Life Committee minutes dated October 2, 2018 [SCD140-19]
- Student Life Committee minutes dated October 16, 2018 [SCD141-19]
- Operations Committee minutes dated October 16, 2018 [SCD142-19]
- Operations Committee minutes dated October 23, 2018 [SCD143-19]

... No objections

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

*Michael Kingsmill – CCTV Cameras and Air Conditioning* [SCD144-19]

Air conditioning:
- Wanting to install a centralized A/C unit on fourth floor to pipe chilled air for cooling:
- For IT, which already has a standalone chiller:
  - It’s fairly reliable, but it has failed.
  - If it fails, that can lead to shutdowns, reducing productivity and communications.
  - Want to avoid catastrophic risk.
• Also for the Audio-Visual room:
  o It is full of equipment and has an overheating situation which has produced an untenable operating environment.
  o It could lead to shutdowns, which would result in inconvenience and a loss of reputation.
  o There’s valuable equipment there.
• And the Servery (food services):
  o It has a number of substantial pieces of equipment generating heat, making the working environment unsupportable.
  o The heat is substantial, producing a room temperature of 32 degrees Celsius and causing heat fatigue among the staff.
• Cost is $80,000 for a three-part condenser on the roof, an elaborate set-up.
• With taxes and contingency: $88,120.

CCTV Cameras:
• There are existing cameras in the Nest.
• We want to add new ones for security and safety, especially after hours.
• There are about 40 in the building.
• Ran this by UBC Legal, which approved.
• We will display stickers indicating we have CCTV to comply with privacy regulations.
• 3SI, the safety and security consultants, advised us to add cameras.
• One is being added at an exit where you can currently exit without coverage.
• Also wanting to address:
  o the east side of the second floor, where there is currently zero coverage;
  o the Great Hall foyer; and
  o the third floor Services areas, where individuals sometimes cause uncomfortableness.
• Typically, cameras monitor staff areas for assault and theft.
• Cost $18,000.
• With taxes and contingency: $19,671.95.

Questions
Arash Shadkam:
• Wasn’t the A/V room designed for cooling in the first place?

Michael Kingsmill:
• The room was engineered by a professional.
• The equipment was selected later.
• There was the initial design, but then two and a half years went by. This building was eight years in the making. We added equipment.

Jakob Gattinger:
• UBC Policy 118 only applies to UBC’s cameras.
• Has there been some discussion on the privacy policies that apply to the AMS?
Michael Kingsmill:
- We made a specific application for the Nest, and UBC’s chief counsel said we were free to pursue cameras as we wished.
- As to the general privacy laws that apply to us, I defer to our privacy officer, Sheldon Goldfarb.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- We have two privacy policies, a general one and one specifically about video surveillance.
- We are in the process of reviewing them, with the assistance of our lawyers, and I will be ensuring that we comply with all relevant policies and laws.

14. MOVED KUOL AKUECHBENY, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

From the Finance Committee
“That Council approve the funding request of $88,120 for Air Conditioning and $19,671.95 for Cameras in the Student Nest Building from the Capital Projects Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The balance in CPF is $2,302,940

Kuol Akuechbeny:
- This was presented to the Finance Committee.
- The funding is there for the air conditioning and the cameras.
- We agreed there is a need for these items and they will save us money in the long run.

Dylan Braam:
- I’m concerned about spending over $100,000 on materials that we were not shown in advance.
- It’s a large amount.
- We should not do this based on just a presentation, without seeing documents.

Yash Gurnani:
- Michael Kingsmill did mention this was time sensitive.

Kuol Akuechbeny:
- It’s because of the time sensitivity that we brought this today.

Jeanie Malone:
- Can you tell us how the air conditioning will affect our LEED status?

Michael Kingsmill:
- It won’t have an impact.
- We do have A/C already.
Dylan Braam:
- In response to the urgency suggestion, this building has been in its existing form for a while.
- What risk does the Society put itself in by waiting till the next meeting?

Kuol Akuechbeny:
- Prices change. They could go up.

Michael Kingsmill:
- The next meeting is three weeks away.
- True, we’ve been in the building for a while, but the situation has been building up; there have been more incidents.
- We’ve been doing Band-Aid stuff to keep the equipment working.
- The staff is dumbfounded that nothing has been done yet.
- At first the price was $140,000, but now we’ve managed to get a fair price.
- We’re chasing a budget and an urgency.
- It was tendered three times.
- If we wait three weeks, then it’s December and time stops, so really it would not be till January.

Marium Hamid:
- If we start now, the completion date will be in December, during holiday season.

Cole Evans:
- I think Mr. Kingsmill did a fantastic job of presenting, and I’ll be voting yes.

Gurshabad Singhera:
- This is what the Nest needs.
- Why push it down the road three weeks?

