

## STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Emma Livingstone (Ubysey), Thomas O'Donnell (Ubysey), Henry Anderson (Ubysey), Rish Das (AMS Events), Nick Pang (AMS President's 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 6:03 pm.

### **B) Territorial Acknowledgement:**

The Speaker:

- This is to acknowledge that the meeting is taking place on the forcibly stolen and unceded territory of the həŋqəmiŋəm-speaking Musqueam people.
- Hopefully, this acknowledgement will be more than something formalistic and will lead us to consider how to function in a de-colonial way.

### **C) Adoption of the agenda:**

#### 1. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED DANTE AGOSTI-MORO:

"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

Max Holmes:

- I'd like to amend the agenda by removing the mover and seconder for Motion 8 (suspending Code about the Advisory Board): I did not move this.
- Also, how was Motion 6 (about the IFC) added?

Cole Evans:

- Let's add the IFC motion now.

Chris Hakim:

- I'd also like to amend the agenda to add a motion about amending the bylaws of the Nursing Undergraduate Society.

Tyra Phillips:

- Did we get the Nursing bylaw amendment?

Chris Hakim:

- No, it arrived at the last minute.

Max Holmes:

- Why does it have to be approved at this meeting?

Haddon Rabb (Nursing Undergraduate Society president):

- The AMS Chief Electoral Officer pointed out problems with our election procedures.
- We're trying to fix those.
- Until we do that, our elections are halted, and we need to do them now to allow a proper transition.

Michelle Marcus:

- I would like to add a discussion on the AMS Strategic Plan.

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED RILEY TY:

"That the agenda be amended to add the Nursing and IFC motions and make the other changes."

... No objections

3. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED DANTE AGOSTI-MORO:

"That the agenda be adopted as amended."

... Carried

**For (26): Riley Baechler, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Cristina Initchi, Veronika Scherer (proxy for Keira Britto), Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Melanie Mpanju, Tyra Phillips, Jackson Schumacher, John Segui, Arash Shadkam, Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

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

Welcome to our new Members: Ben Bemus (VST), Haruka Higo (Education)

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

Goodbyes: Muse Greenwood (VST)

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

The Speaker:

- Raise your hand if you are having trouble accessing the meeting because of lights, sounds, not understanding procedure, etc.
- We want to be accessible and efficient.
- Don't waste time, but give everyone a chance to speak.

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

## G) Consent Agenda Items

### 4. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED WENDY SONG:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Advocacy Committee minutes dated August 26, 2019	[SCD186-20]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated October 7, 2019	[SCD187-20]
AMS Council minutes dated August 21, 2019	[SCD188-20]
AMS Council minutes dated September 11, 2019	[SCD189-20]
AMS In Camera Council Minutes dated September 11, 2019	[SCD190-20]
Governance Committee minutes dated August 12, 2019	[SCD191-20]
Governance Committee minutes dated August 19, 2019	[SCD192-20]
Governance Committee minutes dated September 30, 2019	[SCD193-20]
Governance & Finance Committee joint minutes dated August 26, 2019	[SCD194-20]
Finance Committee minutes dated August 9, 2019	[SCD195-20]
Finance Committee minutes dated October 2, 2019	[SCD196-20]
Finance Committee minutes dated October 9, 2019	[SCD197-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 11, 2019	[SCD198-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 18, 2019	[SCD199-20]
Steering Committee minutes dated August 7, 2019	[SCD200-20]
Steering Committee minutes dated September 23, 2019	[SCD201-20]
Operations Committee minutes dated October 17, 2019	[SCD202-20]
Operations Committee minutes dated October 22, 2019	[SCD203-20]

... Carried

**For (29): Riley Baechler, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Cristina Initchi, Veronika Scherer (proxy for Keira Britto), Jonathan Kew, Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, John Segui, Arash Shadkam, Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

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

#### ***Provincial Lobby Trip – Cristina Initchi*** [SCD204-20]

- Got back from the annual provincial lobby trip (or Advocacy Week) two weeks ago.
- Different from previous trips; more a follow-up.
- This was the second year of collaboration with the BCFS and the SFU student society.
- Together we represent 250,000 students.
- There are lots of issues, but when lobbying, we are limited: we have only 30 minutes per meeting, and want to make sure we maximize our time.
- We had three asks:

- Financial aid
  - International students (a BCFS ask)
  - Sexual violence follow-up.
- Financial aid:
  - We want a robust upfront needs-based grant program.
  - BC is the only province without this; also the only one without forgivable loans.
  - Went last year for this.
  - The NDP promised a \$1,000 completion grant: we're asking that that be reallocated to an upfront needs-based program.
- International students:
  - We're keenly interested.
  - There are lots of international students here.
  - Lately it has become apparent that administrations at some institutions are increasing international fees without going to their boards of governors.
  - We've asked the government to regulate fees for international students to create a cap for fees for them so they can budget.
  - Also want a new international education strategy:
    - The BC Liberals had one, focused on getting more students.
    - We want one that supports students.
- Follow-up on sexual violence:
  - The government should play an active role in reviewing sexual violence policies at postsecondary institutions.
  - We want more accountability.
  - We asked for a needs assessment of institutions that may not have as many resources as others.
  - We'd like to see a strengthening of institutional frameworks to report misconduct.
- How it works: We go for a week, talk to ministers and to MLA's in all three parties.
- A lot of our advocacy was to people we spoke to last year. We got to talk about work going forward and we were able to identify gaps.
- We get to have input in the process.
- Outputs:
  - Opportunity to build relationships.
  - The government knows us now.
  - It's a chance to work with them collaboratively.
  - The NDP is halfway through its term; it's an important point.
  - It's a chance to collaborate with student associations: we have a shared vision.
- Looking at how to go beyond this Advocacy Week.
- Got great feedback.
- The government said it wants a \$1,000 completion grant: we're working to include that in a needs-based upfront grant.
- We're starting to form partnerships.
- One difficulty:
  - Fewer meetings.
  - Many meetings with Opposition MLA's got cancelled at the last minute.

