

## STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Haruka Higo (UBC Sororities), Carling Bauer (UBC Sororities), Ahsan Sahibzada (AMS Elections), Emma Livingstone (Ubyyssey), Sarah Zhao (Ubyyssey), Andres Ha (Ubyyssey), Sammy Smart (Ubyyssey), Pawan Minhas (Ubyyssey), Brandyn Marx (Republic of Texas), Rodney Little Mustache (Piikuni Niitsikipi), Nadir Nurdali, Harresh Thayakaanthan (Residence Hall Association), Nick Pang (AMS staff), Veronica Stolba (AMS staff), Conor Doherty (AMS staff), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

### A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

### Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- We want to acknowledge the territory we're on; it's not ours; it belongs to the hən̓q̓əmiñəm-speaking Musqueam people.
- I hope that this acknowledgement can be seen less as a formalistic thing and more about taking a moment to meaningfully reflect on bringing our work in line with the Indigenous peoples and shifting the colonial default.

### B) Adoption of the agenda:

#### 1. MOVED TYRA PHILLIPS, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

- Julia Burnham asked for a motion to be added to appoint an Arts representative to Senate.
- There were no objections.

#### 2. MOVED TYRA PHILLIPS, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

"That the agenda be adopted as amended."

... Carried

**For (22): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Cristina Ilnitshi, Alireza Kamyabi, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Tyra Phillips, Dante Agosti-Moro (proxy for Danny Liu), Nevena Rebic, Mathew Ho (proxy for Shadi Saberian), Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund**

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

Welcome to our new Members: Katrin Iacono (AMS Ombudsperson), Carmen Kim (Land and Food), Danny Liu (Science)

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

Goodbyes: Kelvin Au (LFS), Julia Chai (Science)

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

The Speaker

- If you have any accessibility issues (sound, screen, procedures), let me know.
- We want our meetings to be efficient but inclusive.

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

**F) Consent Agenda Items**

**3. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:**

"That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

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| Governance Committee minutes dated July 15, 2019      | [SCD149-20] |
| Governance Committee minutes dated July 22, 2019      | [SCD150-20] |
| Governance Committee minutes dated July 29, 2019      | [SCD151-20] |
| Governance Committee minutes dated September 23, 2019 | [SCD152-20] |
| Executive Committee minutes dated September 20, 2019  | [SCD153-20] |
| Executive Committee minutes dated September 26, 2019  | [SCD154-20] |

... Carried

**For (24): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Jesse Perl (proxy for Ian Gilbert), Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Tyra Phillips, Dante Agosti-Moro (proxy for Danny Liu), Nevena Rebic, Mathew Ho (proxy for Shadi Saberian), Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

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

***Audit – Keith Hester (Managing Director)*** [SCD155-20]

- Our audit year runs from May 1 to April 30.
- This audit contains results from the year ending April 30, 2019.
- Am presenting it here before going to the AGM for final approval.

- Our total assets are \$124 million, the largest part of that being the building.
- Our assets also include the AMS art collection and our investments.
- We've gone to a fossil fuel free investment portfolio:
  - Some said we couldn't manage that way, but we have: we made nearly \$700,000.
- Our liabilities total \$95 million.
- The biggest is also the building, the \$65 million loan on the building, which we will pay off in 18 years.
- Other liabilities include what we owe to Clubs and Constituencies.
- There's also UBC's contribution of \$25 million to the building.
- Good news: We made a surplus \$1,969,233, the highest surplus in our history.
  - It came largely from refinancing the building loan (we had interest savings this year of about \$1 million).
  - Also, our investments went up, and the contribution from the businesses increased by \$400,000.
- Bad news:
  - When we moved into this building, we made a loss of \$248,000.
  - We already had a \$1.3 million deficit from previous years.
  - The following year we were still paying interest to UBC (before refinancing the loan), which added to the deficit.
  - In 2017-18 we refinanced the loan and got a half-year's savings, enabling us to lower the deficit by more than \$900,000.
  - But we also renovated the lower level of the Life Building, which sent the deficit up over \$5 million.
  - This year's surplus has reduced that, and our operating deficit is gone, but we still have a deficit of about \$4 million.
  - We'll need a couple of years like this one to end the deficit.
- Besides the deficit, there is an AMS debt from our building loan:
  - Previously, this was a loan from UBC at 5.75%.
  - We've moved that to RBC at 3.2%.
  - Hoping to pay this off in another 18 years.
  - Over the course of the loan we will save \$70 million over what we would have paid UBC.
  - We were making smaller payments to UBC because there was such a long term to the loan (35 years).
  - Now we're making larger payments to pay it off faster.
    - These are just about covered by the \$100 fee we collect from the students.
  - The current loan balance is just under \$65 million.

