

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Franz Kurtzke (student, Arts), Tyra Phillips (Engineering), Rodney Little Mustache (student), Brandyn Marx (student), Riya Talitha (Ubysey), Angela O'Donnell (Ubysey), Zak Vescera (Ubysey), Alex Nguyen (Ubysey), Julia Burnham (AMS staff), Michelle Marcus (AMS Sustainability), Halla Bertrand (AMS Elections Administrator), Ian Stone (Referendum Coordinator), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

- The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded land of the Musqueam people, adding that learning happened on these lands long before the University was here.
- He said it was important to take the time to reflect on the reconciliation process.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED CHRISTINA WIESMANN:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

- Rodney Little Mustache asked to make a Statement from a Student at Large.
- The Speaker said notification of these are supposed to be made before the meeting, but he allowed it.
- Marium Hamid asked that a note be added to the Health and Dental motion to specify that the annual adjustment will be approximately 3.62% and additional psychological coverage will be approximately 1.34%.

2. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED CHRISTINA WIESMANN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (26): Daniel Lam (proxy for Andy Wu), Joella Allen, Derek Bennett, Dylan Braam, Kate Burnham, Jennifer Cheng, Gareth Clegg, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Tanner Gjosund, Chris Gooding, Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Cristina Ilitchi, Jerome Goddard, Jon Kew, Jennifer Ling, John Segui, Arash Shadkam, Bryan Starick, Darren Touch, Riley Ty, Christina Wiesmann, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Nevena Rebic

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

Welcome to our new Members:

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Journalism, Population & Public Health, St. Mark's, VST

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- Now using Google.docs for agendas.
- If anyone has accessibility concerns impeding participation, let me know.

The Clerk:

- Further on absenteeism: Even if you send a proxy, if you don't attend, it counts as an absence.

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

Statement 1: Franz Kurtzke:

- Council has failed to review the purpose of the Women's Centre.
- UBC has been female-majority for three decades and is now 56% female.
- Women outnumber men by 6,000 students.
- The Women's Centre has received \$100,000 over the past ten years.
- The male minority continues to pay for the Women's Centre, and there is no Men's Centre.
- The only service provided for men is a Healthier Masculinities program based on hardcore feminist ideology and the notion of rape culture.
- This is not following the findings of social science, which indicate that females are as responsible as males for domestic violence.
- Indigenous males suffer more than females.
- The Social Justice Centre refuses to address male social justice issues.
- There is unaddressed male discrimination and the exclusion of male issues.
- Either defund the Women's Centre, create a Men's Centre, or remove the fee for male students to support the Women's Centre.
- I call on Council to call a referendum on this.

Responses from Councillors

- Cole Evans said the report referred to in Franz's statement emphasized the importance of sexual violence and did not disprove the existence of rape culture.
- Max Holmes: Even though the majority of students are female, the AMS is still a male-dominated area, and at UBC the Executive is male dominated. In the current AMS elections only male candidates are running for President.
- Kuol Akuechbeny: The issue is not just numbers, but power. The question is whether power has shifted.
- Kevin Zhang:
 - The \$100,000 over ten years amounts to only 70 cents per student.

- The AMS Women's Centre is correcting for the externalities that exist here.
- If you want a referendum, you can collect 1,000 signatures: that's your avenue.

Statement 2: Rodney Little Mustache:

- Today Jody Wilson-Raybould is trying to bring down the government in Ottawa.
- I'm trying to do the same here.
- 2.6% of the population here are Indigenous.
- Reading the Ubyyssey you can see that the AMS elections are in violation of the law because of the extension of the campaign period.
- The country's leaders are getting away with crimes.
- It's the same with the AMS and the election policy.
- Last year I had to go see the Ombudsperson; she suggested I bring a human rights case against the AMS.
- The referendum question for an Indigenous fee was a serious mistake.
- You should have decided here at Council to provide the funding instead of passing it off.
- I left the Indigenous Committee over this when they agreed to the referendum.
- The Ubyyssey said it was Max Holmes's idea to spend money on low income and Indigenous students when the idea came from me.
- The AMS and UBC are too close together.