- It's unfortunate that we're not prioritized.
- They understand we're not happy with that situation.
- We want to work with them on student issues; it's not partisan.

#### Questions

Kevin Zhang:

- Did you have different strategies for the different parties?
- How many did you meet with from each party?

Cristina Initchi:

- We met MLA's from all three parties:
  - 15-20 Liberals
  - 20 NDP
  - Andrew Weaver (Green)
- We also met some senior government staff.
- As to our strategy, we want to meet with all the parties.
- Obviously there are some key players: the Minister of Advanced Education, the Advanced Education Critic, Andrew Weaver (who holds the balance of power and is a student advocate).
- We tried to meet with everyone.

Cole Evans:

- Some right-leaning parties are less interested in meeting with students.
- Are we going to try to engage with them differently?
- That way if they do come to power, they don't dismiss us as left-wing.

Cristina Initchi:

- Last year we didn't have this problem of cancellations.
- I don't feel we were prioritized this year, but we did meet with important people in the Liberal Party.
- We weren't met with discouraging sentiments.
- We are committed to setting up opportunities for students to speak to MLA's.
- We make a concerted effort to involve Liberal MLA's from the UBC area and the Opposition Critic.
- We're trying to improve communications, and we want to indicate our good faith so they know we're interested in their feedback.

Max Holmes:

- Re international students' tuition:
  - Government funding is not increasing, but there would need to be more funding from government if there's going to be a restriction on tuition.

Cristina Initchi:

- The student associations we went with face very different situations.

- There's a lack of communication that leads to budgeting problems (since international students don't know how much of a fee increase there will be each year).
- A lot of people were receptive to the idea of a new international student strategy.
- The old one (from the year 2000) was just about recruitment to fill labour gaps, and a lot more students came.
- But there wasn't enough protection for them.
- We've heard horror stories at other institutions.
- As we move forward, we want to have connections with postsecondary institutions and not just government.
- We have had conversations about the need for more government funding.

**I) Consultation Period**

**J) Appointments**

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

**Chris Hakim**

- My office has been working on the values section of the AMS Strategic Plan:
  - Consulting students, staff, Resource Groups, Services.
  - On the ground booting.
  - Once we finish collecting feedback, we'll go to Steering.
- The Executives and I will be at the Remembrance Day ceremony. I will be reciting "Flanders Fields."
- Meeting with the UNA Board re student representation.
- Procedural fairness training as per SVPREP report.
- UBC's Academic Renewal Working Group:
  - Recruiting and retaining faculty
  - Supporting grad students.
- Equity and inclusion action plan.
- Code changes on budget process.
- Preparing Advisory Board candidates for HR Committee.
- Committee chair compensation survey.
- Executives are working on the Executive goals report.

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

**VP External - Cristina Ilnitshi**

- Going to the UNA AGM right now.
- Provincial lobby trip: lots of follow-up.
- Climate Hub: feedback to government.
- Attended the Speakers Forum for Youth:
  - Talked of changes needed to include youth voices, create better engagement.

- UCRU committees working hard, looking ahead to federal lobby trip.
  - Looking to formalize UCRU.
  - Looking at financial restructuring.
- Working with the City of Vancouver on a Broadway plan about rentals along that corridor:
  - We want a say about what young people want in that area.
- Talking about SkyTrain to UBC:
  - Looking for dedicated funding.
  - Going to do federal advocacy, media stunts.

#### *Questions*

Riley Ty:

- How is the equity plan coming along?

Cristina Ilnitich:

- Update and report coming to the next Council meeting:
  - Consultation.
  - RFP for organizations that might want to consult or help out with the plan.

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

- Norm Theatre opens next week:
  - Planning an event.
  - Filmsoc and Improv are excited.
- RFI to booking system companies for a new booking system:
  - Testing the waters for who might be interested.
  - Then an RFP.
- Sustainability:
  - Brand new event for February: conference case.
- Hatch: S project still up.
- Clubs Resource Centre operating at full capacity, with a temporary door:
  - Reporting back to Council in January on metrics.
- A new table, hopefully.
- The report I was mandated to do is here.

#### *Questions*

Michelle Marcus:

- Any updates on the Nest Experience Survey?

Cole Evans:

- Working on it right now: looking for better questions and ones not in the Academic Experience Survey.

#### **VP Finance – Lucia Liang**

- Finished authorizing treasurers, but some have dropped out, so new ones have to be authorized.
- Looking at a new system to authorize them online.

- Received first installment of fees from UBC and am depositing them.
- Working on quarterly report.

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

#### eHub:

- Less than two weeks to RBC Get Seeded: a big event.
- Cool promo about past projects, e.g., Mugshare.
- Working on new logo/rebranding.