#### *Questions*

Max Holmes:

- What was the projected surplus?

Keith Hester:

- \$427,000.

Max Holmes:

- Why did it balloon?

Keith Hester:

- The budget doesn't include loan interest.

Max Holmes:

- I'm referring to the \$946,708 that reduced the operating deficit.

Keith Hester:

- Our investments were one element:
  - We projected \$375,000 but they actually delivered \$700,000.
  - And the businesses brought in \$400,000 more than expected.

Max Holmes:

- The AMS collects student fees and advocates to the University about its surplus.
- Our surplus is large: what are we looking at to get it down?
- We're paying off the deficit quite quickly.

Keith Hester:

- We're unlikely to repeat that surplus this year.

Chris Hakim:

- When we projected our surplus, we expected a lower return on investments, but it went up.

Brandyn Marx:

- What is the relationship between the loan on the building and our lease with UBC?
- Are we pursuing ownership of the building?

Keith Hester:

- Despite the fact that students paid for the building, we will never own the building.
- UBC grants us a lease: it's for 40 years, and then the building reverts to UBC.
- 40 years plus a 15 year extension

Brandyn Marx:

- So we're paying for that lease.

Keith Hester:

- Yes.

4. MOVED MICHELLE MARCUS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

"That the agenda be amended to add a 5-minute statement from Rodney Little Mustache now."

... No objections

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

Rodney Little Mustache:

- You wouldn't be in debt if you didn't serve such expensive meals.
- You're seeing racism at its best: the black and brown face of the Prime Minister, but no one here is doing anything about it.
- And there are people speaking here on white supremacy.
- I grew up on a reserve: native, two-spirit, homeless.
- Had to deal with racism, hatred.
- I want to get a protest started next week for First Nations children being denied their human rights.
- We should all be standing up for them.
- [Applause.]

5. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED DANTE AGOSTI-MORO:

"That the question period on the Audit presentation be extended by two minutes."

... No objections

Mathew Ho:

- I'm curious about why you're saying the surplus was an exception.

Keith Hester:

- This is our largest ever.
- To repeat it would be fantastic, but not likely.
- Investment returns are market-related. The market had a really good year.
- Can't say we'll get \$700,000 a year.

***Espresso Machine Replacement – Keith Hester***

[SCD156-20]

- Blue Chip Cafe is our outlet that produces the highest returns:
  - \$1.5 million in revenue; \$400,000 net contribution.
- It does 340,000 transactions a year; 140,000 of those are for coffee.
- Blue Chip has three espresso makers.
- Two are currently broken: the boilers ruptured.
- The machines are supposed to have a lifespan of five years.
- We're on four years now, less than the expected five because of the high volume.
- Line-ups are longer than normal now (because there is only one machine left).
- Have gone to the Finance Committee and the Executive, and am required to come to Council.
- The proposal is to purchase two new Nuova Simonelli coffee machines with money from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund.
- That fund gets money from the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) and after the audit we make sure the fund has at least 15% of the value of the assets in it (it's currently at 17%).

- We got three quotes, all for the same machine. Varying prices. Took the lowest one (ECM Canada): \$53,127.90.
- They're in stock and we'll get them immediately.

*Questions*

Kevin Zhang:

- You could buy a car for this sort of money.
- Didn't realize they were so expensive.
- What is the warranty period and what is the implementation plan?

Keith Hester:

- Warranty is typically 1-2 years (machines have a lifespan of 3-5 years).
- We'll likely be coming back in four years again.
- Can get the machines immediately.
- They would arrive next week and only take a couple of hours to install.

Max Holmes:

- What is the annual contribution to this fund?

Keith Hester:

- It gets 30% of CPF, which is about \$200,000 a year.

Max Holmes:

- Why don't we build this cost into the budget instead of taking from this fund?
- Is this the life cycle of these machines? And is it sustainable to keep replacing them?

Keith Hester:

- Yes, the lifespan is 3-5 years; can't do much to extend that.
- They are super-automatic machines: you just press a button.
- Could get a cheaper model, and it would be less likely to break down, but it takes longer to make coffee, and we'd end up with longer lines.
- The cost *is* built into the budget as depreciation. To get the money we have to go to the fund.

Max Holmes:

- I don't know if it makes sense for us to be the ones approving this.
- Might be a good idea to look into whether the Finance Committee can do it without coming to Council.

Mathew Ho:

- Is it possible to repair these machines?

Keith Hester:

- It makes better sense to buy new machines.

Kia Teimouri:

- Two of the three are broken.
- The third one will be approaching its end too.
- Why not buy three?

Keith Hester:

- We did consider that, but because it's not broken we didn't want to come to Council for that.
- We will keep it as a back-up.

Riley Ty:

- No one was hurt when the boilers ruptured?

Keith Hester:

- No, but thanks for your concern.

Max Holmes:

- I'd like to add a discussion on Advisory Board hiring.

6. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED DANTE AGOSTI-MORO:

"That Council approve the spending of up to \$53,127.90 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Reserve to purchase two new espresso machines for Blue Chip Cafe."

Note: Fund balance is \$206,640.73

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Hakim:

- This motion is from the presentation we just heard.
- It went to two committees.

Katherine Westerlund:

- At the EUS we buy lots of expensive items.
- We have a special fund and we've mapped out the lifespan of our equipment.
- I'd recommend that the AMS do something similar.

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**Abstained: Cole Evans, Michelle Marcus**

**I) Consultation Period**

**J) Appointments**

***HR Committee***

*Councillor Nominations:* Carmen Kim (Land & Food), Danny Liu (Science)

*Chosen:* Carmen Kim

***Operations Committee***

*Councillor Nominations:* Max Holmes (Board of Governors), Danny Liu (Science), Matthew Epstein (Forestry)

*Chosen:* Max Holmes

***Fermentation Lab Committee***

*Councillor Nominations:* Danny Liu (Science), Matthew Epstein (Forestry)

*Chosen:* Matthew Epstein (Forestry)

**8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:**

“That an appointment be added for the Student Life Committee.”

... No objections

***Student Life Committee***

*Councillor Nominations:* Max Holmes (Board of Governors), Carmen Kim (Land & Food)

Max Holmes:

- The problem with this committee is that it doesn't do much or meet much.

*Chosen:* Carmen Kim

Katherine Westerlund:

- How many voted for each candidate?

The Speaker:

- We don't usually reveal that.
- It's a procedure that perhaps the group can discuss.



9. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That Carmen Kim (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Max Holmes (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Matthew Epstein (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Fermentation Lab Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Carmen Kim (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

... Carried

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10. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM

“That Kia Teimouri be appointed Chair of the Fermentation Lab Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

... Carried

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I) **President’s Remarks (5 minutes):**

**Chris Hakim**

- AGM preparations: ready to go for October 23, noon, in the Atrium.
- Discussions with the Indigenous Committee about a seat on Council: they want to move forward.
- The Executive is working on its goals.
- Strategic Plan development has begun.
- My staff is working with Governance on a whistleblower policy.
- Completed a report on the offline discussions held by the Executive earlier this term.

- Onboarding Ombudsperson and working on Ombuds branding and a future review of the office.
- My staff and the VP Finance have been drafting Code changes on budget process.
- Submission to Board of Governors in favour of requiring they appoint student reps to committees on policies affecting students.

#### *Questions*

Michelle Marcus:

- How will the AMS be advertising the AGM and incentivizing students to show up?

Chris Hakim:

- In compliance with the Bylaws, we have been advertising in the Ubyyssey and the CiTR Discorder: that's the minimum.
- But we're trying to build excitement by advertising a post-AGM talk and networking event.
- Want to talk about issues.
- My assistant and the Communications Department are working on marketing: social media events, on the ground promotions.
- Trying to reflect the Blue and Gold campaign: the same tactics.

Max Holmes:

- What's the agenda for the AGM?

Chris Hakim:

- The agenda is set by our bylaws:
  - Financial statement approval, auditors report, president and managing directors report, appointing the auditors.
- Unless we get quorum, can't conduct any other official business.
- If we were to get quorum, I would like something on student engagement.

Max Holmes:

- The bylaw doesn't say you can't add to the agenda.
- You could advertise that this is what we want to do.
- That might help to get quorum.

#### **K) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):**

##### **VP Administration – Cole Evans**

- Finished September club applications: the result is 37 new clubs.
- Figuring out ways to engage with clubs.
- Sustainability:
  - My team wrapped up the Zero Waste Foodware report.
  - Revising the Student-Driven Sustainability Strategy, which will be renamed the Sustainability Action Plan.
  - Spreading the word about the Sustainability Projects Fund.
- Clubs Resource Centre:

- Filled vacant positions.
  - Putting finishing touches on the space.
  - Lots of popularity.
- Hatch Art Gallery:
  - Pop-up show ended.
  - New exhibition of an award-winning artist: the S Project.
- Norm Theatre:
  - Just wrapping up too. By next week.
  - Cinematronics (the equipment supplier) working on it.
  - Want a grand opening party.
  - With the completion of the theatre, I can officially say we have completed the New SUB project.
- Lennon Wall:
  - Decided to keep it up till the end of the month.
  - We encourage all political perspectives to participate in a respectful way.