15. MOVED JEROME GODDARD, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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Against (1): Dylan Braam

Abstained: Kate Burnham

**Music Election Results – Halla Bertrand**

• Under the new Code, I have to present Constituency elections results.
• Here they are for the Music election, which got a good turnout (18.5%):
  o VP Internal – Janelle Julian
  o 1st year rep – Albert Wu
  o 2nd year rep – Justine Lin.
• Spikes in voting corresponded to email blasts.

Kuol Akuechbeny:
• Any challenges?

Halla Bertrand:
• I won’t talk about elections prior to the Code change.
• There were no issues with the Music election.
• It’s a small Faculty.

17. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EVAN ZHOU:

**From the HR Committee**

“That Madeleine Gustavson be appointed to the position of Chief Returning Officer, effective immediately and lasting until April 15th, 2019.”

“That Justice Tuccaro be appointed to the position of Events Officer, effective immediately and lasting until March 31st, 2019.”
“That Zahra Karim Jivani be appointed to the position of Communications Officer, effective immediately and lasting until March 31st, 2019.”

Cole Evans:
- Hiring is going great.
- We have these three lovely individuals.
- Excited about them joining the team.

Kuol Akuechbeny:
- Why is the Chief Returning Officer working for two extra weeks?

Cole Evans:
- From conversations with the Elections Administrator and the Governance Chair, the consensus was that we should keep the CRO on longer in case issues arise.
- The Elections Administrator’s term is until April 22.

Chris Hakim:
- The HR Committee minutes say that Cole can have discretion on hiring.
- Were there email votes about the three appointments?
- Or was there just an email vote to give the Chair discretion?

Cole Evans:
- The email vote that was conducted gave me the discretion to name these people and bring this to Council.

Chris Hakim:
- I’m concerned that this may violate Code.

Yash Gurnani:
- How many people applied and were interviewed?

Cole Evans:
- Communications Officer: 6 applied
- CRO: 3
- Events: 6

Dylan Braam:
- Point of parliamentary inquiry:
  - Can the Chair of the HR Committee be delegated this responsibility?

The Chair:
- Nothing in Code prohibits delegation.
- Any member of the HR Committee can raise issues with this if they so wish.

Dylan Braam:
- There is a common law rule against this in Canadian case law.
• Usually, if delegation is to be allowed, the Code would say “or designate.”

Chair:
• I am receiving the motion from the Committee itself.
• I haven’t heard anything contrary from the Committee.
• As to case law, I’m not familiar with the points you are making.
• As chair I am following our Code and Bylaws and Robert’s Rules.

Abdul Alnaar:
• Chris and Dylan do bring up a good point.
• It’s committees that are to bring forward recommendations.

Cole Evans:
• I encourage people to confirm these nominees.
• My committee is here and none object.
• To formalize this I could hold an HR Committee meeting now.

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Abstained: Dylan Braam

Marium Hamid:

- Artona is here to take a group Council photo.

20. MOVED MARIUM HAMID, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

“That Council recess for eight minutes to take the group photo.”

... No objections

Council recessed from 7:25 pm to 7:33 pm.
Max Holmes passed the Chair to Marium Hamid.

Excellence Fund – Max Holmes

- What is the Excellence Fund?
- In 2015, the UBC Board of Governors allocated money for this fund from the international tuition increases the year before.
- The fund was meant to promote recruitment and retention of faculty, research, and an excellent student experience.
- There are lots of student priorities that we advocate on – and get.
- Typically, it’s onetime funding.
- AMS priorities:
  - Support of Academic Excellence:
    - Support at the departmental level for Open Education Resources.
    - Expanding Jump Start to include all first year students.
    - Modular units for wellness and a Vantage College health centre.
  - Career and Research Opportunities:
    - Expansion of research-oriented Work Learn positions.
    - Off-campus Work Learn program to complement Co-op: This would mean not taking a year off for co-op, but working part-time off-campus.
  - Financial Assistance:
    - Scholarships for Indigenous students and for students who can’t come without a scholarship.
    - Expand BC Youth in Care to Canadian Youth in Care.

21. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by three minutes.”

... No objections

Max Holmes (continuing):

- AMS priorities:
  - Financial Assistance:
    - Grad student fellowships: something specifically for graduate students, an issue in the Academic Experience Survey.
Next Steps:
  o Meeting to push for these funding recommendations.
  o Want people to know what we’re advocating for.
  o Want a report every year.

Questions
Yash Gurnani:
  • Can you elaborate on the wellness modules and health centre?
  • International fees are being injected into the Canadian economy?

Max Holmes:
  • Most of the health and wellness funding will go to the Vantage College health centre to address counselling wait time.
  • It’s for both domestic and international students.
  • The modular units: without them, no space for counselling services. They won’t be occupying space currently being used.

