

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Moira Wyton (Ubyyssey), Alex Nguyen (Ubyyssey), Angela O'Donnell (Ubyyssey), Zak Vescera (Ubyyssey), Ian Stone (AMS Referendum Coordinator), Michelle Marcus (AMS Sustainability), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

- The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded land of the hə́nqə́mihə́m-speaking xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (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 decolonization process underway on this campus, adding that an acknowledgement can only go so far.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

For (29): Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Joella Allen, Derek Bennett, Kate Burnham, Andria Coulbourn, Katherine Westerlund (proxy for Dylan Braam), Matthew Epstein, Daniel Lam (proxy for Gurshabad Singhera), Tanner Gjosund, Jerome Goddard, Muse Greenwood, Yash Gurnani, Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Cristina Initchi, Jon Kew, Mark Leung, Jennifer Ling, Ada Mew, John Segui, Arash Shadkam, Bryan Starick, Darren Touch, Riley Ty, Christina Wiesmann, Andy Wu, Jacqueline Wu, Evan Zhou

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

Welcome to our new Members: Mark Leung (St. Mark's: first representative ever), Muse Greenwood (VST)

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Journalism, Population & Public Health,

Goodbyes: Abdul Alnaar said goodbye to Jakob Gattering (Board of Governors) and thanked him for his years of service.

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- Any accessibility needs, let me know.
- If you have any questions about the election appeals process, please get in touch. (My ruling in the appeal I heard has been sent to Council.)

- Jakob Gattinger asked that a Discussion Period topic be added on the appeal.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

2. MOVED YASH GURNANI, SECONDED JEROME GODDARD:

"That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated February 14, 2019	[SCD274-19]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated February 14, 2019	[SCD275-19]
Steering Committee minutes dated February 14, 2019	[SCD276-19]
AMS Council minutes dated January 23, 2019	[SCD277-19]
AMS In Camera Council minutes dated January 23, 2019	[SCD278-19]
	... Carried

For (26): Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Joella Allen, Derek Bennett, Andria Coulbourn, Katherine Westerlund (proxy for Dylan Braam), Matthew Epstein, Daniel Lam (proxy for Gurshabad Singhera), Tanner Gjosund, Jerome Goddard, Muse Greenwood, Yash Gurnani, Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Cristina Ilnitchi, Jon Kew, Mark Leung, Jennifer Ling, Ada Mew, John Segui, Bryan Starick, Darren Touch, Riley Ty, Andy Wu, Jacqueline Wu, Kevin Zhang, Evan Zhou

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

I) Appointments

J) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Marium Hamid

- New hires:
 - New Policy Advisor, former AMS staffer Patrick Meehan (he was AVP External).
 - New HR Generalist (Celia Chung), so there is a full HR team now.
 - First ever Indigenous Executive Student Assistant (Jennifer Cameron).
- Rec building:
 - We had a referendum to fund a big building to ensure we have the recreational facility we lack.
 - The AMS is paying \$22.5 million out of a total project cost of \$55 million.

- By the end of my term I'm seeking an MoU on the building and the fees.
- Elections:
 - Both Referendum Coordinators are working very hard: boothing, visiting Constituencies.
 - Want to have an amazing turnout.
- Block Party:
 - Details on how you can get your free tickets tomorrow.
 - Super happy: ticket sales are amazing, and there's an amazing line-up.
- Grad Class gift:
 - Jerome did a great job on this.
 - Looking to have people join the Grad Class Subcommittee.
 - Message Jerome: there will be a form on the website tomorrow for people to join.
 - And they will be looking for gift proposals.

Questions

Jerome Goddard:

- What happened to our previous Policy Advisor?
- How do you guarantee continuity in this position?

Marium Hamid:

- Jason Tockman, the former Policy Advisor, was here a few months but got his dream job.
- Now we will have someone new, someone with AMS history who is invested in the AMS.
- I'm certain he will make a great contribution to the AMS.

K) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP External – Cristina Initchi

- Part-time lately, taking a "vacation."
- Working on advocacy on OER's (Open Educational Resources):
 - Provincial and federal asks.
 - Want to work with other groups to collaborate
- Clean BC:
 - Making sure students are part of the consultation.
 - Working with the Sustainability Collective to organize an event.
- Melanie Mark, the Minister of Advanced Education, is visiting tomorrow to announce the elimination of student loan interest: a good thing to celebrate.
- UCRU (Undergraduates at Canadian Research-intensive Universities):
 - Working group on governance and policy.
 - Broad policy asks.
- Professional Governance Act:
 - Date for a roundtable next week.
- Looking to a campaign at the federal level on copyright.

