

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Ahsan Sahibzada (AMS Elections), Emma Livingstone (Ubysey), Sam Smart (Ubysey), Thomas O'Donnell (Ubysey), Henry Anderson (Ubysey), Ariel Cao (UBC Sororities), Mathew Ho (member at large), Emily Gubski (member at large), Nick Pang (AMS staff), Rish Das (AMS Events), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- This is an acknowledgement of whose land we are on and how we situate our work.
- This is the stolen, unceded, ancestral land of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əḥ̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- It is to be hoped that we can work in solidarity with them and that this acknowledgement not be something formalistic.
- It should be a stepping stone to a better alignment with the Indigenous communities

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

The Speaker:

- The items in red are being added as amendments.

Chris Hakim:

- Strike VP Admin's report under submissions.
- Add committee appointments to the Finance, Student Life, HR, and Governance committees.

2. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the amendments to the agenda be adopted.”

...No objections

3. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (23): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, Alireza Kamyabi, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Tyra Phillips), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Against (1): Andrew Huang

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

Welcome to our new Members: Jake Reznik (Nursing), Regula Winzeler (Regent), Justin Thurn (VST)

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Law, Population & Public Health, Social Work

Goodbyes: John Segui (Social Work), Tanner Gjosund (Nursing), Ian Gilbert (Regent)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- If folks have issues accessing the meeting (problems with light or sound) or if you have suggestions to make things more efficient, raise your placard or email me.

F) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each, 1 minute for final remarks):

G) Consent Agenda Items

Max Holmes:

- Please pull the Executive Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019.

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED RILEY TY:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated October 9, 2019	[SCD258-20]
AMS In Camera Council minutes dated October 9, 2019	[SCD259-20]
AMS Council minutes dated October 23, 2019	[SCD260-20]
AMS Council minutes date November 6, 2019	[SCD261-20]
AMS In Camera Council minutes dated November 6, 2019	[SCD262-20]
HR Committee minutes dated November 19, 2019	[SCD263-20]
Student Life Committee minutes dated November 7, 2019	[SCD264-20]
Student Life Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019	[SCD265-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019	[SCD265A-20]

... Carried

For (27): Erica Binder (proxy for Anican Yu), Riley Baechler, Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Agnes Yuen (proxy for Carmen Kim), Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Samantha Peng, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Tyra Phillips), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Alireza Kamyabi

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED RILEY TY:

“That the following item be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019

[SCD265A-20]

Max Holmes:

- These minutes include a discussion of the proposed amendment to Policy I-9 (Executive Goals).
- That proposed amendment came to the Executive Committee from the Governance Committee.
- According to the minutes, the conversation at the Executive Committee not only didn't reflect what happened at the Governance Committee, but was also disrespectful.
- It was said that the proposed amendment was not well thought out.
- The Executive representative on the Governance Committee did not give an unbiased report to the Executive Committee on what the Governance Committee wanted, but instead gave his own opinion.
- He said the purpose of the Board (Council) is not to keep Executives accountable to their election campaign promises.
- I completely disagree: it is Council's responsibility to make sure campaign promises are kept.
- The Executive presenting to the Executive Committee should give an unbiased recollection.
- I am just disappointed.

Cole Evans:

- The Executive Committee member on the Governance Committee is me.
- When I presented to the Executive, I went over what the Governance Committee proposed: it was an unbiased recollection.
- The issue is that I didn't go over the Executive minutes to make sure the unbiased recollection was recorded.
- My bad for not catching that.

Max Holmes:

- May I suggest that the chair of the Executive Committee pull these minutes?

Chris Hakim:

- Glad to.

6. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That these minutes be referred back to the Executive Committee.”

... No objections

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

Elections Timeline – Ahsan Sahibzada (Chief Electoral Officer) [SCD266-20]