Kia Teimouri:

- What do you mean by engaging more with clubs?

Cole Evans:

- Using the new space to host workshops.
- Themed Pit nights.
- Engaging groups in upcoming projects.
- Arts groups to perform in the Norm.

Mathew Ho:

- Will you entertain an extension of the length of time the Lennon Wall stays up?

Cole Evans:

- It's already past what intended.
- You might ask, Why not make it permanent?
- But because of its location and the high traffic there, it's hard to maintain. It places a burden on the building operations staff.

### **VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham**

- Working on nominations and reception for Open Education Resources champions:
  - Got Santa Ono to sign on.
- Stratagem Conference on workplace diversity.
- Dealing with Arts Student Senator vacancy process.
- Preliminary preparation for the University's budget:
  - Responding about tuition increases, the Excellence Fund, the operating budget.
  - Fighting for affordability.
- Academic Caucus revived
- Policy 131 (sexual violence) is consuming me: last of the review committee meetings today.

- I voted in the federal election and you should too.

*Questions*

Michelle Marcus:

- Right now there is a white supremacist speaker on campus.
- We've had many in recent years.
- What is the AMS doing?

Julia Burnham:

- We do have a statement on this specific event.
- The University has pledged to create committees to look into its bookings policies, but they have not yet been formed.
- We are advocating to be on these committees.

Nicholas Harterre:

- How will you make sure student concerns are heard on affordability and tuition?

Julia Burnham:

- We have met with the Graduate Students Society and the UBC Okanagan student union.
- The three of us will be bringing a joint submission to the Board of Governors.
- Looking at amending the consultation process.
- Will express this to the University.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**

- Main focus is on marketing and promotion.
- Reaching out to partners, including the UBC Library and new community partners.
- Services are up and running.
- Clubs and stakeholders promoting our services.
- Food Bank interview on Global News.
- Mobile dispatch team for Safewalk to make it more efficient and accessible to all by having Safewalkers in more places on campus.

*Questions*

Alireza Kamyabi:

- What are you doing to let grad students know about AMS services?

Ian Stone:

- Happy to do a presentation.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Reach out to the EUS for another Safewalk station.

Ian Stone:

- Would love that.

*Council recessed from 7:45 to 8 pm to allow Councillors to vote in the federal election.*

**VP External – Cristina Initchi**

- Met Indigenous Committee: looking into advocacy with them.
- Prepping for lobby trip: we are going with UVic and the SFU student society.
- Onboarding new staff member.
- Federal work:
  - UCRU meeting last week to discuss the response to the national student letter and to discuss bringing more structure to UCRU.
  - Met Jody Wilson-Raybould.
  - Great turnout for the election debate here.
  - Voting in the Nest: Election station here.
  - Student leadership video.
  - Election night event.
  - Getting materials to Residence Advisors in student housing.
  - Boothing in residences next week
  - Please encourage all to vote.

**VP Finance – Lucia Liang**

- Meeting with fee receiving groups: 20 different groups.
- Volunteer program for gaining experience in financial management.
- Funds & Grants Committee is meeting to look at making the process of administering our funds more fair.
- Sustainability Projects Fund orientations coming up.
- Make-up orientations for club and Constituency treasurers: already hosted 9.
- WUSC: Discussions about revision of the MoU with them.
- New Treasurers Handbook.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**

- Small air conditioning project: cools server room and A/V room.
- Meeting investment managers.
- AMS businesses had a great September.
- Leaders debate went well: hope to do similar activities to draw people into the building.

**L) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):**

**Advocacy – Tyra Phillips**

- Letter of support for Indigenous people in Hawaii over proposed telescope.
- OER campaign.
- Tuition.

**Fermentation Lab – Cole Evans**

- Looking at strategy, partnerships.
- Waiting on the Faculty.
- In a holding pattern with the Board of Governors.

- Waiting for discussions re Musqueam rights.

#### **Finance Committee – Lucia Liang**

- Approved eight fund applications.
- Reviewed reporting process for Q2.
- Espresso machine.
- Financial literacy workshops.

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

- Looking into whistleblower policy.
- Looking at some Code changes.
- This committee has almost the same composition as the Operations Committee.

#### **HR Committee – Riley Ty**

- Debrief from Julia on the Stratagem conference about increasing diversity and inclusivity training in the workplace.
- Discussed committee chair wages (I am in a conflict of interest on that: Samantha the vice-chair will chair those discussions).

#### **Operations Committee – Cole Evans**

- Focusing on Policy I-7 (Building Suspensions and Expulsions): maybe broadening it, going back to a previous approach.
- New table for Nest 3511.
- Big project coming.

