

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Andrew Ha (Ubysey), Sarah Zhao (Ubysey), Emma Livingstone (Ubysey), Thomas O'Donnell (Ubysey), Veronica Stolba (AMS AVP Academic), Jerome Goddard (AMS AVP University Affairs), Nick Pang (AMS staff), Dani Stancer (AMS staff), Mathew Ho (student), Ben Bemus (VST) and other students from VST, Members of the Indigenous Committee, 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 6:05 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- This meeting is taking place on the stolen and unceded land of the hə́nqəmiḥə́m-speaking Musqueam people.
- We make this acknowledgement in the hope that in our way we can work to shift the colonial default.
- Conversations here have indicated that we are sorely lacking in Indigenous representation.
- We need to work in solidarity with Indigenous peoples and reflect on what that means.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED JULIA CHAI, SECONDED TYRA PHILLIPS:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the Ombudsperson motion be moved to be the first motion.”

... No objections

- Max Holmes asked for a discussion item on Executive Committee meetings
- Katherine Westerlund asked for a discussion item on committee reporting.

3. MOVED JULIA CHAI, SECONDED TYRA PHILLIPS:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

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

Welcome to our new Members: Dante Agosti-Moro (Senate), Riley Baechler (Architecture)

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

Goodbyes: Mark Leung (St. Mark's), Matthias Leuprecht (Senate)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- If there is anything I can do to make these meetings more accessible, let me know.
- The aim is to be inclusive and efficient.

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

4. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED JULIA CHAI:

"That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, AMS Council appoint Katrin Iacono as the AMS Ombudsperson effective immediately and ending April 30, 2020."

Riley Ty:

- After job postings, interviews, and discussion at the HR Committee, we are here with this candidate.
- She's a third year law student specializing in family law

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G) Consent Agenda Items

- Kevin Zhang asked that the Operations Committee minutes dated August 11th be discussed separately.
- Max Holmes noted that lots of committees are missing, adding that it would be nice to get all the minutes.

6. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

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| Fermentation Lab Committee minutes dated September 13, 2019 | [SCD131-20] |
| Executive Committee minutes dated August 16, 2019 | [SCD132-20] |
| Executive Committee minutes dated Sept 6, 2019 | [SCD133-20] |
| Operations Committee minutes dated August 26, 2019 | [SCD134-20] |
| Operations Committee minutes dated September 16, 2019 | [SCD135-20] |
| HR Committee minutes dated August 7, 2019 | [SCD136-20] |
| HR Committee minutes dated August 14, 2019 | [SCD137-20] |
| HR Committee minutes dated September 11, 2019 | [SCD138-20] |

... Carried

For (26): Kelvin Au, Riley Baechler, Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Julia Chai, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Tanner Gjosund, Muse Greenwood, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Cristina Ilnitchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Jonathan Kew, Michelle Marcus, Tyra Phillips, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, John Segui, Wendy Song, Kia Teimouri, Katherine Westerlund, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang

7. MOVED KEVIN ZHANG, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That the following item be accepted as presented:

Operations Committee minutes dated August 11, 2019 [SCD139-20]

Kevin Zhang:

- These minutes should be dated August 13, 2019.

8. MOVED KEVIN ZHANG, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That the following item be accepted as amended:

Operations Committee minutes dated August 13, 2019 [SCD139-20]

.... Carried

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

SLFS (Student Legal Fund Society) and LSLAP (Law Students Legal Assistance Program) – Jerome Goddard and Melody Cheung [SCD140-20]

Melody Cheung:

- Setting up new free legal clinics for UBC students.
- Over the summer the SLFS and LSLAP entered into a partnership to provide a free legal clinic at the Allard Hall.
- LSLAP is a program started in 1969 by law students to provide free legal services on such things as residential tenancy, small claims, wills, employment standards, and criminal law.
 - It consists of six students with two or three supervising lawyers.

Jerome Goddard:

- The SLFS began in 1998 and gets a \$1 fee from UBC students, which goes into a fund for large cases.
- Big focus of recent years: student education clinics:
 - Know Your Rights
 - Rent with Rights
- Could be some collaboration with the VP External and SASC.

Melody Cheung:

- The new clinic will provide education, legal advice, and representation to UBC students and will focus on systemic issues for them.
- UBC students are the target audience; the clinic is exclusively for them.
- We will do research on different topics.
- May refer cases to the SLFS for litigation.

