

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Emma Livingstone (Ubysey), Henry Anderson (Ubysey), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Kristi McQuade (student), Daniella Traversa (student), Riley McNair (student), Elen Bascombe (student), Kyara Lin (student), Emily Leung (student), Ariel Cao (student), Katie Buteau (Alpha Delta Pi executive office), Allie Price (Alpha Delta Pi), Kelli Burns (Alpha Omicron Pi), Daniel Lam (former AMS Councillor), Nastia Khotiaintseva (student), Mathew Ho (student), Chalaya Moonias (Indigenous Committee), Will Shelling (AMS staff), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- It is important we recognize whose land we are on: the stolen, unceded, ancestral land of the Musqueam people.
- We should use this time to reflect on what this means.
- We have an Indigenous Committee looking at how to move forward.
- Being on this land is an ongoing act of violence.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED NICOLAS ROMUALDI, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Katherine Westerlund:

- Add appointments to the Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee.

Chris Hakim:

- Make the air conditioning consultation the first consultation.

The Speaker noted that there were motions in reserve for the bylaws. There were no objections to the amendments.

2. MOVED NICOLAS ROMUALDI, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (27): Riley Baechler, Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Alex Gonzalez, Haruka Higo, Anne Khong, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Ravi Parhar, Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian,

Nicolas Romualdi (proxy for Jackson Schumacher), Arash Shadkam, Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang

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

Welcome to our new Members: Alex Gonzalez (Engineering)

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

Goodbyes: Tyra Phillips (Engineering)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- The food goes at 8 pm.
- If you have difficulty accessing the meeting (sound, lighting, what's happening), raise your placard or email me.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

"That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated January 16, 2020	[SCD292-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 24, 2020	[SCD293-20]
Student Council minutes dated November 27, 2019	[SCD294-20]
Finance Committee minutes dated November 4, 2019	[SCD295-20]
Finance Committee minutes dated November 20, 2019	[SCD296-20]
Finance Committee minutes dated January 14, 2020	[SCD297-20]
Finance Committee minutes dated January 21, 2020	[SCD298-20]
Operations Committee minutes dated January 13, 2020	[SCD299-20]
Operations Committee minutes dated January 20, 2020	[SCD300-20]

... Carried

For (27): Riley Baechler, Keira Britto, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Alex Gonzalez, Haruka Higo, Anne Khong, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Ravi Parhar, Alireza Kamyabi, Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Nicolas Romualdi (proxy for Jackson Schumacher), Arash Shadkam, Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang

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

G) Consultation Period

Air Conditioning Renovation – Michael Kingsmill

[SCD301-20]

- This is a proposal for correcting or altering components in the Mechanical Room to add air conditioning to the Nest.
- Because of climate change, temperatures are rising, especially in the summer.
- This can create heat fatigue.
- One big driver in design of the building was sustainability: we achieved LEED Platinum status, one of the highest levels you can get.
- There are very strict guidelines for LEED, and very little wriggle room to maintain our position.
- There is an issue of building satisfaction: Over the five years in the building, a lot of staff have complained about overheating in the summer.
- Also customers and clients at conferences have complained.
- And there has been an increase in student activity in the summer: dance classes, martial arts.
- The comfort factor is an issue.
- The project would add additional cooling to the air handling units.
- We can add coils; we did make provision for this long ago.
- We would not provide the additional cooling for the whole building; that would cost a small fortune.
- We will primarily do this for the second floor conference rooms and for the third floor offices.
- We won't do it on the bottom two floors, which are cooled to a reasonable degree by door openings and the recycling of air in the Atrium.
- We won't do it on the fourth floor either; it has a small footprint, a lower occupancy.
- We already have air conditioning in the IT hub room and the art vault.
- One problem in the building is its north-south orientation, which increases the temperature, but we needed that orientation to develop the public square in front of us.
- We have had complaints about the shortage of chilled water.
- This project would address that as well as the air conditioning.
- Currently, the building mostly uses passive ventilation for cooling, which usually works well, but when it's warm outside, it gets warm inside.
- To avoid compromising our LEED Platinum status, we hope to enhance sustainability in other ways:
 - We may add additional solar panels.
 - This will reduce energy consumption, thus reducing the carbon footprint.
- The process of going forward would include retaining AME, our lead mechanical consultant, to look at three options proposed by UBC's Mechanical Division.
- AME will look at them and also other possibilities.
 - AME originally did this building.
 - They are familiar with the building and we would like to continue to use them.

- There will be a cost of \$15,000 for the consultant.
- After that we would probably retain AME to handle the contract documents, costing \$35,000.
- The cost of the work itself will be \$250,000, a big number, but not excessive.
- It will be important to go forward now and not delay because of inflation: 1% a month, which could add an extra \$107,000 to the cost over three years.
- Timeline:
 - In 2019 we retained the UBC Mechanical Department.
 - This year we'd like to retain the consultant (February-March).
 - In April we can review the budget.
 - Order equipment in May and June.
 - Start commissioning in September.