#### **SHAPE – Chris Hakim**

- Discussed potential of selling two more pieces from our art collection:
  - Abandoned Village – EJ Hughes
  - Northern Image – Lawren Harris.
- Still talking to Heffel (the auction house) about alternatives.

#### *Questions*

Jesse Perl:

- What will be done with the money?

Chris Hakim:

- The referendum authorized us to put the money into an endowment to generate revenue.

#### **Steering Committee – Chris Hakim**

- Discussing feedback on values for the Strategic Plan.

#### **Student Life – Cole Evans**

- Meeting next Friday.
- Getting member availability.
- Planning what the committee will be doing.

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Pawan Minhas:

- Will the IFC discussion be held in camera?

The Speaker:

- That's not in my purview.

Chris Hakim:

- Stay tuned.

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

Chris Hakim:

- Compiling reports from Constituency presidents about events, contracts, budgets.
- These come to Presidents Council and to AMS Council.

*Questions*

Tyra Phillips:

- Who's is compiling these reports?

Chris Hakim:

- You'll get an email on Friday.

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

**BoG – Max Holmes**

- The President's Academic Excellence Initiative is being worked on by a new group.

**Jeanie Malone:**

- Tuition consultation is underway.
- All the hot new proposals to increase tuition are out.
- It's important that students fill out the consultation form.

**Max Holmes**

- Committee meetings in November.
- Full Board in December.

**Senate – Alex Gonzalez**

- Hopefully a new Arts Student senator today.
- Considering who to interview for the Assistant to the Provost on Academic Freedom.
- Senate working group to look at the Senate statement on academic freedom.

*Questions*

Jeanie Malone:

- When is the next meeting and can anyone go?

Alex Gonzalez:

- Next Wednesday at 6 pm in IKB.
- Anyone can come.

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**

- We just approved money for Blue Chip, which is 30 years old this year.
- It's an AMS business that replaced a tenant, Duke's Cookies, in a controversial move that nearly provoked a referendum in 1989.
- Blue Chip has done well over the years:
  - In 2006 it featured on the KCTS Chefs program on the PBS Seattle station because of its Java Nut cookie.
- Can I also mention my new book, *Sherlockian Musings* (about Sherlock Holmes)? Book launch for it on November 15.

The Speaker:

- How can we get to the launch?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- It's here in the Nest.

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

**P) Executive Committee Motions:**

**Q) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:**

**11. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED DANTE AGOSTI-MORO:**

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Charlotte Gilby as a student representative from the Faculty of Arts, and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council's decision.”

Julia Burnham:

- There was a resignation in the summer.
- Senate delegates the responsibility for choosing a replacement to AMS Council.
- A resolution in the summer passed concerning process.
- There was an application and interview process conducted by the Arts Undergraduate Society and the Student Senate Caucus.
- This is their recommendation.

Dante Agosti-Moro:

- How many applicants were there?



Julia Burnham:

- Three.
- We wish there had been more, but typically Arts elections are uncontested: no one cares: it's not okay.

Kevin Zhang:

- What members of the Student Senate Caucus were involved in the interviews?

Julia Burnham:

- Riley Ty and Max Holmes.

Max Holmes:

- AMS Code needs to be updated on this.
- It wasn't advertised well by Arts.
- The AMS ended up having to advertise.
- Leaving this up to the Constituencies doesn't necessarily work.

Cole Evans:

- Charlotte is fantastic.
- She works for me in the VP Admin office.
- She will serve Arts students well.

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**Abstained: Riley Ty**

**R) Committee Motions:**

**S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:**

13. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

"Whereas the Inter-Fraternity Council of UBC (IFC) is an AMS club; and

Whereas the IFC appears to be in violation of Section 4, Sub-Section A of the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual; and

Whereas the AMS does not have a published comprehensive review of IFC's membership as an AMS Club; and

Whereas there is heightened interest in public accountability of IFC and organizations affiliated with the IFC,

Therefore be it resolved that the VP Administration in coordination with the Operations Committee lead a comprehensive review of the IFC's club membership and the fraternities' relationship with the AMS.

Be it further resolved that the VP Administration bring an update to the next Council meeting.

Be it further resolved that the VP Administration submit a final report and recommendations to Council at the first Council meeting in November.

Note: Section 4, Sub-Section A of the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual states: 'Membership in all AMS Clubs shall be open to all active AMS Members, as defined in Bylaw 2.1.' The only exceptions granted are for designated program clubs (i.e. departmental clubs)."

