

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Emma Livingstone (Ubysey), Pawan Minhus (Ubysey), Henry Anderson (Ubysey), Nick Pang (AMS President's staff), Mathew Ho (student at large), Sarah Rachelle (School of Social Work), Sara P (School of Social Work), Katrina (School of Social Work), Davin Wong (UBC EHK, i.e., Enlightenment of Hong Kong), Sabrina (UBC EHK), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm with Max Holmes in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- At this time, we wish to acknowledge our presence on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral territory of the hə́n̓q̓əmiḥ̓əḥ̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- In addition, the chair wishes to recognize that learning happened in this place where we are gathered long before this institution was established. It is important that we understand and respect our privilege to be living, working, and learning on Musqueam territory.
- We hope that this acknowledgment inspires each and every one of us to reflect on the reconciliation still to be achieved and the challenges yet to be overcome.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED LUCITA VILLARREAL:

“That the agenda be amended to add Advocacy Committee minutes dated September 30, 2019 and also to add a Code suspension motion.”

Chris Hakim:

- These documents were sent out Monday instead of Friday.
- I authorized them to go out late at the request of the VP Administration (for the Code suspension) and the Chair of Advocacy (for the minutes).

3. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED LUCITA VILLARREAL:

“That the agenda be amended to add Advocacy Committee minutes dated September 30, 2019 and also to add a Code suspension motion.”

... No objections

- Riley Ty asked to add an AGM discussion.

4. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (20): Haruka Higo (proxy for Audrey Howatson), Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Alireza Kamyabi, Jonathan Kew, Carmen Kim, Tyra Phillips, Danny Liu, Michael Salloum (proxy for Ravi Parhar), Shadi Saberian, John Segui, Wendy Song, Riley Ty, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

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

Welcome to our new Members: Melanie Mpanju and Sabreena Shukul (Arts), Audrey Howatson (Education)

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

Goodbyes: Sean Thorne and Andy Wu (Arts)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

Max Holmes as tonight's chair:

- I may give you a quick reminder if you digress; please keep to the topic.
- No member can speak more than twice on a motion.
- Raise your hand or placard to be recognized.
- If you have accessibility needs, let me or Joanne know.
- Absenteeism: If you miss five meetings you are removed from Council whether you name a proxy or not.
- Councillors can add topics for the Discussion Period at any time before the Discussion Period.
- Councillors can submit motions ahead of time with the support of a second Councillor.
- During the meeting Councillors can also move to amend the agenda to add a motion.
- Committee chairs should follow Robert's Rules in committee meetings and use speakers' lists, getting away from informal discussions: this ensures that everyone gets a chance to speak.
- Items for the Council agenda should be presented by 10 am the Friday before, so the agenda can be sent at 4 pm.
 - This rule has not been enforced lately, but I hope it will be enforced.

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

Sarah Rachelle:

- I'm in fourth year Social Work and am here with classmates who are organizing in the community about the trans controversy.
- The School of Social Work has put out a statement saying to stand with the trans community against transphobia.
- We want you to stand with us in solidarity against transphobia.
- We're asking you to add your names to the list.
- We may contact you.

Chris Hakim:

- Thank you, Sarah.
- I highly encourage our Councillors to be engaging with the School of Social Work about transphobia.
- We make clear that we are against events promoting transphobia.
- We believe trans rights are human rights.

Julia Burnham:

- I want to echo Chris.
- I hope the Ubysey is tweeting about this.
- Happy to chat about how to do advocacy to the University about this.

Davin Wong (UBC Enlightenment of Hong Kong):

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- I am a third year PoliSci student and am also speaking for UBC EHK.
- I want to talk about Sonia, who was arrested in Hong Kong after protesting.
- I knew her.
- She's Canadian.
- Terrible things are going on in Hong Kong that are not that far away from Canada and UBC.
- I myself am a quasi-refugee. I was forced to leave Hong Kong.
- UBC EHK is asking for a small favour:
 - We want a Lennon Wall, an area where people can learn about what's going on in Hong Kong.
 - We want a space for voices, where people can feel safe to express themselves.
 - We'd like you to make a resolution to prevent the VP Administration from removing the Lennon Wall.
 - We'd like the Operations Committee to find a place for the Lennon Wall.

Chris Hakim:

- Thank you.
- This is very important work.
- The AMS is very clear in its stance.
- This is the thirtieth anniversary of Tiananmen Square, and we are clear in our commitment to open democracy without fear of retaliation.

