

## STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Andrew Ha (Ubysey), Sarah Zhao (Ubysey), Thea Udwadia (Ubysey) Emma Livingstone (Ubysey), Alex Nguyen (Ubysey), Thomas O'Donnell (Ubysey), Sammy Smart (Ubysey), Edith Coates (Ubysey), Rodney Little Mustache (First Nations), Nick Pang (AMS staff), Conor Doherty (AMS staff), Dani Stancer (AMS staff), Michael Dobson (student), Mathew Ho (student), Dante Agosti-Moro (Commerce), Aidan Wilson (UBC Debate Society), Peter Fang (AUS), Brandon Connor (student), Brandyn Marx (AMS Food & Beverage), 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 6:12 pm.

### B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- This is to acknowledge the territory we're on, which is the property of the həŋqəmihəm-speaking Musqueam people.
- These are stolen, ancestral, unceded homelands.
- This should be part of an ongoing conversation, not something formalistic, but something that inspires reflection about shifting the colonial default.

### C) Adoption of the agenda:

#### 1. MOVED KEIRA BRITTO, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

- Julia Burnham asked to amend the agenda to add an appointment of a Councillor to the Impact Grant working group for a period ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.
- There were no objections.

#### 2. MOVED KEIRA BRITTO, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

**For (27): Kelvin Au, Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Tanner Gjosund, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Cristina Ilnitchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Arash**

**Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Andy Wu, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

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

Welcome to our new Members: Ian Gilbert (Regent), Samantha Peng (Journalism), Lucita Villarreal (LASSA)

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

Goodbyes: Gareth Clegg (Regent), Joella Allen (LASSA)

**E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):**

The Speaker:

- If anyone has difficulty accessing the meeting, let me know.

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

Rodney Little Mustache:

- I grew up in a land of father and grandfather, where we picked saskatoons and were close to the animals. A place of peace. On a reserve, a sweet place set aside for us.
- I thought Canada was a great, beautiful country.
- I moved to the city, missed my family, missed Canada.
- I served the Lord.
- Then I watched War and Remembrance and saw horrors around the world and saw people dying of disease.
- I learned the Church hurt my mother and father and many others.
- Concentration camps and apartheid were modelled after Canadian reserves.
- I never thought I'd live in a world of homophobia, racism, and genocide, where those things were seen to be all right.
- There are no First Nations people on Council even after five years of asking.
- Not one leader today, the day of the federal election call, mentioned the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women.
- I'm asking you to make genocide an issue in 2019's federal election, along with the environment and pipelines.
- You need to write a stronger letter.
- More First Nations need to be in the pictures on the wall.
- You need to address genocide.
- The AMS need to include native issues in its campaigns.
- More First Nations students need to be in universities.

**G) Consent Agenda Items**

Andy Wu asked to remove three sets of minutes from the consent agenda:

- Advocacy Committee minutes dated July 10, 2019
- Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated May 29, 2019

- Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated July 4, 2019

3. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED JULIA CHAI:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Advocacy Committee minutes dated July 3, 2019	[SCD105-20]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated July 16, 2019	[SCD106-20]
AMS Council minutes dated June 19, 2019	[SCD107-20]
AMS Council minutes dated July 10, 2019	[SCD108-20]
AMS In Camera minutes dated July 10, 2019	[SCD109-20]
AMS Council minutes dated July 31, 2019	[SCD110-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 26, 2019	[SCD111-20]
HR Committee minutes dated July 15, 2019	[SCD112-20]
HR Committee minutes dated July 22, 2019	[SCD113-20]
Operations Committee minutes dated July 9, 2019	[SCD114-20]
Operations Committee minutes dated July 16, 2019	[SCD115-20]
Operations Committee minutes dated July 30, 2019	[SCD116-20]
Student Life Committee minutes dated June 10, 2019	[SCD117-20]
Student Life Committee minutes dated August 13, 2019	[SCD118-20]
Steering Committee minutes dated July 4, 2019	[SCD119-20]

... Carried

**For (24): Keira Britto, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Tanner Gjosund, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Alireza Kamyabi, Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Andy Wu, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

4. MOVED ANDY WU, SECONDED JULIA CHAI:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.

Advocacy Committee minutes dated July 10, 2019  
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated May 29, 2019  
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated July 4, 2019.”