#### Safewalk:

- Working with Varsity athletes: women's basketball, men's soccer.
- Talking to UBC Safety and Risk Services about whether Safewalk can play a role.
- Buzz for Services, like reindeer buses. Decorated our Safewalk car.

#### Tutoring:

- Finals soon.
- Working with Student Housing to improve tutoring services in the residences.

#### Vice:

- Thrive month.
- Boothing.
- New info posters coming.

#### Speakeasy:

- Maybe renaming it to make it better understood.

#### Food Bank:

- Full capacity.
- Food drives.
- Donate a Dollar campaign raised \$3,200, a sixfold increase from last year:
  - Shout out to Abdul and to Daniel Coculescu (Food & Beverage).

#### *Questions*

##### Michelle Marcus:

- I've read about the Services Review in the Executive minutes.
- How will Council be involved in it?

##### Chris Hakim:

- Code requires a review every three years, and makes the President responsible for it.
- We have a working group chaired by Abdul (the Senior Manager of Student Services).
- There's a ToR which I can share with you.
- The review is comparing our current services with those at other universities.
- We're looking at how to improve and expand.
- The review includes SASC.



- Looking at data, also consulting students.
- Looking at Academic Experience Survey results.
- Reaching out to clubs, Constituencies, the general student body.
- Working with Service Coordinators.
- There will also be consultation with Council: that's how we'll loop you in.

Max Holmes:

- Was there consultation with Council about the body doing the review?

Chris Hakim:

- Not really.
- It's more operational.
- It's a coordinating body.
- The work is very initial so far.

Max Holmes:

- Are there any Councillors on the working group?
- [Asking for hands. No one raised theirs.]
- It seems not.
- It's a Council issue even if operational.
- Maybe next time tell us how Councillors can be involved.

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

- Been on vacation. It was great. I have a new puppy.
- But also went to a conference at OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) on sexual violence.
  - Relevant to UBC's Policy 131.
- Meeting with UNA.
- Preparing submission for Board of Governors meeting.

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

- Making revisions to budget timeline.
- Meeting all managers on quarterly goals.
- Launching RFP for Health and Dental Plan administration.
- Training on sexual violence policy.
- Shout out to Rish (the Events Manager) for the Scream Halloween event: really successful.
- Our loan for the Nest has been extended to 2022.

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

##### **Advocacy – Tyra Phillips**

- Discussed provincial lobby trip.
- Sexual violence campaign.
- Will discuss equity plan next meeting.

**Fermentation Lab – Kia Teimouri**

- We're in an interesting spot:
  - I've just taken over as chair and we'll be meeting to establish our goals.

**Finance – Lucia Liang**

- Quarterly report.
- Five fund applications reviewed for the Sustainability Projects Fund.

**Governance – Katherine Westerlund**

- Having fun.
- Working on potential Ombudsoffice review.
- Code changes.
- Election conversations.

**Operations – Cole Evans**

- New table motion.
- IFC review.
- Policy I-7 for next Council.

**Human Resources – Riley Ty**

- Working with President on Advisory Board members.
- Overview of committee chair compensation review.
- Met with CEO on election hiring.

**SHAPE – Chris Hakim**

- Haven't met.

**Steering – Chris Hakim**

- Discussed Strategic Plan consultation.
- Committee chair transition.
- Website challenges.

**Student Life – Cole Evans**

- Norm Theatre reopening.
- Working on ideas for what the committee can look like in the future.
- Looking at how to reinvigorate the Blue and Gold Society.
- Engaging with first years.

*Questions*

Max Holmes:

- Sounds great.
- Is there a reason we don't have reports or minutes from Student Life?

Cole Evans:

- Forgot to send report.

Max Holmes:

- And the minutes?

Cole Evans:

- Met in September, but didn't meet again until October 25, then didn't approve those minutes till after the deadline.
- Next time four sets of minutes.

Max Holmes:

- I'm concerned.
- Council is confused about its engagement as a Board.
- Is Student Life engaged with the Services Review? With Events?
- I'm wondering if we are going to get monthly reports and minutes.
- Are you putting in the same time as Student Life chair as Operations Committee chair?

Cole Evans:

- A hundred percent committed to Student Life.
- I only became chair in mid-October, and there have been timing issues.
- I will submit everything that has happened since I became chair next meeting.

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

##### **Presidents Council – Chris Hakim**

- Discussed the Presidents Council itself.
- Also discussed Constituency reports.

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

##### **BoG – Max Holmes**

- UBC's Academic Renewal Working Group met last week: making great progress.
- Committee meetings on November 22 and 26.
- Full Board December 5.
- Issues:
  - Tuition
  - Academic renewal
  - Stadium Road Neighbourhood.

##### **Senate – Alex Gonzalez**

- Hasn't met.
- Next meeting November 20.

##### **Ombudsperson – Katrin Iacono**

- October was quiet.

### **Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**

- It's November, or what for a while was known as scandal month because two years in a row we had controversies in November:
  - 2009: Two Executives lodged a complaint at the United Nations about access to post-secondary education without informing Council: this led to a huge brouhaha, national media coverage, censure, an attempt to remove the two Executives by referendum, etc.
  - 2010: Boat to Gaza. A \$700 donation from the Social Justice Centre and Palestinian Solidarity to help break the Israeli blockade created another huge controversy.
- But after that, no more November scandals.