Responses from Councillors

- Max Holmes:
 - I wish we'd had more time to discuss options for Indigenous funding.
 - We did bring forward several to the Indigenous Committee.
 - Ultimately, we left the room and let the Indigenous Committee discuss the fee referendum idea.
 - The Indigenous Committee is the structure we set up for Indigenous students.
 - We left it to them to decide.
 - I'll admit that the call for \$2.5 million for low income students did come from a Town Hall with Indigenous students. I've already said this.
- Jakob Gattinger: As the chair of the Vancouver Senate Committee to implement the University Act, I agree on the seriousness of electing people in ways that are illegal, that violate the Act. It can have ramifications to do with the legitimacy of the actions taken by the University's Board of Governors and Senate.

G) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED DANIEL LAM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

"That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated November 28, 2018

[SCD247-19]

AMS In Camera minutes dated November 28, 2018

[SCD248-19]

AMS Council minutes dated January 9, 2019

[SCD249-19]

Executive Committee minutes dated January 9, 2019	[SCD250-19]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 17, 2019	[SCD251-19]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 24, 2019	[SCD252-19]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 31, 2019	[SCD253-19]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 7, 2019	[SCD254-19]
Governance Committee minutes dated November 27, 2018	[SCD255-19]
Governance Committee minutes dated January 17, 2019	[SCD256-19]
Governance Committee minutes dated January 25, 2019	[SCD257-19]
Governance Committee minutes dated January 29, 2019	[SCD258-19]
Governance Committee minutes dated February 1, 2019	[SCD259-19]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated January 17, 2019	[SCD260-19]

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

Professional Governance Act Update – Cristina Ilnitich [SCD261-19]

- A couple of meetings back I was directed to give updates on the Professional Governance Act, Bill 49, which sets out standards for various professions, e.g., engineering and forestry.
- The legislation will take force over three to five years.
- There is going to be consultation on regulations concerning such things as conflict of interest.
- They're getting feedback.
- I've been in touch with the government to see how to participate in the consultation.
- I've reached out to the VP Academics in the Constituencies to be able to take something to the Advocacy Committee.
- We will possibly make a submission or provide other feedback.

Questions

Kate Burnham:

- What has the Advocacy Committee's role been in this? The motion from Council specified their involvement.
- Is there concern about the short deadline from the government (March 4)?

Cristina Ilnitich:

- This hasn't gone to Advocacy yet.
- I will bring back feedback from the Constituencies' roundtable and take that to Advocacy.
- Yes, it's a short deadline, but we've been told that we can send a submission afterwards: this is just for the initial stages.

Kate Burnham:

- Why has the Advocacy Committee not discussed this in the last six weeks?

Cristina Initchi:

- Other work has been going on.
- There's been only one Advocacy Committee meeting that I attended in that time, and we hadn't received input yet from the Constituencies.

Dylan Braam:

- When is the next Advocacy Committee meeting?
- I have heard concerns that it is not meeting enough.

Max Holmes:

- It's meeting tomorrow.
- People should bring their concerns directly to me.

Dylan Braam:

- Is this on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting?

Max Holmes:

- Yes.

Riley Ty:

- It has been raised via Cristina and Max.

Kate Burnham:

- Have you been reaching out to the Constituencies?

Cristina Initchi:

- I have been seeking to determine the interest of the Constituencies.
- If they are interested, I'm happy to provide resources before the roundtable.

Kate Burnham:

- Are there any resources you can provide the EUS?

Cristina Initchi:

- I can provide more information on process, not on content.

4. MOVED DYLAN BRAAM, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

"That the time for questions be extended for five minutes."

... No objections

Kate Burnham:

- Timeline information would be helpful.
- What sort of deadline extension is there from the government?

Cristina Initchi:

- They provided us contact information.
- Broader feedback can be sent any time; for more specific feedback, the sooner the better.