Andy Wu:

- The wrong Advocacy minutes were sent: the ones sent out were from 2018.
- The Clubs & Societies minutes were not minutes, just a copy and paste of the agenda.

5. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KIA TEIMOURI:

“That this motion be postponed until the September 25 meeting.”

Chris Hakim:

- Apologies for these errors.

Max Holmes:

- Some committees are not sending minutes.
- Others sent in July, but not in August.
- We should make sure to get the sending of the minutes expedited.

Chris Hakim:

- Absolutely.
- I will ask my staff to connect with the new committee chairs.

6. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KIA TEIMOURI:

“That this motion be postponed until the September 25 meeting.”

... Carried

**For (23): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Ian Gilbert, Tanner Gjosund, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Cristina Ilnitshi, Alireza Kamyabi, Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Tyra Phillips, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Andy Wu, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

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

***Communications & Marketing Engagement – Eric Lowe (AMS Marketing & Communications Manager)*** [SCD120-20]

- I was told when I started that my goal was to increase student engagement and awareness of the AMS brand.
- To do this I looked at what the core story of the AMS is: why do we do what we do?
- People talk about what we do (Services, Events, etc.), but why? What do we stand for?
- To understand that would provide a foundation for communications.
- I want us to become more student-centric.
- We’ve been organizationally-centric: talking of ourselves.
- But most students don’t care about the AMS and if we only talk about ourselves, we lose them.
- Students are interested in their classes, Pit Night.
- We have to become central to them.
- We need consistency, which we have not been achieving: our voting website has old logos on it.
- Need brand integrity, a strong brand, to build engagement.
- We say we’re the voice of the students, but we do all the talking.

- We're revising the website to make it more of a blog: want to find student stories and put them on the website; give students a platform; that's who the society represents.
- We have to frontload, reach the first year students. If we don't teach them what the AMS is until their third year, they're gone.
- Looking to establish relationships with UBC, get them to modify their scripts to entering students.
- We need to take our message to more channels.
- We showed a video at the Imagine Day pep rally [Eric showed Council the video].
- We've reintroduced the First Year Agenda; it's something students can refer to all year round. And they've all been handed out now; they're all gone.
- We received a bigger presence in the Ubyssy Guide to UBC, another channel for us.
- We've started a WeChat account in an attempt to reach a population who may not connect to us on any other channel.
- We've hired more staff.
- Our message, as we say in the video, is that the AMS is your society (the students' society), bringing you transit, housing, lower debt, and affordable resources, helping you de-stress and make friends, providing services.

#### *Questions*

Brandyn Marx:

- Are we advertising that we accept UBC cards and flex dollars at our outlets?

Eric Lowe:

- Not yet. My apologies.
- Good idea.

Max Holmes:

- Great job.
- This is the best communications team we have had.
- The Finance Committee passed a motion in relation to extra funding in the budget for communications.
- We wanted a presentation, and this one satisfies that.
- But we also wanted a budget breakdown.
- When will the Executive be compliant with that request?

Chris Hakim:

- Hope to do that soon.
- First we wanted to do first year engagement.
- We'll be coming back to the Finance Committee and Council with information.
- May through August expenditures were low; it spikes in September.

Max Holmes:

- That is not what we asked for at Fincom.
- When the VP Administration needed a delay, he came with a motion.

- There's been no motion for this delay.
- Is there a timeline?

Chris Hakim:

- We can bring this to the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mathew Ho:

- Is there a plan to better support the visibility of undergraduate societies and to communicate that AMS advocacy is separate from UBC?

Chris Hakim:

- About Constituencies, I meet with the Presidents Council.
- They asked for orientation help on what the AMS is, what our services are, etc.
- This is especially needed for the professional and graduate societies: we have an information and engagement deficit with those schools..
- As to independence from UBC, we have been working on our marketing this year to make clear that we work with UBC; we're not part of UBC.
- We're also working with the Student Senate Caucus and the Board of Governors student reps.

***Federal Election Campaign – Cristina Ilnitich (VP External) and Conor Doherty (AVP External)***

[SCD121-20]

Cristina Ilnitich:

- UBC Votes 2019.
- We are excited about this campaign.

Conor Doherty:

- Seeking to achieve meaningful engagement with 2,000 students to make it more likely they will vote.

Cristina Ilnitich:

- The idea is to get every eligible student to vote and all students to know about the elections.

Conor Doherty:

- We will talk about the issues in the election and the importance to vote.
- 37% of the voters are between 18 and 38: young people have an opportunity to have a massive impact.