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

### **Q) Executive Committee Motions:**

### **R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:**

5. MOVED \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDER \_\_\_\_\_ [SCD205-20]

“That the Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS) bylaws be amended as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Haddon Rabb (NUS President)

- The AMS Chief Electoral Officer has let us know about an issue with our election rules.
- We restrict eligibility to third year Nursing students.
- There aren't any first and second year Nursing students; the restriction affects fourth year students.
- The fourth years go away for clinical rotation and so would not be around to hold office. (They leave after only one month.)
- But we are told this restriction violates AMS Code.
- We recommend three changes:
  - Allow all students to vote.
  - Permit the NUS to fill interim vacancies.
  - Uphold the restriction that makes fourth years unable to hold office.
- This is time-sensitive. We need to hold our elections now.
- All members of NUS council endorse these recommendations (29 members).

*Council took a ten-minute recess.*

6. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion suspending AMS Code until a solution can be put in place for the Nursing elections.”

Chris Hakim:

- This will allow the NUS to run their election.
- It will be applied only to the NUS.
- It has a time limit – until they adjust their bylaws.

7. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion suspending AMS Code until a solution can be put in place for the Nursing elections.”

... No objections

8. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That Council suspend the requirements in Code Section IX A, Article 9(1)(m) for the Nursing Undergraduate Society until a solution has been put in place to ensure that the Nursing Undergraduate Society’s constitution and bylaws are in compliance with the AMS Code of Procedure.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes:

- I object to the consideration of this motion.
- We haven’t seen their bylaws.
- We have never done this for just one Constituency.
- There’s a basic repugnancy to the AMS Code here.

“Shall the objection be sustained?”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

**For (3): Haruka Higo, Tyra Phillips, Katherine Westerlund**

**Against (20): Riley Baechler, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Nicholas Harterre, Alireza Kamyabi, Veronika Scherer (proxy for Keira Britto), Carmen Kim, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, John Segui, Arash Shadkam, Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Kevin Zhang**

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Max Holmes:

- Something like this should not be brought up at the last minute.
- Everyone should be allowed to vote and run, even if they can only serve for two or three months.
- Even if there are good intentions here, I don't think we should approve this without further thought.

Dante Agosti-Moro:

- Are there past examples of suspending Code for one Constituency?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I can't recall one.

Cole Evans:

- If this doesn't pass today, how does that affect the NUS?

Haddon Rabb:

- We wouldn't be able to get proper rules in place in time.
- I know this is rushed.

Max Holmes:

- If there are repugnancies, you just run your elections the way AMS Code says.
- You don't need to change your bylaws; you just have to follow AMS procedures instead of your bylaws.
- I don't think this would delay your elections.
- Are there reasons AMS Code can't be followed?
- I would also like to raise a point of order:
  - Is it in order to suspend Code for one Constituency?

The Speaker:

- It is within the purview of Council.

Cole Evans:

- Does following AMS rules instead of yours solve your problem?

Haddon Rabb:

- In theory, yes, but there are challenges.
- We would have to advertise (to allow fourth years to run), and then reopen campaigning.
- It would still push the election back to January.

Cole Evans:

- You can just say, We're going to follow AMS Code.

Haddon Rabb:

- Technically, but the big issue is who can run?
- It would still be a timing issue.

Max Holmes:

- I don't see a timing issue.
- How is the motion addressing timing?

Haddon Rabb:

- Ultimately, it's true, we could follow AMS elections guidelines, and timing wouldn't be significantly affected.

Tyra Phillips:

- This section of Code says who can run: there can't be a solution that allows the NUS to restrict who can run.
- This is a question of the compatibility of the two sets of rules.
- If people are leaving the province and won't be able to serve a term in office, you hope they simply wouldn't run for a position on your council.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- What has the AMS CEO advised you to do?

Haddon Rabb:

- The CEO advised us to suspend the elections, then reopen them after letting people know that everyone can run.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

**For (1): Riley Baechler**

**Against (23): Julia Burnham, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Alireza Kamyabi, Veronika Scherer (proxy for Keira Britto), Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, John Segui, Arash Shadkam, Wendy Song, Riley Ty, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

**Abstained: Sabreena Shukul, Kia Teimouri**

#### S) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD206-20], [SCD207-20]

**From the Governance Committee**

“That Council approve the new Records Policy (I-19) as presented and rescind the old Policy on Records Management and the AMS Archives.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Westerlund:

- This is a new policy based on conversations with Sheldon (our Archivist and Clerk of Council) and our lawyers.

Riley Ty:

- When we discussed this before, we said we wouldn't pass a new policy until we changed the bylaws.
- It seems to me that this violates the bylaws. I don't see how we can pass it.

Katherine Westerlund:

- I'm not a lawyer.
- This is what our lawyers provided us with.
- I presume the lawyers wouldn't tell us to violate the Societies Act by violating the bylaws.

Kevin Zhang:

- This was brought up last year and concerns were raised.
- It gives a lot of leeway to Council to decide what is “sensitive information.”
- There's no definition of that term.
- There's no clarification about who makes this distinction.

Katherine Westerlund:

- How am I supposed to make a records policy if I can't trust the advice I'm getting?
- Should I get a law degree?

Kevin Zhang:

- I'm not trying to make your job difficult or tell you to get a law degree.
- It's just that we need clarity on who decides what to disclose.
- And there should be an appeals process.