Financial Update and Reforecast – Kuol Akuechbeny [SCD262-19] [SCD263-19]

- Business operations have performed very well and we're anticipating \$246,000 more than we originally budgeted for.
- Investments are on course; the market has done well.
- Elections will need another \$10,000: there are a lot of candidates this year, meaning more reimbursements.
- Overall the budget is on track.

Questions

Brandyn Marx:

- The surplus from Food & Beverage revenues went into services as opposed to infrastructure, even though there are serious staff shortages (for cooks etc.).
- Nobody knows where we are with the Stellar food cart.
- We've lost Flipside, the only food outlet serving breakfast, so there's no breakfast available anymore.
- Administrative support staff get food discount coupons which they should use responsibly.

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- Many of us give out discount slips as appreciation, but I can look into that.
- Can also look into the Flipside idea.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic & University Affairs – Max Holmes

- Academic Concession Policy working group just released its new policy, including compassionate grounds for concessions.
- Fall Reading Break:
 - The Senate Academic Policy Committee approved a working group to look into a break, creating a timeline and laying out options (including the status quo).
 - They will look into this for the 2020-21 year, and do consultations.
 - Creation of such a group is what Council endorsed at our last meeting.
- Stadium Road Neighbourhood meeting.
- Indigenous career educators.
- Revisions to UBC's Policy 3 (on harassment): pushed to get rid of one-year time limit, and it's gone.
- Interviewing for a new AMS Policy Advisor.

- Discussed funding with the Indigenous Committee: the Indigenous Committee decided on holding a fee referendum.
- Budget money found.
- Meeting with Santa Ono re our asks.

Questions

Jeanie Malone:

- Re the Fall Reading Break: what is the status of the report?

Max Holmes:

- The report itself will go to the Student Senate Caucus.
- Also to the Advocacy Committee for information.
- The main aim of the report was really to guide the creation of a working group, and now that a working group has been created, the push for it is less.
- Now is the time for analysis of data, and then it will be sent to the March Senate meeting.

Kate Burnham:

- Will the report come to Council?

Max Holmes:

- If the report is being made public to the Senate, of course it will be available to Council.
- But I can do a separate submission to Council.

Student Services Manager – Piers Fleming

- Transition reports.
- Deadlines to apply for Coordinators and for my position: this Friday.
- eHub: RBC Get Seeded second event on March 23.
- Tutoring:
 - Communications.
 - More in the residences.
- Food Bank:
 - Seeing how to invest more in the space.
 - Seeing how to relieve food insecurity in a more economical way by buying food more efficiently.
- Safewalk:
 - Meeting UBC Security about a multi-year contract about the subsidy instead of doing one every year.

Questions

Kevin Zhang:

- Are there any plans for the expansion of the Safewalk program to reduce waiting times?

Piers Fleming:

- We used to have two cars, but that was abused, so now we have only one.

- We may pursue more volunteers.
- But wait times are not that bad.

VP Administration – Chris Hakim

- All furniture and mill work done for the Indigenous Committee space.
- Psychology increase for Health and Dental plan.
- Club allocations.
- Club elections.
- Club orientations:
 - Expanding to include more executives.
 - Adding anti-discrimination training (already do sexual violence training).
- SEEDS project about waste sorting.
- Phasing in more healthy beverages.
- Art Gallery:
 - Seventieth anniversary of permanent collection show.
 - Next show: LGBT+.

Questions

Jerome Goddard:

- Where do things stand on the MoU for Storm the Wall?

Chris Hakim:

- We've shifted topics now, and this is more for Max.

Max Holmes:

- Negotiating a large MoU concerning the \$21 AMS athletics fee.
- Have secured a discount for club bookings.
- Re Storm the Wall: If the AMS gives free bookings for that, we're looking for return in kind: nothing is on the table yet.

VP External – Cristina Ilnitshi

- Advocacy about open educational resources: following up.
- Student Housing Working Group: rental rights. Looking at steps forward; good progress.
- Provincial sexual violence working group: Chats about what we'd like to see, especially about who's around the table.
- In Victoria last week for the budget.
- Big Victory: Eliminating interest on provincial student loans.
- Meeting TransLink about student engagement on various issues.
- Talking to Vancouver city councillors about housing affordability.
- Climate Action meeting with Clean BC.
- Hoping to bring student unions together to discuss base funding for postsecondary education.