VP Administration - Chris Hakim

- Technically on vacation, but always around for Council.
- Clubs locker and office space.
- All-Presidents Dinner.
- Renewing clubs: elections.
- Executive orientations for clubs, including sexual violence training.
- Sustainability: proposal about composter.
- New signage to promote the use of water fountains.
- Art Gallery:
 - Show for the 70th anniversary of the permanent collection went well.
 - Art Gallery Manager Maxim Greer's show is on right now.
- Working on transition reports

Questions

Andria Coulbourn:

- About the composter, are you selling it? Relocating it?

Chris Hakim:

- Reviving it.
- Sustainability is a key part of the VP Admin portfolio.
- It's being moved to the farm and repurposed.

Jakob Gattinger:

- How do you feel about taking your vacation during elections?

Chris Hakim:

- I love the AMS so much I want to be around here.

Marium Hamid:

- All the execs on vacation have actually come in to sign cheques, chair committees, etc.
- Work is still getting done.

Jakob Gattinger:

- Maybe we should look into how to be regulating vacations.
- You should take an actual break.

The Speaker:

- Yes, for mental health.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Max Holmes

- Thanks for caring, Jakob.
- Budget discussions with Santa Ono are going well.
- Looks like the vast majority of our asks will get funding.
- Two referendum questions on the ballot from petitions:
 - My team patiently counted signatures, did an amazing job.

- The Academic Experience Survey is open, and responses are on track with last year, but we may extend it.
- The Academic Concession Policy is up for consultation.
- The Fall Reading Break Report is 99% done: the Advocacy Committee will see it.
- The Cost of Learning Materials proposal is going to Senate.
- VP Academic Caucus attendance issues.
- Two of my staff are at a professional development conference.

Questions

Jerome Goddard:

- Your staff are lucky to go to a conference.
- Is it possible to provide opportunities like that to all students, not just our staff?

Max Holmes:

- Actually there was an open announcement to all students, but the University reached out to me because there were so few applications.
- We can look into advertising more.

Student Services Manager – Piers Fleming

- Hiring my successor and Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators.
- Transition reports.
- Joint rolling workshop.
- Psychedelic drug panel.
- Karmik, a harm reduction organization focusing on naloxone, will be at Block Party.

Questions

Darren Touch:

- Who is leading the sessions at the joint rolling workshop?

Piers Fleming:

- The Vice Coordinator: apparently she's experienced.

VP Finance – Kuol Akuechbeny

- Getting ready for new team.
- Updating credit card policies.
- Funding for clubs: progress, feedback.

Questions

Katherine Westerlund:

- Will you be soliciting feedback on the credit cards from Clubs and Constituencies?

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- Yes, to find out what if anything is going wrong.

L) Consultation Period

EUS fee referendum – Jakob Gattinger

- Wanted to let everyone know that the EUS is having a fee referendum.
- Wanted to see if anyone has problems with the text.
- Our thinking is if no one has issues now, we'll expect none later.
- This is for a \$2 fee to pay for the UBC Engineering Design Teams Advisory Council (EDTAC).

Keith Hester:

- On March 18 we are going to send in our list of fees to the Board of Governors.
- That's already an extension, and this referendum will happen after that.

Max Holmes:

- Some years they've accepted fee changes after the deadline, even at the June BoG meeting.

Jeanie Malone:

- Our Board secretary has set very early dates, but I do understand fees can be submitted in June.
- April is preferable, but this should be fine.

Max Holmes:

- Maybe ask for a further extension.

Chris Hakim:

- What is the UBC Engineering Design Team Advisory Council?

Katherine Westerlund:

- We have 31 design teams.
- The fee will produce a fund to which the teams can apply.

Chris Hakim:

- Is this tied to CPI?

Katherine Westerlund:

- It's \$2 a year for five years: we don't want to increase it.

Jeanie Malone:

- This is a pool of money people apply for, a float of money.
- It doesn't need to change with respect to inflation.

Chris Hakim:

- Is there a contingency plan if this fails?

Katherine Westerlund:

- The EUS would fund it themselves.