Max Holmes:

- Thanks to Katherine and the Governance Committee.
- The AMS needed this policy to be amended.
- I hear a lot of conversation about whether this is in compliance with bylaws.
- That was discussed at the Governance Committee.



Michelle Marcus:

- I am a member of the Governance Committee.
- I brought up several concerns there.
- Unfortunately, I missed the meeting when the policy was finally voted on.
- I would not have voted for it.
- It would have been good to look at last year's discussions about an appeals process, doing partial redactions, notifying Council, etc.
- I would support a motion to refer this back to committee.

Max Holmes:

- This has been reviewed by the lawyers and the Archivist.
- A lot of thought has been put into it.

Arash Shadkam:

- About the clause saying there shall be no disclosure of sensitive business information, who decides what is sensitive?

Alireza Kamyabi:

- What bylaw provision does this policy go against?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Bylaw 18 allows our members to look at our records subject to privacy laws.
- At the suggestion of the lawyers, that bylaw is cited at the beginning of the new policy.
- The policy contains additional restrictions on access beyond the restrictions in the privacy laws.
- The lawyers approved those restrictions, including the one about sensitive business information.

Katherine Westerlund:

- If there is a question about releasing a document, it goes to Sheldon and Keith and then the Executive.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- That was actually an earlier version of the policy.
- Now if there's a question, it just goes to the Executive Committee.

Cole Evans:

- We loosened up restrictions and gave the Executive Committee the power on any record there's a question about.
- I think we should trust our legal counsel.

Michelle Marcus:

- The policy says that if there's any question, it gets referred to the Executive Committee, but it doesn't automatically get referred.
- More clarity is needed.

- Yes, Governance Committee has discussed this a lot, but there can be more done.
- It is a tricky balance.
- I don't feel there's a particular rush to approve this.

Max Holmes:

- This says you can go to the Executive Committee.
- If someone disagreed with their decision, there's also the committee responsible for the policy: the Governance Committee. They could go to them and then to Council.
- There are multiple ways to pursue things.

Jackson Schumacher:

- In order to pursue things that way, you'd have to have a pretty good knowledge of the inner workings of the AMS.
- The average student is going to be unable to see most documents if they're made inaccessible.

Chris Hakim:

- We have staff to help students with this.

Katherine Westerlund:

- When drafting, all the edits were made to make the records more accessible.
- We tried to make this a policy that would last, but possibly we did not add things that some people feel are needed.
- We could review this again in the future.

Arash Shadkam:

- Would it be good practice to add an appeal process?
- If someone goes to the Executive, and they say no, then they just go home.
- But if there were an appeal process ...

Chris Hakim:

- That's more something to say on the website.

Max Holmes:

- I don't feel that putting appeal procedures in the policy would help.
- But by making this policy, that sends a signal about process.
- It lets staff know how to direct students.

## 12. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

### **From the Governance Committee**

"That Council approve the new Records Policy (I-19) as presented and rescind the old Policy on Records Management and the AMS Archives."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (16): Riley Baechler, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Lucia Liang, Melanie Mpanju, Tyra Phillips, Arash Shadkam, Wendy Song, Kia Teimouri, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund**

**Against (8): Alireza Kamyabi, Carmen Kim, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Jackson Schumacher, John Segui, Riley Ty, Kevin Zhang**

**Abstained: Andrew Huang, Veronika Scherer (proxy for Keira Britto), Samantha Peng, Nevena Rebic**

*[The original result, registering as 13 for and 8 against, with 3 abstentions, ended before everyone had a chance to vote: the vote record above is the revote with more time allowed.]*

13. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED TYRA PHILLIPS: [SCD208-20]

**From the Governance Committee**

“That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2019: Submitting Committee Reports’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Westerlund:

- Code currently makes committee reports due on Monday.
- This change makes them due Fridays, the same time as other documents for Council.
- I’m hoping this will encourage everyone to hand in their reports.

14. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED TYRA PHILLIPS:

**From the Governance Committee**

“That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2019: Submitting Committee Reports’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (28): Riley Baechler, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Alireza Kamyabi, Veronika Scherer (proxy for Keira Britto), Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, John Segui, Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

15. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND: [SCD209-20]

**From the Operations Committee**

“That Council approve \$1,700 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund to be allocated towards the replacement of the conference table in Nest room 3511.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The balance in the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund is \$276,766

Cole Evans:

- The table in 3511 needs replacing.
- We have found a nice table with a maple finish.
- This is perhaps the lowest dollar amount to come to Council in a while.
- Hope to create a subcommittee to handle small sums like this.

Julia Burnham:

- The table we have now is horrible.
- It's not ergonomically okay to work on a slanted table.

Cole Evans:

- This is contingent on the table being on sale.
- If it's not still on sale, we won't buy it.

Tyra Phillips:

- The table is a detriment to committee work.

Max Holmes:

- This shouldn't have to come to Council.
- Just as there's an IT subcommittee, there should be a subcommittee to deal with small sums beyond the VP Administration's budget.

16. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

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**Against (2): Andrew Huang, Lucia Liang**

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

17. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG: [SCD210-20]

“That Council accept the recommendations from the Report on the Status of the UBC Interfraternity Council as an AMS Subsidiary as presented.”