- The Elections Committee will hold office hours from 9-5 February 24 to March 6.
- We will be on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.
- Senate elections:
 - Senate elections for student representatives from the faculties will this year be held at the same time as elections for student senators at large.
 - Senate nominations open January 27 and close February 7.
 - The closing date is earlier than the closing date for AMS elections in order to comply with the University Act (which requires four weeks between nominations and voting).
 - Constituency election administrators will be managing these Senate elections under my supervision.
 - I still need election administrators from Dentistry, Land & Food, and the GSS to report to me for training.
- AMS Executive and other elections:
 - Nominations open this Friday at 10 am and close February 14.
 - Forms available outside the AMS offices.
 - Can submit campaign material for approval now, but no campaigning allowed until the Official Campaign Period.
 - The Official Campaign Period will last from February 24 until the close of voting on March 6.
 - The voting period is March 2-6.
 - March 13: Campaign material to be taken down.
 - March 15: Expenditure declarations due for reimbursement.
- Quite a few social events: Meet & Greet the candidates, Coffee with Commuters, Indigenous Forum, Unofficial Results Party.
- Debates moderated by the Ubyyssey: February 25 and 26, and the Great Debate on February 28.
- Postering is not permitted, as Council decided last year.
- Other forms of physical campaigning are allowed, e.g., lawn signs.
- Councillors, please vote on the first day, if possible at 12:01 am, to make sure the voting system is working.
- Students in the Affiliated Colleges will need a special link.
- A reminder email will go out on March 2.

Kevin Zhang

- Social events: can the Constituency Senate candidates take part?

Ahsan Sahibzada :

- Not under my control. The Constituencies will decide.

Max Holmes:

- One concern I have is about faculty senator elections.
- Why was it decided to hold these elections during AMS elections?
- If the Constituencies are just running those and not their other Constituency elections, and if there are no posters allowed, how will the word get out?
- This will affect turnout.
- Who decided?

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- The decision was made by UBC's Academic Governance Office in consultation with the AMS.
- There was a concern about not following proper procedures.
- Also, UBC wanted all senators to start April 1, but if the Senate elections were held later, at the same time as the Constituency elections, we couldn't follow the timelines required by law (there's a four-week period and a two-week one).

Julia Burnham:

- Everyone should report back to their Constituencies.
- It's important that your election officers are following the rules.

Alex Gonzalez:

- If the AMS Elections Committee is not in charge of hosting profiles for Faculty Senators, but Constituencies are, where will the information be?

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- There will be an initial communication from me telling students they can run, explaining who's eligible.
- Promotions of the candidates will come later; that will be up to the Constituencies.

7. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

"That the question period be extended by 15 minutes."

... No objections

Katherine Westerlund:

- Is there anything functionally we can do about changing the time period for faculty senator elections?

Chris Hakim:

- What we're trying to accommodate is the proper timeline for Senate elections.

- We are trying to time this in coordination with the Senate office.
- Technically, we can move these elections further away, but we would still need to follow the time period rule, and it might make it more inconvenient for UBC's Academic Governance Office.

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- It's not really up to the AMS: it's UBC's election.

Julia Burnham:

- To have all Senators ready at the same time would be good for orientations.

Max Holmes:

- The Senate Academic Governance Office is wrong on this.
- The AMS should push back.
- Every year Senate candidates who lose in the general election later run in Faculty senator elections. That's my issue.
- The timing issue is not really an issue.
- We could open the nominations now.
- Orientations for Senate are always disorganized, and running the elections at the same time won't fix that.
- And Senate doesn't meet until late April. People do not need to be in place by April 1.
- I think the AMS should contact the Student Senate Caucus and have them go to the Academic Governance Office.
- This plan before us will lower turnout and place a huge burden on the Constituencies: they'll have to run two elections.
- And it takes away a chance for Senate candidates to run a second time.

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- This timeline was worked out with the AMS President and the Academic Governance office.
- It's just one election for each Constituency Elections Administrator to run, and there is training.

Dante Agosti-Moro:

- This is going to be disastrous for Senate elections.
- It will hurt turnout.
- I am concerned that the Student Senate Caucus was not consulted.
- I feel we should clarify/push back.

Arash Shadkam:

- We usually have one voting period.
- Will we have to vote twice now? If so, that's not a good idea.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Running elections is more than ballots and Simply Voting.

- It's a logistical challenge to run two elections instead of one.
- I highly recommend we look into this further.

Chris Hakim:

- I appreciate the feedback.
- We'll circle back, report to Council.
- There is time to change; we have some leeway.

Nick Pang:

- What was the Constituencies' response?

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- I haven't had any pushback from any Constituency Elections Administrators.
- They were all willing to follow the timeline.

Sean Ryan:

- Are Affiliated College students allowed to run or vote in Senate elections?

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- No.

Julia Burnham:

- All Affiliated Colleges have a representative on Senate.

Kevin Zhang:

- On the issue of the lack of pushback from Constituency Elections Administrators: I don't think Arts has onboarded its Elections Administrator yet. So there hasn't been pushback **yet**.
- How recently were the Election Administrators notified?

Chris Hakim:

- A month ago.