Jerome Goddard:

- The SLFS will handle bigger cases.
- You can email us about them and send them to our litigation committee: the committee will determine if the cases fit into our constitutional mandate and should get funding.
- Ideally, with this new partnership we'll get more cases.

Melody Cheung:

- At the clinic a law student will do intake and then research on whether we can provide representation or advice.

- We're already underway and are seeing a lot of residential tenancy cases, issues with landlords.
- We will gather stats to perform an analysis of systemic issues related to UBC students.

Questions

Michelle Marcus:

- The Advocacy Committee discussed having a Know Your Rights workshop for activists in the light of the upcoming climate strike.
- This is a great idea and would be valuable to students.
- Are you considering this?

Jerome Goddard:

- We are looking at this: formalizing an agreement with the AMS for a legal clinic for protesters. In November.

Muse Greenwood:

- Does this include St Mark's, Regent, and VST?

Melody Cheung:

- This is available to anyone paying the \$1 fee to the SLFS.
- And even those not eligible as UBC students can phone in.
- We do provide free legal advice to people in the Lower Mainland.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Are the law students paid a stipend?

Melody Cheung:

- We have both paid and volunteer positions.

Cole Evans:

- The SLFS has a lot of money right now.
- Do you have plans to spend the money to increase visibility?

Jerome Goddard:

- This is exactly why we set up this partnership.
- Many don't know the SLFS.
- Ideally, the partnership will lead to more workshops and more cases.

Max Holmes:

- Have you thought of lowering the SLFS fee?

Jerome Goddard:

- Absolutely a question our Board would consider.
- It would have to go to referendum.

Dante Agosti-Moro:

- How much is in the fund?

Jerome Goddard:

- \$750,000.

Ubysey 101 – Emma Livingstone, Henry Anderson (Ubysey news editors)

[SCD141-20]

Henry Anderson:

- Usually, we're live tweeting at the back.
- Here we are at the front: it's scary up here.

Emma Livingstone:

- Opt-outable levy of \$6.89 per student supports us.
- We print every Tuesday: 8,000 copies.
- Mostly we're online now.

Henry Anderson:

- We have seven sections: news, sports, culture, etc.
- Emma and I are in news, covering student governance, UBC, campus news.
- Each section is autonomous, run by its own editor.
- If you have pitches, send us an email.
- If you have an opinion, you can send that to our op-ed section.

Emma Livingstone:

- We were part of the AMS till 1994.
- It was not a good break-up.
- Currently, we lease an office in the Nest from the AMS in return for a free monthly ad.
- You probably won't always like our coverage, but that just means we're doing our job.

Henry Anderson:

- The AMS media policy means whenever we send a media request to the AMS, it goes to a media.ams.ubc.ca address; that way everyone is on board.

Emma Livingstone:

- Most of our writers are volunteers.
- You as Councillors can't participate in our news writing, but you can contribute columns.
- We're looking for contributors for "AMS Decoded" and for Senate articles.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Why do you have a Science section?
- Why science and not research more broadly?

Henry Anderson:

- We do look more at science.
- It's common for newspapers to have Science sections.

President Chris Hakim:

- Can I write the AMS Decoded section?

Emma Livingstone:

- It's supposed to be for Councillors.

Chris Hakim:

- I'm a Councillor.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Tyra and I will volunteer to do AMS Decoded.

Wendy Song:

- You collect a \$7 fee.
- How do you spend the money?

Henry Anderson:

- We have 11 paid editors, so it goes to our salaries.
- There's also the cost of producing a printed issue.
- There are equipment costs: computers, cameras.
- We have a small endowment in case of lawsuits.
- We're planning a national journalism conference.

Muse Greenwood:

- I enjoy the paper, but I have to come to the Nest to get it.
- They don't come to VST.

Emma Livingstone:

- We will talk to our business manager about that.
- It's great you want the paper.

Henry Anderson:

- We are slowly moving away from print.
- We may not continue a print edition much longer:
 - For sustainability reasons and because our audience is not much interested in picking up paper.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Never phase out the crossword.

Cole Evans:

- Where is the journalism conference?

Emma Livingstone:

- At the Marriott.

Mathew Ho:

- Speaking of sustainability, what happens to copies not picked up?