- Our intent is to have dedicated funds for our design teams.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Max Holmes

- Discussed Professional Governance Act.
- The Fall Reading Break Working Group was created: its report is to be finalized and published.
- Update on Academic Concession.
- Budget update.
- Equity Caucus: discussion taking longer than expected, but we want to make sure to get it right.

HR Committee – Darren Touch

- Meeting soon.

Student Life – Jerome Goddard

- Grad class information coming out.
- Working on recommendations for Council Handbook.
- Talked to UBC Rec about Move U: opportunities for collaboration on exercises.

Governance Committee – Chris Hakim

- Working on Audit Committee: developing framework, consulting Managing Director and VP Finance.
- Working on Code changes re contracts and privacy concerns.

Finance Committee – Kuol Akuechbeny

- Projects funded.
- Approved Contingency Budget procedures, to come to Council next time.
- Discussed criteria for expenditures by clubs and Constituencies.
- Working on preliminary budget: hope to finish as much as possible before new team comes in.
- Approved wage rate changes needed because of increase in the minimum wage: will send them to HR Committee next.
- A meeting about IPF: funded 12 projects.

Questions

Kevin Zhang:

- Re IPF: Perhaps publicize it so more can apply.

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- It's on our website; we do our best.
- Will talk about it at orientations.

Andy Wu:

- Re changes to salaries: Will our lowest wage be at the minimum or above?

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- We tried to be consistent and considered affordability.
- Our Tier One rate of \$13.80 reflects minimum wage.

Jerome Goddard:

- How have you used your vacation?

Kuol Akuechbeny:

- I was on vacation in June, also in December.
- Did a professional development course.

Operations Committee – Chris Hakim

- Unable to host because of being on vacation.
- The vice-chair hosted.
- Reviewed the Operations Committee manual.

Steering Committee – Marium Hamid

- Looking to produce a large master calendar of Council dates:
 - Every committee and Council should tell us what they're doing.
 - Hope to finish it for next year's onboarding.
- Committee goals and reports ineffective: want to combine the two so that reports include goals.
- Orientations: looking into what penalty to impose for missing it.
- Advisory Board: first meeting this month.

New SUB Committee – Chris Hakim

- No update.
- Nothing but Norm Theatre.

SHAPE Committee – Marium Hamid

- No update.

Brewery Committee – Chris Hakim

- No update.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Marium Hamid:

- Hasn't met.
- Hope to meet by the end of the month.
- It will probably be our last meeting and will discuss Orientations and financial approvals.

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

BoG – Jakob Gattinger

- Thanks for your comments, Abdul.
- Board working groups meet March 20.
- Then the committees April 1 and 2.
- April 18 full Board.
- Hiring of new Board secretary underway.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- Sherwood Lett, the first AMS President, is back [shows picture].
- We will soon have him up on the wall where he was before he mysteriously went missing.
- Norman MacKenzie and Evelyn Lett will also be put back up: we now have digital copies of them and of Sherwood Lett.

Questions

Chris Hakim:

- The Council vacancy list is getting very small: is this the lowest it's been?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I believe it is.
- Thanks to Halla for reaching out to the missing Constituencies.

Daniel Lam:

- When will the Councillor of the Year plaque be back?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Next meeting.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

3. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED JOELLA ALLEN:

"Whereas the Governance Review has supported the development of an Equity Caucus,

Be it resolved that the Advocacy Committee revisit an Equity Caucus framework and submit to Council a proposed framework, no later than the first Council meeting of November 2019, for feedback and consultation."

Riley Ty:

- Max mentioned the Equity Caucus.
- We've had problems staffing it: the last time was in the summer.
- Now it's being renewed.
- This motion is meant to make sure it keeps going.

Max Holmes:

- The spirit of this motion is a priority, but it's part of the Advocacy Committee's goals and should have gone to the Advocacy Committee.
- We did discuss this at the Advocacy Committee.
- It's important to respect the committee process.
- I respect wanting a timeline, but we have not consulted the groups involved to see if it's their timeline.
- We do not have enough information.
- I'd be open to referring this to the Advocacy Committee so there can be consultation.

Andy Wu:

- This motion presents a very lenient timeline.
- It doesn't hinder other processes or consultations.
- I am on the committee and although this was not voted on at the last meeting, there was a very robust discussion and talk of the need for such a motion.
- Riley took the initiative. I have no problem with that. I see no need to kick it back to committee.