Discussion

Max Holmes:

- I'm very supportive of this project.
- Will the funding come from the Capital Projects Fund, and if so, what percentage of CPF will it be?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Yes, CPF, which has \$2.1 million, so this will be one-eighth.

Max Holmes:

- That inflation rate for construction of 1% a month seems high.

Michael Kingsmill:

- I agree.
- Rob Brown from UBC Properties Trust reaffirmed this figure: that's the rate.

Arash Shadkam:

- How will this project not affect our LEED certification?
- I thought natural ventilation was a large part of that.
- Also, to reduce heat from the sun, could we use thicker blinds?
- That would be cheaper and would use less energy.

Michael Kingsmill:

- About our LEED status:
 - We're not going to eliminate passive ventilation.
 - We're going to add cooling coils.
 - Passive ventilation will still be the cooling method for the Lower Level and the main floor.
- Concerning solar gain through the windows, we do have a highly efficient glazing system to reduce it.
- The suggestion to provide blinds has some merit: I can add that to the list.
- However, big solar shades are expensive and difficult to operate, and they would make the building darker.

- It's something to look into further.
- Back to the LEED issue: it's a question of balance, adding something while removing something.

Michelle Marcus:

- I like the idea of the AMS continuing to innovate, as with solar panels.
- About minimizing our energy consumption, is there a plan for regulating the use of air conditioning without overusing it?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Good question.
- We have a building management system for environmental feedback.
- It senses temperature and moderates the air flow through sensors in the duct work.
- We're constantly taking metrics and producing a data log.

4. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED RILEY TY:

"That the discussion be extended by two minutes."

... No objections

Max Holmes:

- Sometimes I'm critical of capital projects.
- This is a reminder of the purpose of capital projects.
- You never know when we're going to need the funds for an operational project like this one.
- We need to balance our operational and aesthetic needs.

Bylaw Amendments for the Referendum – Governance Committee

Katherine Westerlund:

- You received a long document.
- What the amendments would do, in summary:
 - Abolish Student Court and transfer its powers to Council.
 - Clarify when membership ends:
 - It's currently unclear whether students who finish their schooling halfway through the School Year remain AMS members.
 - This verifies that yes, they do.
 - They have paid fees for the year.
 - Introduce new requirements for referendum questions:
 - Have to be clear and unambiguous.
 - Can't contain materially untrue statements.
 - Can't call for illegal actions.
 - If causing us to break a contract, must state that and what penalties would result.
 - Must be phrased in a way that voting No means keeping the status quo; voting Yes would be the vote for change.

Chris Sundby:

- Who decides what's clear?

Katherine Westerlund:

- AMS Council.
- Continuing with the summary:
 - More signatures will be required on referendum questions.
 - Getting rid of the 1,000 signatures requirement; it will be purely by percentage (5%), so will scale up.

Arash Shadkam:

- Where did the 5% come from?

Katherine Westerlund:

- It's in the existing bylaw; we would just be removing the 1,000-signature alternative.
- This means the petition requirement will be close to the 8% requirement for a quorate vote in the referendum itself.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- I feel this is too many signatures: 5% would be 2,850 now.

Max Holmes:

- This was my suggestion.
- The number hasn't been reviewed since 1980 when UBC was a lot smaller.
- I used to have to deal with referendums as VPAUA.
- We allow electronic signatures now; it's become easier.
- 1,000 is an arbitrary number now, unlike 30 years ago, when it was about 5%.

Michelle Marcus:

- I'm opposed to increasing the limit.
- We should always be trying to lower the barriers to democracy.
- I would keep it lower.

Julia Burnham:

- I really like the referendum changes:
 - Being true.
 - Not breaking contracts.
- There are a couple of proposed referendums this year that wouldn't be allowed under these rules.

Kevin Zhang:

- I disagree with the requirement for more signatures.
- If a number of students want to bring an issue to the larger body, it should be allowed.

Jake Reznik:

- 5% is realistic considering the size of the campus.

Riley Ty:

- Will these amendments be omnibused or be separate questions on the ballot?

Katherine Westerlund:

- Going to ask about that later.

Sean Ryan:

- I feel increasing the number of required signatures would create a barrier.
- St. Mark's has only 800 members.
- We wouldn't be able to get something done.

Katherine Westerlund:

- This is just to get the referendum question on the ballot.

Julia Burnham:

- Increasing the number of signatures will get more people to know about the referendum.

Arash Shadkam:

- My main question is about the rationale for the increase.
- 1,000 is 1.6%.
- Why go to 5%?