Max Holmes:

- There's an article in the Ubyyssey that clarifies all this.
- There has been recent news about alleged events in the fraternities, but that's not the reason this motion is here.
- The AMS has a complicated relationship with the IFC, which is supposed to be the regulatory body for the fraternities.
- The fraternities have eight houses on campus, seven in the Village and one next to Regent.
- No other club has housing on campus.
- Clubs are supposed to be open to all AMS members; IFC is not.
- There have been calls for greater accountability of organizations like the IFC.
- The motion calls for the VP Administration to look into our relationship with the fraternities.
- I'd say this is long overdue.
- There are issues of financial and legal risk.
- Asking for a final report in November: some say this moving quickly. But the AMS has often discussed this. There is information to build on.
- IFC is not a normal club. The Operations Committee has looked into this.
- The review should not look at current or past events, just the relationship.
- It should be done in an unbiased way; this is just calling for review.

Kia Teimouri:

- The motion seems to be targeting the IFC.

- Why not other clubs? The sororities and others violate the same rules.
- The IFC and fraternities are forced to be selective.
- Relations to the AMS are integral, including relations with SASC.

14. MOVED KIA TEIMOURI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the motion be amended to add a sentence saying that the review will identify and consider all other selective AMS clubs.”

Max Holmes:

- I agree that this should happen, but I am concerned about the timeline.
- If you add this, it becomes an unrealistic timeline.
- I would disagree with some of the motivation: the exclusivity is different for other clubs; they have waiting lists.
- It’s different if you say only these members and no others can join.
- We have looked at the IFC in the past
- We should look at this

Katherine Westerlund suggested amending the amendment to make it a standalone clause with a later date, reading:

“Be it further resolved that the VP Administration, in coordination with the Operations Committee, also work to identify and consider all AMS clubs which are not in line with Section 4, subsection A of the Operations Committee Policy Manual and produce a report with recommendations; the deadline will be by the first Council meeting in January 2020, with the possibility of submitting early.”

This was accepted as friendly.

15. MOVED KIA TEIMOURI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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

Be it further resolved that the VP Administration, in coordination with the Operations Committee, also work to identify and consider all AMS clubs which are not in line with Section 4, subsection A of the Operations Committee Policy Manual and produce a report with recommendations; the deadline will be by the first Council meeting in January 2020, with the possibility of submitting early.”

... Carried

**For (20): Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Jesse Perl (proxy for Ian Gilbert), Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Carmen Kim, Michelle Marcus, Tyra Phillips, Jennifer Ling (proxy for Ravi Parhar), Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

**Abstained: Dante Agosti-Moro (proxy for Danny Liu), Riley Ty**

16. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“Whereas the Inter-Fraternity Council of UBC (IFC) is an AMS club; and

Whereas the IFC appears to be in violation of Section 4, Sub-Section A of the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual; and

Whereas the AMS does not have a published comprehensive review of IFC's membership as an AMS Club; and

Whereas there is heightened interest in public accountability of IFC and organizations affiliated with the IFC,

Therefore be it resolved that the VP Administration, in coordination with the Operations Committee, lead a comprehensive review of the IFC's club membership and the fraternities' relationship with the AMS.

Be it further resolved that the VP Administration bring an update to the next Council meeting.

Be it further resolved that the VP Administration submit a final report and recommendations to Council at the first Council meeting in November.

Be it further resolved that the Vice-President Administration, in coordination with the Operations Committee, also work to identify and consider all AMS clubs which are not in line with Section 4, Sub-Section A of the Operations Committee Policy Manual and produce a report with recommendations; the deadline will be the first Council meeting in January, with the possibility of submitting early.

Note: Section 4, Sub-Section A of the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual states: 'Membership in all AMS Clubs shall be open to all active AMS Members, as defined in Bylaw 2.1.' The only exceptions granted are for designated program clubs (i.e. departmental clubs).”

Chris Hakim:

- Are the members of the IFC who sit on Council in a conflict of interest?

The Speaker:

- Yes.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- People in conflict can't debate or vote, and must leave in camera sessions, unless Council asks them to stay.

17. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG, THIRDED RILEY TY:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

*The meeting entered an in camera session at 8:55 pm.  
The meeting came out of camera at 9:22 pm.*

18. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“Whereas the Inter-Fraternity Council of UBC (IFC) is an AMS club; and

Whereas the IFC appears to be in violation of Section 4, Sub-Section A of the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual; and

Whereas the AMS does not have a published comprehensive review of IFC's membership as an AMS Club; and

Whereas there is heightened interest in public accountability of IFC and organizations affiliated with the IFC,

Therefore be it resolved that the VP Administration, in coordination with the Operations Committee, lead a comprehensive review of the IFC's club membership and the fraternities' relationship with the AMS.

Be it further resolved that the VP Administration bring an update to the next Council meeting.

Be it further resolved that the VP Administration submit a final report and recommendations to Council at the first Council meeting in November.