Dante Agosti-Moro:

- It's how the email was framed: it wasn't asking for feedback.

Max Holmes:

- I don't fault the AMS on this.
- It sounds like the Senate office put these rules in.
- What you're hearing from us now is that you should have pushed back more.
- This can involve the Student Senators and the Senate Elections Committee.
- One solution would be to put all positions on the main AMS ballot.

I) Consultation Period

AMS Services and Main Office Front Redesigns – Cole Evans/Michael Kingsmill

[SCD267-20]

Cole Evans:

- Cosmetic and functional work on office fronts for both the Services and the main office.
- The rationale is to enhance visibility and awareness of the Services.

Michael Kingsmill:

- The front of the Services area suffers from a lack of recognition.
- It doesn't function as a gateway.
- It's both a public area and a staff area.
- Sightlines to the Manager's office are an issue; the blinds have to be drawn to protect privacy.
- Not good wayfinding to the Services.
- Want to add colour and put up a wall that will tell you where the Services are and will block sightlines to the manager's office without impeding accessibility.
- Want to provide a drop ceiling (because the current ceiling is high); also provide lighting.
- Modest budget: \$17,446 (an in-house estimate: we haven't gone out to ask yet, but we have lots of experience).

Cole Evans:

- The Main Office work is less extensive: new paint job near the mailboxes.
- Funding coming from signage budget and my discretionary budget.
- Will do the work in the last two weeks of February, mostly during Reading Week.

Max Holmes:

- There's a lack of detail here.
- Probably the budget could be reduced.
- Why do we need a lower ceiling? Why are high ceilings bad?
- And do we want a wall in the middle of the entrance to the Services?

Cole Evans:

- The ceiling is mostly a design feature, not functional.
- The main point is attracting attention with the wall while ensuring there are no accessibility issues.

Michael Kingsmill:

- The new wall doesn't impede accessibility.
- Currently there's a pamphlet rack on the building wall which contains some sensitive material; people can be uncomfortable taking that material, so the new wall may help with that by providing a visual blockade.
- This new wall is one thing the Service Managers wanted, for promotion and also clientele privacy.

Max Holmes:

- That seems like a good justification for the wall.
- But could this be a fire hazard?

Michael Kingsmill:

- It won't be.

Max Holmes:

- Still, adding a wall with colours that won't be adding functionality ...
- We spent \$100 million on this building.
- Is this change necessary?

Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services):

- Both Ian (the Student Services Manager) and I are happy to talk to students, and we often get people coming to our offices asking for directions.
- A drop ceiling would be better aesthetically, covering pipes.
- We keep our blinds closed for privacy of meetings with coordinators.

Cole Evans:

- We will take this to the Finance Committee and give them options (with or without the drop ceiling).

Max Holmes:

- The AMS has been making a lot of cosmetic changes.
- Five years in is not typically the time for cosmetic changes.
- Our funds need building up.
- There will be far more important projects.
- It's great to bring visibility to Services, the most important part of the AMS, but how will that stop people from asking for directions?

Lucia Liang:

- What other options have you considered? Numbering systems? Arrows?

Cole Evans:

- It's a huge building and still has deficiencies.
- Some areas are still not used.
- We don't necessarily need a drop ceiling, but we do need to look at our light fixtures.

Nest/Life Building Thoroughfare Redesign – Cole Evans and Michael Kingsmill

[SCD268-20]

Cole Evans:

- The thoroughfare between the Nest and the Life Building opened in 2018.
- It's mostly dead space with not a lot of indication that it leads to the Life Building.

- There's a lack of direction to the space; furniture that was not intended for it; a big conglomeration.
- Want to create traffic, do something for utilization.
- The theme would be sustainability.

Michael Kingsmill:

- Lack of definition of this space.
- Originally there were going to be two corridors connecting the buildings; now only one.
- There's a lack of easy flow between the two buildings.
- The pocket lounge at the edge of the Nest has not created an identity as a transition to the Life Building.
- There's a hodge-podge of furniture, a dumping ground.
- We want to clean it up, give it a coordinated look, make it more functional and practical.
- Put in benches, tables with bar stools, tables to sit at, sofas.
- Not just for eating, though that would be primary.
- Emphasize the connection to the Life Building.
- The theme will be sustainability, with a Sustainability Office there, and also offices for Sprouts, the Bike Kitchen, and Aquasoc.
- Want to provide seating for approximately 50 people.
- The pocket lounge will have a green theme.
- We started off with having themes for all the pocket lounges, but this one was left off.
- The price would be \$28,688:
 - Lots of painting.
 - Adding power circuits.
 - Big ticket will be furniture.
 - Graphics to cheer up the place: that's what's lacking in that spot.