Max Holmes:

- There were only four people at our last Advocacy Committee meeting, so not everyone was able to be consulted.
- I don't feel the committee process was respected: there was ample opportunity to move this motion at committee.
- I wish we'd consulted the groups involved; then the motion could be more robust and say who to consult with.
- This is not a finished motion.

Joella Allen:

- This motion works well because it doesn't have much detail.
- We've talked in the past about prescriptive motions, which can sometimes be a problem.
- We may not know every single group that needs to be consulted.
- This is being lenient on who to consult and allows the Advocacy Committee to pursue the best options.
- Or maybe they can come to us earlier and ask for direction.
- This gives them more agency.

Jakob Gattinger:

- The Governance Review is mentioned here.
- People may want to see it; we could send it out.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Could Riley or Joella tell us what the Equity Caucus is and what the difference is between a caucus and a committee?

Joella Allen:

- A caucus is a group where different stakeholders, especially from underrepresented groups, can meet and present their perspective.
- We have struggled to fill the positions; that's why I support revisiting the framework.

Max Holmes:

- We have Standing Committees, Extraordinary Committees (like the Indigenous Committee), ad hoc committees (like the Brewery Committee), and the Executive Committee, which all report to Council.
- Caucuses are not in the Code; they're something the AMS uses when it wants to engage people.
- For the Equity Caucus there's a question about whether it should be a subcommittee under the Advocacy Committee or have a different structure like the VP Academic Caucus.
- Subcommittees sit under Standing Committees.
- Blue and Gold is another caucus.
- A caucus is a little more fluid and dynamic than a committee.

Muse Greenwood:

- How is the term underrepresented defined?
- And I'd like to ask Andy if he felt respected by the process.

Max Holmes:

- The criteria for underrepresented groups in the Caucus has been changing, but it includes LGBTQ2S+, Pride, Persons of Colour (i.e., Colour Connected), the UBC Student Diversity Initiative.
- It was going to include Indigenous students, but now that there's an Indigenous Committee, it may not, though it may still.
- We have consulted the above groups and all the other Resources Groups and Equity and Diversity UBC.

Andy Wu:

- Yes, I felt respected as a committee member in this process

Marium Hamid:

- The Governance Review was fairly ambiguous on this, on the issue of representation.
- Faculty is one way to represent students; identity is another.
- The Governance Review suggested exploring representation by identity.
- Other universities have had significant struggles with this.
- It's a big question, trying to determine who is underrepresented, who is seeking equity, who do we consult.
- And identity is intersectional.
- It will be important to hear about the work that has been done first before we revisit the framework as this motion says to do.

- We need to take a step back.

Andy Wu:

- I was one of the original members of the Equity Caucus in November 2016.
- The terms of reference were much different then.
- We were called Officers of Council and were meant to interact with Council as a whole.
- The scope of the caucus was bigger; it included economic equity.
- Commuter students and international students were involved.
- Also Varsity athletes and Greek Life (the fraternities and sororities).
- Consultation is ongoing; the process is already starting.
- Work is underway; this motion is only asking the Advocacy Committee to come back with a framework in November 2019.
- Not even to be passed then, just to get feedback.
- That's not too much to ask.
- This is just Riley taking the initiative.
- Personally, as a Caucus member at that time, I didn't get to do anything.

Jerome Goddard:

- I'm going to abstain.
- It's not clear to me that the committee process has been followed, and I'm concerned about other motivations.
- I don't love everything happening here.

Max Holmes:

- It's 100% within people's rights to bring this, and I empathize with people's passion.
- It's bypassed Cristina, who's been leading this [and who was out of the room for this discussion].
- She could have written about this.
- It would have been good to have a report.
- We haven't had the most informed person here [Cristina].
- This could have been done better: at the next meeting after receiving information.

Bryan Starick:

- Point of order:
- There are rules limiting the number of times someone can speak to a motion; they should not speak more than twice.

The Speaker:

- You are right; I was a little lax.

[Cristina Initchi re-entered.]

Chris Hakim asked Riley Ty if he had consulted with any of the relevant groups.

Riley Ty:

- Not the Student Resource Groups.
- I did consult others on the Advocacy Committee.

Yash Gurnani:

- Riley did bring this up at the Advocacy Committee.
- It's not true that the Advocacy Committee had no idea.
- The motion is fairly lenient.