Cole Evans:

- This report was asked of me, mandated by this Board.
- Because some of the recommendations are external to the Operations Committee, I would like Council to approve it as a body.
- The report needs one tweak, in the part where it refers to controlled substances:
  - We’ve been advised that we need to clarify that we mean alcohol and not substances under the Controlled Substances Act.

Michelle Marcus:

- The report looks good, but I am hesitant to approve the recommendations.
- The report speaks of the contribution of the IFC to community building and talks of supporting the IFC.
- I’d like clarification on what benefits IFC and the fraternities provide to non-fraternity members.
- SASC issued a statement speaking of systemic sexualized violence and the broader rape culture: this is not a one-time incident, and that seems to contradict the statement that the IFC contributes to community building.
- It’s absolutely imperative that SASC be involved in any development of relations with the IFC.

Max Holmes:

- I agree with some of these concerns, but there is development work done by fraternities; some have got a lot from them; they contribute money and perform philanthropic work that benefits UBC and the wider community.
- I am worried about the AMS’s hesitancy on this issue: I had to move a motion two meetings ago to prompt this report.
- But I don’t see the need for this motion: the Operations Committee was tasked with a limited mandate (to produce a report).
- I hope this goes to the Advocacy Committee and also the Executive.
- The AMS needs to show leadership on this issue.
- People want public accountability.
- There’s a lot we can be doing that we’re not doing.
- The report is a step in the right direction, but we need more.

Tyra Phillips:

- I don’t think Advocacy Committee has the time to take this on.

Ian Gilbert:

- What was the vibe from the IFC?
- Were they willing to make any compromises or changes?

Cole Evans:

- I had conversations with the IFC leadership.
- I went over compliance issues, areas where they are non-compliant.
- They would have to abolish their judicial board.
- They say they have to be restricted to males only.

Ian Gilbert:

- Did you get the sense that they recognize that there is an issue?

Cole Evans:

- Yes. I said it doesn't make sense for them to be part of the AMS anymore.
- They understood.

Chris Hakim:

- I'm really glad to see this report.
- I do have some hesitancy about Recommendation 2, calling on the IFC and the AMS to form a relationship that would give the IFC the privileges we give clubs.
- Out of respect for our clubs, I'm putting my hesitancy out there.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- There's no question about Recommendation 1, removing their club status.
- But if they are no longer a club, does that limit what we can engage them on?
- Does it limit SASC at all?

Max Holmes:

- I think this change gives the AMS more leverage rather than less.
- SASC will work with anybody.
- Looking at the AMS's relationship with the IFC, if the AMS came out and criticized what allegedly happened, the AMS could get itself in trouble:
  - Our words could be used against us in legal situations.
- If they are not a part of us, we can speak more freely, criticize.

Cole Evans:

- Our paramount goal is to make sure our members can participate safely in community events.
- We can ensure greater accountability if we're separate.
- This can help improve the culture that's been mentioned, by beginning a relationship with them.
- We can open a channel to the IFC.
- It's important we maintain dialogue.

- The Advocacy Committee was mentioned because if IFC is no longer part of us, they're external to us, and thus would fall more under the purview of Advocacy.
- There is precedent to give some benefits to non-subsidiaries.
- The report doesn't say we're going to give them benefits; it's up to us to negotiate with the IFC on the basis of what is in the best interests of our membership.

Julia Burnham:

- Knowing that Council has asked us to review all other groups that don't fit, like the Thunderbird Dance Team, what sort of precedent will MoU's set?
- It might be more fruitful to do an investigation to create a class of groups that have selective criteria.

Cole Evans:

- There is talk in the report of competitive entry clubs like Thunderbird Dance and others that select individuals.
- The only exception would be sororities; they're much like the IFC.
- Would have to deal with them separately.

Chris Hakim:

- Creating MoU's to give benefits to other groups besides clubs: yes, but not to ones we just deconstituted.

Michelle Marcus:

- SASC should have been consulted.
- What's your plan for how to involve them?

Cole Evans:

- This report was very operational.
- It's important to connect with SASC.
- That would most likely not be part of my office.
- SASC will be a key stakeholder.

18. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

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... Carried

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**Abstained: Ian Gilbert, Michelle Marcus, Samantha Peng, Riley Ty**

19. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JULIA BURNHAM:

“That Council designate Janet Teasdale as an Honorary Member of the Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver in recognition for her over 25 years of service at UBC on behalf of students, faculty, and staff.”

Note: AMS Code defines “Honorary Members” as another term for what is referred to in the Bylaws as “Associate Members.”

*[Dante Agosti-Moro takes over as proxy for Riley Ty.]*

Max Holmes:

- Because of a reorganization at the VP Students Office, Janet Teasdale, the longtime managing director of UBC’s Student Development and Services department, is no longer employed here.
- Janet not only built the student development portfolio; she created it.
- She spent 28 years at UBC, in many different roles, always conducting herself with grace and wisdom, always supporting students.
- She’s been called a good, wise, kind, generous colleague, and I can think of no better way to honour her than to quote what has been said about her in the light of what has just happened.
- [He quoted a number of statements.]
- This is a loss many of us feel.
- Janet would always be there for you.
- She cared for the students and her staff.

Julia Burnham:

- Janet Teasdale had a huge impact on our community.
- She understood the importance of listening to students.
- I learned so much from her.
- We can honour the years she devoted to this community.
- Let us publicly acknowledge all she has done for students.