Questions

Kevin Zhang asked about the composition of the housing group and whether Residence Halls were being involved.

Cristina Ilnitich:

- It's a big group including government and university people.
- The Residence Hall Association hasn't been consulted:
 - Last year there was some disagreement, and this year we focused on how we can move ahead: next steps.
 - As we progress more, we'll include the RHA and students at large.

Kate Burnham:

- Re the Professional Governance Act:
 - There was a cancelled meeting today that turned into a phone call, and we received an email today.
 - How are you planning to separate the Act from the Regulations?

Cristina Ilnitich:

- This is definitely a conversation to have.
- What we are looking for is collecting feedback.

VP Finance – Kuol Akuechbeny

- Finance team looking to prepare treasurer orientations.
- Transition reports.
- Budget: Reforecast and next year's budget.
- Health and Dental Committee: Finalized plan to expand psychology coverage.
- IPF applications are open.

L) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Marium Hamid:

- Went to Cannexus, a national career development conference in Ottawa, discussing the skills gap.
- Joined UBC on a tour of several universities.
- Met with the President of Universities Canada about integrated federal funding.
- Interviewing to hire an Indigenous Executive Assistant.
- The Executives met Ainsley Carry, the incoming VP Students and talked about the Fall Reading Break, consultations, and AMS Services.
- Made a presentation to the UNA about consultation on the AMS seat on their board: made it clear we'd like to keep that seat.
- Our Referendum Coordinators and the Comms team are at work on the referendum campaigns: printing of materials is being done.
- Starting a conversation at Senate about fossil fuel divestment: hope Senate will provide a statement.

Questions

Jerome Goddard:

- Re the relationship with the UNA: If we don't get the seat back, what can we expect going forward?

Marium Hamid:

- We emphasized the benefits of the relationship.
- The AMS has been supportive of UBC subsidies to UNA members for such things as the Recreational Facility, but we may no longer support preferential rates for non-students if we don't feel the UNA is interested in the relationship.

K) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Business and Administration budgets.
- Working on the third quarterly report and preliminary budget with Kuol.
- Block Party line-up to be announced March 4.
- New e-transfer system.

Questions

Cole Evans:

- Concerns have been expressed about the delay in releasing the line-up: what's the rationale?
- Some people want to know who's playing before buying tickets.

Keith Hester:

- We always do the announcement at the end of February.
- It's common practice to put tickets on sale before the announcement of the line-up.

Jerome Goddard:

- Is there any way to drop the prices of Welcome Back Barbecue and Block Party?

Keith Hester:

- It's unlikely because production costs are up and artists are demanding higher wages, and in US dollars.

Marium Hamid:

- Reducing prices means money comes from somewhere else in the AMS and could affect services.

Kevin Zhang:

- What was the number of Super Early Bird tickets?

Keith Hester:

- They did sell out quite quickly.
- There were a lot: 500 or 1,000.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Max Holmes

- Fall Reading Break.
- Equity Caucus: want to make sure we're not rushed in creating an equity structure.

- Academic Experience Survey is out now: hoping to exceed last year's record number of responses.
- Transit: Discussing the SkyTrain to UBC and the U-Pass.

Questions

Kate Burnham:

- Who is responsible for the Advocacy Committee not discussing the Professional Governance Act?
- Why are you not following the will of this board?

Max Holmes:

- We are trying to follow the sentiments of this board.
- Been working with the VP External to have something brought when we can be informed.

Cristina Initchi:

- I'm spearheading the charge on this.
- The first update is just a plan of action going forward.
- This will definitely be a conversation at Advocacy Committee, with continued updates to Council.

Kate Burnham:

- So it's not a failure of Advocacy but under the curation of the VP External?

Max Holmes:

- Cristina has been trying to follow the recommendation of Council.
- Advocacy Committee is ready to meet.
- We're always scheduling issues and want our meetings to be as informed as possible.

