

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Emma Livingstone (Ubysey), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- This meeting is taking place on the unceded, stolen, traditional, ancestral territory of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm-speaking Musqueam people.
- I hope this statement will not just be a formality.
- We need to understand what it means to be on these lands, participating in an act of violence.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED CHALAYA MOONIAS, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

For (20): Keira Britto, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Initchi, Anne Khong, Noa Bridson (proxy for Carmen Kim), Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Harresh Thayakaanthan (proxy for Danny Liu), Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Alex Gonzalez), Katherine Westerlund

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

Welcome to our new Members: Elsabe Fourie (Planning)

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Law, Library-Archival, Population & Public Health

Goodbyes: Jonathan Kew (Planning), Lucita Villarreal (Library-Archival)

E) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED RAVI PARHAR: [SCD313-20]

From the Governance Committee

“Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 2-6, 2020 on the following question:

Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled Proposed Changes to AMS Bylaws?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

Katherine Westerlund:

- No one came to our meeting on Thursday, so I presume everyone is fine with the bylaw package and will vote Yes.
- We do want to make two changes.
- First, about amending the bylaw to increase the number of signatures needed on a petition to initiate a referendum.
- We discussed this at the last Council meeting.
- We looked at the data, and all but one of the referendums initiated by petition in recent years met quorum.
- This gave us confidence to stick with the current number: 1,000 signatures.
- It means we’re not going to referendum on questions that fail to get quorum, and keeping the number at 1,000 satisfies the need for a relatively low barrier.
- So we don’t recommend making this change now, though we recommend looking at the number again in a couple more years.
- The second change was to use the word “designate” instead of “keep” in referring to the records; we decided it was a more appropriate word to use.

3. MOVED MICHELLE MARCUS, SECONDED NOA BRIDSON:

“That the Proposed Changes document be amended to strike “the business interests of a third party” in paragraph 2 of the section **Bylaw 18: Records.**”

Michelle Marcus:

- I think it’s not responsible for us to be working towards protecting the interests of third parties.
- Our responsibility is to the students.
- If something would be harmful to us, that’s already covered in the previous phrase about not disclosing records if that would harm the financial or economic interests of the AMS.

Jake Reznik:

- Can you elaborate on why it is important to strike this phrase?

Michelle Marcus:

- Our goal should not be protecting profit for other companies.
- If it's a case where a disclosure would be hurting us, that's already covered.

Chris Hakim:

- Are there any scenarios where we would be protecting another company's interests and not harming us?
- If the business interest of a third party is harmed, the AMS would be harmed.

Michelle Marcus:

- My concern is that this leaves the door open for the AMS to be prioritizing business interests over other interests.

Sean Ryan:

- Do we have a clear standard for harm to financial or economic interest?

Chris Hakim:

- This is done by the Executive on a case to case basis.
- We could create a policy.
- An example would be a confidentiality clause:
 - If a computer company gives us a deal, but we have to keep it confidential, we'd be open to litigation if we disclosed it.

Cristina Ilnitchi:

- In that example, the financial standing of the AMS would be affected, so the clause talking about AMS financial or economic interests would cover it.

Sean Ryan:

- So we don't have a clear standard; it's just ad hoc.

Chris Hakim:

- We could develop something as part of the Records Policy.
- In the meantime we make ad hoc decisions.
- We would consult Legal, management, and this board.

4. MOVED MICHELLE MARCUS, SECONDED NOA BRIDSON:

"That the Proposed Changes document be amended to strike "the business interests of a third party" in paragraph 2 of the section **Bylaw 18: Records**."

... Carried

For (21): Keira Britto, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Noa Bridson (proxy for Carmen Kim), Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Harresh Thayakaanthan (proxy for Danny Liu), Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Sean Ryan, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Alex Gonzalez), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Jake Reznik

5. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED RAVI PARHAR: [SCD314-20]

From the Governance Committee

“Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 2-6, 2020 on the following question:

Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled Proposed Changes to AMS Bylaws [as amended]?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

Chris Hakim:

- The clause to endorse a Yes position means we are encouraging students to vote Yes.
- The Executive will work with the Referendum Coordinator to promote the question through social media and an on-the-ground campaign.

6. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED RAVI PARHAR:

From the Governance Committee

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Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled Proposed Changes to AMS Bylaws [as amended]?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

... Carried

For (19): Keira Britto, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Lucia Liang, Ravi Parhar, Harresh Thayakaanthan (proxy for Danny Liu), Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Alex Gonzalez), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Noa Bridson (proxy for Carmen Kim), Michelle Marcus

7. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG: [SCD315-20]

From the Governance Committee

“Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 2-6, 2020 on the following question:

Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled AMS Bylaw Revisions 2020: Indigenous Seat on Council?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

Katherine Westerlund:

- This is coming from the Indigenous Committee.
- It’s about creating an Indigenous seat on Council.

Cristina Initchi:

- The wording comes from the Indigenous Committee?

Chris Hakim:

- Yes.