Thomas O'Donnell:

- Early on Tuesday I help put out the paper, and then later I hold my work in my hands and throw it into the recycling bins.

Max Holmes:

- Have you thought of a fee increase?
- Would this have to go through the AMS?

Henry Anderson:

- Our elections are run through the AMS.
- I haven't heard talk of raising fees: I think we're doing okay.

Julia Burnham:

- I used to work at the Ubysey.
- There's a lot of unpaid labour.
- You might want to look at increasing your fees.

Timeline for Implementation of the UBC Zero Waste Foodware Policy – Cole Evans & Dani Stancer

[SCD142-20]

Dani Stancer (AVP Sustainability):

- Why this is important:
 - UBC and the City of Vancouver are moving in the same direction on this, aiming for 2020.
- It's good for businesses and everyone. Social sustainability.
- We're focusing on single use items: cutlery, straws, drinking cups.
- The UBC policy requires a fee on single use cups.
 - At the AMS, our current cups are recyclable.
 - We'll include a fee that shows up on the screen as something extra.
 - Continuing Mugshare.
- The UBC policy requires that cutlery is to be provided only on request.
 - The AMS is using up its plastic cutlery and switching to bamboo or other compostable material.
- The UBC policy is against plastic straws.
 - The AMS is switching to paper.
- The UBC policy requires a fee for single use containers.

- The AMS is switching over to compostable containers and looking into reusable containers.
- The UBC policy is against single use bags.
 - The AMS doesn't have bags.
- We are looking to provide training about our recycling bins, both front of house training and back of house:
 - Will put up improved signage and update training documents.
 - New Chop Value chopstick recycling bins.
- Single use food wrap: no UBC policy, but we're looking into it.
- We'll be doing consultation on fees for cutlery, cups, etc.
- Mostly we're in line with UBC policy.
- We'll be going at a pace in line with our business needs.
- The shift might decrease our profits: we will monitor this.
- Looking at partnerships to get cheaper prices.
- Looking at a marketing campaign to show people how to sort waste.
- We'll be one of the first student unions in Canada to implement Zero Waste.
- It's not applying yet to Events and Catering, but we'll talk to them at a later date.

Questions

Ian Stone:

- Is there anything you will not be covering under this strategy?

Dani Stancer:

- We sat down with AMS Food & Beverage, and it all seems possible.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Are you planning to work with Constituencies?

Dani Stancer:

- The Sustainability Projects Fund is available to Constituencies.
- We will work on a resource document next term.

Katherine Westerlund:

- We applied to the fund, but were turned down.

Cole Evans:

- We're absolutely down with supporting clubs and Constituencies.
- We've been mainly focused on ourselves, AMS outlets and so forth.
- But in second semester we'll see how we can help Constituencies.

Dani Stancer

- And we redid the Sustainability Projects Fund this summer.

Kelvin Au:

- How will student consultation be run?

Cole Evans:

- It's actually a UBC consultation, not ours.
- We will probably work with them.
- We will follow UBC Zero Waste and what they're hearing from students.

Mathew Ho:

- What about soy sauce packages at Honour Roll?

Dani Stancer:

- We can look into that.

Max Holmes:

- UBC is doing a consultation?
- Will you do a submission to that, stating the AMS position?

Cole Evans:

- That's two years down the road.
- Of course, when it happens we'll want to be involved.

AMS Strategic Plan – Chris Hakim

[SCD143-20]

- This is part of our Executive goals.
- We've had discussions in committees.
- Looking at process and structure.
- Working on a long-term plan.
- In the past the AMS developed 1-3 year plans, which mostly failed.
- After some research into what has been done at other universities, their successes and failures, we are looking at a five-year plan, a vision.
- Consultation will be the cornerstone of this project.
- The Steering Committee and internal stakeholders will be discussing this.
- We'll solicit feedback from our community
- We will have a Vision Statement saying where we want to be in five years.
- After the Vision Statement, development of our Values.
- Then Goals: the main point: what do we really want to be working on?
- Then Core Areas: How to section things off.
- And finally Strategic Actions: More minute actions.
- The Vision Statement has already been laid out by the Steering Committee:
 - "Building a community where every student feels supported, represented, and engaged."
- Process/Timeline:
 - Hoping to finish by the end of the fiscal year.
 - The Vision Statement is complete.
 - Now going to work on Values: doing surveys on what our values should be for the next five years. This will be in October.
 - October-January: Goals: a discussion with students and staff.