Jeanie Malone:

- This is a two-layered question:
 - Do you want a static number like 1,000, so it would always be 1,000, or do you want a scaling factor of 5% or 2%?
 - And if we bundle this with the other amendments, will it cause the others to be voted down?

Chris Hakim:

- A percentage is good.
- You want a decent proportion for a legally binding vote.
- 1,000 was good for the 1900's; 1,000 then was more representative.
- We need to adapt.
- We need the threshold to increase with the increase in our members.
- As to colleges like St. Mark's, great point about the small population there.
- You can bring questions to Council; Council can put them on the ballot.

Nicolas Romualdi:

- I support a percentage in principle to fit the growth in population.
- I'm not sure what percentage.
- And when do we do the calculation?

- In July the number will be lower.

Max Holmes:

- If we pick another percentage, I would suggest half of what quorum is.
- Quorum to pass a referendum is 8%, so maybe use 4% as the percentage of signatures required to initiate a referendum.
- We could specify in Bylaws that you have to use the online platform.
- Online signatures ramp up quickly.
- The AMS needs to do a better job of advertising the elections.
- As to the question of a small faculty wanting to get a question on the referendum ballot, the effects of a referendum are applicable to the whole membership.
 - If it's only about one department, maybe the department should run something.
- Is this bad for democracy?
- If there are too many referendum questions, it creates apathy: you can shoot yourself in the foot if you make it too easy.

5. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

"That the consultation be extended by 30 minutes."

Arash Shadkam:

- Maybe 30 minutes is too long.

Max Holmes:

- I would like 30 minutes.
- As directors we have an obligation to discuss the bylaw changes.

6. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

"That the consultation be extended by 30 minutes."

... Carried

For (20): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Haruka Higo, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Wendy Song, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Katherine Westerlund, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang

Against (2): Arash Shadkam, Riley Ty

Max Holmes:

- We might ask for a straw poll.

Straw Poll

Do you support a sliding scale (%) for referendums?

25 for

- 4 against
- 1 abstention

Arash Shadkam:

- There is still no rationale behind these numbers.
- We can't make an informed decision.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Currently we don't have the basis for an informed decision.
- We don't have that research right now.
- 1,000 seems to work, which is about 2%.

Straw Poll

Which percentage increase would you prefer?
2%, 3%, 4%, 5%

2% wins

Arash Shadkam:

- Don't read too much into 2%.
- We're just asking people to choose between random numbers.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Continuing with the summary.
 - Fixing the amount of time for notice of general meetings to comply with the Societies Act.
 - Executive vacancies:
 - The change will allow any AMS member, not just a Council member, to be appointed to fill the vacancy on an interim basis until there's a by-election.
 - This would allow AVP's to be named.
 - We also won't let the removed Executive run: if the membership says we don't like you, it's a waste of time to let them run.

Max Holmes:

- I'm worried about not allowing the removed Executive to run.
- It's okay if they were removed by referendum.
- But they could be removed by a general meeting, which has a lower threshold.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Even at a general meeting, that would mean 500 or so people don't like you.
- Continuing with the summary:
 - Ombudsperson won't be required to handle complaints about the University.
 - There's a University Ombudsperson now; also the AMS Advocate.

Jeanie Malone:

- Would this imply that the AMS Ombudsperson would not be involved in appeals to the Senate?

Chris Hakim:

- Yes, those are already referred to the AMS Advocate.

Max Holmes:

- What if the Advocate's office is in a conflict of interest?
- Would we refer to the Ombudsperson or not offer support?

Chris Hakim:

- We would probably refer to the UBC Ombudsperson.
- Our Ombudsperson handles mainly internal cases now: club conflicts. Nothing with the University.

Ian Stone:

- We have considered hiring trained volunteers to mitigate this problem, so it would not just be the Advocate themselves.

Nicolas Romualdi:

- The change will not mean the Ombudsperson is forbidden to take part, just that they're not required to.

Katherine Westerlund:

- Continuing the summary:
 - Another change will require referendum results to be appended to the bylaws, which will help us keep a good record of what we're required to do, for instance advocate for lower tuition.
 - Changing the date for budget submissions by Subsidiaries. That's still being discussed at the Finance Committee.
 - Some housekeeping changes: typos, numbering errors.
 - Records: Addition of possibility of restricting access to certain records.

Michelle Marcus:

- I have spoken against this in the past.
- I totally understand some of the restrictions on access to records:
 - Solicitor-client records
 - In camera discussions
 - Investigations
- But to say we can restrict access to records if that would be harmful to the AMS or third parties: I don't think that's reasonable. We should not allow this power to Council.

Katherine Westerlund:

- I used to feel that way too, but I now strongly disagree with that view.
- We have a fiduciary duty to protect our records.

