Attendance
Present: Chris Hakim (President), Julia Burnham (VP Academic & University Affairs), Lucia Liang (VP Finance), Cole Evans (VP Administration), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Ian Stone (Student Services Manager, left 2:50), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services)

Guest: Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
• The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm.

Agenda
• The agenda was adopted (Chris, Cole).

Minutes
• The minutes of January 24 were approved (Chris, Julia).

Air Conditioning Project
• Michael Kingsmill:
  o Rationale for adding air conditioning to the Nest:
    ▪ We’re projecting increases in exterior temperatures because of climate change.
    ▪ We have to be careful not to jeopardize the Nest’s LEED Platinum status.
    ▪ We’re getting a lot of complaints in the summer about the heat in the building from staff, clients, and clubs.
  o We’ve reached out to UBC to explore cooling options.
  o We do have some air conditioning in the building now, in childcare, the Pit Pub, the IT servers room, and the Archives.
  o We already have air handling units, to which we could add cooling coils.
  o Want to focus on the third floor: Administrative area (staff, Execs, the Services).
  o Also on the second floor in the meeting rooms.
  o Don’t need it so much on the main floor or in the basement because there’s lots of traffic and frequent opening of doors, which produces natural ventilation.
  o Also not needed on the fourth floor because of the open space of the Atrium.
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- It’s important that people be comfortable in the building so they’ll come back.
- Much attention was paid to the LEED program in the design of the building: sustainability was the largest voice.
- We are also planning to increase the solar panels in the building.
- This will mean we draw less from the district energy system, which means there will be a net benefit to the campus, reducing overall energy.
- It will cost perhaps $250,000 to install the cooling coils.
- We need to investigate the options more: we’ll need $15,000 to pay a consultant to do that.
- We also need to run all this through UBC: they maintain and operate the equipment.
- If we wait, we will still get complaints, and the price of the installation will likely increase by about $107,000 because of inflation, which is 1% a month.
- Would like to know if the Executive want to go forward; the first step would be to pay the $15,000 for the initial study.

- Chris: Does the total cost include the solar panels?
- Michael: Yes.
- Chris: How many panels would we add?
- Michael: Originally we cut back 50% on the number we were going to install; I think there are 190 panels now.
- Chris: By putting in the solar panels, we would be reducing our carbon footprint and offsetting the effect of expanding the air conditioning in the building?
- Michael: We would be more than offsetting.
- Cole:
  - I would advocate doing this.
  - We’ll need to suspend Code because this would mean spending more than allowed from the Capital Projects Fund in a fiscal year.
- Michael:
  - The first part, the analysis, would go to Council in March.
  - The project itself couldn’t start in time for this summer, and payments would be staggered, with final payment probably not till October or November.
- Chris:
  - This fiscal year would be just for the consultants.
  - We can approve the first payment now (and not have to suspend Code) and then do the next in the next fiscal year.
- Michael:
  - There are three possible options we will be looking at, but for all of them we’ll have to put the cooling coils in.
- Chris: What impact will this have on our LEED Platinum status?
- Michael:
  - Adding the solar panels will build on our LEED Platinum status.
- We are going to protect our LEED Platinum status.
- **Chris:** Are you okay going to next week’s Council meeting for consultation?
- **Michael:** Yes.

[Michael leaves.]

**Academic Experience Survey (AES)**
- **Julia:**
  - I’ve circulated the 2020 final draft questions and have been receiving feedback.
  - Not too many changes this year.
  - Tried to cut some stuff that we have not been using, such as questions about:
    - Attending Thunderbird games.
    - Off campus health/well-being (this was too subjective).
  - We’re reviving a set we had before about Career Services.
  - Took out questions about the reasons students choose to come to UBC: that might be useful for UBC to know, but we’re dealing with students who are already here.
  - Added one question about the main worry students have about running out of food.
  - Restoring a question about how long students’ commute to campus is.
  - Also adding a question on what the most useful form of financial aid is.
  - And asking whether you’re a first generation student: important for equity.
  - Tried to keep the survey tight.
- **Cole:** Is there a possibility of moving the questions about the AMS to later in the survey, since students will have just done the AMS Nest Experience Survey (NES)?
- **Julia:**
  - Don’t want students to think this is a UBC survey, so the AMS questions will stay near the top.
  - Planning launch February 13.
  - One hiccup: UBC usually does a survey in January, but they’re not doing that this year. Instead, they’re sending out a national survey in mid-February.
    - Not great that they’re overlapping.
    - Hope it’s not a deterrent.
  - Goal is 3,000 responses.
- **Cole:** The NES got almost 3,000.
- **Julia:**
  - And the AES has a lot more prizes and is on the ballot.
  - People know to expect the AES this time of year.
  - Maybe we will do some in-person booting.
[Ian leaves.]

**IFC MoU**
- Cole:
  - Sent a draft of the MoU with the Inter-Fraternity Council.
  - Meeting them to discuss.
  - Eventually formal consultation with the Executive.
  - In the draft, saying what our expectations are:
    - Lots about sexual violence, respectful environment, harm reduction.
    - Want to make sure they commit on that.
    - Have to check with SASC.
  - Giving them some privileges: accessing resources like SASC workshops.
  - Also discounted bookings for bids day.
  - There is an active termination clause: we won’t be locked in.
  - Aim is to make sure our members are safe at their events.
  - They want to continue seminars with SASC. Have to check with SASC.
- Julia:
  - Question about IFC paying for those.
  - They involve a significant amount of work, and this would be for a non-AMS organization.
- Cole:
  - Initially, the idea was that they could attend workshops for free.
  - I’m not opposed to putting in limitations or charging them.
- Julia: I’m in favour of appropriately charging any external organization for specialized things.

**Adjournment**
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm.