

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubyyssey), Mathew Ho (member at large), Daniel Lam (member at large), 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 6:02 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- The meeting is taking place remotely, so you may not be on Coast Salish territories, but wherever you are I invite you to reflect on whose lands you're on.
- I'm currently on Musqueam and Squamish lands in Strathcona.
- We should remember that our presence on these lands is an ongoing act of violence.
- We should be doing our best to mitigate that fact by working in solidarity with the Indigenous community.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED CRISTINA ILNITCHI, SECONDED NICHOLAS HARTERRE:

"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

... Carried

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

Welcome to our new Members:

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

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- Let me know how I can make these meeting more accessible.
- Most of the agenda is in consent items.
- If you would like to discuss an item separately, you must say so.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

Chris Hakim:

- We have presented lots of reports on these motions, but if anyone wants to discuss any of them or has questions, we're more than happy to move them out of the Consent Items.

2. MOVED CRISTINA ILNITCHI, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

"That the following consent items be accepted as presented (simple majority):

Executive Committee minutes dated March 20, 2020	[SCD358-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated March 27, 2020	[SCD359-20]
Fincom minutes dated February 11, 2020	[SCD360-20]
Fincom minutes dated February 25, 2020	[SCD361-20]
Fincom minutes dated March 3, 2020	[SCD362-20]
Fincom minutes dated March 10, 2020	[SCD363-20]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated March 2, 2020	[SCD364-20]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated March 9, 2020	[SCD365-20]
Governance Committee minutes dated January 16, 2020	[SCD366-20]
Governance Committee minutes dated January 30, 2020	[SCD367-20]
Governance Committee minutes dated February 6, 2020	[SCD368-20]
HR Committee minutes dated February 21, 2020	[SCD369-20]

From the President [SCD370-20]

"Be it resolved that the AMS Council approve the following selection process for the Student Senators from Forestry and Dentistry: that the Forestry Undergraduate Society and the Dentistry Undergraduate Society recommend their Student Senators through an in-council appointment process.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council approve the following selection process for the Student Senator from Arts: that the Arts Undergraduate Society recommend its Student Senator through an interview process.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Chalaya Moonias as the student representative for the Faculty of Forestry and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council's decision."

From the HR Committee [SCD371-20]

"That on the recommendation of the HR Committee, the Associate Equity and Inclusion position be approved as presented."

Appointment

"That Chris Hakim (one year term) and Max Holmes (two year term) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2021 and 2022 respectively."

... Carried unanimously

Alex Gonzalez:

- I would like to discuss the Health & Dental Plan motion separately.

3. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED CRISTINA ILNITCHI:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented (2/3rds Motions):

From the Executive Committee: [SCD372-20]

“That the AMS Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the University concerning the \$21 Athletics and Recreation fee as presented.”

From the Executive Committee [SCD373-20]

“Be it resolved that the AMS Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the policy changes included in the attachments titled ‘Policy Change: Policy I-3’ and ‘Policy Change – I-13’, effective immediately.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, repeal the policies included in the attachments titled ‘Policy Repeal: Communications Policy’, ‘Policy Repeal: Sponsorship Policy’, and ‘Policy Repeal: Relations with External Organizations’, effective Immediately.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the Code changes included in the attachments titled ‘Code Change: Joining and Leaving External Organizations’, effective immediately.”

From the Finance committee [SCD374-20]

“That the AMS Council approve a budget amendment to allow for an item of expenditure towards the new board management software.”

From the Executive Committee [SCD375-20]

“Be it resolved that the AMS Council approve the Code change attached to the submission titled AMS Governance Changes Regarding COVID-19, effective immediately.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council suspend Code Section V, Section 1(21)(a) to allow committees to conduct email votes on items that have not been previously been discussed at an in-person meeting of that committee and suspend the provisions of Code Section III to allow Remarks and Reports to be made in written form instead of being verbally presented to Council meetings until May 31, 2020.”

From the HR Committee

“That on the recommendation of the HR Committee and HR Department, the contract for Ahsan Sahibzada as Chief Electoral Officer be extended to April 30th, 2020.”

Note: The current contract is valid until April 17 and the incumbent has agreed to the extension.

From the Finance Committee

[SCD376-20], [SCD377-20]

"That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council approve the expenditure of \$5,002 from the Capital Projects Fund to construct a wall for the Services."