- If some of those records are seen, it could be harmful to the AMS and the companies we work with.
- We have a duty to the AMS and the student body.
- It's hard to see a world in which Council would agree to hold back documents if it was in the students' best interests to release them.
- I do believe we have a duty to make this amendment.

Cole Evans:

- I would double down on what Katherine says.
- I deal with lots of large contracts that are confidential.
- We would put ourselves at risk if these were made open.
- It really is beneficial to have this.

Chris Sundby:

- I'm concerned about how sweeping this is.
- Would it be a simple majority in Council to decide?

Katherine Westerlund:

- We have a records policy passed by Council by a two-thirds vote.

Chris Sundby:

- Would it take two-thirds to restrict access?

Katherine Westerlund:

- The bylaw change would be to create a policy.
- Council has created the policy.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- In practice, decisions to restrict access are made by those in charge of the records.
- If there is a question, it would go to the Executive Committee.

Jake Reznik:

- What is the rationale for keeping documents secret?

7. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ, THIRDED COLE EVANS:

"That the meeting enter an in camera session."

The meeting entered the in camera session at 7:35 pm.

Council came out of camera at 7:51 pm and then went on break until 8:05 pm.

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MICHELLE MARCUS:

"That the consultation period be extended by 30 minutes."

Cole Evans:

- There are lots of things still to discuss about the bylaw amendments.

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MICHELLE MARCUS:

“That the consultation period be extended by 30 minutes.”

... Carried

For (15): Keira Britto, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Haruka Higo, Danny Liu, Ravi Parhar, Alireza Kamyabi, Sean Ryan, Nicolas Romualdi (proxy for Jackson Schumacher), Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Against (1): Arash Shadkam

Abstained: Alex Gonzalez

Arash Shadkam:

- It's ludicrous to think we should give open access to everything we have.
- We are two entities: a business side that has to be run efficiently and the altruistic side.
- That said, this amendment may be painting with too broad a brush: who chooses?

Max Holmes:

- With the AMS, there are quite a bit of checks and balances.
- The last controversial policy we had – I-7 about suspensions – was delayed and reviewed because of opposition.
- There's a democratically elected Council, available to students.
- The policy has to be passed by two-thirds.
- If there are issues with a policy, Council can review it.
- Ultimately, students can vote you out of office.
- If you want to edit, propose edits.

Nicolas Romualdi:

- Council has already passed a policy on access to records.

Michelle Marcus:

- I totally understand that lots of things need to be kept confidential, including contracts.
- Look at the policy: This proposed bylaw gives power to create that policy.
- I don't see why sweeping power to restrict access is given to employees.
- I would prefer Council or a committee of Council to prepare a list of confidential documents.
- I would also be more comfortable if we had a whistleblower policy.

Katherine Westerlund:

- It's out of the scope of this discussion to look at the policy.
- We should be discussing the bylaw change, not rehashing the records policy.
- Thanks for the feedback, not just about the records policy.
- If you have further thoughts, the Governance Committee is meeting tomorrow.

Chris Hakim:

- There's one more bylaw change, about creating a seat on Council for an Indigenous student.
- There's been an extensive process between the AMS and the Indigenous Committee about this.
- In terms of words, the change is very small; in terms of impact, it's very big.

Chalaya Moonias (VP Indigenous Committee):

- This creates a voice for Indigenous students.
- We need a vote on Council.
- It would be a great step forward to Reconciliation in the Greater Vancouver area.

Chris Sundby:

- Great. Long overdue.

Jake Reznik:

- How will they be chosen?

Chris Hakim

- We are discussing the process.

Max Holmes:

- This is very important.
- It should be on the ballot as its own separate question.
- It will get strong support.

Danny Liu:

- Is this about reconciliation or representation?
- There are other marginalized groups on campus.

Chalaya Moonias:

- I feel it is both.
- This is about how the Indigenous people have been a marginalized community that has been ignored across Canada.
- We are not ignoring the other marginalized communities, just giving this one, which has been ignored the longest, a voice.

Chris Hakim:

- We begin every meeting with a statement about being here on land not our own.

- It's critical that the people whose land we use be at the table making decisions at Council.

H) Appointments

10. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

"That _____ (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the HR Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020."

"That _____ (1 x Councillor) be appointed member of the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020."

"That _____ be appointed Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020."

HR Committee

Nominees (1 x Councillor required): Haruka Higo (Education), Anne Khong (Social Work)
Chosen: Haruka Higo

Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee

Nominees (1 x Councillor required): Sabreena Shukul (Arts)

Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee Chair

Nominees: Chris Hakim (President)

There was discussion over whether the President should chair this committee.

Katherine Westerlund:

- It's not ideal that it be the President, but we're extending the deadline for the committee till November, so Chris would only chair for a couple of months.
- This keeps the committee functioning.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- The creation of this committee was rushed.
- We should take more time to consider how we create committees.