4. MOVED YASH GURNANI, SECONDED MATTHEW EPSTEIN:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (13): Derek Bennett, Kate Burnham, Katherine Westerlund (proxy for Dylan Braam), Matthew Epstein, Daniel Lam (proxy for Gurshabad Singhera), Muse Greenwood, Yash Gurnani, Hannah Xiao (proxy for Jennifer Cheng), Jennifer Ling, Ada Mew, Bryan Starick, Riley Ty, Andy Wu

Against (10): Andria Coulbourn, Tanner Gjosund, Jerome Goddard, Chris Hakim, Max Holmes, Cristina Initchi, John Segui, Arash Shadkam, Darren Touch, Evan Zhou

Abstained: Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Marium Hamid, Jon Kew, Mark Leung, Christina Wiesmann, Kevin Zhang

Cristina Initchi:

- This is a really important motion.
- It's important to have a timeline.
- This was discussed at the Advocacy Committee, but this is not the most appropriate time for the motion: we have not yet discussed this with some of the relevant groups.
- The Equity Caucus needs to take a different shape; we don't know if this is the right structure anymore.
- Its goal has transformed this year.
- It's important to bring a bigger plan and not just go ahead the way we did before.
- A lot more information can be brought to Council very soon.

Chris Hakim:

- I would like to emphasize the most important group in this, the marginalized students.
- We need to listen to the communities affected by this timeline.

5. MOVED JEROME GODDARD, SECONDED EVAN ZHOU:

"That this motion be tabled to the next Council meeting."

Jerome Goddard:

- It's becoming clear that half of Council doesn't know what the Equity Caucus is.
- We need more time for people to consult.
- I don't feel ready to vote.

Riley Ty:

- We all agree about consultation.
- This motion does not stop consultation.

Katherine Westerlund:

- I'm confused because it seems the Advocacy Committee is already doing the revisiting, so why not just do this?
- What specific information do we want to come to Council in order to vote on this motion?

Jakob Gattinger:

- Notice of a motion is a consultation.
- The member did give notice: you can reach out to them: consultation goes both ways. You can reach out to them, and they can reach out to you.
- When proposing that an internal body look into something, there's a lower standard.

Muse Greenwood:

- I asked what the marginalized groups are.
- This is actually an ongoing conversation: no matter how you present information, you're going to be behind: things change.
- I don't think it's fair to say Riley didn't speak to people: he spoke to the committee.
- This motion just says to start the conversation.
- It's not being disrespectful to the work done by the VP External; it's just starting the conversation.

Cristina Initchi:

- My problem is not with the spirit of this motion.
- I'd prefer if it read that I would bring back a report to Council so that Councillors would be more informed.

Andria Coulbourn:

- If this fails, would it go back to Advocacy?

Max Holmes:

- If the motion to table fails, then back to the Advocacy Committee.

6. MOVED ANDRIA COULBOURN, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

"That the question be called on the motion to table."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (21): Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Derek Bennett, Kate Burnham, Andria Coulbourn, Katherine Westerlund (proxy for Dylan Braam), Matthew Epstein, Daniel Lam (proxy for Gurshabad Singhera), Jerome Goddard, Yash Gurnani, Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Cristina Initchi, Jon Kew, Mark Leung, John Segui, Arash Shadkam, Bryan Starick, Darren Touch, Jacqueline Wu, Kevin Zhang, Evan Zhou

Against (7): Tanner Gjosund, Muse Greenwood, Hannah Xiao (proxy for Jennifer Cheng), Jennifer Ling, Ada Mew, Riley Ty, Andy Wu

Abstained: Joella Allen

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Abstained: Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Christina Wiesmann

8. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That the agenda be amended to add the following motion:

That the Advocacy Committee create a plan of action for the Equity Caucus by the end of the term and bring it Council.”

Andy Wu:

- This is more stringent than the previous motion.

Cristina Initchi:

- It does not define plan of action.
- I could present a backgrounder after I receive feedback.

Muse Greenwood

- Is it reasonable to ask for a certain number of groups to be consulted?

Cristina Initchi:

- It might be easier to ask for an update rather than plan of action.

Yash Gurnani:

- I don't feel we should put a number on the amount of groups to be consulted.
- That might lead to offending any groups not included.

Bryan Starick:

- Point of order: this is becoming a discussion of the motion rather than whether to add it to the agenda.

Max Holmes:

- This is what Cristina said is coming.