- Core Areas: Back to the community.
- By April, to Council for approval.
- Next time I will provide some reports, details.

Questions

Michelle Marcus:

- Can you tell us more about the consultation process?
- How can Councillors get involved?

Chris Hakim

- We'll mostly be surveying and using social media.
- We'll do work on the ground, booths, asking students questions, such as What topics should the AMS be working on?

Nicholas Harterre:

- If Councillors want to get involved, who do they talk to?

Chris Hakim:

- We'll be coming to Council and asking for feedback from this group.
- We really encourage you to talk to your constituents.
- We can come to your Constituency meetings.
- My assistant Nick Pang is a big driver on this: you can email him, or me.

Max Holmes:

- We have annual turnover and are inherently political, and politicians sway with the breeze.
- How will you ensure that this plan is followed?

Chris Hakim:

- That's a big part of our discussions: how embed it?
- We are trying to ensure that the consultation part is key.
- We know that five years is about how long students stay on campus: the average degree takes five to five and a half years.
- This is a five-year plan, so it is in line with that.
- Operationally, we will need to make sure all projects fall under the plan.
- When managers and executives set out their goals, they will have to make sure they fit under the plan.

Max Holmes:

- How does that ensure future following of the plan?
- You need to create a process to keep people accountable to the plan. But how? We change when there are elections.
- Four years from now, how will it work to have someone bound by a plan made four years before?

Chris Hakim:

- Short-term plans are more operational.
- When we say you have to do something, it doesn't work.
- But setting a general direction is a lot easier.
- We still need to time to work this out.
- Council will have a degree of responsibility in this: if there's one policy that Council should care about, it's the Strategic Plan.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

New SUB Committee

- Cole Evans: Probably ending this committee soon.

At Large Nominees (2 required): Mathew Ho, Flipos Kiflai

Impact Grant Working Group

- Julia Burnham: This group awards grants to students for short-term research.

At Large Nominees (1 required): Helen Yu

Sustainability Subcommittee

Councillors Nominated (1 required): Matthew Epstein (Forestry)

At Large Nominees (1 required): Julia Niebles Fernandez, Kelly Lyu

Chosen: Julia Niebles Fernandez

Fermentation Lab Committee

Councillors Nominated (1 required): Dante Agosti-Moro (Senate), Nicholas Harterre (Economics), Max Holmes (BoG), Katherine Westerlund (Engineering)

Chosen: Dante Agosti-Moro

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

“That Mathew Ho and Flipos Kiflai (2 x members at large) be appointed to the New SUB Committee until the completion of the project.”

“That Helen Yu (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Impact Grant Working Group effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Matthew Epstein (1 x Councillor) and Julia Niebles Fernandez (1 x member at large) be appointed to the Sustainability Subcommittee effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Dante Agosti-Moro, (1 Councillor) be appointed to the Fermentation Lab Committee effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

... Carried

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K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim

- Was in Kelowna for the Board of Governors meeting.
- Presented with the UBC Okanagan student union on our advocacy priorities.
- Meeting with the Indigenous Committee tomorrow about an Indigenous seat on Council.
- Hired Executive Projects Assistant to work on the AGM.
- Deputy Ombudsperson hired: I helped the HR Committee with this
- The Sexual Violence and Respectful Policy Implementation group has begun to meet.
- Working with the Steering Committee on the Strategic Plan.
- Gave a presentation to the UNA (University Neighbourhoods Association) about the importance of student representation on their board.
- The AMS signed on to the climate strike open letter.
- I did the coin toss at last week's Homecoming game.
- Met with Studentcare to discuss the Health and Dental Plan, especially the Empower Me program and psychological coverage.
- Looking at Policy I-12 to add new surveys.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- A while ago the AMS decided to do less surveys: why switch to doing more?

Chris Hakim:

- This was a shift in our Council-approved Executive goals, to be more data-driven.
- Want to collect more opinions.
- Looking at a marketing firm to help us.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Administration – Cole Evans

- In Admin Land the Sustainability team has been working on the Zero Waste Foodware Strategy and on project maintenance for SEEDS projects.
- A heads-up: I'm trying to cut the October sustainability update: don't want to devote so much of our time to doing reports.
- The Hatch Gloves Off show went really well.
- Art installation Karaoke night at Hatch.