Chalaya Moonias:

- Earlier I was at the Longhouse talking circle discussing the Wet’suwet’en situation.
- I want to highlight the importance of having a seat.
- A lot of us feel afraid.
- Having a seat would make us feel that much more safe and protected.

Cristina Initchi:

- I want to recognize Rodney Little Mustache, the Indigenous Committee, and other campus groups who worked and advocated for this.
- I hope we all work really hard to make this pass.

Chris Hakim:

- This is the first step of a large process.
- If Council had the power to unilaterally make this seat, I’m confident it would have.
- Our Referendum Coordinator will work very hard on this.
- It’s very important.

Cole Evans:

- Can we amend the question to make it clearer that it’s about adding an Indigenous seat?
- I don’t see the change until the end of the question.

8. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That the question be amended to read:

Do you support and approve the creation of an Indigenous student seat on AMS Council by amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled AMS Bylaw Revisions 2020: Indigenous Seat on Council?”

Jeanie Malone:

- This is specifically for a student?

Chris Hakim:

- Yes, the actual bylaw amendment says Indigenous student.

Jake Reznik:

- This is awesome.
- Who is going to be able to vote for this seat?

Chalaya Moonias:

- Great point to reword the referendum question.
- As to who will vote, that will be something the Indigenous Committee will figure out.

9. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That the question be amended to read:

Do you support and approve the creation of an Indigenous student seat on AMS Council by amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled AMS Bylaw Revisions 2020: Indigenous Seat on Council?”

... No objections

10. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

From the Governance Committee

“Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 2-6, 2020 on the following question:

Do you support and approve the creation of an Indigenous student seat on AMS Council by amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled AMS Bylaw Revisions 2020: Indigenous Seat on Council?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

... Carried with Applause

For (22): Keira Britto, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitshi, Anne Khong, Noa Bridson (proxy for Carmen Kim), Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Harresh Thayakaanthan (proxy for Danny Liu), Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Alex Gonzalez), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

F) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020

G) Submissions:

Summary of Bylaw Changes February 2020	[SCD316-20]
Summary of Bylaw Changes February 2020 as amended	[SCD316A-20]

H) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

I) Social Activity:

February 12, 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 Ilmitchi	VP External Affairs	X	
Lucia Liang	VP Finance	X	
Ian Stone	Student Services Mgr	X	
Riley Baechler	Architecture		
Melanie Mpanju	Arts		
Sabreena Shukul	Arts		
Shadi Saberian	Arts		
Kia Teimouri	Arts	X	
Kevin Zhang	Arts		
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone	BoG	X	
Max Holmes	BoG		
Priscilla Chan	Commerce		
Andrew Huang	Commerce		
Jody Mao	Dentistry		
Nicholas Harterre	Economics	X	
Haruka Higo	Education	X	
Alex Gonzalez	Engineering		Emma Dodyk
Katherine Westerlund	Engineering	X	
Matthew Epstein	Forestry		
Jackson Schumacher	Graduate Studies		
Arash Shadkam	Graduate Studies		
Nevena Rebic	Graduate Studies	X	
Alireza Kamyabi	Graduate Studies		
Rashika Srivastava	Journalism		
Keira Britto	Kinesiology	X	
Carmen Kim	Land & Food Systems		Noa Bridson
	Law		
	Library/Archival		
Ravi Parhar	Medicine	X	
Anican Yu	Music		
Jake Reznik	Nursing	X	
Katrin Iacono	Ombudsperson		
Elsabe Fourie	Planning		
Wendy Song	Pharmacy	X	
	Population & Public Health		
Chris Sundby	Regent College	X	
Danny Liu	Science		Harresh Thayakaanathan
Michelle Marcus	Science	X	
Riley Ty	Science		Chalaya Moonias

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

V1: Please test your clickers :)								
V2: Approval of the agenda								
V3: Amendment to strike '3rd party business interests' from the Bylaw Amendment Motion re: Records								
V4: Bylaw Amendment Referendum								
V5: Indigenous Seat on Council Referendum Question								

Name	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5
Chris Hakim	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cole Evans			Y	Y	Y
Lucia Liang	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cristina Initchi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Julia Burnham					
Melanie Mpanju					
Sabreena Shukul					
Shadi Saberian					
Kia Teimouri	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kevin Zhang			Y	Y	Y
Priscilla Chan					
Andrew Huang					
Nicholas Harterre		Y	Y	Y	Y
Haruka Higo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alex Gonzalez					
Katherine Westerlund	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nevena Rebic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jackson Schumacher					
Arash Shadkam					
Alireza Kamyabi					
Matthew Epstein					
Keira Britto	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Noa Bridson (proxy for Carmen Kim)	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Emma Dodyk (proxy for Alex Gonzalez)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lucita Villarreal					
Ravi Parhar	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jake Reznik	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Elsabe Fourie					

Wendy Song	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chris Sundby	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Riley Baechler					
Harresh					
Thayakaanthan (proxy for Danny Liu)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michelle Marcus	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Chalaya Moonias proxy for Riley Ty	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Justin Thurn					
Anican Yu					
Anne Khong	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sean Ryan	Y	Y	Y		Y
Rashika Srivastava					