Cole Evans:

- Work in February, completed by March.
- That's the thoroughfare.
- The second part of the plan is creating a home for sustainability projects in the Life Building: the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
- A place for sustainability projects that are not currently being displayed, like the Sustainability Dashboard and other projects that are in storage.

Michael Kingsmill:

- This is a LEED Platinum building. You should be proud of it.
- In part this is because of the Sustainability Dashboard, which shows the sustainability of the building.
- It's been offline for some time, but is close to getting fixed.
- To be useful, the dashboard has to be displayed.
- Two options for the dashboard: enclose it or make it open, in a slat wall.

- If enclosed, which would mean altering the mechanical system, the price would be \$40,000; if open, \$19,000.

Cole Evans:

- I prefer the open, cheaper one.
- The work for this would be done in February, with an early March completion: same timeline as other part of the project (the thoroughfare).
- The total for the two parts would be, if we keep the dashboard open, \$19,000 plus \$28,700, or \$47,700.
- Will go to the Finance Committee.

8. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That the consultation period be extended by 15 minutes.”

... No objections

Discussion

Michelle Marcus

- About the Interactive Sustainability Centre:
- There are many students and groups doing climate and sustainability work without the support of the AMS.
- What is the plan for consulting with these groups on this project and finding out what students want? Rather than just keeping old projects alive.
- Sustainability changes over time; note the recent declarations of a climate emergency.
- The Climate Hub has asked for support and space: what plans are there to engage with groups like that?

Cole Evans:

- This is a small space, limited to a showcase.
- It's not just for AMS Sustainability, but for all the other groups.
- For office space, we need something bigger, but we don't have it.
- Happy to discuss that separately.
- It's important to consult about what kinds of displays to put up.
- We can get insight from those groups.

Mathew Ho:

- What furniture is being replaced? What will happen to it?

Cole Evans:

- It would be reused elsewhere.
- There are standard Nest tables. Unless worn out, they will be moved, not discarded.
- The goal is to keep as much as we can.
- Some things belong elsewhere.

Max Holmes:

- I have concerns about this project.
- It should go to the Finance Committee and the Operations Committee first.
- Should be discussed at the committee level.
- Why is it at Council first?
- The timeline seems much too rushed: you won't have time to do the consultation Michelle asked for.
- I don't see why the rush.
- It's not a pretty space, but it's functional. People eat lunch there.
- And renovations will disrupt our businesses.
- We shouldn't be irresponsible with our finances.

Chris Hakim:

- I do love January, with its proposals for February, during elections.
- The furniture timeline: what is the life cycle?
- The programming aspect of the Sustainability Centre: how are we translating what people are doing elsewhere? What will the programming look like?

Arash Shadkam:

- I'm not convinced that adding seating is a good idea.
- There should be some method to tell what space we need.
- Has any thought been given to monetizing the space? Maybe renting it out and generating revenue.

Cole Evans:

- I understand this looks rushed and should go to committees first.
- The way I look at it, it is part of my job to try to lead capital projects.
- These are projects Michael Kingsmill and I have identified as beneficial to students.
- Do we need these to make the building function? No.
- We have heard the Nest compared to a mall or a food court.
- We are trying to address that by design projects like these.
- They're not hills I'll die on. I won't be offended if they're rejected. They're here for consultation.
- I take offence at the notion that these are here because of elections.
- We've been planning this for two months.
- It doesn't seem rushed to me.
- Arash did make a good point about exploring alternative uses for the space.

Rish Das:

- Will the lower level lounge be a place clubs can booth?

Cole Evans:

- Definitely a potential.
- Be hard to book it out, though.

Danny Liu:

- If bringing more functionality to the space, has there been talk about a wayfinding wall in the corridor?

Cole Evans:

- Currently working on wayfinding generally in the building.
- Right now wayfinding is not very clear.
- There's been talk of signage and directional boxes, but that does come with a cost.

9. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED RILEY TY:

"That the time for the consultation be extended by 15 minutes."