Oliver Frayne:
  • Can you elaborate on Co-op and Work Learn?

Max Holmes:
  • I can try to get UBC to come here to talk about this.
  • The funding would support graduate student research positions and other student positions.
  • This would include a significant amount of international students.

Daniel Lam:
  • Jump Start funding: could the Excellence Fund be used to fund orientations for transfer students?

Max Holmes:
  • This is being looked at.

Jeanie Malone:
  • Has your priorities report been circulated to Council?

Max Holmes:
  • It’s been circulated internally but not to Council.
  • First it’s going to the Advocacy Committee.
  • If they think it’s necessary, I can bring it here for discussion.
  • I will at least bring it here as a submission.

George Radner:
  • Given the AMS’s commitment to climate change advocacy, are you open to advocating for climate/environment/sustainability projects?
Max Holmes:
- I’d love to consider them.
- Everything we’ve been supporting has backing from the University.
- The Excellence Fund allocations are done through the budget cycle.
- If we can get support from the University, we could do these.
- It would be a good conversation to have.
- The priorities report will list major student priorities, but those are not the only things we think the University should fund.

22. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

“That time be extended to allow for everyone on the speakers list.”

… No objections

Jakob Gattinger:
- It’s important to do this work on priorities for the Excellence Fund. Please continue.
- One topic not covered: the idea of distance education.
- I think that would be really good.
- Are you going to write a plan for the strategic plan fund?

Max Holmes:
- Yes, we’re going to write a number of things.
- Looking at supporting that.
- The Transformative group and the Research group are both looking at funding.
- What you mention I believe is already going to get support, but we can write a letter of support.

Marium Hamid passed the Chair to Max Holmes.

Victoria Lobby Trip – Cristina Ilnitchi
- Went to Victoria last week.
- For the first time in a long time we collaborated with the BC Federation of Students.
- Also collaborated with the Simon Fraser Student Society.
- Altogether we were representing over 200,000 students.
- We were received well; we had strong lobby documents.
- Had three asks:
  - Student financial aid reform:
    - Eliminate interest on student loans, something promised by the NDP in the election campaign. Low and middle income students pay more for their education because they can’t pay educational costs upfront.
    - Needs-based upfront grants: unlike other provinces, BC doesn’t have them. There are completion grants, but we’re asking that those be redirected.
Open Education Resources (OER’s):
- One-time $5 million grant to BC Campus, the agency that looks after OER’s.
- Make it easier for profs to adopt these resources.
- Develop better ancillary resources.
- A policy for cost restrictions.
- Digital assessment materials should be part of tuition.
- Put a dollar limit on the digital assessment materials provided by publishers.

Sexual violence policies:
- All institutions have created their standalone policies.
- Now we’re asking what these policies do.
- Want a review of the policies and their implementation.
- Needs assessment: determine which institutions need more resources and develop a fund for them.

- Met over 60 MLA’s and ministers, from the NDP, the Greens, and the Liberals.
- Created new relationships.
- Able to partner with institutions we haven’t before: we were united.
- Meetings went really well.
- Doing lots of follow-up.
- Lots of interest on OER and sexual violence asks.
- Lots of connections with government ministries.

Questions
Kevin Zhang:
- Are there any plans to join the BC Federation of Students?
- If not, why?
- UBCO is a member.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- What we’re really looking to do is develop strong relationships.
- It’s the first time we’ve worked with them in a long time.
- We’re looking at coming together as separate organizations.
- Focusing on asks we share, which worked well this year: a lot of our advocacy overlapped.
- 15 organizations coming together with the same asks: that was received really well.

The Ubyssey – Zak Vescera & Alex Nguyen
- We are the Ubyssey news editors.
- We are here every meeting.
- We cover AMS Council, Senate, and Board and Governors meetings.
- We tweet.
- At the last Council meeting things became contentious and it was to do with the Ubyssey.
We thought it would be useful to tell you something about how the Ubyssey operates and how to pronounce our name (you-buh-see).

We’ve been the student paper since 1918, so this is our centennial year.

We broke up with the AMS in 1994 and came back as an independent society in 1995.

We publish online and also produce a print issue a week, which has a circulation of 8,000 readers.

Some call us the best journalism school in Western Canada.

We have news, culture (arts), a blog, opinions, editorials, features like Our Campus, science, sports.

We have 11 editors: 9 full time, 2 part time: all students, elected by the Ubyssey staff.

Every section of the paper is autonomous; so if you want to submit something, submit to the editor of the appropriate section.

After our break-up in 1994 and since becoming independent, we have had complete discretion over what we publish.

Part of our mandate is to cover you.