- We can hold her accountable for that, but there's no need to add this motion.
- We have given you assurances.

9. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (20): Joella Allen, Kate Burnham, Andria Coulbourn, Katherine Westerlund (proxy for Dylan Braam), Matthew Epstein, Daniel Lam (proxy for Gurshabad Singhera), Tanner Gjosund, Jerome Goddard, Yash Gurnani, Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Cristina Initchi, Hannah Xiao (proxy for Jennifer Cheng), Mark Leung, Ada Mew, John Segui, Bryan Starick, Darren Touch, Kevin Zhang, Evan Zhou

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Against (14): Nikol Grishin (proxy for Andrew Au), Derek Bennett, Andria Coulbourn, Matthew Epstein, Tanner Gjosund, Jerome Goddard, Chris Hakim, Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Mark Leung, Ada Mew, John Segui, Bryan Starick, Darren Touch

Abstained: Yash Gurnani, Jacqueline Wu

Abdul Alnaar:

- There's material about the Equity Caucus on the website

U) Discussion Period

Appeals Process

Jakob Gattinger:

- Concerning the Election Appeals Committee ruling, I have no problem with the ruling itself, but there is one issue concerning the basis for the ruling.
- The Chair of the Appeals Committee said he would not reverse the Elections Committee decision unless it demonstrated a grave error of judgement.

- That is too strict a limitation.
- Our appeals committee is really a review committee and has the power to reconsider the case.
- We might consider renaming the committee.

Abdul Alnaar:

- As the former Speaker, I chaired the Election Appeals Committee.
- The onus is on the Speaker to make the decision.
- Governance might consider this

Andy Wu:

- We need more clarity on the word “appeal.”

Jakob Gattinger:

- It does ultimately end up with the Speaker making the decision.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- The way the Appeals Committee is described in Code makes it an appeals committee in fact as well as name.
- It can't just rehear the case; it has to find some error of law.

Andy Wu:

- The composition of the committee is the real issue.
- Also whether it is an appeals body or a review body.

Jakob Gattinger:

- They can substitute their own finding, so they are a review body.

Max Holmes:

- We can ask the Elections Administrator for recommendations on this and send them to the Governance Committee.

V) Submissions:

Referendum on Sustainable Thrift Store	[SCD279-19]
Election Appeals Committee ruling	[SCD280-19]
Referendum on Campus Culture Fee	[SCD281-19]

W) Next Meeting:

March 27, 2019

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Y) Social Activity: Pit Night

March 13, 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 Ilnitich	VP External Affairs	X	
Kuol Akuechbeny	VP Finance	X	
Piers Fleming	Student Services Mgr	X	
Oliver Frayne	Architecture		
Yash Gurnani	Arts	X	
Andy Wu	Arts	X	
Cole Evans	Arts		
Jerome Goddard	Arts	X	
Kevin Zhang	Arts	X	
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone	BoG	X	
Jakob Gattinger	BoG	X	
Evan Zhou	Commerce	X	
Jacqueline Wu	Commerce	X	
	Dentistry		
Chris Gooding	Economics		
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		
Christina Wiesmann	Graduate Studies	X	
	Journalism		
Andrew Au	Kinesiology		Nikol Grishin
Andria Coulbourn	Land & Food Systems	X	
Dylan Braam	Law		Katherine Westerlund
Joella Allen	Library/Archival	X	
Jennifer Ling	Medicine	X	
Anican Yu	Music		
Tanner Gjosund	Nursing	X	
Frank Ju	Ombudsperson		
Jon Kew	Planning	X	
Ada Mew	Pharmacy	X	
	Population & Public Health		
Gareth Clegg	Regent College		
Jennifer Cheng	Science		Hannah Xiao
Gurshabad Singhera	Science		Daniel Lam
Riley Ty	Science	X	

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Andria Coulbourn	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Katherine Westerlund proxy for D Braam	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joella Allen	Y	Y		A	N	Y	Y
Jennifer Ling	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Tanner Gjosund	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Jon Kew	Y	Y	Y	A	Y		N
Ada Mew	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		Y
Gareth Clegg							
Oliver Frayne							
Hannah Xiao proxy for J Cheng			Y	N	N	Y	Y
Daniel Lam (proxy for Gurshabad Singhera)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Riley Ty		Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Muse Greenwood	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Anican Yu							
John Segui		Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Mark Leung		Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y