Cristina Ilnitich

- Our message is non-partisan:
  - Students are voting: we have power.
  - Our issues.
  - It's easy.

Conor Doherty:

- There will be posters around the Nest saying it matters to vote.
- We will have educational messaging on five central issues.
- We will summarize the parties' policies on those issues.

Cristina Initchi:

- Actionable ways students can get involved.

Conor Doherty:

- Giveaways on social media.
- Talking to student leaders across campus to spread our issues.

Cristina Initchi:

- This will help us connect with student leaders.
- Allows us to pass on election materials so they can encourage their peers

Conor Doherty:

- Outreach strategies: classroom announcements about the importance of voting.
- Boothing in the Nest.

Cristina Initchi

- There will be information on the website.

Conor Doherty:

- Hosting events:
  - Debate for Vancouver Quadra.
  - Party Salon Week: bringing candidates to campus.
  - Pints and Politics.
- Advance polling stations.

Cristina Initchi:

- Signing on to the UBC climate strike letter.
- Connecting with more people.
- Working with UBC.
- Government-facing advocacy.
- Rolling out the National Student Letter with 47 institutions and three issues.
  - Published in the Globe and Mail.
  - Connected with federal parties about it.
  - Received some responses.
  - Meeting with candidates about it.

Conor Doherty:

- Next steps:
  - Seeking volunteers.
  - Come to the events.
  - At least register to vote.

*Questions*

Katherine Westerlund:

- Has this gone to the Advocacy Committee [The answer was yes.]
- This was too much detail for Council.

Michelle Marcus:

- I disagree about the amount of detail: voting is important, and it's important as student leaders that we know the details.
- What can Constituencies do?

Cristina Initchi:

- We'll be sending out an email with information about how to vote.
- If you want us to come to your council meetings, let us know.

Andy Wu:

- I actually like the detail.
- Do we need third party registration to do these activities?
- What were the responses to the student letter?

Cristina Initchi:

- We don't need third party registration because we're non-partisan.
- We have checked with similar groups.
- We're not paying for advertising on issues, and we're going to be taking a step back from government-facing advocacy.
- As to the letter, it's been read by policy people for each party.
- We received responses from the NDP and the Liberals saying they supported the content and spirit, and they're incorporating elements into their platforms.

Tanner Gjosund:

- Will there be something about mental health during the election, especially for those with marginalized status?

Cristina Initchi:

- That's not something we've thought about, but we'll look into it.

Chris Hakim:

- The Empower Me online hotline on mental health service, which has been extended to all students, will be available during the elections.

7. MOVED KELVIN AU, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

"That the question period be extended by one minute to allow for the last question."

... No objections



Brandyn Marx:

- Advocating for mental health services may be perceived as partisan because some parties are more supportive of it than others.

## I) Consultation Period

## J) Appointments

### **Advocacy Committee**

*Councillors Nominated (4 required):* Nicholas Harterre (Economics), Tyra Phillips (Engineering), Nevena Rebic (GSS), Alireza Kamyabi (GSS)

*At Large Nominated (1 required):* Brandon Connor, Lily Liu, Sophia Hughes, Sahar Dua, Davey Li, Ethan He

*Chosen:* Brandon Connor

### **HR Committee**

*Councillors Nominated (5 required):* Kelvin Au (Land & Food), Samantha Peng (Journalism), Riley Ty (Science), Michelle Marcus (Science), Jonathan Kew (Planning)

*At Large Nominated (1 required):* Bruce Yao, Sophia Hughes, George Kachkovski

*Chosen:* George Kachkovski

### **Finance Committee**

*Councillors Nominated (3 required):* Arash Shadkam (GSS), Michelle Marcus (Science), Andrew Huang (Commerce), Matthew Epstein (Forestry), Kia Teimouri (Arts), Jackson Schumacher (GSS), Katherine Westerlund (Engineering)

*Chosen:* Arash Shadkam, Michelle Marcus, Andrew Huang

*At Large Nominated:* Michael Dobson, Brandyn Marx, Sophia Hughes, Helen Yu, Mary Gan

*Chosen:* Michael Dobson and Brandyn Marx

### **Operations Committee**

*Councillors Nominated (4 required):* Jeanie Malone (Board of Governors), Kelvin Au (Land & Food), Alex Gonzalez (Senate), Katherine Westerlund (Engineering), Nicholas Harterre (Economics)