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**Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Sabreena Shukul, Kia Teimouri, Dante Agosti-Moro (proxy for Riley Ty), Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

21. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

**From the President**

“That Council suspend Code Section VII, Article 9(2) (about reports from the Advisory Board), effective immediately and lasting until March 1, 2020.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Hakim:

- This is the section requiring quarterly reports from the Advisory Board.
- We still have not filled the vacancy on the board; so the board has not met and it's unable to submit a report.

Alex Gonzalez:

- What is stopping us from filling this position? It's a huge gap.

Chris Hakim:

- I've talked to the HR Committee.
- The Committee doesn't work full-time.
- I work full-time, but recruitment is difficult.
- For what we pay and the expertise we require, the attraction is not all that good.
- Hoping to find people who feel attached to UBC or the AMS.
- I appreciate all who have submitted names.
- Right now we are looking at alumni.

Alex Gonzalez:

- If none of that works out, can we strike a working group to look into this?

Chris Hakim

- I don't think a working group would fix things; it would be just like the HR Committee.
- It's an attraction issue.
- Some high level people want to be on a board of directors rather than on an advisory board.
- The best way is to get people with UBC or AMS connections.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Is it actually really important if this board doesn't meet?
- We've survived without it.

Chris Hakim:

- I do think it is important.

- I'm not a lawyer or a CPA.
- Most boards of directors have CPA's or CPHR's (chartered professionals in human resources).
- We don't.
- The Advisory Board is meant to supplement that.
- There's been difficulty filling it; that does not affect the merits of the Advisory Board.

Max Holmes:

- We don't always get a chance to look at long-term effects.
- This is what the Advisory Board would do for HR, finances, etc.
- We have many amazing staff members (Keith and his staff), but an Advisory Board could have past Councillors or Executives on it and would be able to talk about long-term impact.
- It's a shame it hasn't been got on its feet.
- It needs to be a priority to fill it.
- But if we can't fill it, then Kat is right: we should get rid of it.

22. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

**From the President**

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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**For (26): Riley Baechler, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Alireza Kamyabi, Veronika Scherer (proxy for Keira Britto), Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Sabreena Shukul, Kia Teimouri, Dante Agosti-Moro (proxy for Riley Ty), Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

**U) Discussion Period**

***Code Compliance – Katherine Westerlund***

23. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED TYRA PHILLIPS, THIRDED MAX HOLMES:

"That the meeting go in camera."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

*The meeting went in camera at 9:15 pm.*

*The meeting left the in camera session at 9:43.*

24. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“That the agenda be amended by adding a motion to create an ad hoc committee to discuss Council governance.”

... Carried

**For (24): Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Alireza Kamyabi, Veronika Scherer (proxy for Keira Britto), Carmen Kim, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Samantha Peng, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Sabreena Shukul, Kia Teimouri, Dante Agosti-Moro (proxy for Riley Ty), Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

**Against (1): Riley Baechler**

25. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

“That the meeting be extended by one hour.”

... No objections

26. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

“Be it resolved that Council strike an ad hoc committee to discuss AMS Council Governance and to report back to Council by the second Council meeting in February.

Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance be composed of the following voting members:

5 non-Executive Councillors

1 representative of the Governance Committee selected by the Governance Committee

1 representative of the Executive Committee selected by the Executive Committee.

Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance shall:

- explore and investigate issues related to AMS Council Governance, this work to include consulting past and current AMS Councillors, Executives, staff, and Committees;
- advise Council on issues related to AMS Council governance, this work to include creating a report with recommendations for Council to adopt and implement;
- not implement any changes recommended in the report without Council approval.”

Michelle Marcus:

- What are the goals?
- Are we looking to improve efficiency?
- Are we looking to make Council more representative?

Alireza Kamyabi:

- We need to be more specific about what this will do.

Max Holmes:

- The idea is to talk to past Executives, especially Presidents, and long-time Councillors to come up with recommendations about governance.
- I've left it broad.
- Could list a lot of things, but this allows the committee to explore.
- It could look at such things as meeting efficiency and Executive reporting.
- Let the committee discuss what to do.

The Archivist & Clerk of Council volunteered to sit on the committee. This was accepted.

Cole Evans:

- Would you loosen this to allow more Executives on it?
- And do we want to leave time to get any changes added to a bylaw referendum?

Max Holmes:

- No to additional Executives.
- Five non-Executive Councillors is standard.
- The committee would consult closely with the Executive.
- It's good to have diversity on a committee, so we want as many non-Executive Councillors as possible.
- As to the timeline, if bylaw revising is required, there can be at least an interim report early enough for that. I'm not ruling out bylaw changes.

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The Archivist & Clerk of Council (non-voting).

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28. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to fill the committee and appoint the chair.”  
... No objections

*Nominees for the committee:* Jackson Schumacher (GSS), Max Holmes (BoG), Carmen Kim (Land & Food), Katherine Westerlund (Engineering), Tyra Phillips (Engineering), Michelle Marcus (Science), Danny Liu (Science)  
*Chosen:* Jackson Schumacher, Max Holmes, Carmen Kim, Katherine Westerlund, Tyra Phillips

*Chair Nominee:* Max Holmes

29. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED TYRA PHILLIPS:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Jackson Schumacher, Max Holmes, Carmen Kim, Katherine Westerlund, Tyra Phillips (5 x non-Executive Councillors) to the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance.