- Speaking to the Heffel auction house about selling art.
- Clubs Days went really well.
- Revamping the clubs newsletter and hoping to encourage more events.
- Finalizing date for Norm Theatre reopening: waiting for an inspection.
- Did a walkaround with a theatre consultant for Phase 2 of the Norm project.
- Clubs Resource Centre opening in the next week and a half: waiting on a permit.

VP Academic – Julia Burnham

- September was crazy busy.
- Went to Kelowna and presented with the UBC SUO: a good conversation.
- I'm now the chair of UBC's Ombuds Advisory Committee: it's addressing the findings of an external review.
- Policy 131 (sexual violence) meetings underway.
- Senate met for the first time last week.
- Met with the Independent Investigation Review Office about sexual violence.
- Met with the Advocom chair to map out the year.
- University Sports and Recreation Committee.
- Met with Santa Ono re needs-based student financial aid.
- Met with the VP Students (Ainsley Carry) about tuition consultation.
- Started work on presenting AMS budget priorities to the University.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone

- Three services have started up again now that school has started: Tutoring, Speakeasy, and Vice.
- Been training.
- E-Hub: uptick in numbers, including graduate students:
 - 9 one-on-ones, compared to zero last year at this time.
 - Buck-up Nights: how businesses fail.
- Food Bank:
 - 85 visits since school began.
 - Lots of partners.
- Tutoring:
 - 113 people, a 20% increase.
 - New course (Computer Science).
 - Doing marketing and promo.
- Safewalk was working through the summer, and now that school's begun there have been 460 walks.
- Vice:
 - Training.
 - Was present at Welcome Back Barbecue in a Chill Cube.
- Speakeasy:
 - 35 volunteers.
 - Five people have used it, about the same as last year.
- Advocacy:
 - Usage slowed during the summer, which is usual.

- The Advocate saw 60 clients, mostly about academic misconduct and standing.
- Abdul is working on the Services Review.

Questions

Muse Greenwood:

- Thanks for coming to our orientations.
- Helps me with my slogan: The AMS is more than a bus pass.

Max Holmes:

- Any progress on the Tutoring software?

Chris Hakim:

- We are still trying to pin that down.
- Ian and Abdul are looking at quotes.
- Probably going to the IT Subcommittee.

VP External – Cristina Initchi

- Hiring new Policy Advisor and research assistant.
- Did a presentation on student advocacy to the Rail-volution conference on transportation.
- Told the Ministry of Advanced Education that we'll be coming to Victoria in October for the annual lobby trip.
- The provincial government announced 90 new childcare spaces at UBC, which is great.
- Provincial working groups created on sexualized violence.
- Working with the climate survey working group.
- The federal election is taking almost all of my time:
 - All-Candidates Debate next week about transportation.
 - Boothing/registering voters.
 - Bringing out the parties: Liberals, Greens.
 - Talking to Jody Wilson-Raybould about the National Student Letter.
- Climate strike on Friday: myself and a lot of Executives are excited; hope to see you there.

Questions

Michelle Marcus:

- What is UBC planning to do about the Get Out the Vote campaign?
- Can you send communication materials to Councillors?

Cristina Initchi:

- Next week you will be receiving "Get out the Vote" material.
- We will come to your organization to talk and can bring you cool merchandise.
- As to UBC:
 - Been chatting with them.
 - Sharing communication materials.

- Talked about how to inform staff, students, and faculty that they can take time off to vote.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang (via Chris Hakim)

- Financial literacy event a success.
- Finished new Treasurers' Handbook.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- CUPE agreement ratified.
- September was good for our businesses.
- Iwana Taco reopened.
- Interviewing for Policy Advisor.
- Working on Block Party line-up.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Why did Iwana Taco not open until September 16?

Keith Hester:

- We had staffing issues.
- Open now with a limited menu.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

HR Committee – Riley Ty

- Ombuds hiring.
- Focusing on goals.

Advocacy Committee – Tyra Phillips

- Met last week.
- Goal updating.

Governance – Katherine Westerlund

- Finally found a meeting time.
- Read all about us in the monthly update.
- No minutes – ran out of hours. Maybe pay your chairs for more hours.