- I am glad to hear that students want us to take a second look at the Lennon Wall.
- This is an opportunity for us to look at how long we can have it stay up.
- We were going to keep it until October 31.
- We were not looking to remove it, but our duty manager has to maintain vigilance over it, and it's a strain on the staff.
- But we have heard from you now that it's important, so we'll look at it again.

G) Consent Agenda Items

5. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

"That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

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| Steering Committee minutes dated August 7, 2019 | [SCD170-20] |
| Executive Committee minutes dated October 4, 2019 | [SCD171-20] |
| HR Committee minutes dated October 9, 2019 | [SCD172-20] |
| Operations Committee minutes dated September 23, 2019 | [SCD173-20] |
| Operations Committee minutes dated September 30, 2019 | [SCD174-20] |
| Advocacy Committee minutes dated September 30, 2019 | [SCD175-20] |

... Carried

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

Sustainability Update – Cole Evans

- There's no powerpoint presentation for this.
- I've produced a report which has been submitted to Council.
- We are on track with our priorities.

Questions

Michelle Marcus:

- Why is there no presentation?

Cole Evans:

- There's no deep answer.
- We did what was required by Code.
- We are not required to do a presentation, just an update, so we made a submission.

Michelle Marcus:

- Considering that the Sustainability team is working on a new strategy, I think it's really important to get a presentation on the plan.
- Also, reading the submission, it seems very operations focused, unlike the old Student Driven Sustainability Strategy.
- I'm curious about the decision not to include non-operational aspects.

Cole Evans:

- The Sustainability Action Plan has been pushed back, but I'm more than happy to present on that.
- As for the content of the plan, it's just this update that emphasizes operational aspects.
- The intention is to include the non-operational: advocacy, finances, the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.
- Sorry that we didn't include that in this update.
- We are doing a comprehensive plan, not just an operational one.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim

- The AMS AGM happened today.
 - Everything went smoothly.
 - It was an opportunity to provide the members with updates.
 - We reappointed the D&H Group as auditors.
 - About 80 people listened from around the Atrium, and people clapped.
- Sat down with the Ombudsperson and Communications to talk about new branding for the Ombudsoffice.
 - We are also doing a review of the office.
- Doing research on a whistleblower policy to go to Governance Committee.
- Redesigning Constituency and Councillor orientation: hoping to increase attendance and make it more thorough.
 - And a new committee chair orientation is needed, as the chairs have told me.
- Advertising the new AMS sexual violence policy; updating the online materials; providing an FAQ section.
- Working with the Ombudsoffice and SASC on data tracking.
- Working with Communications about materials for strategic plan consultation.
- UBC's Academic Faculty Working Group is looking to hire more faculty.
- Making headway on filling the Advisory Board and confirming that current members can stay.
- Working with the VP External about a consulting firm for the Equity and Inclusion Plan.
- Initial stage of reviewing policies assigned to the Executive Committee.

Questions

Jeanie Malone:

- Can you clarify committee chair training?
- Is it for next year or for those in place now?

Chris Hakim:

- So far the plan is for next year, after the May appointments.
- But if the current chairs request, we can provide something earlier.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone

- Services are going swell.
- E-Hub:
 - Secured a \$6,000 grant to fund RBC Get Seeded.
 - Updated its web page.
- Safewalk:
 - Reviewing policies. Getting feedback.
 - Thanks to the EUS for space at the EUS centre.
- Tutoring: Partnerships. Going swimmingly.
- Vice:
 - Started seeing students for peer mentorship about harm reduction.
 - New Instagram account.
- Foodbank:
 - Food for Fines coming soon.
 - Donate a Dollar campaign in Nest outlets has already raised \$300.
- Speakeasy:
 - Stressful time because of midterms, so there's been an increase in usage.
 - Attended a workshop on barriers, especially for Asian students.
 - Brainstorming a mobile service.
- The Advocacy Coordinator is promoting his service.

VP Administration – Cole Evans

- Wrapped up a new round of club applications.
- Cool new clubs include the Spike Ball Club.
- Sustainability:
 - Finishing Zero Food Waste.
 - Starting work on the new Sustainability Action Plan:
 - Sent a vision statement to the Sustainability Subcommittee.
 - Maintaining older sustainability projects and getting some new ones
- Hatch Art Gallery: S Project running till November, about navigation and maps.
- Clubs Resource Centre:
 - Finally open to the public.
 - Had some road bumps: issues with doors, hardware delayed.
- Norm Theatre project wrapping up: Grand Reopening soon.