... Defeated

For (4): Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Michelle Marcus, Alireza Kamyabi

Against (18): Erica Binder (proxy for Anican Yu), Riley Baechler, Agnes Yuen (proxy for Carmen Kim), Priscilla Chan, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Melanie Mpanju, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Tyra Phillips), Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Keira Britto, Samantha Peng, Katherine Westerlund

J) Appointments

Finance Committee

Nominees: Katherine Westerlund (Engineering)

Student Life Committee

Nominees: Max Holmes (Board of Governors), Sean Ryan (St. Mark's)

Chosen: Sean Ryan

HR Committee

Nominees: Danny Liu (Science)

Governance Committee

Nominees: Dante Agosti-Moro (Senate)

- When putting himself forward for the Student Life Committee, Max Holmes suggested that the committee should pay more attention to AMS Student Services.

10. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

"That Katherine Westerlund (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting of May 2020."

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

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

“That Dante Agosti-Moro (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting of May 2020.”

... Carried

For (20): Erica Binder (proxy for Anican Yu), Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Samantha Peng, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Alireza Kamyabi, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim:

- Executive goals.
- Implementing Ceridian Dayforce payroll system.
- Advisory Board is filled.
- Talking to Insights West about the new AMS Experience survey.
- RFP for Health & Dental administrator.
- Wage structure.
- Meeting with the Indigenous Committee about a referendum to add an Indigenous seat to Council.
- Working with the Chief Electoral Officer about the elections timeline.
- Planning for All-Presidents Dinner.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Administration – Cole Evans

- Clubs Days: January 21-24 in both buildings.
- New club applications will be available on the main AMS website after January 15.
 - Not using Clubhouse anymore because Campus Vibe (the producers of Clubhouse) are going out of business.
 - A new system will be coming soon; we found one we like.
- New booking regulations.
- Sustainability: engagement programming.
- The Mugshare mugs have been recalled; please don’t use them.
- Container sharing program.
- Hatch Art Gallery back online.
- Clubs Resource Centre grand opening today.
- Capital projects.

Questions

Nicholas Harterre:

- If Clubhouse is not available, how will you communicate to clubs?
- How will new clubs be created?

Cole Evans:

- Most people can find the information on our website.
- Launching the AMS and Nest Experience Survey tomorrow.

Danny Liu:

- Is the container sharing program (Green2Go) run in collaboration with UBC?

Cole Evans:

- Yes, we are working in tandem with them; it's their program.
- We need to look at washing the containers for Food Safe.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang

- Because of Clubhouse shutting down, we've been busy transferring information.
- 60 more clubs: treasurer authorizations.
- Forms will be on the AMS website.
- Information will go in the newsletter with applicable links.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone

- Services are the most important part of the AMS, as Max just said.
- They are opening up again after the break.
- Safewalk:
 - 2900 calls from May 1 (6% less than last year).
 - Were students feeling safer?
- eHub:
 - After the high of RBC Get Seeded, a Hackathon event is coming.
 - Also a Women in Entrepreneurship event.
 - Volunteer hiring.
- Tutoring:
 - Next week we will start using the Nimbus app, a great way to streamline appointments.
 - Hiring more tutors for an expected greater demand.
- Food Bank:
 - 850 clients May 1-December 19, a 50% increase from the same period last year.
 - Expanding hours, picking up more food, becoming more accessible.
 - Seeking to meet new demand.
- Advocacy:
 - 75 students served. Swamped.
- Speakeasy:
 - Operating out of the Engineering Student Centre on Thursdays.
 - Getting out of the Nest to reach students we don't usually reach.

VP Academic and University Affairs – Julia Burnham

- January a busy month for consultations.
- Three University policies being reviewed:
 - At risk behaviour
 - Whistleblower
 - Sexual Violence.
- Workshop on the policy reviews: SASC will be involved.
- Coffee sleeves with link to consultations.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month:
 - SASC film
 - Masculinity Monday.

Questions

Max Holmes

- About the Academic Experience Survey: have you had consultations with the Executive and the Advocacy Committee to develop the questions?

Julia Burnham:

- We are working on the final details.
- Those groups have been involved.

Max Holmes:

- Has the AMS sent in a budget submission to the University, listing AMS priorities?

Julia Burnham:

- No, but we are finishing it as soon as possible.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Health and Dental RFP presentations.
- Cosmetic changes to the businesses over the break. Apologies to Max.
- Two new employees at SASC, which is now fully staffed.
- Dayforce, the new payroll system. Also will be upgrading the HR system.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Were you consulted on the three capital projects presented today?

Keith Hester:

- I was aware of them.
- I would like to yield to Abdul now to talk about the Services Review.

Abdul Alnaar:

- A significant amount of work has been done to aid in the drafting of the Services Review report.
- Aiming for February.

- Will first go to the Executive Committee and then to Council.
- Reviewed all the transition documents and operation manuals to understand the evolution of the Services.
- Looked at past recommendations.
- Completed data collection on usage.
- This gives us a more accurate picture.
- This past year we had 9500 interactions.
- The data allows us to see what faculties and years those who used the Services were in. Also whether they were grad students or undergraduates.
- It allows us to see who is accessing the services.
- Going to be making student data part of the Nest Experience Survey.
- Already collected data from the Academic Experience Survey from the past three years, e.g., people living further away from campus than they would like.
- Going to be asking students if they want a new Service for housing.
- In the new survey students will be able to win prizes for taking part.
- Doing an environmental scan to compare our offerings to other universities.

Question

Arash Shadkam

- What is Olivewood?

Abdul Alnaar:

- A data collection service providing data analytics software.
- Council approved it three years ago.
- They provide the student numbers, and that is what tells us the demographic information.
- On a different topic:
 - During elections candidates drop by SASC to get information, but it's a very busy time for SASC.
 - Please provide advance notice.

VP External – Chris Hakim for Cristina Ilnitich

- Planning federal lobby trip with UCRU.
 - Preparing lobby documents and making appointments.
- Submission to UNA re representation of students.
- Mayors Council: business case for the SkyTrain to UBC.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Governance – Katherine Westerlund

- Code updates coming.
- Mostly will be looking at bylaw amendments.
- Will use last year's plus whatever comes up.

Questions

Arash Shadkam:

- What about the discussion about Constituency representation?

Katherine Westerlund:

- This has been delayed due to bylaw amendments as we need to have them in time for the elections.
- We will revisit this.

Fermentation Lab – Kia Teimouri

- Working with LFS.
- Working on a business plan.
- Spoke to industry professionals for their input.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang

- Looking at a new budgeting process.
- Code changes.
- 3% subsidy Code change.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Is the AMS going to look at setting a surplus target during the budgeting process?
- UBC sets 1-3%.
- The AMS made 30%, which is crazy for a non-profit.

Keith Hester:

- The surplus is used to pay down the deficit.

Max Holmes:

- Are you going to look at the underestimate of the number of students enrolled (and thus the underestimate of the amount of student fees coming in)?

Lucia Liang:

- Yes, these are things we are aware of.
- We are going to be using zero-based budgeting
- Will make sure the surplus is used wisely.

HR Committee –Danny Liu for Riley Ty

- Filled Advisory Board vacancies.

Advocacy Committee – Julia Burnham for Tyra Phillips

- Met in December.
- Federal advocacy.
- UNA.
- Policy 131 (sexual violence).
- AES.
- Board cycle.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Will you let people know when the meeting is at which you will be discussing the AES?

Julia Burnham:

- I'll pass this on to Tyra.

Jeanie Malone:

- What was your favourite part of the last Board meeting?

Julia Burnham

- UBC's divestment commitment!

Operations Committee – Cole Evans

- Meeting every week starting next week.
- Policy I-7.
- Big changes to the Operations Committee Manual.
- Subcommittees.
- Changes to policies coming.
- New club applications will be reviewed.
- Clubhouse replacement discussions.

SHAPE – Chris Hakim

- Waiting to hear from Heffel (the auction house) about sale of paintings.

Steering Committee – Chris Hakim

- Scheduling.

Student Life – Cole Evans

- We're coming up with a new direction.
- Thinking we will no longer be a standing committee.

Questions

Abdul Alnaar:

- Further to what Max said earlier in the meeting when seeking to serve on this committee, if the committee takes a bigger role in relation to the Services, that raises issues. It will be hard for it to intervene, though it could help with advising.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Chris Hakim:

- Scheduling.

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone

- Committees February 5, 6, and 14.
- Part of budget cycle.
- Divestment and other exciting items.

Max Holmes asked that a Discussion Period topic be added on AMS-UBC Budget Consultation.

Questions:

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Have you met with Extinction Rebellion people?

Max Holmes:

- Yes, been meeting with them.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Are they going to continue their hunger strike?

Jeanie Malone:

- The Administration is working with them to reach a resolution.
- We can't get everything needed by January 31.
- New governors are coming: two new faculty reps, one staff rep, provincial appointees.

Senate –

Alex Gonzalez:

- Last month Senate was asked to endorse the President's declaration on the climate emergency.
- Not clear what happened.

Dante Agosti-Moro:

- Elections are coming.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

Interesting election tidbits.

- There was the time the Engineers nominated a UBC administrator to run in the AMS executive elections.
 - The administrator didn't even know, but he came in second.
 - The rules were changed after that to require candidates to submit their nomination forms in person.
- One time a club nominated all its members as presidential candidates.
 - This led to a rule change increasing the number of nominators needed to nominate someone.
- One year there was a tie: it was decided by a coin toss.

- Back in the 1920's the very first joke candidate was an imaginary person named Rufus McGoofus.
- Then there was the year a candidate cast multiple votes for himself.
- And there was the fraudulent election in which someone hacked in and cast 732 false votes. We had to hire a forensic computer company to figure out the results.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KIA TEIMOURI: [SCD269-20]

From the Elections Committee

"That Council adopt the report from the Elections Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2020: Constituency Elections' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note Requires 2/3rds

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- This would modify the rules for Constituency elections to ban slates and postering.
- They would thus follow the same basic rules as in AMS executive elections.
- The ban on postering would make elections more sustainable.
- It would also mean lower reimbursement levels, saving money for the Constituencies, and it would reduce the number of petty complaints.
- Banning slates would allow a level playing field.

Max Holmes:

- Great to see the banning of postering.
- I'm concerned about getting rid of slates.
- This has been a fraught issue at the AMS.
- Do we know if the Constituencies are using slates?
- Is this something we know is needed?
- Did we consult them?

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- We don't know if it's an issue or if they use them.
- We did not discuss this with them, no.
- This change would make them follow AMS rules.

Dante Agosti-Moro:

- The CUS has banned slates.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- No consultations with the Constituencies?

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- No, just conversations with the Clerk of Council.
- Code does give the Elections Committee the power to make recommendations.

Jeanie Malone:

- Do any of the Constituencies have a slate-based system?

Kiera Britto:

- We have a strict ban on slates in Kinesiology.
- Is the only reason for this amendment consistency?

Ahsan Sahibzada:

- That's one reason.
- And also the same rationale as in AMS elections, to create a level playing field between candidates.

The Speaker:

- Do any Constituencies allow slates?
- [No response.]

Max Holmes:

- Do any allow endorsements?

Alireza Kamyabi:

- I don't think either of these changes is necessary.
- Can leave it to the Constituencies.
- Postering might be important to some Constituencies.

Arash Shadkam:

- With no input from Constituencies, this shouldn't happen.
- I would love to bring insights from the GSS, but I don't know the rules.
- We should do consultation before doing this.

Katherine Westerlund:

- We get higher turnout with postering (in Engineering).

Kiera Britto:

- Also in Kinesiology.
- And no problems with petty complaints.
- People say they want more than social media.

Chris Hakim:

- Maybe we should consult first.

12. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That this motion be referred back to the committee.”

... No objections

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED DANTE AGOSTI-MORO:

“That Council change the requested submission date of the second part of the report to Council on Club Membership from the first Council meeting of January to the February 5, 2020 meeting of Council.”

Cole Evans:

- This would postpone the club report.
- It's the second part of the IFC report on non-compliant clubs.
- We were told to come back now, but other things have come up.
- Haven't had a chance to speak to the clubs affected: mainly Pan-Hellenic.
- Am setting up a meeting.
- By February 5, this should be good to go.

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED DANTE AGOSTI-MORO:

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... Carried

For (19): Erica Binder (proxy for Anican Yu), Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Alireza Kamyabi, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Tyra Phillips), Katherine Westerlund

U) Discussion Period

AMS-UBC Budget Consultation

Max Holmes:

- One of the most important things the AMS does in terms of advocacy is its submission to UBC for the UBC budget.
- Career Services, Mental Health services, and other student priorities require funding which comes from the budget process.
- It's in the best interests of the University and the AMS that this happen.
- It means the University can get student feedback, and it means the AMS can push for its goals: it's a way the AMS can make clear what its priorities are.
- Budget asks should be submitted by November.
- Last year we had a presentation to Council.
- Council needs to be included in the process.

- The University Provost has said the submission has been requested.
- It's good to hear it's being drafted, but I'm concerned the AMS has missed an opportunity to make clear what its priorities are during budget preparation.
- The budget process is underway. The University already has a draft budget.
- We must distinguish between consultation and involvement; earlier we could have had involvement in drawing up the budget; now we will just be consulted on what's already been done.
- There's equal fault on both sides, but the AMS needs to step up on this at the right time.
- I hope you see this as a priority.
- We need a process to make sure this happens in the future.
- This is one of the most important things the AMS does, advocacy-wise.