5. MOVED DYLAN BRAAM, SECONDED BRYAN STARICK:

"That Code be suspended to allow three additional questions to the Advocacy Committee."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (21): Daniel Lam (proxy for Andy Wu), Joella Allen, Andrew Au, Dylan Braam, Kate Burnham, Jennifer Cheng, Andria Coulbourn, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Tanner Gjosund, Chris Gooding, Chris Hakim, Cristina Initchi, Jon Kew, Jennifer Ling, Nevena Rebic, John Segui, Darren Touch, Riley Ty, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang

Against (1): Marium Hamid

Abstained: Derek Bennett, Max Holmes

Questions continued:

Bryan Starick:

- This was a mandate from Council, not just a recommendation.
- If the six-week timeline mandated at Council was not possible, why was nothing said at the time?

Max Holmes:

- I did not know then whether the timeline was adequate or not.

Cristina Initchi:

- Throughout the timeline other things popped up, like the budget lockdown.
- I'm still very dedicated to doing work on the Professional Governance Act.
- There is still time to capture students' thoughts.

Bryan Starick:

- Why should a mandate of Council take a back seat to other matters?

Cristina Initchi:

- It's not a back seat; it's a balance.

Riley Ty:

- There has been a precedent of poor timing and PR delays.
- How can this be improved?

Max Holmes:

- Timing in advocacy is a very fluid thing.
- We always want to influence the decision.
- Sometimes UBC wants a quicker response, before there is time for the Advocacy Committee to comment.

Cristina Initchi:

- The past PR delays were not planned.
- The SkyTrain campaign was on short notice: things do pop up.

HR Committee – Cole Evans

- Going to look at Executive staff structures.
- Looking at the Ombuds role and SVPREP (the Sexual Violence and Respectful Environment Policy).
- The Advisory Board is to be convened really soon.
- Hiring of the Chief Electoral Officer (the former Elections Administrator) and the Ombudsperson is going forward: advertising going up March 1 as mandated by Code.
- Probably extending the contract for the Speaker of Council.

Student Life Committee – Jerome Goddard

- We have Code changes ready for the Grad Class Subcommittee.

- Looking into how best to prepare Councillors, including UBC Wellness training.
- Drafting annual engagement strategy.

Governance Committee – Dylan Braam

- Freed from the Bylaw review.
- Policy I-9 (Executive Goals).
- Discussion of recommendations stemming from the Discussion Period last semester.
- Been working on meeting times.
- Potential changes to Council rules.
- Audit Committee.

Finance Committee – Kuol Akuechbeny

- Looking at budgets and reports.

Operations Committee – Chris Hakim

- Revising bookings policy.
- New Operations Committee Manual.
- Reviewing I-7 (the Expulsion Policy).

Steering Committee – Marium Hamid

- More meetings in the last few months than in the previous few years.
- Developing guiding principles for the AMS.

New SUB Committee – Chris Hakim

- No update.

SHAPE – Marium Hamid

- No update.

Brewery Committee – Chris Hakim

- No update.

Questions

Dylan Braam:

- When was the last time it met?

Chris Hakim:

- Can't remember, but I have been working with Land & Food.

Jerome Goddard:

- Can the representative from Land & Food comment?

Andria Coulbourn:

- Chris has been meeting with the Dean of Land & Food.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Marium Hamid:

- Meeting soon to discuss All-Presidents Dinner, Just Desserts, and Councillor Orientation.

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone

- Met by teleconference on the snow day, so deferred a lot of topics.
- Next full Board meeting is April 18.
- Search for new Board secretary is kicking off.

Senate – Hannah Xiao

- Discussion of learning spaces.
- Policy on 12:30-2 pm break, when no classes are supposed to happen (but the policy is not followed).