- Identifying areas that need sprucing up in the building: stay tuned for fun things.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham

- Awesome day: OER Champions event.
- Met two new senators.
- AMS Impact Grant.
- Check in for Executive mid-term goals review.
- UBC looking at new administrative software; will cost hundreds of millions of dollars.
- UBC international strategy.
- UBC Equity Office external review.
- Working on presentation for CTLT (UBC's Centre for Teaching, Learning & Technology): Open Allies – Student driven advocacy – OER.
- Met with Insights West re 2020 Academic Experience Survey.
- Policy 131 committee met.
- On a University search committee to find a new Vice-Provost and AVP Academic Affairs.

Questions

Jeanie Malone:

- What is happening with tuition consultation?

Julia Burnham:

- Chatting with the Advocacy Committee and the Academic Caucus.
- Working with the GSS and the UBCO student union on a joint submission to the Board of Governors

VP External – Chris Hakim for Cristina Ilnitchi

- Cristina is away in Victoria on a lobby trip, which is going well.
- She is there with the SFU student society and the BC Federation of Students.
- They've met 70 MLA's and the Premier and are preparing lobbying briefs.
- Get Out the Vote ended with tons of classroom announcements and boothing; also a results watching party.
- UCRU: working on formalizing committee structures and priorities.

VP Finance – Chris Hakim for Lucia Liang

- Lucia is away because of a family emergency.
- She's working on authorizing treasurers for new clubs.
- Working with fee receiving groups on reporting.
- Investments are doing well: an increase from a 4% return last year to 7.88% this year.
- Sustainability Projects orientation.
- Secure online transfer rolled out.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Doing well on investments, as you just heard.

- New coffee machines installed:
 - I'm told the coffee tastes even better than before.
 - We saved \$14,000 on them: cost was \$39,000, not \$53,000.
- Scream event this Saturday: 80% sold out.
- September year to date on budget or better.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy – Tyra Phillips

- Minutes submitted.
- Tuition consultation.

Steering – Chris Hakim

- Meeting next week.
- Main work in November will be the consultation package for the values in the Strategic Plan.

HR Committee – Riley Ty

- Working with Chris's staff about filling the Advisory Board.
 - Hopefully will be done by the end of November.
 - Thanks to Councillors for suggesting candidates.
- Met the Chief Electoral Officer and the HR Coordinator: in the midst of hiring the elections team.
- Compensation of non-Executive chairs: doing a survey of the chairs for the past two years, asking about their hours.

Finance Committee – Chris Hakim for Lucia Liang

- Multiple fund applications (Sustainability Projects, Clubs Benefit).
- Looking at how to administer the Indigenous Fund and the Campus Culture fund.
- Working on a fund evaluation rubric.

Questions

Katherine Westerlund

- Can we get an update on the Internal Policies sent to the Finance Committee?

Chris Hakim:

- I will follow up.

Michelle Marcus:

- What is the fund evaluation rubric?

Chris Hakim:

- The VP Finance noted difficulties matching demand for funds.
- One way to deal with this would be to create a rubric of criteria based on Code.

Operations Committee – Cole Evans

- IFC review update:
 - We met twice.
 - Coming up with a review process and key areas to look at, including:
 - Membership, structure, liability.
- Will engage with IFC for their feedback.
- Met this week about membership: fixing issues in the Operations Committee manual.
- Looked at IFC bylaws and constitution to see where they violate our procedures.
- On track for final version of the report for the November 6 meeting.

Questions

Michelle Marcus:

- Re the presentation today from UBC EHK:
 - Will OpsCom be reviewing the decision on the Lennon Wall?

Cole Evans:

- We meet on October 29 and can review then.
- Original plan was for two weeks.
- Met with UBC EHK and they asked for 1-2 months.
- The Executive discussed the appropriate length of time.
- It's a balance involving operational issues.
- We settled on October 31.
- Hadn't heard from UBC EHK about the October 31 decision until today.
- We will look and may find a new place for it.

Student Life – Cole Evans

- A struggle finding a meeting time.
- I've been working behind the scenes, reviewing the terms of reference in the Code.
- Checking in with staff members, reviewing goals.

Governance Committee – Katherine Westerlund

- Code changes coming.
- Going to look at elections Code and more large-scale changes.
- Whistleblower policy and ethical review committees are with the President's office.
- Constituency definitions are on the backburner.
- Records policy.