We have a responsibility to hold you accountable and inform students.

There’s a common perception that we’re combative.

We don’t think that’s the case, but you won’t agree with every article; you may find some too critical.

Ground rules:
  o We reach out to the AMS for comment to give you a chance to express your view.
  o We do follow up: we’re not trying to harass you; we’re just trying to get comments.
  o We don’t send our questions ahead of time; we want to prevent canned responses.
  o We don’t send drafts out; we don’t want sources shaping the story.

Questions
Kuol Akuechbeny:
  • Can you do a media orientation so everyone is aware of what you’re doing?
  • Especially around election time.

Zak Vescera:
  • We would be open to that.

Oliver Frayne:
  • Is the paper printed on campus?

Zak Vescera:
  • Off campus.

Chris Hakim:
  • What is your board of directors, and what does it do?
Zak Vescera:
- Our board oversees the financial and legal affairs of the Ubyssey.
- It has no control over what we publish.
- They organized our centennial celebrations.

Samantha McCabe:
- What should AMS people do if they can’t answer questions: Should they decline the interview completely?

Zak Vescera:
- You can go off record – we will not quote you.
- You can give context; you’re safe.

Alex Nguyen:
- If you don’t feel comfortable commenting, say that instead of ignoring the interview request.

Chris Hakim:
- Do you have a code or bylaws that says your board cannot interfere in your editorial decisions?

Zak Vescera:
- It is in our bylaws.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Marium Hamid
- Monthly meeting with VP Students:
  - Discussed consultation process.
  - Priorities for VPS portfolio:
    - Childcare modular unit in Acadia Park.
    - Funding for Jump Start.
    - Student Housing and Hospitality: Changes in Totem Park.
    - Active programing re Indigenous history.
- SASC bargaining.
- Search for next VP Students.

Questions
Jakob Gattinger:
- The University of Western is about to have a faculty strike.
- Their student union has a policy on how to handle the communications around this.
- Does the AMS have such a policy?
• Perhaps we should look into this.

Marium Hamid:
• We currently don’t have a policy, but I will reach out to Western to see what is happening.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Kuol Akuechbeny – VP Finance
• Met with the VP Finances of the Constituencies.
• Credit card program feedback: positive feedback.
  ○ Increasing capacity for more clubs and Constituencies.
• Ticketing services: Looking at a couple of options.
• Reviewed subsidy applications.
  ○ Over 350 submitted, and a lot approved,
• Looking at issuing report on club funding.

Max Holmes passed the Chair to Marium Hamid.

VP Academic – Max Holmes
• Discussed UBCO collaboration.
• Policy 3 (Discrimination and Harassment): consultations.
• Policy 73 (academic accommodation for students with disabilities) going to Board.
• Policy 131 (sexual misconduct policy).
• VP Academic caucus met to discuss tuition consultation.
• Academic Experience Survey.
• UBC Learning Analytics Hackathon.
• Research excellence roundtable.
• Stadium Road committee met:
  ○ Project has been delayed one Board cycle for more consultations.
• VP Students and AMS meeting about the Excellence Fund and a Government-Business Enterprise for housing.
• Academic concession working group, chaired by me: new policy coming.
• Met Peter Smails (UBC VP Finance).
• AVP Health search committee.
• SASC and SVPRO talking about academic concession. VP Students candidates meetings.
• Tuition consultation going forward.
• OER funding.
• Negotiating with Athletics & Recreation about an MoU for recreation space and an MoU for the $21 AMS athletics and intramurals fee.

Andrew Au:
• Is there any interest in bringing the School of Kinesiology and the KUS into the athletics conversation?
Max Holmes:
- This isn’t about the new recreation building; it’s about club bookings in the Student Recreation Centre; also on Storm the Wall.
- And also about the $21 AMS fee.
- There is another MoU on the new facility.

Marium Hamid passed the Chair to Max Holmes.

Student Services Manager – Piers Fleming
- E-Hub: RBC Get Seeded event to fund start-ups. 120 attended.
- Advocacy: Getting about seven cases a month, each one creating about 10 hours of work. Lots of demand.
- Food Bank:
  - One sorority raised $5,000 for us.
  - Also received from Generosity.
  - Earth and Ocean Science food drive.
  - Parking and Library doing Food for Fines.
- Tutoring:
  - Some professors have reached out to us for course content.
  - Also success with Athletics.

Questions
Jerome Goddard:
- Glad to hear about the support for the Food Bank.
- If we wanted to support another service, which one should it be?

Piers Fleming:
- I would be wary of thinking that just because we’ve been able to help the Food Bank we can stop helping it now.
- I would say, Stick to supporting the Food Bank.
- It’s one of the best services for students.

Marium Hamid:
- If we have excess money at the Food Bank, we will roll it over to a year when we don’t get so many donations.