*Chosen:* Jeanie Malone, Kelvin Au, Alex Gonzalez, and Katherine Westerlund

*At Large Nominated (2 required):* Lily Liu, Aidan Wilson, Sahar Dua, Helen Yu, Edward Sun, Jiaquan Zhang, Qianqu Zhao

*Chosen:* Lily Liu and Aidan Wilson

### **Student Life Committee**

*Councillors Nominated (4 required):* Julia Chai (Science), Keira Britto (Kinesiology), Kevin Zhang (Arts), Ian Gilbert (Regent), Ravi Parhar (Medicine)

*Chosen:* Julia Chai, Keira Britto, Kevin Zhang, Ian Gilbert

*At Large Nominated (1 required):* Stuart Clarke, Bruce Yao, Yizhen Song, Helen Yu, Ethan He, Qianqu Zhao

*Chosen:* Stuart Clarke

**Governance Committee**

*Councillors Nominated (5 required):* Katherine Westerlund (Engineering), Max Holmes (Board of Governors), Jeanie Malone (Board of Governors), Alex Gonzalez (Senate), Michelle Marcus (Science)

*At Large Nominated (1 required):* Sahar Dua

**Steering Committee**

*At Large Nominated (1 required):* Davey Li, Helen Yu, Jiaquan Zhang, Qianqu Zhao  
*Chosen:* Davey Li

**New SUB Committee**

*Councillors Nominated (2 required):* Samantha Peng (Journalism), Anican Yu (Music), Priscilla Chan (Commerce)

*Chosen:* Samantha Peng and Anican Yu

*At Large Nominated (2 required):* None

**Impact Grant Working Group**

*Councillors Nominated (1 required):* Jackson Schumacher (GSS), Matthew Epstein (Forestry)

*Chosen:* Jackson Schumacher

8. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED KELVIN AU:

“That Nicholas Harterre, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Alireza Kamyabi (4 x Councillors) and Brandon Connor (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Kelvin Au, Samantha Peng, Riley Ty, Michelle Marcus, and Jonathan Kew (5 x non-Executive Councillors) and George Kachkovski (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Arash Shadkam, Michelle Marcus, Andrew Huang (3 x Councillors) and Michael Dobson and Brandyn Marx (2 x members at large) be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Jeanie Malone, Kelvin Au, Alex Gonzalez, and Katherine Westerlund (4 x non-Executive Councillors) and Lily Liu and Aidan Wilson (2 x members at large) be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Julia Chai, Keira Britto, Kevin Zhang and Ian Gilbert (4 x non-Executive Councillors) and Stuart Clarke (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Katherine Westerlund, Max Holmes, Jeanie Malone, Alex Gonzalez, and Michelle Marcus (5 x non-Executive Councillors) and Sahar Dua (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Davey Li (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Steering Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Samantha Peng and Anican Yu (2 x Councillors) and \_\_\_\_ (2 x members at large) be appointed to the New SUB Committee until the completion of the project.”

“That Jackson Schumacher (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Impact Grant Working Group for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

... Carried

**For (24): Kelvin Au, Keira Britto, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Tanner Gjosund, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Jonathan Kew, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Riley Ty, Andy Wu, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

**Against (2): Julia Burnham, Katherine Westerlund**

9. MOVED JEANIE MALONE, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

“That Tyra Phillips be appointed Chair of the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Riley Ty be appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Cole Evans be appointed Chair of the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Katherine Westerlund be appointed Chair of the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2020.”

... Carried

**For (25): Kelvin Au, Keira Britto, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Tanner Gjosund, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Katherine Westerlund, Andy Wu, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

**Abstained: Riley Ty**

**K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):**

**Chris Hakim**

- Welcome to new Councillors and old. It's the beginning of the School Year.
- The AMS was extensively engaged in First Week activities.
- We gave a workshop about the AMS at Jump Start.
- We talked about Services at Imagine Day and showed Eric's video to 7,200 students.
- We've sold out Welcome Back Barbecue.
- At Homecoming I will do the coin toss.
- Collective bargaining with SASC employees is done.
- We created the Sexual Violence and Respectful Community working group.
- We finished negotiations with UBC about the Empower Me mental health service, and now UBC will cover 100% of the cost for all students, not just those enrolled in the Health and Dental Plan.
- Been working on rooms for the Indigenous Committee.
- Board of Governors committee meetings.
- Hiring Deputy Ombudsperson.
- Preparing venue and material for the AGM.
- Sexual violence policies on campus.
- Appointed to UBC academic renewal working group.
- Working with UBC SUO re presentation to BoG.
- New AMS budgeting and reporting process proposal has gone to the Finance Committee and the Governance Committee.