SHAPE – Chris Hakim

- Received proposal from VP Admin about selling two pieces.
- Had sober second thoughts, and now the VP and the Hatch Art Gallery staff are looking at other pieces.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Chris Hakim:

- Will meet next Monday.
- Want to look over documents: Constituency budgets, events, and high level contracts.

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone

- BoG continues to have not met.
- Committee meetings in November.
- Full board in December.
- Tuition consultation is still open.

Senate – Julia Burnham (in the absence of Dante and Alex)

- There are two new senators, in Education and Arts:
 - Max and I helped onboard them.
- Two name changes: one for Journalism and one for the iSchool (formerly the School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies, or SLAIS).
- Max chaired the meeting.
- Presentation from the UBC Librarian.

Ombudsperson - Katrin Iacono

- I resolve disputes between AMS members through informal mediation.
- I also receive complaints about the AMS.
- My office is independent and impartial.
- We're not an advocate; we promise fairness and confidentiality.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- I've been asked if I can come up with a number for the upcoming AMS elections, so that we can hashtag it like the just completed federal election, which was publicized as #election43
- We just celebrated our 104th birthday on October 15, and we have annual elections, so you'd think this would be our 105th election, but we did away with elections in the late 70's for four years, so in fact the correct label would be #election101.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG: [SCD175-20]
[SCD176-20]

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the following two reports from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2019: Removing Outdated Code’ and ‘Code Changes 2019: Contacting the Lawyers’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Westerlund:

- This is removing outdated Code and trying to shorten and simplify it.
- If governance documents are too long, people forget them and don’t follow them.
- One change is the removal.
- The other is adding something about contacting the lawyers, the one piece of the Executive Procedures Manual that we wished to retain.
- Otherwise, we are eliminating the Executive Procedures Manual.

Julia Burnham:

- I’m sad I no longer have the master copies (just kidding).
- Code and Bylaws are seriously outdated; need to bring them into the digital age.

Katherine Westerlund:

- We highlighted stuff that was not particularly useful.
- If there’s anything you think is still useful, we can pull it from this package.

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Abstained: Michelle Marcus

8. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI: [SCD177-20]

“That the Indigenous Student Engagement Facilitator job description be accepted as presented, effective immediately.”

Note 1: Requires 2/3rds

Note 2: We have consent from the employee.

Riley Ty:

- At the request of the President, we reviewed the description.
- Mainly this is a change in title to something more appropriate.
- The old name sounded like something connected to the old government Indian Affairs Department.

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10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That Council suspend Section IV, Article 1(3), in the AMS Code of Procedure until May 1, 2020.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- This is for Code compliance.
- If we don't suspend this section, we will be in violation of the requirement to provide offices for the BoG and Senate student reps.
- Currently, we don't have capacity for those offices.
- We could move them to the Life Building.
- We'll be doing a space reallocation at turnover in May.

Jeanie Malone:

- I don't know why a Code suspension is needed: this is up to the Operations Committee.

Tyra Phillips:

- We have space at the EUS.
- If other Constituencies have space and the AMS doesn't, perhaps they can reach out.

Jeanie Malone:

- It would have been useful to talk to the Board and Senate reps about this.
- I feel it would be useful for us to have an office near the Executive.
- I realize we're low on the priority list.
- I haven't had an office since I've been a Board of Governors rep.
- I would like to see this considered in May.

Julia Burnham:

- We did consult with the Student Senate Caucus.
- The consensus was that it would be nice to have an office, but no one would be really upset if there wasn't one.

Cole Evans:

- Code says the VP Admin has to grant space annually to the student reps on Senate and the Board of Governors.
- That's why we need the Code suspension.
- I'm not against space for them, but the question is where to do it.
- It will be done for sure at the next allocation, for Fiscal 2020-21.

Jeanie Malone:

- I'd like to add a discussion on committees.

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T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

AGM

Riley Ty:

- According to the bylaw, there should have been online advertising for 14 days, but there wasn't.

Kevin Zhang:

- This is an ongoing issue.
- Riley and I met with Chris, who acknowledged the failure to advertise.
- We talk about student apathy, but as the Ubyssy said last year, if the AMS doesn't care, what students will?