Fermentation Lab – Kelvin Au

- Marketing survey not feasible.
- Will get a CUS member to help us decide what course to follow on marketing.

Finance Committee – Chris Hakim for Lucia Liang

- Haven't met since the appointments.

New SUB – Cole Evans

- Committee wrapping up.

- Probably next meeting will get rid of it.

Operations – Cole Evans

- Meeting weekly.
- Policy I-7 (on expulsions): hope to finish next month.
- Working on Nest wayfinding project.
- Changes to OpsCom policy manual.
- Looking at better booking rules for subsidiaries.

Questions

Michelle Marcus

- Can you give us a summary of the changes to Policy I-7?

Cole Evans

- Clarification of definitions.
- Adopting some of the same review procedures as in Policy I-18 (Respectful Community).
- Also looking at how Policy I-7 impacts access to AMS Services (i.e., what happens if we ban a person who needs to access services?).

SHAPE Committee – Chris Hakim

- The Hatch team evaluated our inventory.
- Working with the Heffel auction house re selling art.

Steering Committee – Chris Hakim

- Strategic Plan process.
- Vision statement.
- Going public: consulting students.

Student Life – Cole Evans

- Still trying to organize a meeting time.
- Using the online “when to meet” app.

Questions

Chris Hakim:

- How did you send out the when to meet?

Cole Evans:

- Via Facebook Messenger.

Tyra Phillips:

- The most professional way to communicate is by email.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Chris Hakim

- Meeting tomorrow.

Max Holmes:

- What will you discuss?

Chris Hakim:

- Implementation of SVPREP.
- Changing orientations for Constituency leaders: how to improve the orientations.
- I'm keeping the agenda open for the presidents to bring other business to the meeting.

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone

- Done all the Board meetings.

Max Holmes:

- Okanagan 2040 plan to increase enrolment at UBCO:
 - Impressive.
 - Young campus growing.
- Inter-campus mobility.
- Presentation from the AMS and the Okanagan student union.
 - Hopefully next time we'll get a GSS presentation.

Jeanie Malone:

- We also discussed:
 - Digital research updates.
 - Undergraduate research programs.
 - Grad students research enterprise.
 - Food insecurity.
 - Student housing waitlist.
 - Non-UBC use of UBC facilities.
- Also the Arts Student Centre received Board 1 approval for its new location.

Max Holmes:

- Other issues:
 - Endowment.
 - Divestment.
 - Indigenous strategic plan.

Questions

Alireza Kamyabi:

- What is the delay in divestment?
- Is there opposition or just a bureaucratic nightmare?

Max Holmes:

- A bureaucratic nightmare, yes.

- Divesting non-donor-funded pools is easier.
- But most of the money is donor-funded, and there are issues about prudent investments.
- Other universities have divested.
- You'll hear updates.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- How much is invested in petroleum?

Jeanie Malone:

- We don't know those numbers.

Max Holmes:

- The numbers are difficult to break out.
- And are we talking about direct investment in fossil fuels, or investment in something that has a large carbon impact?
- Divestment is not enough: have to look at shareholder activism.

Senate – Dante Agosti-Moro

- Climate strike.
- Blue and Gold campaign goal doubled.
- Grad list approved.
- Search committee for new Vice-Provost.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- A seagull named Birb has been in the news, and some have said we should rename UBC's sports teams the Seagulls.
- In fact, in 1933 UBC students voted to pick Seagulls as the name of the sports teams in a contest run by the Ubysey sports department.
- But the Ubysey said Seagulls was a ridiculous choice and held another vote: this time Thunderbird won.
- This being Ubysey night, here's another tidbit:
 - In 1934 the paper ran a survey, sort of an early version of the Academic Experience Survey, but the questions were about what students ate for breakfast (corn flakes mostly) and what magazines they read (*Reader's Digest*).
 - Also what they drank (Coke, ginger ale, and for the men only, beer).
 - And the aim was not to help advocacy but to provide information for advertisers.

10. MOVED COLE EVANS:

"That the agenda be amended to add a motion to make Birb an honorary member of the AMS for life."

- It was established that Code defines "honorary member" to mean what the Bylaws call "associate member."

- In the Bylaws “associate members” include “those persons who are ... designated as associate members by Council.”

Max Holmes:

- The motion is out of order because Birb is a bird, not a person.