**L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):**

**VP External Affairs – Cristina Initchi**

- Federal advocacy.
- National Student Letter.
- Provincial lobby trip.
- UCRU discussions.
- Working with other student unions on their priorities.
- Meeting with community groups re advocacy.
- Working with Chris on responses to UNA bylaw changes.

*Questions*

Andy Wu:

- What are our provincial priorities?

Cristina Initchi:

- Student financial aid:
  - Looking for grants.
- Also advocacy about sexual violence and Indigenous student support.
- Grad student funding.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Who do we meet on the lobby trip?

Cristina Initchi

- All parties.
- Important ministers: Advanced Education, Education, the Premier, MLA's from Metro Vancouver.

Kelvin Au:

- What is the AMS doing about the climate strike?

Chris Hakim:

- We have signed on to the letter.
- This is a core issue in the federal election.
- Discussion in the HR Committee about what to do for those that want to go out on strike.

#### **VP Academic – Julia Burnham**

- SVPRO Director search committee: Director hired.
- Senate starting up: I am Vice-Chair of the committee on Diversity and Inclusion.
- Well-Being Committee.
- Policy 131 review process started. Meeting with SASC to strategize about that.
- Textbook Broke campaign (5<sup>th</sup> year): prizes, including candy. Very exciting booth.
- Met with UBC climate strike organizer.
- Collaborated with UBCO SU on Board of Governors presentation.

#### *Questions*

Max Holmes:

- Last year we publicized the We Believe You campaign more.
- What is the collaboration on this?

Julia Burnham:

- Messaging last year was an introduction to SVPRO.
- This year we collaborated with SASC and SVPRO about messaging.
- The AMS SASC logo is included now.
- We have posters to go up.
- Focusing on first year and international students.
- Campaign on consent later.

#### **Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**

- There's now a Facebook page for Services.
- Discussed Food Bank funding with President Ono.
- Had 320 visits to Food Bank this past summer, a 30% increase from last summer.
- Safewalk and Food Bank have been functioning through the summer; the other Services will now be reopening.
- Food Bank is extending its hours (till 6 pm on Thursday).

- Vice will have a Chill Cube at the Welcome Back Barbecue.
- Safewalk will be at the Pride event.
- Doing promo work with Communications: at Jump Start, the Law students orientation, the VST orientation.
- Made some tweaks to our Olivewood data collection.

*Questions*

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Did you reach out to Law?

Ian Stone:

- They reached out to us.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Can we do anything to reach out to other programs, e.g. Medicine?

Ian Stone:

- Totally.

Mathew Ho:

- Why does Speakeasy not operate in the summer?

Ian Stone:

- Lack of volunteers and the demand goes way down.

**VP Finance – Lucia Liang**

- Preparing launch of financial literacy campaign.
- Our secure online transfer system will launch at the end of the month.
- New MoU with WUSC.
- Financial newsletter to treasurers.

*Questions*

Andy Wu:

- Can you provide details on the financial literacy campaign?

Lucia Liang:

- RBC created the content.
- We look over it.
- Free food.

**VP Administration – Cole Evans**

- Great turnout for club executive orientations to learn the new OpsCom rules. There was a SASC workshop.
- Clubs Days next week being expanded into the Life Building.
- Sustainability:
  - Zero Waste Foodware strategy for end of the month. Working with UBC.

- Rebranding Sustainability.
- Making strides in the Green to Go program (container sharing).
- Hatch Art Gallery opening with a “Gloves Off” show.
  - Cool events coming.
  - Workshop about installations.
  - Karaoke in the Hatch.
- The Commons (and Clubs Resource Centre): soft launch next week.
- Nest booking system.
- Nest Experience Survey.

#### *Questions*

Max Holmes:

- Have we evaluated the idea of using an outside firm for the Nest Experience Survey, as with the Academic Experience Survey?

Cole Evans:

- We are looking into that.

Max Holmes:

- For this year?

Chris Hakim:

- Not this year, unless we change the budget reforecast.
- Hoping to amend our policy on the AES to be about more surveys than just the AES.