Chris Hakim:

- Riley, Kevin, and I met about this.
- There was a mistake.
- Last year there a huge emphasis on planning properly and especially on getting an ad in a campus publication.
- We did that, but made another mistake: not publishing an electronic notice ourselves (on our website).
- A failure on our part. I acknowledge that and am making a public statement.
- We want to encourage engagement.
- We're working on a transition document.
- Every year there's a new Executive, and we play the strange game of How to Plan the AGM.
- We keep making the same mistakes.
- We're doing research into what other student unions do, their marketing tactics.
- Hope to have a report for the next Council meeting, and also for the Student Life Committee.
- Working with the Governance Committee for a bylaw change because we've noted the bylaws are outdated.

Arash Shadkam:

- I appreciate the comments of the President in taking ownership of this and looking forward to next time.
- I'm just a little hesitant because we had the very same conversation last year.
- What's the guarantee that we won't have this happen next time?
- Some Execs this year were here last year.
- I'm upset and surprised.

Tyra Phillips:

- I a hundred percent agree that there was a failure to advertise.
- But I will note that none of you (the other Councillors) were there.
- Katherine and I announced the AGM at the Engineers' council.

- We Councillors have to take responsibility.
- We also need to show up.

Michelle Marcus:

- I definitely agree that this is on everyone, but it's hard if nothing's online or not online till it's too late to engage students.
- I'm pretty surprised, considering what happened last year.
- Creating a successful AGM would be extremely valuable to our democracy on campus.

Chris Hakim:

- I do appreciate the feedback.
- There was an onus on us to not make the same mistakes.
- We did the publication in the campus newspaper: we did not repeat that mistake.
- But we omitted the other electronic advertising, which was a mistake on our part.
- There's no set person responsible for AGM planning:
 - Is it the President's office?
 - Is it Sheldon?
 - Generally, the President's Office has handled it.
- We will seek a clear timeline and determine who should be the lead.
- We'll follow the best practices of other student unions.
- We'll develop an awareness strategy.
- I want a report to pass on to other Executives, and will present it to Council.

Kevin Zhang:

- I agree it is the responsibility of those in the room.
- But this year the information came out too late.
- Also, the AGM was scheduled at a busy time of the day: we could look at the time, seek a less busy time.

Michael Salloum:

- Have you asked anyone attending how they heard of the meeting and why they attended?
- Did they tell their friends?
- Do people feel their voice is worth nothing?
- Is this something we should address?

Chris Hakim:

- The main people who attend are usually associated with the AMS: Council, staff, members of Constituencies.
- We were in the Lower Atrium, which can hold a large crowd.
- We are taking a look at why people come to AGM's.
- Only once in the past 40 years did an AGM get quorum, and that was when UBC brought in large tuition increases and people wanted to express their disapproval.

Michelle Marcus:

- It may be worth doing consultation on the AGM as part of the strategic plan.
- I feel the AGM is an opportunity to engage students.

Committees

Jeanie Malone

- Glad to hear the Steering Committee is planning training for committee chairs, but it seems to be a long way away.
- We need to look at the rules we're not following.
- There are things we are allowed to ask for as committee members. There are responsibilities laid out in Code.
- Committee members have the right to get agendas, which should also be put on the website.
- Most committees don't have agendas on the website and don't have posted meeting times.
- We get consistent reporting from Governance and HR and no one else.
- We should be getting reports from Operations, Finance, Steering ...
- We should ask the Governance Committee to remove these requirements or change them if they're not being met.
- We do get verbal updates from the committees, but not written ones.
- As actionables, I'd like the Steering Committee to look at posting on the website.
- I'd also like committee chairs to be submitting minutes and reports regularly.
- We could have a table of what minutes and reports have been submitted; it could be part of the agenda.

The Chair:

- All Standing Committees need to make monthly reports, whether they are chaired by Executives or non-Executives.

Riley Ty:

- Has it ever be suggested that the requirement be reduced to bi-monthly reports?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Not to my recollection.

Tyra Phillips:

- As a new committee chair, I can say that I was given very little training or transition.
- There is a larger issue re continuity.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Posting agendas came up last year.
- It was agreed that chairs would send them to my staff, who would post them on the website.
- But with turnover this has stopped happening.

Katherine Westerlund:

- This is the third time this has come up.
- I will bring a motion to remove Lucia as chair of the Finance Committee and Cole as chair of Operations and Student Life.
- I find it an issue generally to have Executives as chairs of committees.

Chris Hakim:

- We can do all of Jeanie's actionables.
- We can build a table of minutes and reports.
- I can have my assistant Nick round up committee reports.
- As to transition, we will look more at this, speak to previous chairs.