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- I was asked a few months ago, Who gives birth to the most AMS Presidents?
- I thought, Their mothers?
- But what was meant was what office did Presidents hold before becoming President?
- In the past 39 elections, the winning candidate for President most of the time (25 times out of 39) was already a member of the AMS Executive:
 - 7 were the VP Administration
 - 7 were the VP Academic
 - 6 were the VP External
 - 4 were the VP Finance
 - 1 was the sitting President.
- Others who became President included:
 - 5 student BoG reps
 - 3 SUS Presidents
 - 2 Arts reps on Council
 - 1 EUS President (aka the Engineers' Cairn)
 - 1 AVP
 - 1 Residence Association president (at Gage)
 - 1 Student Services Manager (Marium Hamid, our current President).

Council took a six-minute recess at 8 pm.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED JEROME GODDARD, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD264-19]

From the Student Life Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Student Life Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2019: Grad Class Council’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jerome Goddard:

- In the past few years there has been confusion and lack of oversight over the Grad Class Council.
- People have been looking into how to do this.
- What we’ve come up with is a way to provided accountability and oversight by making the Grad Class Council a subcommittee of the Student Life Committee.
- The Grad Class Fund itself will be jointly managed by the Student Life Committee and the Finance Committee.
- We are mostly removing the Grad Class Council from Code.
- The Terms of Reference for the new Subcommittee has been sent around for information. It contains details on the new structure.

Jakob Gattinger:

- This is a good change.
- There were lots of problems filling the Grad Class Council.
- In Code it should say the fund will be managed in consultation with graduating students.

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- Or it could say administered by the Finance Committee on the recommendation of the Student Life Committee.

7. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

“That the Code amendment be amended to add the phrase ‘in consultation with graduating students’.”

... Carried

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8. MOVED JEROME GODDARD, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Student Life Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Student Life Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2019: Grad Class Council’ [as amended] and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

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9. MOVED KUOL AKUECHBENY, SECONDED CHRIS GOODING:

“That the Code amendment be amended to remove the term ‘jointly’ and to say the fund will be administered by the Finance Committee on the recommendation of the Student Life Committee.”

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- This is the way many Code funds are set up. One body recommends, the other administers.

Jerome Goddard:

- It’s already in the Terms of Reference.
- I’m against this.
- Let’s leave the Code flexible.

Marium Hamid:

- Finance should just be saying whether the money is available.
- If they become the ones administering, then they will be the ones approving and deciding on projects.

Hannah Xiao:

- I support Kuol’s amendment.
- It’s good to be more explicit in Code.
- A Terms of Reference is different from Code.

Marium Hamid:

- I definitely agree with Finance doing the financial side.
- If we say jointly administered, that gives both of them the power to look into the gifts.
- “Jointly” captures a higher level of oversight.

10. MOVED JEROME GODDARD, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

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Against (1): Chris Hakim

11. MOVED KUOL AKUECHBENY, SECONDED CHRIS GOODING:

“That the Code amendment be amended to remove the term ‘jointly’ and to say the fund will be administered by the Finance Committee on the recommendation of the Student Life Committee.”

... Defeated

For (1): Kuol Akuechbeny

Against (17): Daniel Lam (proxy for Andy Wu), Joella Allen, Andrew Au, Dylan Braam, Jennifer Cheng, Andria Coulbourn, Cole Evans, Chris Gooding, Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Cristina Ilnitchi, Jerome Goddard, Jon Kew, John Segui, Riley Ty, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Derek Bennett, Matthew Epstein, Tanner Gjosund

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Jakob Gattinger:

- The application deadline is tomorrow.

Jerome Goddard:

- This was going to come to the last Council.
- We will extend the deadline.

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14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED JENNIFER CHENG: [SCD266-19]

From the HR Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Human Resources Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2019: Collective Bargaining’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- This is a clean-up of Code.
- This part still says the Advisory Board is involved in collective bargaining, even though elsewhere in Code it no longer says that.
- There’s no need for them to be involved.
- This redesigns the collective bargaining structure to involve the Executive, the Managing Director, and the Finance Committee.
- The Managing Director and the HR Manager have been consulted.

15. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED JENNIFER CHENG:

From the HR Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Human Resources Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2019: Collective Bargaining’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (24): Daniel Lam (proxy for Andy Wu), Kuol Akuechbeny, Joella Allen, Andrew Au, Derek Bennett, Dylan Braam, Kate Burnham, Jennifer Cheng, Gareth Clegg, Andria Coulbourn, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Tanner Gjosund, Chris Gooding, Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Cristina Ilnitchi, Jerome Goddard, Jon Kew, Jennifer Ling, John Segui, Darren Touch, Riley Ty, Kevin Zhang

16. MOVED DYLAN BRAAM, SECONDED MATTHEW EPSTEIN: [SCD267-19]

From the Governance Committee

“That Council on the recommendation of the Governance Committee revise Policy I-9 (Executive Goal Setting and Reporting Policy) as indicated in the draft revision presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Dylan Braam:

- There were some issues with the old policy.
- The timeline was not reasonable.
- The new version updates the timeline.
- This policy is important in setting the relationship between Executive and Council.
- Hopefully, it will dovetail with what Steering Committee has been discussing.

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18. MOVED KUOL AKUECHBENY, SECONDED JEROME GODDARD:

From the Health & Dental Plan Committee

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Health & Dental Plan Committee, Council approve a 5% increase in the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan fee for September 2019.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note 2: The annual adjustment is approximately 3.62% and the additional psychological coverage is approximately 1.34%.

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- This is a very good motion.
- It’s also going to be voted on by the GSS Council.
- It needs to be approved by both us and the GSS.
- I want to thank Chris Hakim for coming up with the idea for additional psychological coverage, increasing it from \$300 to \$500.
- We can make this increase without going to referendum.

Daniel Lam:

- Why is a referendum not needed?

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- We can go up to 5% without going to referendum.

Abdul Alnaar:

- Are psychological services covered alone or with other services?

Marium Hamid:

- This is supposed to be standalone.

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- This will allow more sessions.

Marium Hamid:

- Would like to thank Keith for the amazing relationships he developed with TRG, Pacific Blue Cross, and Studentcare.
- His negotiating was instrumental in obtaining this for us.

Chris Hakim:

- The increase from \$300 to \$500 is important because \$300 is not enough to go to enough sessions.
- A big thanks to the Health and Dental Committee and Marium.

Jakob Gattinger:

- I want to go beyond just saying thank you to Keith.
- I've listened to Keith come to Council and answer questions on all sorts of things, even individual breakfast items.
- It's important to say thanks in a motion.

19. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED JON KEW:

"That the motion be amended by adding a clause thanking the Managing Director for his efforts on this."

... Carried

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Max Holmes:

- With the new Executive Director on the UBC side, will there be integrating?
- What are we doing to inform UBC about what we have available so they can communicate it to students?

Marium Hamid:

- We've met with them to discuss the landscape of mental health care: Empower Me, psychology coverage, etc.
- More promotional material will be provided.

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T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

Committee Reports

Dylan Braam thanked Jerome Goddard and Cole Evans for submitting reports.

Constituency Elections

Jakob Gattinger:

- There have been some problems with election procedures.
- This is not a criticism of the Elections Committee: they've done a good job.
- But I've been frustrated by the downloading of mandates onto Constituencies.
- There are a set of stipulations in the Code for Constituency elections that are a mile long, and some are questionable: do Constituencies really need to have elections committees?
- It is hypocritical to download so many rules onto Constituencies when we are not following the rules for our own elections.
- Our most fundamental job is renewal through elections, but our own house is not in order on this.
- We don't have a contract with BoG and Senate for running their elections, as is required by Code.
- There was the whole problem with the date of the elections.
- There are serious problems in communicating the newly passed rules to the Constituencies.

Jerome Goddard:

- We've been struggling with this in AUS council.

Max Holmes:

- As a former Elections Administrator, I do think communications with the Constituencies needs to be better.
- Maybe we should be requiring communications when we change Code.
- I want to recognize that the Elections Committee is doing an amazing job.
- When the Elections Administrator leaves, she can write a report to Council and the Governance Committee with recommendations for changes.
- It is a burden for the Elections Committee to oversee Constituency elections and make sure everyone is following the 25 rules.