Max Holmes:

- I agree, and take credit: you all enabled me.
- We should have looked at the timelines more closely.

Arash Shadkam:

- There's also a question of practicality.
- If this committee is time-consuming, I presume the President is already running low on time.
- How will he have time for this position?

- If we're going to postpone the deadline, we can wait: let the committee meet and come up with a solution to its lack of a chair.

Chris Hakim:

- I'm happy to withdraw my name.
- We're looking to get something done.
- If a conflict of interest arises, I would step away and hand the chair to the vice-chair.
- I do have time.

Riley Ty left, giving his proxy to Chalaya Moonias.

11. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

"That Haruka Higo (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the HR Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020."

"That Sabreena Shukul (1 x Councillor) be appointed member of the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020."

"That Chris Hakim be appointed Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020."

... Carried

For (24): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Alex Gonzalez, Haruka Higo, Anne Khong, Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Ravi Parhar, James Chen (proxy for Andrew Huang), Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Nicolas Romualdi (proxy for Jackson Schumacher), Sabreena Shukul, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Against (1): Alireza Kamyabi

Abstained: Chris Hakim

I) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim

- It's BoG season: lots of meetings.
- The new Rec building that the AMS approved paying for in a referendum has passed UBC Exec 3.
 - There will be a financing agreement that will come to this Council.
- Working with the Indigenous Committee on the Indigenous seat on Council:
 - Creating a selection process.

- Mayors Council press conference about advocating to the federal government for a SkyTrain extension to UBC.
- Planning All Presidents Dinner for March 20.
- Interviewing applicants for the Referendum Coordinator positions.
- Analyzing wages.
- Internal discussions on the RFP process for the Health and Dental plan administrator.
- Julia and I have been working on the affordability fund with UBC's VP Students office.
 - These funds would be endowed.
 - Advocating for a long term affordability plan for students.
- Pushing for career development investment in the UBC budget:
 - Jobs, jobs, jobs, the most important thing for students.
- The Executive will meet with UBC's Executive and the UBC finance team to discuss the UBC budget.

Questions

Arash Shadkam:

- Flight 5752 was shot down in Iran.
- I was disappointed by the response of the AMS: total silence.
- Four UBC community members were among the victims.
- Why has the AMS been silent?
- A simple tweet would have been great.
- People need to hear we've got your back.

Chris Hakim:

- Valid criticism.
- In the aftermath we echoed the statement of UBC and didn't add one of our own.
- The Executive attended the vigil, but we should have issued our own statement.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Admin – Cole Evans

- New club applications close tomorrow.
- On TV I saw that there's a Paranormal Investigation Club at UPenn; if anyone here wants to create such a club ...
- [Later in the meeting Cole said someone had just applied to create one.]
- The Services area project has been pushed back.
- Working on bookings.
- Sustainability fair tomorrow.
- The AVP Sustainability is working on the new Sustainability Action Plan.
- Attending a sustainability conference next week.
- The Nest formerly was one of the worst offenders for waste contamination; now we're the second best.
- There's a new show at the Hatch.
- Working with the SHAPE committee on the sale of artworks.

- Working to get free menstrual products in the washrooms.

Questions

Michelle Marcus:

- Lots of issues with SUS about bookings: double bookings, lack of bookings.
- Different from previous years.
- What is the root of this issue?
- Can you give an update on the progress on your campaign promise to build a new booking system?

Cole Evans:

- We've been hearing the same thing.
- It's frustrating for clubs and Constituencies.
- We're restricted in what we can do to modify the system.
- It's hard to automate.
- Our focus has been to identify problems.
- During the first semester we sent an RFI to 15 vendors.
- We've shifted gears since Clubhouse went down.
- We're looking at a new online clubs system, one that has a portal for room reservations.
- We're looking at that for a fix.
- Another issue has been turnover in the bookings department; there has had to be transitioning.
- There's also a capacity issue:
 - We have a large number of subsidiaries (400) vying for space.
 - The question is how to balance that space.
- We're looking at changing procedures.
- Looking at prioritizing bookings; looking at the split between commercial and student bookings.
- Most of our bookings are through student groups.
- Want to make sure student groups get their bookings.
- Looking to have commercial bookings have to go through the VP Admin or the President.
- This was a very big campaign promise from me.
- It's a big issue: want to get it right.
- Hoping to roll out a solution by April 30.

Danny Liu:

- When will the door by Pie R be fixed?

Cole Evans:

- Don't know; have to talk to our team.
- Technically, it's a UBC thing.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang

- Subsidy application portal just closed.