Cole Evans:

- AMS SVPREP policy passed.
- We want to communicate on how to use this policy.

#### **Managing Director – Keith Hester**

- Sold out the Welcome Back Barbecue.
- Completed collective bargaining.
- E-transfer system complete but are working on communications.
- Finished audit.
- New system (Dayforce) for HR and Payroll should be ready by December.
- Interviews for new Policy Advisor.

#### **M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):**

##### **Advocacy – Cristina Initchi**

- Wrapped up National Student Letter.

##### **Governance – Katherine Westerlund**

- Working on Constituency issues and policies.

**Fermentation Lab – Kelvin Au**

- Haven't met yet.

**Finance – Lucia Liang**

- Joint meeting with the Governance Committee about the budgeting process.
- May go to 6-month timeline rather than two months.
- Quarterly reports from fee receiving groups.
- SPF application process.

**HR – Riley Ty**

- Ombudsperson resigned. Met to discuss that.
- Still hoping to fill the Advisory Board.

**New SUB – Cole Evans**

- The project is pretty much done.
- Probably going to cancel this committee quite soon.

**Operations – Cole Evans**

- In contrast, OpsCom's work is endless. Won't be cancelling it any time.
- Did cancel this week's meeting, though, because no one could make it.
- Passed edits to OpsCom manual.
- Policy I-7 coming next meeting (the building suspension policy to ensure safety).

**SHAPE – Chris Hakim**

- Cole's staff has finished its report on the value of our pieces, and they're in contact with the Heffel auction company.

**Steering – Chris Hakim**

- Vision statement for strategic plan.
- Hope to bring to September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Student Life – Kevin Zhang**

- Met on September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Went over Terms of Reference Code change.
- Talked to Events and Communications.

**N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):**

Chris Hakim:

- Met last week.
- Finalized orientation package.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Did this include the GSS?

Chris Hakim:

- Yes.



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

**BoG – Jeanie Malone**

- Committee meetings today, tomorrow, next week.
- Full board at Kelowna.
- Will be webcast.
- All agenda materials are online.

**Senate – Alex Gonzalez**

- Hasn't met all summer, but meeting next Wednesday.
- Climate change strike update coming next meeting.

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**

- Federal election fun facts:
  - Two prime ministers began their careers on AMS Council:
    - Kim Campbell and John Turner.
    - Kim Campbell was the first female Frosh President at UBC and later became AMS Vice-President. PM in 1993.
    - John Turner was known as Chick Turner; he was a sportswriter for the Ubysey and served as Coordinator of Activities on AMS Council. PM in 1984.
  - Justin Trudeau's grandfather, James Sinclair, was a member of AMS Council. His daughter Margaret married Pierre Trudeau.

10. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

"That the meeting be extended by one hour."

Max Holmes:

- I have an objection to this. We need to be more efficient in meetings.

Chris Hakim:

- We need to pass the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

11. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

"That the meeting be extended by one hour."

... Carried

**For (17): Kelvin Au, Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Julia Chai, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Michelle Marcus, Tyra Phillips, Jackson Schumacher, Katherine Westerlund, Andy Wu, Kevin Zhang**

**Abstained: Jonathan Kew, Samantha Peng, Anican Yu**

**P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

**Q) Executive Committee Motions:**

12. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO: [SCD122-20]

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the AMS SASC/CUPE Local 1936 Collective Agreement as presented, contingent on ratification by the CUPE Local 1936.”

Chris Hakim:

- After a year of hard work on this (by Keith the Managing Director, Praneet the HR Manager, and Annette the SASC Manager), I am happy to present the agreement between AMS SASC and CUPE 1936.
- Both parties are very happy with it.

13. MOVED KELVIN AU, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM, THIRDED RILEY TY:

“That the meeting enter an *in camera* session.”

*The meeting went in camera at 10 pm.*

*The meeting came out of camera at 10:20 pm.*

14. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the AMS SASC/CUPE Local 1936 Collective Agreement as presented, contingent on ratification by the CUPE Local 1936.”

Abdul Alnaar:

- Thanks to the individuals who worked really hard to get this accepted, and thanks to all the support workers and outreach workers.

15. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the AMS SASC/CUPE Local 1936 Collective Agreement as presented, contingent on ratification by the CUPE Local 1936.”