Julia Burnham:

- Thank you for your comments.
- I own up to this.
- It was a back and forth between the University and us.
- We were not as proactive as we could have been when the new VP Students came in.
- I would disagree with your statement that the budget is the most important advocacy tool. Money is not always the solution.
- I do agree that there should be a clearly laid-out internal structure about the budget submission.
- There was a lack of clarity this year over the various pieces.
- We will aim for more timely action next year.

Chris Hakim:

- I'm going to agree that the budget is the most important thing.
- Many things get funded from the budget, such as sexual violence programs.
- This year was a failure on the AMS's part.
- There were difficulties on UBC's side with communication, but we should have been more proactive.
- We have a first draft now of our submission.
- It's a month past the deadline.
- Hopefully, we can get a process in place.

Max Holmes:

- I appreciate the responses.
- You also need to include Council in this. That's why I've raised it here.
- Fixing it for next year is good, but what can be done this year?

Michelle Marcus:

- When will you submit these budget priorities?

Julia Burnham:

- Literally as soon as possible.

- Before the next Council meeting.

V) Submissions:

AMS AGM minutes	[SCD270-20]
HR Committee December report	[SCD271-20]
EUS Fall By-Elections 2019 Results	[SCD272-20]
NUS Elections 2019 Results	[SCD273-20]
Club Membership Report Delay	[SCD274-20]
Motion Rationale – Code Changes 2020 Constituency Elections	[SCD275-20]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: January 22, 2020

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Y) Social Activity:

January 8, 2020 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 Initchi	VP External Affairs		
Lucia Liang	VP Finance	X	
Ian Stone	Student Services Mgr	X	
Riley Baechler	Architecture	X	
Melanie Mpanju	Arts	X	
Sabreena Shukul	Arts		
Shadi Saberian	Arts	X	
Kia Teimouri	Arts	X	
Kevin Zhang	Arts	X	
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone	BoG	X	
Max Holmes	BoG	X	
Priscilla Chan	Commerce	X	
Andrew Huang	Commerce	X	
Jody Mao	Dentistry	X	
Nicholas Harterre	Economics	X	
Haruka Higo	Education	X	
Tyra Phillips	Engineering		Emma Dodyk
Katherine Westerlund	Engineering	X	
Matthew Epstein	Forestry		
Jackson Schumacher	Graduate Studies	X	
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		Agnes Yuen
	Law		
Lucita Villarreal	Library/Archival		
Ravi Parhar	Medicine	X	
Anican Yu	Music		Erica Binder
Jake Reznik	Nursing	X	
Katrin Iacono	Ombudsperson		
Jonathan Kew	Planning	X	
Wendy Song	Pharmacy		
	Population & Public Health		
Regula Winzeler	Regent College		
Danny Liu	Science	X	
Michelle Marcus	Science	X	
Riley Ty	Science	X	

Alex Gonzalez	Senate	X	
Dante Agosti-Moro	Senate	X	
Sean Ryan	St. Mark's	X	
	Social Work		
Justin Thurn	VST	X	

- V1: Test your clickers!
- V2: Approval of the agenda
- V3: Consent Agenda Items (1 of 2)
- V4: Extend by 15
- V5: Extend by 15
- V6: Approval of the Committee Nominees
- V7: Submission Date Change for IFC Report

Name	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7
Chris Hakim	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Cole Evans	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lucia Liang	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y
Cristina Initchi							
Julia Burnham	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Melanie Mpanju		Y	Y		N		
Sabreena Shukul							
Shadi Saberian	Y	Y	Y				
Kia Teimouri	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Kevin Zhang	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	
Priscilla Chan		Y	Y		N	Y	Y
Andrew Huang	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Nicholas Harterre	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y
Haruka Higo	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y
Emma Dodyk (proxy for Tyra Phillips)	Y	Y	Y	N	N		Y
Katherine Westerlund	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Nevena Rebic							
Jackson Schumacher	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y
Arash Shadkam	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y
Alireza Kamyabi	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Matthew Epstein							
Keira Britto	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
Agnes Yuen (proxy for Carmen Kim)			Y	N	N		
Law Vacant							
Lucita Villarreal							
Ravi Parhar	Y						
Jake Reznik	Y	Y	Y		N		
Jonathan Kew	Y	Y	Y				