Abdul Alnaar:
- I would like to recognize Piers and his coordinators and the amazing work they do.
- I would ask Piers, What is critically needed at the Food Bank?

Piers Fleming:
- When it comes to specific items, I’d say canned tuna and other protein; also beans without sodium.
- Vegetables are always in demand.
- Soon we will be having the Donate a Dollar campaign at the food outlets.
Oliver Frayne:
- If SALA wanted to donate, would we collect and then bring the donations over?

Piers Fleming:
- I can get volunteers to go to you.

**VP Administration – Chris Hakim**
- 22 new clubs approved (out of 53 applications).
- Club exec orientations, especially sexual violence training.
- Rewriting the Clubs Handbook.
- Rewriting the Operations Committee Manual.
- Climate art competition:
  - 35 submissions: awesome.
  - This happened after extending the deadline.
- E-waste bins.
- Constituency strategy.
- Proposal to LFS and the UBC Farm about our composter.
- Art Gallery:
  - Discorder show.
  - Looking to see if there are artists willing to donate their work.

**Questions**

Hannah Xiao:
- Where will the e-waste bin be? How will you fix the problems from before?

Chris Hakim:
- Still in preliminary phase.
- The issue last time was that people threw in waste that didn’t belong in the bin.

**VP External – Cristina Ilnitchi**
- Lobby trip and follow-up.
- First meeting of UBC’s inclusion working group (part of their strategic plan).
- UNA (University Neighbourhoods Association) AGM.
- Met with the Minister of Energy about Nest sustainability.
- Equity Caucus: revising terms of reference.
- Rolling out part 2 of Your Vote, Your Voice:
  - An event on Friday about electoral reform.
  - Attending a debate tomorrow.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
- Introduced Abdul Alnaar as the Senior Manager of Student Services.
- Filling out the rest of the HR team: will have full complement of staff.
- Events:
  - SCREAM sold out the Great Hall, made a little money.
- Getting started on budgeting for next year.
- Thanks for passing the motion on the air conditioning and cameras.
M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Max Holmes
- Tuition consultation discussion.
- Equity Caucus moving forward.
- Academic Experience Survey priorities.
- Working with the Indigenous Committee.

HR Committee – Cole Evans
- Correction on the number of Election team applications:
  - Events Officer 7
  - CRO 3
  - Communications Officer 8.
- Hiring the main focus:
  - Speaker of Council:
    - Taking time because we want to make sure we get someone with experience and qualifications.
  - Advisory Board: Working on that.
  - Hope to have both by November 28.
- HR Department employee feedback survey is coming.
- Looking forward to working with the new HR people.
- Will then look at long term goals.

The Chair encouraged committee chairs to be cognizant of time.

Dylan Braam:
- It’s inappropriate to tell Councillors they can’t raise issues.

The Chair:
- I’m not suggesting that items be omitted, just to keep reports brief.

Student Life Committee – Jerome Goddard
- Trying to figure out how to reach out to students.
- Will work with Blue and Gold on this.

Governance Committee – Dylan Braam
- Met once since last meeting.
- Changing meeting times.
- Motion coming on disciplinary motions: codifying last time’s overruling of the Speaker.
- Reviewing the bylaws:
  - Hope to bring changes for a referendum next term.

Finance Committee – Kuol Akuechbeny
- Approving funding.
• Q2 financial report on expenditures for August through October coming up in time for the next Council meeting.

Questions
Dylan Braam:
• When will the report come?

Kuol Akuechbeny:
• Friday before the next Council meeting.

Operations – Chris Hakim
• Approved 22 new clubs (out of 53 applicants).
• First draft of policy on expulsion and suspension from clubs.
• Deconstituted Party Well.

Steering – Marium Hamid
• Meeting on Friday.

Hannah Xiao:
• When will the goals be coming to Council?

Marium Hamid:
• We will be meeting and approving the goals.
• Still missing the ones from Advocacy.

New SUB Project Committee – Chris Hakim
• Sprouts equipment finally delivered.
  o Hoping for November 9 inspection and November 19 opening.
  o Thanks to Sprouts for their patience.
• Norm Theatre:
  o Walls painted and carpet cleaned.
  o Doors checked.
  o November 23 is the targeted opening date.

SHAPE – Marium Hamid
• No update

Brewery Committee – Chris Hakim
• No update

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Marium Hamid:
• Meeting next week
0) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

**BoG – Jakob Gattinger**
- Board meeting cycle is starting: committees.
- New interim secretary.
- Thanks to the previous board secretary for her service.

**Senate – Hannah Xiao**
- No update

Jakob Gattinger:
- When is the Town Hall for the Fall Reading Break?

Max Holmes:
- November 20, 4-6 pm.