- Looking at a new credit card system and a new financial management system.
- The credit card system was intended for small purchases, but Constituencies have been seeking a higher credit limit.
 - The only way to get that is to switch banks.
- Budgeting process started.
- Health and Dental RFP process.
- New AVP Finance: Reed Garvin.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone

- EHub: Volunteer hiring.
- Safewalk: Not much new. They're walking.
- Tutoring: The Nimbus app is up for private tutoring.
- Vice:
 - Presenting to campus groups (sororities etc.).
 - Looking to reduce harm at our events.
 - Extended hours.
- Food Bank:
 - Great article in the Ubyyssey on partnering with Sprouts.
 - Providing vegan/vegetarian free meals.
- Speakeasy:
 - Thanks to the Engineers for giving us space.
 - Seeing how to make a secondary location in the EUS more efficient.
 - Talked last time about my report on best practices for peer support.
 - Will be a submission to next Council.
- Advocate:
 - Interviewing for volunteers.
 - Looking at the pipeline for getting volunteers.
 - Want to be inclusive.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham

- Went to Toronto for the Courage to Act initiative against gender-based violence.
- UBC policy reviews:
 - Sexual Misconduct, Retaliation, and At Risk.
- Teaching and Learning adjudications.
- Met with BoG.
- Vice-Provost hiring.
- Learning Spaces Advisory Committee.
- Academic Experience Survey questions, approved at the Advocacy Committee.
- Debrief on Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Am chair of the Senate Ad hoc Committee on Academic Diversity and Inclusion.
- Met with the Wesbrook Neighbourhood Planning Committee:
 - Discussing development of 500 rental units for faculty and staff.
- Student evaluations Town Hall.

VP External – Chris Hakim for Cristina Ilnitchi

- Cristina is in Ottawa on the federal lobbying trip,

- 16 student unions are there, holding 70 meetings with MP's and staff.
- She is also currently working with UBC and the Mayors Council on SkyTrain to UBC.
- Her staff is working on the Equity Plan.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Block Party ticket sales have slowed: won't pick up till after we announce the line-up (after Reading Week).
- Air conditioning project.
- Looking at replacing the red chairs in the Nest.
- Health and Dental Plan meetings.
 - A contract will come to Council.
- Knee deep in budgets.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Are we planning to adjust enrollment numbers for the budget?

Keith Hester:

- Already done: It was 52,000 and is now 55,000.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy – Julia Burnham for Nick Harterre

- Discussion about UCRU governance.
- Approved a statement on the Wet'suwet'en.
- Academic Experience Survey policy.
- UBC policy consultations.

Fermentation Lab – Kia Teimouri

- No updates.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang

- New budgeting process coming next week.
- Minutes will also come next week.
- Consulted on Bylaw 13 – financial reporting of subsidiaries.
- Code change coming: Funds and Fees Update.

Questions

Alireza Kamyabi:

- The committee reports from May through December 2019 have just been submitted.
- Why were they delayed?

Lucia Liang:

- The May through November reports were submitted before and were resent in error.

- The December report is new.

Governance Committee – Katherine Westerlund

- Bylaw amendments.
- Code changes.
- Later transitioning to look at overlapping Constituency memberships.

HR Committee – Danny Liu for Riley Ty

- Apologies from Riley for not being here.
- Job postings being prepared for the Ombudsperson, Speaker, and Chief Electoral Officer.
- Talked about reviewing the Health & Safety policy, but it turns out it's not under our purview; it's under the AMS Health and Safety Committee.
- Difficulties meeting quorum.
- Doubling the number of meetings in February.
- Reviewing Executive pay: HR Department will review and then bring to the HR Committee and maybe to the Finance Committee.

Indigenous Committee – Chalaya Moonias

- Pow wow April 3 at noon.
- Working on logistics.
- Accepting applications for Indigenous students to attend conferences.

Operations Committee – Cole Evans

- New Policy I-7 (Expulsion Policy): revamping its scope.
- Operations Committee Policy Manual.
- IFC MoU.
 - Discussed with SASC.
- Club membership report:
 - Panhellenic, like IFC, is also in apparent violation of the rules.
 - Working with them on next steps.

SHAPE – Chris Hakim

- Meeting tomorrow to see if we want to sell some art.

Steering – Chris Hakim

- January meeting cancelled.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- What does Steering Committee do?

Chris Hakim:

- Long-term strategic planning for the AMS.
- Unfortunately, there have been some delays.

Student Life – Cole Evans

- Discussing its terms of reference.
- Grad Class Subcommittee appointments.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- What has this committee done over the past few months besides reviewing its terms of reference?

Cole Evans:

- The committee decided it should not be a standing committee.
- We'll be meeting Friday to discuss the terms of reference.

Max Holmes:

- This points to a problem: when we have people who chair three or four committees.
- There has been a real gap.
- This committee could be doing oversight of Services and Events.
- It could easily be a standing committee if it had a chair who didn't chair 6,000 other committees.

Cole Evans:

- Services, Events, Communications: we've talked about that in committee.
- Look at our minutes from November.
- I do think there is potential to revisit the situation and take your advice to find a way to oversee Events and Services.

Ad Hoc Council Governance – Katherine Westerlund

- Met last Friday to re-evaluate the timeline.
- We decided the committee is important and should continue to exist.
- This is important work.
- But we need more time: would like to extend our deadline.
- Discussed how to spread the work over a second year.

Nicolas Romualdi:

- We had a committee in the GSS overseeing other committees to make sure they met.

L) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Chris Hakim:

- No longer meeting every month.
- The Governance Committee put through changes to reduce the frequency of its meetings: that may have been a miscommunication.

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone:

- Board happening again. Today, tomorrow, and February 14.
- The docket is online.
- Discussing integrated health services, tuition revenue, climate action, Indigenous Strategic Draft Plan.
- BoG and Senate elections are coming.

Max Holmes:

- BoG is fun, BoG is great.

Senate – Alex Gonzalez

- Senate has not happened since last meeting.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- Last time we talked about Speakeasy going back to the 1970's.
- Actually it goes all the way back to 1970, so this year is its 50th anniversary.
- The question was also raised about why there used to be a restriction on the Managing Director's signing authority.
- As I was suggesting, this reflects the fact that there used to be more of a separation between the business side and the student government side.
- The Managing Director's predecessor, the General Manager, used to be more restricted to the business side.
- There's been an evolution. After a period of strong division, with the businesses supposed to be very separate, we had a consultant (MNP) tell us it was important to reintegrate the two sides, and that is what we've done.
- Businesses are closer now.
- Also Services: they used to report to the President or to a position on the student government side called the Executive Director, but they now report through the Senior Student Services Manager to the Managing Director.
- So in removing the restrictions on the Managing Director, as we did last time, we are continuing the evolution towards a more integrated organization.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

12. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD302-20]

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2020: Senators and BoG Reps' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Westerlund:

- Many student members of the Senate are being mandated to do things by their Constituencies, which is bad, because they are really not officers of the Constituencies.
- They're also not officers of the AMS.

Max Holmes:

- These changes will establish the independence of the student Senators and BoG reps.
- They are really not part of the AMS elected positions.
- Some Constituencies assign a great deal of work to their Faculty Senators.
- The UBC Senate office wanted this fixed.
- Also, non-voting Council members in Code currently are considered officers of the Society, which could lead to conflict of interest.
- Want to get away from that.
- But this doesn't exempt people from obligations they have if they hold other AMS positions.
- If you are a senator and hold another position you must still fulfill your AMS role, but the AMS has no say over what you do as a BoG or Senate rep.

Michelle Marcus:

- We have some concerns at the Science Undergraduate Society.
- This would go against SUS code, which says you can't run for more than one position.
- There seems to have been no consultation.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- What is the conflict of interest?

Max Holmes:

- On the question of not running for more than one position within SUS: the Science Senator position is not within SUS; it's not a SUS position, it's a University position.
- That's the point of the Code change: to make clear that the Science senator is not part of SUS.
- As to conflict of interest, we turned the BoG and Senate reps into non-voting (rather than voting) members of Council for a reason.
- Code still calls them officers and assigns them fiduciary duty; however, if the AMS is negotiating with the University about, say, the Rec building, it would be inappropriate for the BoG and Senate reps to influence votes here.
- If they are officers, the AMS can put obligations on them.
- We want them to come to Council to give advice, but we want to emphasize their independence, so they should not be officers.

Danny Liu:

- SUS code says you can only run for one SUS position.
- Is there a conflict here?

Julia Burnham:

- No, the election of Faculty of Science student senators is delegated to the Science Undergraduate Society, but it's not a SUS position.

Jeanie Malone:

- The University technically owns the Senator elections.
- They have the AMS or the Constituencies run them to get out the vote.
- But the University could take that back.

Priscilla Chan:

- CUS Senators are heavily involved in our Constituency and code.
- Could we have some time to amend our code?

Max Holmes:

- There's a reason to have this take effect now.
- The elections are coming up and we want this to be communicated before that.
- The change will not preclude a Senator from volunteering to do CUS work; you just can't obligate them.
- It's very important not to imply duties either.
- It's great to invite people, but it's not advisable to put things in the documents obliging them to do things in the Constituency.

Julia Burnham:

- Applied Science has other Constituencies in it besides Engineering: Nursing is not part of the EUS.

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For (12): Keira Britto, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Haruka Higo, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, James Chen (proxy for Andrew Huang), Arash Shadkam, Chris Sundby, Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Katherine Westerlund

Abstained: Julia Burnham, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Kevin Zhang

14. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance

"That Council extend the deadline for the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance until the last Council meeting in November 2020."