Dylan Braam:

- I definitely think this is something Governance can look into.
- On the issue of notifying Constituencies, it's concerning that the AMS doesn't, but we are representatives of the AMS to the Constituencies as well as the other way around. It's two-way communication.
- As Constituency reps we should ensure changes get communicated back. That's our job.

Jakob Gattinger:

- I'm not advocating for repeal of the restrictions on Constituency elections.
- But the AMS elections need to be run perfectly, or they are open to challenge.

V) Submissions:

ToR for Grad Class Subcommittee of Student Life Committee
Steering Committee monthly report
January+February AMS Student Life Report

[SCD268-19]
[SCD269-19]
[SCD270-19]

CCP Referendum Petition	[SCD271-19]
Gov Com Feb Report	[SCD272-19]
Q3 Financial Report	[SCD273-19]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: March 13, 2019

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Y) Social Activity: Pit Night

February 27, 2019 Roster

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

Name	Constituency	Present	Proxy
Kareem Ibrahim	Speaker of Council	X	
Marium Hamid	President	X	
Max Holmes	VP Academic	X	
Chris Hakim	VP Administration	X	
Cristina Ilnitchi	VP External Affairs	X	
Kuol Akuechbeny	VP Finance	X	
Piers Fleming	Student Services Mgr	X	
Oliver Frayne	Architecture		
Yash Gurnani	Arts		
Andy Wu	Arts		Daniel Lam
Cole Evans	Arts	X	
Jerome Goddard	Arts	X	
Kevin Zhang	Arts	X	
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone	BoG	X	
Jakob Gatteringer	BoG	X	
Evan Zhou	Commerce		
Jacqueline Wu	Commerce		
	Dentistry		
Chris Gooding	Economics	X	
Derek Bennett	Education	X	
Kate Burnham	Engineering	X	
Bryan Starick	Engineering	X	
Matthew Epstein	Forestry	X	
Arash Shadkam	Graduate Studies	X	
Darren Touch	Graduate Studies	X	
Nevena Rebic	Graduate Studies	X	
Christina Wiesmann	Graduate Studies	X	
	Journalism		
Andrew Au	Kinesiology	X	
Andria Coulbourn	Land & Food Systems	X	
Dylan Braam	Law	X	
Joella Allen	Library/Archival	X	
Jennifer Ling	Medicine	X	
Anican Yu	Music	X	
Tanner Gjosund	Nursing	X	
Frank Ju	Ombudsperson		
Jon Kew	Planning	X	
Ada Mew	Pharmacy		
	Population & Public Health		
Gareth Clegg	Regent College	X	
Jennifer Cheng	Science	X	
Gurshabad Singhera	Science		
Riley Ty	Science	X	
Priscilla Chan	Senate	X	
Hannah Xiao	Senate	X	
	St. Mark's		
John Segui	Social Work	X	
	VST		

Daniel Lam proxy for A Wu	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Cole Evans	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Jerome Goddard	Y	Y						Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Kevin Zhang	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Evan Zhou																		
Andy Wu																		
Chris Gooding			Y						Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Derek Bennett	Y	Y	Y	A				Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Kate Burnham			Y	Y	Y				Y	N				Y		Y	Y	Y
Bryan Starick			Y			Y	N	Y	Y		Y		Y			Y	Y	Y
Christina Wiesmann	N	Y	Y															
Nevena Rebic			A		Y													
Arash Shadkam	Y	Y	Y															
Darren Touch	Y	Y	Y	Y							Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Matthew Epstein			Y	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Andrew Au				Y	Y				Y		Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Andria Coulbourn					Y				Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Dylan Braam			Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Joella Allen			Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Jennifer Ling	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Tanner Gjosund	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y		Y	A	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Jon Kew			Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Ada Mew																		
Gareth Clegg	Y	Y	Y						Y		Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Oliver Frayne																		
Jennifer Cheng	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Gurshabad Singhera																		
Riley Ty	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
VST Vacant																		
Anican Yu	Y	Y	Y	Y														
John Segui			Y	Y	Y				Y		Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y