Be it further resolved that Max Holmes be appointed chair of the Ad Hoc Committee.”

... Carried

**For (24): Riley Baechler, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Ian Gilbert, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Alireza Kamyabi, Veronika Scherer (proxy for Keira Britto), Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Haddon Rabb proxy for Tanner Gjosund, Kia Teimouri, Lucita Villarreal, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

### ***Strategic Plan***

Michelle Marcus:

- We haven't had a fulsome presentation on this.
- I would like more information about process once feedback is collected.
- How will that turn into the Strategic Plan?
- How do we ensure meaningful and student driven consultation?
- What sort of advertising will you do?
- Is this part of the Communications Department's budget?

Chris Hakim:

- I love this stuff.
- We did a presentation in August or September.
- I can send a submission for the next meeting.
- Probably the values will be ready by then.
- There are five parts to the Strategic Plan:
  - 1) Vision for five years
  - 2) Values for five years
  - 3) Goals (the substantial part, what we're primarily going to be working on)
  - 4) Core areas (common themes, sectioning off departments, which goals are for whom?)
  - 5) Strategic actions (sub-goals, workable things in the short term).
- We have a Vision Statement: Building a community where every student feels supported, represented, and engaged.
- Students are driving the Values section:
  - We were engaging them with on-the-ground booting: boards on easels in the Nest, with sticky notes.
  - We wanted to find out what values students were thinking of.
  - We got 600-700 responses.
- We also did a survey of staff and students, and had meetings with department heads, the Executive.
- Sent a survey to Councillors.
- Collected feedback.
- Consultation results will go to the Steering Committee, which will come up with three to five values.
- My office will make recommendations.
- Trying to have the most robust consultation in the AMS.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Is there a presentation coming to Council?

Chris Hakim:

- Probably a submission with a Gantt Chart.
- If you want another presentation, I can do that, but there's already four scheduled for the next Council meeting.
- Maybe in January there can be a goals presentation; we will consult you on that.
- Advertising for this is not actually from the Communications budget; it's a separate line item under Executive Projects.

Jackson Schumacher:

- That's very helpful.
- At some point will you do an assessment of risk and feasibility?
- About goals and actions?

Chris Hakim:

- Some feedback suggestions were not feasible because we don't run the departments they relate to (e.g., Arts Advising).
- The focus is on being visionary and directional, not listing specific steps.
- If you're too operational, the Strategic Plan fails.

Michelle Marcus:

- I forgot the earlier presentation. I apologize.
- It sounds like you're doing a great job at consultation.
- Good job reaching out to AMS groups.
- How will you reach out to those not involved in or alienated from the AMS?
- Will you use Facebook ads? Digital signage?

Chris Hakim:

- Absolutely. You will definitely see all of that.
- We want to reach out to groups marginalized from the AMS.
- It's important to include those voices.
- You will see this for the goals.
- The most important part of the plan will be the goals; the most funding is for that.

Max Holmes:

- An amazing job on engagement.
- Steering Committee minutes have been short; the meetings are short; I hope to see more from it on the plan.
- I am worried about creating a Strategic Plan.
- They're common in other organizations, but it's difficult for student societies.
- We're elected this year, but the next year often doesn't care about last year.
- Still worried about setting out detailed actions: they will be dropped.
- The focus should be on values and the macro level.

Chris Hakim:

- I absolutely agree.
- The more detailed, the more likely to fail, especially for student unions.
- Our HR Manager's long-term vision is: I want our workplace to be a leading one among student unions, increasing satisfaction and efficiency.
- That's the sort of thing.
- We don't want to get very detailed.

## V) Submissions:

Operations Committee Consolidated Monthly Reports	[SCD211-20]
AMS Annual General Meeting Transition Report	[SCD212-20]
Executive Committee October Monthly Report	[SCD213-20]
SHAPE Committee October Monthly Report	[SCD214-20]
Steering Committee Monthly Report (May – October)	[SCD215-20]
Finance Committee Monthly Report (May – October)	[SCD216-20]

Health & Dental Committee Monthly Report	[SCD217-20]
Advocacy Committee June Monthly Report	[SCD218-20]
Advocacy Committee July Monthly Report	[SCD219-20]
Advocacy Committee August Monthly Report	[SCD220-20]

**W) Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: November 27, 2019

**X) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

**Y) Social Activity:**



### November 6, 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	X	
Melanie Mpanju	Arts	X	
Sabreena Shukul	Arts	X	
Shadi Saberian	Arts		
Kia Teimouri	Arts	X	
Kevin Zhang	Arts	X	
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone	BoG		
Max Holmes	BoG	X	
Priscilla Chan	Commerce	X	
Andrew Huang	Commerce	X	
	Dentistry		
Nicholas Harterre	Economics	X	
Haruka Higo	Education	X	
Tyra Phillips	Engineering	X	
Katherine Westerlund	Engineering	X	
Matthew Epstein	Forestry		
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		Veronika Scherer
Carmen Kim	Land & Food Systems	X	
	Law		
Lucita Villarreal	Library/Archival	X	
Ravi Parhar	Medicine		
Anican Yu	Music		
Tanner Gjosund	Nursing		Haddon Rabb
Katrin Iacono	Ombudsperson	X	
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	Dante Agosti-Moro partway

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