**Ombudsperson**
- no report

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**
- Waiting for sales update on the AMS history book.
- Let’s play let’s pick a year from the book.
  - [Someone said 1945.]
  - From the 1945-46 year in *The Hundred-Year Trek*:
    - **Students to the left of them, students to the right of them:** UBC had never seen so many students: 5,200 showed up in September, and another 1,200 (mostly ex-servicemen) arrived in January. The library was crowded, the buses were crowded, everything was crowded.
    - One of the downtown papers wrote a piece about the supposed division between the more mature returning servicemen and the younger, female “bobby-soxers” and other “kids.” The *Ubyssey* responded by deriding the idea, but felt compelled to revert to the topic more than once, so there may have been something to it.
    - One good thing about the situation was that the influx of students meant an increase in fees to the AMS, which was able to pay off more of its loan for Brock Hall. It also meant more work for Student Council, which in those days met every Monday at 7 pm and sometimes worked until one in the morning.

**Questions**
Kevin Zhang:
- Where can we buy the book?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- It’s at the UBC Bookstore and is also available on Amazon.
P) Discussion Period

**Role of AMS Council and its Relationship with the Executive**

Dylan Braam:
- The terms of reference for this topic are broad intentionally.
- What do we want the direction of this board to be?
- What is the purpose of this body, especially its non-Executive members?
- The AMS is a society with members (the students).
- The voting members of Council are the Board of Directors.
- It is the role of directors to manage or supervise the management of the internal affairs of the society.
- Directors must do due diligence and follow the law and the society’s bylaws.
- There has been a breakdown in the procedures of this board in supervising the management.
- There’s the larger issue of what Code and Bylaws say we shall do and what we should do.
- There used to be an Oversight Committee. It had history, but its role was to oversee: that role has now reverted to Council.
- Eliminating the Oversight Committee means Council should take on oversight.
- There’s been some not taking of this on.
- People here too often have their laptops open to Facebook or course work or Amazon.
- I do it too, but it’s bad.
- There’s a lot more we can be doing.
- Council should not be a rubber stamp; we should be engaged.
- The Executive does good work, but it must be held accountable.

23. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED JEROME GODDARD, THIRDED ANDRIA COULBOURN:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

*Council went in camera at 9:25 pm.*
*Council left the in camera session at 9:48 pm.*

24. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GURSHABAD SINGHERA:

“That the meeting be extended by one hour to 11:10 pm.”

… No objections

Alexa Tanner:
- This is my second meeting. I’m unfamiliar with Council; it is new to me.
- I agree we have to pay attention at meetings.
- Everyone loses focus: it might be easier if we had a clearer idea of what we’re trying to achieve.
- I think the culture may need to change.
Cole Evans:
- I would like to add a discussion item on Internal Teamwork of Council.

Hannah Xiao:
- I’d be interested in hearing from the Executive on this topic.
- The role of Council is largely shaped by the Executive in their role of providing leadership.

Chris Hakim:
- It’s a little bit difficult because there are a lot of factors involved and I don’t feel very comfortable or safe.
- I’m glad the motivation of this discussion is how we can best work together.
- We really want to be working with you to do better in terms of helping students.

Cristina Ilitchi:
- There is a lot of opportunity to have a strong Council where the Executive and Council work together.
- There are things we have to undo, do better, adjust.
- There are things that have been left to the side, things that have to be reinvigorated.
- It’s not a one-sided role: the Executive and Council both have to do things.
- There are structural things that are wrong with the AMS.
- More dialogue is needed to get to the deep, systemic changes we need to make.

Kuoil Akuechbeny:
- We are all members of the same society; we all have the same goals.
- Give us an opportunity to work with you.
- At any point you can speak to the Executive.
- Most of us like to get feedback, not just at Council.
- This conversation is good; I’m here to learn.

Marium Hamid:
- Leadership and trust go hand in hand.
- We think of you as leadership just as you think of us as leadership in setting direction and implementing the direction.

Dylan Braam:
- I appreciate these comments by the Executive, but one thing ...
- This is a body of oversight.
- Trust is not the right word.
- We should be skeptics.
- We need to ask questions
- Think about these questions:
  - What do you hope to achieve in these meetings?
  - What is a good meeting?
Bryan Starick:
- Part of the relationship between Councillors and the Executive, the oversight, depends on our work beforehand.
- We had these issues at the EUS: meetings went long and off topic; there was a lack of engagement.
- To deal with this, the EUS execs put together a plan for the year, the equivalent of things like the AMS AGM and the AMS Block Party.
- There were targets and goals.
- We eliminated fluff, sped up meetings, and ended up with insightful discussions.
- We were able to improve engagement and efficiency.