The Speaker:

- With deep regret, I must agree.

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:

U) Discussion Period

Executive Committee Meetings – Max Holmes

- Lately I've talked a lot about the non-existence of committee minutes, how they're supposed to come to Council but don't.
- Now I want to talk about the Executive Committee.
- I've already spoken to the Executive about this.
- This Executive has done many great things this year, but I'm concerned about its meetings and minutes.
- I've done the numbers:
 - There have been only 9 meetings for this Executive so far this year.
 - Before this year, 15 was the lowest number in the same period.
 - This year's Executive seems to meet every two weeks instead of every week for an average of 25 minutes instead of 45 as in the past.
 - That's three to four times less time in open meetings or the public than in the past.
- The Executive Committee is responsible for lots of things:
 - Executives are the only people elected to represent all students; they work full-time, are responsible for the Managing Director, communications, and so on: all the day-to-day.
 - And the Executive Committee is the official body for these responsibilities.
 - It is the most important body next to Council.
- So I'm worried about this trend.
- I'm surprised no one else has noticed this
- Councillors should pay attention to what comes to Council
- Minutes are highly important for Councillors to see what the Executives are doing.

- I'm also worried that Councillors are not asking questions during Executive updates.
- We got rid of the Oversight Committee, thank God, but with the idea that Council would play that role.
- Obviously, Executives have private meetings with each other, but some things should be on the official record.
- The president has told me this will be corrected in the future.

Kelvin Au:

- Does a longer meeting mean a better meeting?

Max Holmes:

- You can have short efficient meetings, but I've noticed from the minutes that mostly only one or two people speak on a topic.
- What discussion is happening?
- We should be looking to transparency.
- Minutes are one of our only ways to know what the Executives are doing.
- People are less talkative perhaps.
- And meetings are not happening as frequently.

Chris Hakim:

- The Executive did talk with Max, and we have made a commitment to fixing this.
- We're a tightly knit group; we do bring things up informally.
- I have meetings individually with each Executive and also with management and staff.
- We move a lot of our information to our Council submissions to inform Council.
- That takes away from our Executive Committee meetings.
- We'll move more into the Executive Committee.
- We are committed to having fuller discussions at Exec meetings.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Short meetings are good, but these minutes are a good way to communicate what is being done. Better than submissions to Council.

Kelvin Au:

- Executive Committee minutes provide documentation.
- That could be lacking from one-to-one meetings.
- Could use summaries of those.
- There's an optics issue.

Kevin Zhang:

- This goes back to the broader topic of Council engagement.
- We should not be afraid to ask questions.
- Perhaps there could be some way to reach out to the chair or recording secretary.
- If there's an issue, we should raise it.

Michelle Marcus:

- I've definitely been surprised by how short some of the meetings were.
- It would be useful to get information on meetings with management and staff.
- Executives create goals and present reports: there isn't much of a mechanism to ensure Executives are pursuing their goals.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Re AMS Council and our oversight abilities:
 - We're here in this room for three hours.
 - It's a short meeting with dozens of documents.
 - It's difficult to expect a full-time student with other jobs to go through all these documents.
 - I think that should be acknowledged.
 - Not sure how to fix this or how to provide further oversight.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- I'm not sure what the reason was for getting rid of the Oversight Committee.
- At the GSS we have a Governance and Accountability Committee.
- The strategic plan adds another level of oversight.

Chris Hakim:

- I appreciate all the comments.
- Looking to have more fulsome comments come from the Executive Committee.
- As to writing reports on check-in meetings, to write on each one would be difficult, and some private issues get raised.
- I will move some topics from one-on-ones to the Exec Committee.
- Could bring more management updates, detail from Keith. He does present here: you can ask him questions.
- You can always email me: resources are there to talk to me.
- We could provide more frequent updates on Executive goals.

Jeanie Malone:

- This is not a new issue.
- Last year we had discussions about interactions between the Executive and Council.
- There were recommendations.
- Did we abandon those for a good reason, or just forget?

Max Holmes:

- We could make our meetings more efficient.
- We spend 10 minutes doing Introductions; that's a lot of time.
- There's the Mover/Seconder game: we've talked of getting rid of it.
- We could discourage ad hoc motions.
- Three presentations per meeting is supposed to be the limit, but we've broken it regularly.

- If every committee sent out minutes regularly, it would be better than a bunch at one time.
- Maybe written reports.
- Hard to respond to oral Executive reports when hearing items for the first time.
- Councillors need to be more engaged.
- We need to bring more operational issues to Council.
- There are things not on the Executive agenda: I'd like to see updates on those issues so that Council knows about them.
- The Ubysey once quoted me from the Executive Committee minutes; there's transparency there.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Sometimes we don't know what to ask.
- The Executive do so much, and it's hard to remember it all, hard to remember the omissions: the information that's not coming to Council.
- So much knowledge and so little training.

Committee Reporting – Katherine Westerlund

- Governance is the only committee submitting the required committee reports every month.
- Either decide we want them or tell me not to do mine.
- We could do a Code change.

Kelvin Au:

- I like to see the reports.

Max Holmes:

- People don't want to read so many documents.
- Reports are better than minutes.
- Maybe replace minutes with reports.
- Maybe there should be monthly reports from the Executive Committee too.

Jeanie Malone:

- Should we address the number of hours for committee chairs?
- Does it need to change?

Katherine Westerlund:

- It depends on the committee and the work they do.
- If you compensated the chairs more, you would possibly see more work.
- I don't have the hours.

Jeanie Malone

- I would like the HR Committee to look into committee chair compensation.

Max Holmes:

- Re committee reports: how do we enforce this?
- Removal of committee chairs?

V) Submissions:

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| Governance Committee September report | [SCD144-20] |
| Communications and Marketing Budget Update Report | [SCD145-20] |
| Sexual Violence and Respectful Policies Implementation Update Report | [SCD146-20] |
| AMS Zero Waste Foodware Strategy Implementation Plan Report | [SCD147-20] |
| Correspondence: AMS Climate Strike Movement | [SCD148-20] |

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: October 9, 2019

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Y) Social Activity:

Pit Night

September 25, 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 | | |
| Ian Stone | Student Services Mgr | X | |
| Riley Baechler | Architecture | X | |
| Sean Thorne | Arts | | |
| Andy Wu | Arts | | |
| Shadi Saberian | Arts | X | |
| 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 | | |
| Alireza Kamyabi | Graduate Studies | X | |
| Samantha Peng | Journalism | | |
| 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 | | |
| Julia Chai | Science | X | |
| Michelle Marcus | Science | X | |
| Riley Ty | Science | X | |

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| Alex Gonzalez | Senate | | |
| Dante Agosti-Moro | Senate | X | |
| | St. Mark's | | |
| John Segui | Social Work | X | |
| Muse Greenwood | VST | X | |

V1: Test your clickers :)

V2: Approval of the agenda

V3: BE IT RESOLVED THAT

at the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee

the AMS Council appoint Katrin Iacono as the AMS Ombudsperson effective immediately and ending April 30 2020

V4: Consent Agenda Items (2.0)

V5: Consent Agenda Items (2.1)

V6: Committee Appointments

| Name | V1 | V2 | V3 | V4 | V5 | V6 |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Chris Hakim | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Cole Evans | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Lucia Liang | | | | | | |
| Cristina Ilnitchi | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Julia Burnham | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sean Thorne | | | | | | |
| Andy Wu | | | | | | |
| Shadi Saberian | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Kia Teimouri | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Kevin Zhang | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Priscilla Chan | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Andrew Huang | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Nicholas Harterre | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Derek Bennett | | | | | | |
| Tyra Phillips | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Katherine | | | | | | |
| Westerlund | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Nevena Rebic | | | | | | |
| Jackson | | | | | | |
| Schumacher | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arash Shadkam | Y | Y | Y | | | Y |
| Alireza Kamyabi | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | |
| Matthew Epstein | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Keira Britto | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Kelvin Au | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Law Vacant | | | | | | |
| Lucita Villarreal | | | | | | |
| Ravi Parhar | Y | Y | Y | | | Y |
| Tanner Gjosund | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Jonathan Kew | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | |
| Wendy Song | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Ian Gilbert | | | | | | |
| Riley Baechler | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |

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|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Julia Chai | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Michelle Marcus | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Riley Ty | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y |
| Muse Greenwood | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Anican Yu | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| John Segui | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| St. Mark's Vacant | | | | | | |
| Samantha Peng | | | | | | |