Be it further resolved that the Vice-President Administration, in coordination with the Operations Committee, also work to identify and consider all AMS clubs which are not in line with Section 4, Sub-Section A of the Operations Committee Policy Manual and produce a report with recommendations; the deadline will be the first Council meeting in January, with the possibility of submitting early.

Note: Section 4, Sub-Section A of the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual states: 'Membership in all AMS Clubs shall be open to all active AMS Members, as defined in Bylaw 2.1.' The only exceptions granted are for designated program clubs (i.e. departmental clubs).”

Max Holmes:

- I don't feel we should have gone in camera; it was completely unnecessary.

Cole Evans:

- What does the Board of Governors representative (Max Holmes) want to see in the final report?

- Analysis? Recommendations?

Max Holmes:

- Obviously, some analysis – of the past and current situation – and then recommendations.

Mathew Ho:

- Is the aim concrete actions or fluff?

Max Holmes:

- I'm never in favour of fluff.
- The recommendations should be for actions, some to be taken by the Operations Committee, some by Council.
- Council can then offer its opinions.

19. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“Whereas the Inter-Fraternity Council of UBC (IFC) is an AMS club; and

Whereas the IFC appears to be in violation of Section 4, Sub-Section A of the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual; and

Whereas the AMS does not have a published comprehensive review of IFC's membership as an AMS Club; and

Whereas there is heightened interest in public accountability of IFC and organizations affiliated with the IFC,

Therefore be it resolved that the VP Administration, in coordination with the Operations Committee, lead a comprehensive review of the IFC's club membership and the fraternities' relationship with the AMS.

Be it further resolved that the VP Administration bring an update to the next Council meeting.

Be it further resolved that the VP Administration submit a final report and recommendations to Council at the first Council meeting in November.

Be it further resolved that the Vice-President Administration, in coordination with the Operations Committee, also work to identify and consider all AMS clubs which are not in line with Section 4, Sub-Section A of the Operations Committee Policy Manual and produce a report with recommendations; the deadline will be the first Council meeting in January, with the possibility of submitting early.

Note: Section 4, Sub-Section A of the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual states: 'Membership in all AMS Clubs shall be open to all active AMS Members, as defined in

Bylaw 2.1.' The only exceptions granted are for designated program clubs (i.e. departmental clubs)."

... Carried

**For (25): Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Andrew Huang, Jesse Perl (proxy for Ian Gilbert), Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Tyra Phillips, Dante Agosti-Moro (proxy for Danny Liu), Jennifer Ling (proxy for Ravi Parhar), Nevena Rebic, Mathew Ho (proxy for Shadi Saberian), Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

Katherine Westerlund:

- Did the people that declared a conflict vote on this motion?

The Speaker:

- One did.

## **T) Discussion Period**

### ***Advisory Board Hiring***

Max Holmes:

- The Governance Review years ago called for a revival of the Advisory Board, but it hasn't met since.
- The Advisory Board is supposed to help on financial issues.
- That expertise is desperately needed.
- What is the timeline?
- Are there hurdles?

Riley Ty (HR Committee Chair):

- The HR Committee is working with the President on this.
- We had a resignation of one professional member in the summer.
- We had some potential candidates, but both declined.
- We've had further discussions at the HR Committee, but have not been able to find a qualified candidate who is willing to make the time commitment.

Cole Evans:

- This was a recruiting nightmare last year.
- A lot of professionals don't want to bother with this.
- I encourage the HR Committee to look at creative ways to make this happen.
- Right now it's being seen as a way to get cheap consulting from professionals.
- We need to make the Advisory Board more appealing and fun.
- Maybe increase the honorarium.

Riley Ty:

- We're going to try to work on this.

Cristina Ilnitchi:

- There is talk of there being one vacancy, but a lot of the members were appointed a long time ago.
- Have we checked in with them to make sure they're still interested?

Riley Ty:

- Not yet, but we should.

Max Holmes:

- This should be at the top of the priority list.
- We wanted to create the Advisory Board.
- Increasing the honorarium is a good idea.
- It's not cheap consulting; it's helping a non-profit and the community.
- Not having this board is a deficit to the AMS.
- I'm going to keep bringing this up.

Katherine Westerlund:

- If this hasn't worked for the past couple of years, and we have problems filling it, and the AMS hasn't burned down yet, maybe we should be considering alternative models.

Cole Evans:

- Marium (last year's president) and I put a lot of work into this last year.
- It was just redone, and in March seemed ready to go.
- Then the resignation.
- Only since then has it been a problem, so that's only a few months.
- We're almost there; it's almost working.
- Still should give it a shot before doing anything drastic.