Katherine Westerlund:

- The work is valuable, but we can't complete it on the original deadline.

15. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance

“That Council extend the deadline for the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance until the last Council meeting in November 2020.”

... Carried

For (17): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Haruka Higo, Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Alireza Kamyabi, Jake Reznik, Arash Shadkam, Chris Sundby, Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Against (1): Cole Evans

16. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG: [SCD303-20]

From the Finance Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council approve ‘Code Changes 2020: Funds and Fees Update’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Lucia Liang:

- This is adding provisions to Code for fees approved by referendum.
- They’re mostly administered by the Finance Committee, but the Finance Committee does not dictate how the funds are used by the fee-receiving groups.
- We’ve had discussions with the groups.
- It’s important to have these provisions in Code to make sure the money is distributed.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Were the provisions on the Indigenous Fund approved by the Indigenous Committee?

Lucia Liang:

- Yes, a policy was worked out with the Indigenous Committee.

17. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG: [SCD303-20]

From the Finance Committee

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

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R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

18. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

From the VP Academic & University Affairs

“That on the recommendation of the VP Academic and University Affairs, Council approve the use of Qualtrics as the platform for the collection of electronic signatures for referendum petitions for 2020 and subsequent years.”

Julia Burnham:

- I’m responsible for collecting and validating referendum petitions.
- Last year we used Qualtrics, and we approved it at Council, but only for 2019.
- Now we’re using essentially the same motion but changing it to 2020 and adding that it’s for subsequent years, so we don’t have to keep coming back for Council approval.
- Qualtrics is free, secure, and compliant with PIPA.

Kevin Zhang:

- If it goes down, what’s the alternative?

Julia Burnham:

- Paper.

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20. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

“That the meeting be extended by 20 minutes.”

... No objections

21. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM: [SCD304-20]

From the VP Academic & University Affairs

“That Council suspend Policy I-12 (Policy on the Academic Experience Survey) until the end of the fiscal year.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Julian Burnham:

- This is a policy from 2017.
- The Advocacy Committee is reviewing it.
- In the meantime its current appendices require questions we no longer wish to ask on the Academic Experience Survey (AES).
 - Some will be in the Nest Experience Survey (NES).
 - We would be duplicating what's in the NES, and I don't see much value in that.
- Once this was flagged, the Advocacy Committee decided to bring it here to suspend the current policy so that we are compliant.
- Last year's AES was also not compliant.
- The survey is very long. Cutting questions is good.

Max Holmes:

- Good idea to suspend the policy: it was created when I was AVP.
- But I'm disappointed that the Nest Experience Survey is coming before the AES.
- It shows shifting priorities in the AMS.
- The AES should take priority.
- Also, though it's good to have a shorter survey, there's a danger of losing data that we need in order to see trends.
- We need a policy covering both the AES and the NES.

Julia Burnham:

- We talked at Advocacy about the necessity of tracking data.
- It was seen as important, but some questions don't need to be asked every year or at all.
- The policy can be revamped to cover the NES, to lay out what should be in both surveys.

22. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

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S) Discussion Period

T) Submissions:

January Advocacy Committee monthly report	[SCD305-20]
AMS Bylaws Indigenous seat 2020	[SCD306-20]
Proposed changes to AMS Bylaws for 2020	[SCD307-20]
Summary of Bylaw changes February 2020	[SCD308-20]
Finance Committee monthly reports May 2019 – December 2019	[SCD309-20]
Club Membership rules update	[SCD310-20]
Operations Committee January report	[SCD311-20]
Student Life Committee January report	[SCD312-20]

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: February 12, 2020

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 pm.

X) Social Activity:

February 5, 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 Ilnitchi	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	X	
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		James Chen
Jody Mao	Dentistry		
Nicholas Harterre	Economics		
Haruka Higo	Education	X	
Alex Gonzalez	Engineering	X	
Katherine Westerlund	Engineering	X	
Matthew Epstein	Forestry	X	
Jackson Schumacher	Graduate Studies		Nicolas Romualdi
Arash Shadkam	Graduate Studies	X	
Nevena Rebic	Graduate Studies		
Alireza Kamyabi	Graduate Studies	X	
Rashika Srivastava	Journalism	X	
Keira Britto	Kinesiology	X	
Carmen Kim	Land & Food Systems		
	Law		
Lucita Villarreal	Library/Archival		
Ravi Parhar	Medicine	X	
Anican Yu	Music	X	
Jake Reznik	Nursing	X	
Katrin Iacono	Ombudsperson		
Jonathan Kew	Planning		
Wendy Song	Pharmacy	X	
	Population & Public Health		
Chris Sundby	Regent College	X	
Danny Liu	Science	X	
Michelle Marcus	Science	X	
Riley Ty	Science	X	Chalaya Moonias (part way)

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