... Carried

**For (23): Kelvin Au, Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Julia Chai, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Andy Wu, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

**R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:**

**S) Committee Motions:**

16. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

[SCD123-20]

**From the Governance Committee**

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2019: Electoral Procedures Clarifications’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Westerlund:

- Looking to make things equitable in elections.
- Made the maximum reimbursement equal to the spending limit.
- Students with an extra \$200 to spend will no longer have an advantage.
- This is not the end of what Governance is planning on the electoral procedures. Maybe some more by January 2020.

Andy Wu:

- How will the Chief Electoral Officer’s office track expenses? How make sure reporting is accurate?

Katherine Westerlund:

- There’s no way to make sure reporting is 100% accurate.

Jeanie Malone:

- Election rules are clear on what’s counted.
- Candidates can file a complaint if they think someone has overspent.
- Candidates need to submit receipts for reimbursements.
- Sometimes the Elections Administrator will demand a list of all expenses.

Julia Burnham:

- Candidates do report other candidates for violations. Lots of postering violations got reported last year. Candidates can be quite petty.

Katherine Westerlund:

- This recommendation was made in consultation with the Finance Committee.
- With the ban on postering, there won’t necessarily be an increase in cost.

Andy Wu:

- Banning postering will lead to a surge in social media ads.
- Last cycle we were all bombarded.
- The costs of those are not as clearcut.
- Would love Governance or the Elections Committee to look into this matter.

Max Holmes:

- You are already required to disclose election expenses.
- One issue is that there's no way of enforcing the rule, of making sure people haven't gone over.
- I'm in favour of this change to bring in more equity.
- But I'm concerned about another change in the package, the one banning clubs from using funds to support candidates.
- If a club wanted to support you in the past, what they spent would be counted against your spending limit.

Katherine Westerlund:

- We wanted to hold them to the same consideration as Constituencies because they get student fees too.

Julia Burnham:

- I'd encourage the Governance Committee to look at the reimbursement process: it's quite lengthy, and candidates end up maxing out credit cards, waiting for reimbursement.

Katherine Westerlund:

- It's difficult to set up a system of giving people money up front and then having to ask for some of it back.
- We did discuss it.

Cole Evans:

- Part of the reason for excluding club resources is that some clubs are as large as Constituencies. They have power.
- Looking at the equity side of things, it seemed like an unfair advantage.

Max Holmes:

- I would agree if not for the rule that says money spent by a club counts towards a candidate's expenses.
- The AMS is extending its hand too far in restricting interest groups.
- Let this proposal go to the Elections Committee.

17. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

**From the Governance Committee**

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... Defeated

**For (12): Keira Britto, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Alireza Kamyabi, Tyra Phillips, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Andy Wu, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

**Against (7): Julia Burnham, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Michelle Marcus, Samantha Peng**

18. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the previous motion be reconsidered.”

... No objections

19. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

**From the Governance Committee**

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

20. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That the motion be amended to amend the Code change to delete the part of the amendment adding “nor the Society’s clubs” in Article 2(8)(c).”

... No objections

21. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

**From the Governance Committee**

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2019: Electoral Procedures Clarifications’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

“Be it further resolved that Article 2(8)(c) be amended to strike the addition of the words ‘nor the Society’s Clubs’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Andy Wu:

- We should refer Article 2(8)(c) back to the committee.

Katherine Westerlund:

- We’ll just look at it.

Michelle Marcus:

- It would be good to consider the definition of resources.
- I do agree that clubs can play some role, but I want to look at their resources to make sure they're not getting an unfair advantage.

22. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:  
[SCD124-20]

**From the Governance Committee**

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"Be it further resolved that Article 2(8)(c) be amended to strike the addition of the words 'nor the Society's Clubs'."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (23): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Andy Wu, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

23. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ANDY WU:

"Whereas Council on June 19 passed the following motion:

That Council direct the Sustainability Subcommittee to report back to Council on the AMS's plan and timeline for implementation of the UBC Zero Waste Foodware policy by the first Council meeting of September.

Be it resolved that Council amend that motion to direct that the report be made at the second Council meeting in September."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- Council wanted us to present now, but we need a little more time.

24. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ANDY WU:

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**For (23): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Andy Wu, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

25. MOVED KEVIN ZHANG, SECONDED MATTHEW EPSTEIN [SCD125-20]

"That on the recommendation of the Student Life Committee, Council approve the Code changes outlined in the document entitled: Code Changes 2019 - Student Life Committee Terms of Reference."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kevin Zhang:

- The AMS Events and Communications managers will now be non-voting members of the committee.
- We struck one of the duties of the committee and edited another so that instead of producing an annual strategy on student engagement, the committee provides recommendations on student engagement.

26. MOVED KEVIN ZHANG, SECONDED MATTHEW EPSTEIN

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (22): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang**

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

**U) Discussion Period**

**V) Submissions:**

Procedure for filling the vacancy of the Arts Student Senator as amended	[SCD126-20]
National Student Letter	[SCD127-20]
National Student Letter report	[SCD128-20]
Operations Committee Manual	[SCD128-20]
Human Rights and Democracy Activism for Hong Kong Students	[SCD129-20]
Correspondence	

**W) Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: September 25, 2019

**X) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 pm.

**Y) Social Activity:**



### September 11, 2019 Roster

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

Name	Constituency	Present	Proxy
Kareem Ibrahim	Speaker of Council	X	
Chris Hakim	President	X	
Julia Burnham	VP Academic	X	
Cole Evans	VP Administration	X	
Cristina Ilnitich	VP External Affairs	X	
Lucia Liang	VP Finance	X	
Ian Stone	Student Services Mgr	X	
Riley Baechler	Architecture		
Sean Thorne	Arts		
Andy Wu	Arts	X	
Shadi Saberian	Arts		
Kia Teimouri	Arts	X	
Kevin Zhang	Arts	X	
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone	BoG	X	
Max Holmes	BoG	X	
Priscilla Chan	Commerce	X	
Andrew Huang	Commerce	X	
	Dentistry		
Nicholas Harterre	Economics	X	
Derek Bennett	Education		
Tyra Phillips	Engineering	X	
Katherine Westerlund	Engineering	X	
Matthew Epstein	Forestry	X	
Jackson Schumacher	Graduate Studies	X	
Arash Shadkam	Graduate Studies	X	
Nevena Rebic	Graduate Studies	X	
Alireza Kamyabi	Graduate Studies	X	
Samantha Peng	Journalism	X	
Keira Britto	Kinesiology	X	
Kelvin Au	Land & Food Systems	X	
	Law		
Lucita Villarreal	Library/Archival		
Ravi Parhar	Medicine	X	
Anican Yu	Music	X	
Tanner Gjosund	Nursing	X	
	Ombudsperson		
Jonathan Kew	Planning	X	
Wendy Song	Pharmacy	X	
	Population & Public Health		
Ian Gilbert	Regent College	X	
Julia Chai	Science	X	
Michelle Marcus	Science	X	
Riley Ty	Science	X	

Alex Gonzalez	Senate	X	
Matthias Leuprecht	Senate		
Mark Leung	St. Mark's		
John Segui	Social Work		
Muse Greenwood	VST		

V1: Welcome to a new school year! Now

please test your clickers and let the Speaker know if there are any issues!

V2: Approval of the agenda

V3: Consent Agenda Items Approval (2.0)

V4: Motion to table 2.1 (minutes) to the next Council meeting

V5: Committee Appointments

V6: Committee Chair Appointments

V7: 1hr Extension

V8: Stay in Camera

V9: Stay in Camera

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AMS Council approve the code changes outlined in the document entitled:

Code Changes 2019 - Student Life Committee Terms of Reference.pdf

Name	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	V10	V11	V12	V13	V14
Chris Hakim	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y
Cole Evans	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lucia Liang		Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y
Cristina Initchi		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y		Y	Y	Y
Julia Burnham	Y	Y		Y	N		Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Sean Thorne														
Andy Wu	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Shadi Saberian														
Kia Teimouri	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Kevin Zhang	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Priscilla Chan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	N		N	Y	Y	Y

Andrew Huang	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y			N	Y	Y	Y
Nicholas Harterre	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Derek Bennett														
Tyra Phillips	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Katherine														
Westerlund	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nevena Rebic	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y								
Jackson														
Schumacher	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arash Shadkam	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y			N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alireza Kamyabi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Matthew Epstein			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Keira Britto	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kelvin Au	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y				
Law Vacant														
Lucita Villarreal														
Ravi Parhar	Y	Y	Y	A	Y									
Tanner Gjosund	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Jonathan Kew	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	N	Y				
Wendy Song	Y													
Ian Gilbert	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	N	Y		Y	Y	Y
Riley Baechler														
Julia Chai	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Michelle Marcus	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Riley Ty	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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