Kevin Zhang:
- We need to be a proactive Council, not a reactive one.
- The Bylaws were broken over the AGM, but Council should have raised its concerns about advertising ahead of time, at the meeting that decided the date of the AGM.
- We should not wait to reprimand later; we should be asking questions before problems arise, before a motion or event.

Gurshabad Singhera:
- This is only my third meeting.
- I feel a lot of people value efficiency, but a lot of times we’re like dogs chasing our own tails, going around in circles, arguing for the sake of arguing.

25. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ANDREW AU:

“That the agenda be amended to add my discussion topic after this one.”

Cole Evans:
- I feel it would be a better to have this conversation sooner rather than later.

26. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ANDREW AU:

“That the agenda be amended to add my discussion topic after this one.”

... No objections

Andrew Au:
- I was elected to Council based on my rich experience of student affairs, not because of my knowledge of Code and Bylaws.
- I don’t have the time to be as knowledgeable as others.
- Oftentimes it seems a barrier, and it’s hard to speak at times.
- I feel held back because I’m not so knowledgeable.
- I want to open things up.
- If others have felt this, I would welcome the feedback.
Chris Hakim:
- Last year I was a Councillor from Arts.
- I loved this body.
- The most important thing I’ve learned is that it’s important to have cooperation.
- It’s important that both Councillors and Executives feel comfortable bringing things up.

Alexa Tanner:
- I have two degrees and I still feel uncomfortable speaking here.
- More of a personal touch might be helpful.
- What happened two weeks ago could have changed if we’d had a better answer to the question, What are the consequences of doing this?
- It’s important to understand what you’re voting on.

27. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED OLIVER FRAYNE:

“That the agenda be amended to add the following motion after this discussion:

‘Be it resolved that the Executive, with recommendations from committees and staff, produce a draft schedule of motions and/or presentations for all remaining Council meetings in the Executive term and present it to Council at the next meeting.

Be it further resolved that the schedule consider events and deadlines outlined in the AMS Code and Bylaws and initiatives by AMS internal groups, businesses and staff members.’ ”

Bryan Starick:
- I think it would be beneficial to produce an action item coming out of this discussion.

Cole Evans:
- I don’t think this makes sense in the context of AMS Council.

Jerome Goddard:
- It seems odd to add something when people are complaining about things coming at the last minute.

Bryan Starick:
- This is in response to the discussion here.
- That’s fundamentally different from a motion that comes without information.
- The information you need for this has been presented to Council tonight.

Kate Burnham
- More planning might make Council more thoughtful and efficient.

Cole Evans:
- Efficiency is great, but we are elected and have a duty to do things.
- I don’t think this motion makes any sense.
- We don’t know ahead of time what needs to be discussed.

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... Defeated

For (9): Kuol Akuechbeny, Joella Allen, Dylan Braam, Kate Burnham, Gareth Clegg, Oliver Frayne, Chris Gooding, Cristina Ilnitchi, Bryan Starick

Against (11): Andrew Au, Jennifer Cheng, Andria Coulbourn, Dan Northgraves (proxy for Derek Bennett), Cole Evans, Jerome Goddard, Yash Gurnani, Daniel Lam (proxy for Andy Wu), Jacqueline Wu, Riley Ty, Evan Zhou

Abstained: Matthew Epstein (proxy for Daniel Lee), Alexa Tanner, Kevin Zhang

Abdul Alnaar:
- Though we didn’t pass this, we can certainly look into trimming things from the agenda in future.

Dylan Braam:
- I want to address the lack of comfort some people have.
- I understand. I know what it’s like to be new on a council.
- I encourage all Councillors to speak.
- It’s true that part of what this body does is governance-heavy: look at past minutes and agendas. This body has become caretaker of the Code.
- A lot of work is done in committee.
- Maybe we’ve devolved too much to the committees.
- Maybe Council should take a closer look at what’s coming from committee.
- We want the full Council taking part.
- Maybe find some way to allow Council to do more substantive work and not just approve pre-written policies.
- We could discuss what goes into a policy from a committee rather than just approving the policy.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Something as simple as creating a calendar may be useful, including motions that come yearly.
29. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EVAN ZHOU:

“That the meeting be extended by an hour, until 12:10 am.”

... No objections

**Internal Teamwork of Council**

30. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED YASH GURNANI, THRIRDED KEVIN ZHANG:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

*Council went in camera at 10:47 pm.*

*Council left the in camera session at 12:05 am.*

31. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the meeting be extended another hour, to 1:10 am.”

Bryan Starick:
- We’re not done discussing things.

Alexa Tanner:
- A lot of us want to go home and we may lose quorum.

Cole Evans:
- It’s your elected duty to stay and finish business.