Max Holmes:

- It is necessary.
- Keith (the Managing Director) is wonderful, but it's good to get multiple perspectives.
- And it's just an advisory board; it doesn't hurt Council at all.
- Most of us do not have experience running multi-million dollar organizations.
- The entire AMS should be working to get this filled, not just one committee.

Riley Ty:

- I am actively asking all of you to find candidates.

## **U) Submissions:**

Fermentation Lab Committee September report  
HR Committee September report  
ESA Fall Election results

[SCD157-20]  
[SCD158-20]  
[SCD159-20]



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| EUS Fall Election Results                           | [SCD160-20] |
| LFSUS Fall election results                         | [SCD161-20] |
| SUS Fall Election Results                           | [SCD162-20] |
| VSEUS Fall election results                         | [SCD163-20] |
| FUS Fall Election 2019 Results                      | [SCD164-20] |
| Executive Committee September report                | [SCD165-20] |
| Executive Committee off line meeting report         | [SCD166-20] |
| Financial Statements report                         | [SCD167-20] |
| UBC Inter-Fraternity Council AMS Club Status Review | [SCD168-20] |

**V) Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: October 23, 2019

**W) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

**X) Social Activity:**

V1: Please test your clickers :)

V2: Approval of the agenda

V3: Consent Agenda Items

V4: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the spending of up to \$53 127.90 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Reserve to purchase 2 new espresso machines for Blue Chip Cafe

V5: Committee Appointments (4)

V6: Committee Chair Appointment (Fermentation Lab Committee)

V7: That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Charlotte Gilby as a student representative from the Faculty of Arts and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Councils decision.

V8: Amendment to the IFC motion

V9: Motion to stay in camera

V10: Call To Question

V11: Motion to keep folks deemed to be in a conflict of interest in the in-camera session

V12: Motion to stay in camera

V13: Inter-Fraternity Council Motion

| Name                                 | V1 | V2 | V3 | V4 | V5 | V6 | V7 | V8 | V9 | V10 | V11 | V12 | V13 |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Chris Hakim                          | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |    | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y   | N   | N   | Y   |
| Cole Evans                           | Y  | Y  | Y  | A  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y   | Y   | N   | Y   |
| Lucia Liang                          | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |    | Y  |     |     | N   | Y   |
| Cristina Ilnitchi                    | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y   | N   | N   | Y   |
| Julia Burnham                        | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |    | Y  | Y   | Y   | N   | Y   |
| Sean Thorne                          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| Andy Wu                              |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| Mathew Ho (proxy for Shadi Saberian) | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |    |    | Y  | Y   | Y   | N   | Y   |
| Kia Teimouri                         | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  |     |     |     | Y   |
| Kevin Zhang                          |    |    | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y   | N   | N   | Y   |
| Priscilla Chan                       | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y   | A   | N   | Y   |
| Andrew Huang                         | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |     | N   | N   | Y   |
| Nicholas Harterre                    | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y   | N   | N   | Y   |
| Derek Bennett                        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| Tyra Phillips                        | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |    | Y  | N  | Y   | A   | N   | Y   |
| Katherine Westerlund                 | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |     | A   | N   | Y   |
| Nevena Rebic Jackson                 | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |    | Y  | Y  | Y  | N   | N   | N   | Y   |
| Schumacher                           | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |     | N   | N   | Y   |
| Arash Shadkam                        | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N   | N   | N   | Y   |
| Alireza Kamyabi                      | N  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | N   | N   | N   | Y   |
| Matthew Epstein                      | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y   | A   | N   | Y   |
| Keira Britto                         | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| Carmen Kim                           | Y  |    |    |    | Y  | Y  |    | Y  | Y  | N   |     |     | Y   |

Law Vacant

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Anican Yu

John Segui

St. Mark's Vacant

Samantha Peng

**October 9, 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                       |         |                   |
| Shadi Saberian       | Arts                       |         | Mathew Ho         |
| 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       |                   |
| Carmen Kim           | Land & Food Systems        | X       |                   |
|                      | Law                        |         |                   |
| Lucita Villarreal    | Library/Archival           | X       |                   |
| Ravi Parhar          | Medicine                   |         | Jennifer Ling     |
| Anican Yu            | Music                      |         |                   |
| Tanner Gjosund       | Nursing                    |         |                   |
| Katrin Iacono        | Ombudsperson               |         |                   |
| Jonathan Kew         | Planning                   |         |                   |
| Wendy Song           | Pharmacy                   |         |                   |
|                      | Population & Public Health |         |                   |
| Ian Gilbert          | Regent College             |         | Jesse Perl        |
| Danny Liu            | Science                    |         | Dante Agosti-Moro |
| Michelle Marcus      | Science                    | X       |                   |
| Riley Ty             | Science                    | X       |                   |

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