... Carried

4. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED WENDY SONG:

[SCD378-20], [SCD379-20], [SCD380-20]

From the Health and Dental Plan Committee

"Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Health and Dental Committee, Council approve an extension of the current agreement with Studentcare for two years at the current rate.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Health and Dental Committee, Council approve an increase in the Health and Dental fee, collected by UBC, of 3%, effective September 2020."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Lucia Liang:

- The raise happens annually.
- TRG (our consultants) recommended 3%, and the committee voted in favour.
- This is a reduction from last year, when it was 5%.
- The second part of the motion is an extension of the previous contract with Studentcare, which we sent out.
- The new agreement will be the same as the previous contract except for the extension.
- We are asking for this because of the uncertainty created by COVID, on the recommendation of Studentcare and Gallivan (the other potential administrator).

Alex Gonzalez:

- I am a bit uncomfortable voting.
- I don't feel very informed.
- The contract refers to appendices, but though I asked for them, they were not provided.

Chris Hakim:

- Apologies. We can table this till later in the meeting.

5. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

"That this motion be moved to Other Business."

... No objections

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

AMS Special Election Results – Ahsan Sahibzada (Chief Electoral Officer)

- The election ran March 23-27.
- Turnout was 6.1% (3528 votes), about half of the turnout in the general election.
- There was the same bylaw amendment question as last time, and it failed:
 - It received only 1677 yes votes, which was less than quorum
 - There were 1083 no votes.
- In the special election for the new VP Academic & University Affairs, the winner was Georgia Yee.
- She won three majorities (there were four candidates).

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim

- All my updates are in a written submission.
- I have just two things to highlight.
- First, a Council self-assessment form.
 - I emailed every Councillor.
 - Want you to provide opinions to improve our performance.
- Second, Councillor of the Year:
 - On behalf of the Executive, I want to announce that this year's Councillor of the Year is Katherine Westerlund.
 - She set an amazing standard, took on a huge workload.
 - If we were meeting in person, we would give you a lovely plaque and champagne.
 - But we hope to send something to you.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP External – Cristina Initchi

- Busy doing advocacy with the government.
- U-Pass:
 - Negotiating adjustments to the program.
 - As of May 1, it will be suspended.
 - This follows weeks of negotiations between student unions and TransLink.
 - Now we will be discussing what to do going forward.
 - Month to month there will be decisions on whether to bring it back.
 - This will be done on a school by school basis.
 - We'll keep in touch with students about this.
 - For April, we're discussing refunds; that's not finalized yet.
 - We're telling students if they don't need to use transit, don't.
- We put up a COVID support page.
- Transitioning the new VP External.

- Discussions about the timeline of building the SkyTrain out to UBC.
- Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB):
 - CERB letter: the government has said it is ready to take recommendations.
 - We set up a survey, found only 30% of students are eligible.
 - About 50% have no summer job or they had one that was cancelled.
 - Lots of gaps.

VP Administration – Cole Evans

- CampusGroups.
- Office and locker allocations: obviously not making people move out right now.
- Doing club renewals online.
- Holding off club exec orientations till we can find a way to do them online or until we can do them in person.
- But treasurer orientations are going ahead.
- Sustainability Action Plan.
- 552 Committee for the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
- Capital projects.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang

- Working on emergency funding.
- Treasurer orientations on Zoom.
- Refund issue for Showpass fees. Students will get their refunds.
- Kickstart meeting for implementation of new financial management software.
 - Forms going up.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone

- Staffing Food Bank.
 - It's being very well used.
 - 25 clients today.
 - New clients.
 - It speaks to the severity of the situation.
- Tutoring is up and running online, including group tutoring.
- Looking to put Speakeasy peer support online in this challenging time.
- The rest are paused or working as normal.
- Safewalk not running.
- Cool projects for the new year.
- Looking to improve services, create new ones.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Working on budgets with Lucia.
 - Challenging since we don't know what's going to happen.
- Chasing UBC for the balance of our fees.
- Applying to government for wage subsidy.
- Essential payments being done through e-transfer.
- Investigating new credit card system.
- Looking into a new finance system.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham

- Current and incoming Execs met with the VP Students about the VP Students strategic plan.
- Onboarding with Georgia.
- Talking about COVID.
- Senate met last night.
 - New student senators.
 - Great Q&A: great opportunity for us to ask questions.
- Advocacy Committee: chatted about the Academic Experience Survey policy. Bringing to next meeting.
- Policy analysis.
- Final Policy 131 meeting. Going to BoG in June.
- Awards Committee met: advocated there on continuity of awards.
- Went to the HR Committee and chatted about Exec pay.
- Ongoing meetings with UBC SUO and GSS about COVID updates.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each): (Advocacy, Finance, Governance, Human Resources, Operations, SHAPE, Steering, Student Life, Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance, Fermentation Lab Committee)

Advocacy Committee – Nicholas Harterre

- Heard from Cristina and Julia about COVID.
- U-Pass negotiations.
- AES policy.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang

- Talking about funds to support students affected by COVID.
- Found \$280,000.
- Going to discuss where it should go.
- Going to give the money to UBC for them to administer.
- Reviewed preliminary budget; will be ready for end of April.
- Created three budgets based on various enrollment projections and different scenarios for how our businesses will do.
- Will not be cutting the budget for Student Services.

Governance Committee – Katherine Westerlund

- Slowing down.
- Working with Chris to develop a Council survey to find out where we're thriving and where we can do better.

HR Committee – Riley Ty

- Meeting about Exec pay.
- Winding down.
- Code changes and a few JD's.
- Extending Ahsan's contract.

- Focus now on hiring a new Chief Electoral Officer, a new Speaker, and a new Ombudsperson.
- Deadline to apply is April 12.
- Also the student support staff positions: the AMS is hiring.

Operations Committee – Cole Evans

- Updated the policy manual and Policy I-7.
- Haven't met since last Council.
- Pretty much wrapped up our goals for the year.
- We operated successfully.

SHAPE – Chris Hakim

- No update.

Steering Committee – Chris Hakim

- Provided in written format.

Student Life Committee – Cole Evans

- No update.
- Will be meeting soon to discuss elections.

Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance – Chris Hakim

- No update.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Kia Teimouri

- No update.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone

- Committees happened over Zoom.
- Full board will be next week.

Senate – Dante Agosti-Moro

- Met yesterday for an extraordinary meeting.
- First time online.
- New Student Senate Caucus.
- Lots of updates from the University administration.
- Summer Term 1 online.
- Nothing said yet about Summer Term 2 or about the Fall term.
- Transcript notations about COVID still being discussed.
- Credit/D/Fail is happening.
- Student evaluations are still happening.

- Admissions: good acceptance rates on offers.
- Research being curtailed.
- Academic concession policy given to Deans.
- Awards discussions in progress
- Practicum and clinical placements: the University is looking at this.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- I thought I would search the history book for the word “crisis” and what came up was the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, which caused enough concern at UBC that 5,000 students gathered (without social distancing) to hear talks about it.
- The Ubyyssey was diligent at the time, asking University officials where students were supposed to go if the bombs started falling – but they could not get any answers.
- But the bombs didn’t fall, the crisis passed, and we all lived happily ever after.

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:

6. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the Health & Dental Plan motion be brought back from the table.”

7. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED WENDY SONG

From the Health and Dental Plan Committee

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Chris Hakim:

- Thanks for your patience on this.
- We’ve now circulated the new agreement, the one for approval.
- There was a question about appendices.
- One is the lease for the premises. A standard lease.

- Couldn't get hold of the document.
- There's also an appendix on the fee structure, which is pretty standard.

Cristina Initchi:

- Especially during this time of COVID students will need their health care more than ever.
- We need to maintain the standard of health care they're used to.

Ravi Parhar:

- Given that lots of health care providers can't provide health care the same way, are there discussions about whether telehealth will be covered?
- Sometimes companies are inflexible in their coverage.
- And it will be harder to get to practitioners.

Chris Hakim:

- We tried to consider this before the building closure.
- Talked to Studentcare.
- Emphasis on connecting Empower Me to all our students for mental health needs.
 - Even students not in the Health and Dental Plan can use the service.
- We're also making sure Studentcare is working with their vendors to make sure they can continue to provide health care.
- Health meetings can happen over the phone by teleconference, and we can still process those claims.
- So far it looks like we're seeing an increase in claims and in the numbers accessing Empower Me.