Joella Allen:
- I’d love to stay but I need to sleep and work and finish a paper.
- I can’t be a Councillor if I flunk my courses.

Bryan Starick:
- I want to bring some motions as action items.

32. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the meeting be extended another hour, to 1:10 am.”

.... Carried

For (17): Kuol Akuechbeny, Dylan Braam, Kate Burnham, Jennifer Cheng, Andria Coulbourn, Dan Northgraves (proxy for Derek Bennett), Cole Evans, Jerome Goddard, Chris Gooding, Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Cristina Ilnitchi, Daniel Lam (proxy for Andy Wu), Arash Shadkam, Gurshabad Singhera, Bryan Starick, Evan Zhou

Against (5): Gareth Clegg, Yash Gurnani, Matthew Epstein (proxy for Daniel Lee), Alexa Tanner, Riley Ty
Abstained: Andrew Au, Oliver Frayne, Kevin Zhang

33. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion directing committees to look into social events for Council bonding and into changes to Code, policy, and/or procedures related to what was discussed at this meeting.”

34. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

“That the motion to amend the agenda specify that the Student Life Committee and the Governance Committee be the committees looking into these issues.”

… No objections

35. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion directing the Student Life Committee to look into social events for Council bonding and directing the Governance Committee to look into changes to Code, policy, and/or procedures related to what was discussed at this meeting.”

… No objections

36. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED EVAN ZHOU:

“That the Student Life Committee consider social events for Council bonding and that the Governance Committee consider changes to Code, policy, and/or procedures with regard to the discussion items at this Council meeting to prevent similar issues from happening again, and bring recommendations to the next Council meeting.”

Bryan Starick:
• I’d like to see some action items to make sure changes go forward.

Dylan Braam:
• This will be late to the agenda if Governance is assigned this.
• It will not be easy to produce Code changes within two weeks.
• We would also not be able to have a full discussion at Governance since some of the discussion here was in camera.

Bryan Starick:
• I’m not meaning that strict policies should be brought forward at the next meeting, more high-level suggestions for changes.
• Not expecting formal Code changes by then.
37. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED EVAN ZHOU:

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... Carried

For (20): Kuol Akuechbeny, Andrew Au, Kate Burnham, Jennifer Cheng, Gareth Clegg, Andria Coulbourn, Dan Northgraves (proxy for Derek Bennett), Oliver Frayne, Jerome Goddard, Chris Gooding, Yash Gurnani, Cristina Ilnitchi, Matthew Epstein (proxy for Daniel Lee), Daniel Lam (proxy for Andy Wu), Arash Shadkam, Gurshabad Singhera, Bryan Starick, Riley Ty, Kevin Zhang, Evan Zhou

Abstained: Dylan Braam, Cole Evans

38. MOVED DYLAN BRAAM, SECONDED BRYAN STARICK:

“That the meeting be adjourned until next November 14 at 6:15 pm in the Michael Kingsmill Forum to continue this meeting.”

... Carried

For (16): Andrew Au, Dylan Braam, Jennifer Cheng, Gareth Clegg, Andria Coulbourn, Oliver Frayne, Yash Gurnani, Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Cristina Ilnitchi, Matthew Epstein (proxy for Daniel Lee), Daniel Lam (proxy for Andy Wu), Arash Shadkam, Gurshabad Singhera, Bryan Starick, Riley Ty

Abstained: Kuol Akuechbeny, Kate Burnham, Dan Northgraves (proxy for Derek Bennett), Cole Evans, Jerome Goddard, Jacqueline Wu, Kevin Zhang, Evan Zhou

Q) Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm, with the rest of the meeting’s business to be taken up at the continuation meeting on November 14.

R) Submissions:

Lobby Trip document [SCD148-19]
AMS AGM Minutes [SCD149-19]
President and Managing Directors report [SCD150-19]
Audited Financials & Auditors report [SCD151-19]

S) Next Meeting:
This meeting will continue on November 14, 2018
Next New Meeting: November 28, 2018

T) Social Activity:
## November 7, 2018 Roster

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

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V3: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.
V4: Call To Question
V5: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approves the funding request of $88,120 for the Air Conditioning and $196,719.95 for the Cameras in the Student Nest Building from the Capital Project Fund.
V6: Call To Question
V7: Election appointment vote
V8: Be it resolved that AMS Council move in-camera.
V9: Amendment to the agenda
V10: BIRT AMS Council move in-camera.
V11: BIRT AMS Council remain in-camera.
V12: Motion to extend time by an hour
V13: BIRT student life committee consider social events for council bonding and governance committee consider changes to code policy and/or procedures to prevent similar issues with regards to discussion items at this council meeting from happening again and bring back their recommendations for the next Council meeting.
V14: Move to adjourn to next Wednesday at 6:15PM

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