Max Holmes:

- For removing people, you need to provide written notice; send them an email at least seven days prior to the next meeting.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Concerning transition for chairs, in August Council passed a Code amendment requiring outgoing chairs to transition their successors.
- The details were left up to the Steering Committee.

Jeanie Malone:

- I posted my document on the Facebook group, and it will be emailed.

V) Submissions:

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| MUSA Fall Election results | [SCD178-20] |
| AUS Fall Election results | [SCD179-20] |
| CUS Fall election results | [SCD180-20] |
| Governance Committee October report | [SCD181-20] |
| HR Committee October report | [SCD182-20] |
| Sustainability Committee October report | [SCD183-20] |
| Advocacy Committee October report | [SCD184-20] |

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: November 6, 2019

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Y) Social Activity:

October 23, 2019 Roster

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

| Name | Constituency | Present | Proxy |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Kareem Ibrahim | Speaker of Council | | Max Holmes |
| Chris Hakim | President | X | |
| Julia Burnham | VP Academic | X | |
| Cole Evans | VP Administration | X | |
| Cristina Initchi | VP External Affairs | | |
| Lucia Liang | VP Finance | | |
| Ian Stone | Student Services Mgr | X | |
| Riley Baechler | Architecture | | |
| Melanie Mpanju | Arts | X | |
| Sabreena Shukul | Arts | X | |
| Shadi Saberian | Arts | X | |
| Kia Teimouri | Arts | | |
| Kevin Zhang | Arts | X | |
| | Audiology | | |
| Jeanie Malone | BoG | X | |
| Max Holmes | BoG | X | |
| Priscilla Chan | Commerce | | Janelle Wong |
| Andrew Huang | Commerce | | Rachel Mang |
| | Dentistry | | |
| Nicholas Harterre | Economics | X | |
| Audrey Howatson | Education | | Haruka Higo |
| Tyra Phillips | Engineering | X | |
| Katherine Westerlund | Engineering | X | |
| Matthew Epstein | Forestry | X | |
| Jackson Schumacher | Graduate Studies | | |
| Arash Shadkam | Graduate Studies | X | |
| Nevena Rebic | Graduate Studies | | |
| 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 | | Michael Salloum |
| | Music | | |
| Tanner Gjosund | Nursing | | |
| Katrin Iacono | Ombudsperson | | |
| Jonathan Kew | Planning | X | |
| Wendy Song | Pharmacy | X | |
| | Population & Public Health | | |
| Ian Gilbert | Regent College | X | |
| Danny Liu | Science | X | |
| Michelle Marcus | Science | X | |
| Riley Ty | Science | X | |

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

Vote Records

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| V1: Test Vote | |
| V2: Attendance | |
| V3: Approve agenda | |
| V4: Consent Agenda | |
| V5: GovCom Code Changes | |
| V6: Job Description Changes | |
| V7: Code Suspension | |

| Name | V1 | V2 | V3 | V4 | V5 | V6 | V7 |
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| Chris Hakim | | Y | Y | | Y | Y | |
| Cole Evans | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Lucia Liang | | | | | | | |
| Cristina Initchi | | | | | | | |
| Julia Burnham | | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Melanie Mpanju | | | | | Y | Y | Y |
| Sabreena Shukul | | | | | Y | Y | Y |
| Shadi Saberian | | | Y | | Y | Y | Y |
| Kia Teimouri | | | | | | | |
| Kevin Zhang | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Janelle Wong (proxy for Priscilla Chan) | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Rachel Mang proxy for Andrew Huang | | Y | | | Y | | Y |
| Nicholas Harterre | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Haruka Higo (proxy for Audrey Howatson) | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Tyra Phillips | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Katherine Westerlund | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Nevena Rebic | | | | | | | |
| Jackson Schumacher | | | | | | | |
| Arash Shadkam | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Alireza Kamyabi | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Matthew Epstein | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Keira Britto | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Carmen Kim | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Law Vacant | | | | | | | |
| Lucita Villarreal | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Michael Salloum (proxy for Ravi Parhar) | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |

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| Tanner Gjosund | | | | | | |
| Jonathan Kew | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Wendy Song | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Ian Gilbert | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Riley Baechler | | | | | | |
| Danny Liu | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Michelle Marcus | | | Y | A | Y | Y |
| Riley Ty | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Muse Greenwood | | | | | | |
| Anican Yu | | | | | | |
| John Segui | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| St. Mark's Vacant | | | | | | |
| Samantha Peng | Y | | | Y | Y | Y |