Max Holmes:

- It's bad governance to approve something if you don't have the materials.

The Speaker:

- The document has been circulated now.
- Or is anything still missing?

Max Holmes:

- My question is, How time-pressing is this?
- Is there any reason we can't delay?
- We're still missing the appendices.

Kaili Sun:

- I'd like to table the motion.

Chris Hakim:

- I'd like us still to vote on the fee increase.

Kaili Sun:

- I'm okay with the fee increase.
- I just want to table the contract.

Chris Hakim:

- I will circulate the other documents for an email vote on the contract.

8. MOVED KAILI SUN, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

“That the part of motion about approving the contract extension be tabled until documents are available.”

Alex Gonzalez:

- What is the timeline?

Chris Hakim:

- Timeline for the fee: need to get it to UBC soon (by May).
- For the contract extension: the Studentcare agreement runs for a while, but I’d prefer to get things done sooner rather than later.
- We’ll look to collect all the documents and then have an email vote within the week after distributing the documents.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I don’t know if we have access to all the documents, with the building shut down.

The Speaker

- Are the documents available?

Chris Hakim:

- Hard to say.
- We will look for them.
- If we can’t get them I’ll let you know in the email vote message.

9. MOVED KAILI SUN, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

“That the part of motion about approving the contract extension be tabled until documents are available.”

... Carried

10. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED WENDY SONG

From the Health and Dental Plan Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Health and Dental Committee, Council approve an increase in the Health and Dental fee, collected by UBC, of 3%, effective September 2020.”

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U) Discussion Period

V) Submissions:

AMS Special Election Results	[SCD381-20]
Special Election & Referendum Results presentation	[SCD382-20]
ALSS Senator 2020 Results	[SCD383-20]
EUS General Elections Results 2020	[SCD384-20]
FUS General Elections Results 2020[[SCD385-20]
KUS General Elections Results 2020	[SCD386-20]
LFSUS General Elections Results 2020	[SCD387-20]
MUS General Elections Results 2020	[SCD388-20]
PhUS Senator and VP Social Elections 2020	[SCD389-20]
SUS General Elections 2020 Results	[SCD390-20]
VSEUS General Elections 2020 Results	[SCD391-20]
April 8th Advocacy Committee Report to AMS Council	[SCD392-20]
Sustainability March Report	[SCD393-20]
HR Committee March report	[SCD394-20]
AMS President's Council Report	[SCD395-20]
Steering Committee AMS Council Report	[SCD396-20]
Virtual AMS Council meeting procedures	[SCD397-20]
AMS 2020 Services SASC Review – Exec Summary	[SCD398-20]

W) Next Meeting:

April 22, 2020

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Y) Social Activity:

April 9, 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	X	
Lucia Liang	VP Finance	X	
Ian Stone	Student Services Mgr	X	
Kaili Sun	Architecture	X	
Melanie Mpanju	Arts		
Sabreena Shukul	Arts		
Shadi Saberian	Arts		
Kia Teimouri	Arts	X	
Kevin Zhang	Arts		
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone	BoG		
Max Holmes	BoG	X	
Priscilla Chan	Commerce		
Andrew Huang	Commerce		
Jody Mao	Dentistry	X	
Nicholas Harterre	Economics	X	
Haruka Higo	Education	X	
Alex Gonzalez	Engineering	X	
Katherine Westerlund	Engineering	X	
Matthew Epstein	Forestry		
Jackson Schumacher	Graduate Studies	X	
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	X	
	Law		
	Library/Archival		
Ravi Parhar	Medicine	X	
Anican Yu	Music		
Jake Reznik	Nursing		
Katrin Iacono	Ombudsperson		
Elsabe Fourie	Planning	X	
Wendy Song	Pharmacy	X	
	Population & Public Health		
Chris Sundby	Regent College		Regula Winzeler
Danny Liu	Science	X	
Michelle Marcus	Science	X	

Riley Ty	Science	X	
Lillian Milroy	Senate		
Dante Agosti-Moro	Senate	X	
Sean Ryan	St. Mark's	X	
Anne Khong	Social Work	X	
Daniel Martin	VST	X	

[Note: Roll call vote records are not available for this meeting, and the attendance records are incomplete.]