

## STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Henry Anderson (Ubysey), Robert Heffel (Heffel Auction House), Kate Galicz (Heffel Auction House), Kiel Torres (Hatch Art Gallery Director), Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora (Hatch Art Gallery Assistant Director), Dylan Braam (law student), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Maxim Greer (UBC Visual Arts department), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant), plus a large number of students and others from the UBC Visual Arts community

### **A) Call to order**

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

### **B) Territorial Acknowledgement:**

The Speaker:

- I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the stolen and unceded territories of the hə́n̓qə́m̓iḥəm̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- We should not treat these acknowledgements as formalities.
- We need to ask what it means to be in solidarity with the Indigenous people.
- We need to recognize that our presence here is an ongoing act of violence.
- The Wet'suwet'en and pipelines are hot topics now.
- As folks reflect, they should consider those conflicts.

### **C) Adoption of the agenda:**

#### 1. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

Chris Hakim:

- I'd like to move up the air conditioning motion.

Cole Evans:

- I'd like to remove the bookings presentation.

Michelle Marcus:

- Will you be doing this presentation in the future?

Cole Evans:

- Yes, in the future.

2. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That the agenda be amended to move the air conditioning motion and remove the bookings presentation.”

... No objections

3. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

**For (26): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Jonathan Kew, Alex Gonzalez, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Anne Khong, Mathew Ho (proxy for Kia Teimouri), Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Wendy Song, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

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

Welcome to our new Members: Lillian Milroy (Senate)

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

Goodbyes:

**E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):**

The Speaker:

- Let me know if I can make these meetings more accessible or efficient: are you encountering any barriers (sound, lighting, procedures)?
- Email me or raise your hand.

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

**G) Consent Agenda Items**

4. MOVED RAVI PARHAR, SECONDED NICHOLAS HARTERRE:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

HR Committee minutes dated February 7, 2020  
Finance Committee minutes dated February 4, 2020

[SCD317-20]  
[SCD318-20]

...Carried

**For (25): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Mathew Ho (proxy for Kia Teimouri), Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Melanie Mpanju, Ravi Parhar, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Wendy Song, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

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

***Hatch Art Sale Proposal – Cole Evans***

[SCD319-20]

- This is the result of a lot of work.
- In 2017 an AMS referendum authorized the sale of four pieces of art from the AMS permanent collection.
- Since then we have looked for pieces to sell.
- Last year we sold a piece.
- Two more are being proposed today, and we could sell one more if we desire.
- I've worked with Kiel and Yasmine (the Director and Assistant Director of our Hatch Art Galley): they're the experts.
- We had some initial proposals which provoked some concerns.
- We re-evaluated.
- The SHAPE Committee (the committee for the sale of Hatch Art) has approved.
- I acknowledge that making sure the AMS remains committed to art is important.
- It's not just about selling, but about establishing a strategic direction for the gallery.
- Lots of positive will come from this.

Kiel Torres:

- We have collected an impressive assortment of art, starting in 1948.
- Works by E.J. Hughes, Lawren Harris, etc.

Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora:

- When English professor Hunter Lewis approached the AMS in 1940, he wanted to foster a vibrant art community.
- Working with B.C. Binning, Lewis helped the AMS begin its collection in 1948, with the purchase of Abandoned Village by E.J. Hughes.
- Over the next years 54 works were purchased or donated to the AMS.
- In 1958 Maclean's magazine donated nine landscapes, shifting the collection's identity.
- B.C. Binning, who founded the UBC Fine Arts Department, oversaw the early growth of the collection, then passed it on to the students.

Kiel Torres:

- We have an extremely unique collection of Canadian art.
- An unparalleled footprint.
- We are disappointed by the lack of resources for the collection.

Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora:

- This year we've been working on a strategic plan.
- This proposed sale will affect that plan and our collection detrimentally.
- Deaccession or removal of art works is only ethical if it does not affect the integrity of the collection.
- We do not believe the conditions have been met to make this sale.
- It is not in accordance with the collection's mandate.

Kiel Torres:

- But we are hopeful to see what comes from this in terms of resources.

Robert Heffel:

- Kate Galicz and I are both UBC alumni.
- We thank AMS Council for inviting us.
- Heffel has sold the seven most valuable A.Y. Jackson and E.J. Hughes paintings.
- We have a strong relationship with collectors.
- We have strong relations with the AMS.
- The AMS has followed its procedures by holding a referendum to sell art.
- It is following best practices.
- Now is an opportune time to move forward.
- We sold the Lemieux painting for the AMS.
- We've worked with prominent collections.
- We follow a standard process: working with the Art Gallery of Ontario and art galleries in New York and Chicago.
- Many of our team members are graduates of UBC.
- Most importantly, the funds will go to an endowment fund to benefit students of UBC.

Mathew Ho:

- What were the referendum results?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I don't have the numbers in front of me, but it passed.

Sean Ryan:

- What was the motivation to sell?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- As I recall, the arguments were that most of the pieces in our permanent collection were not being displayed, but because of their value they were costing us a lot in insurance.
- The idea was that we might be able to sell the art to someone who could display it.
- And the proceeds would go to fund Hatch Art Gallery projects.

Maxim Greer:

- This is a statement from the Art History and Visual Arts Department.

- We'd like to express our support for the initiative to preserve the integrity of the AMS art collection.
- The collection represents key moments in art history and is a way to give students access to art work.
- It is unique in Canada for students to be managing an art collection.
- Student government is acting as the steward for the collection.
- Deaccessioning raises legal and ethical issues.
- The mandate of the collection should be preserved.
- Actions should never be taken primarily for financial reasons.
- The University has appropriate resources for assisting in storage.
- We are an interested party.
- The Department, together with the Belkin Art Gallery, are happy to give assistance.

Danny Liu:

- How many works of art are there in the collection?

Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora:

- There are 71, and every one holds a historical moment.

Chris Hakim:

- Thanks to all from the various departments who have come out.
- It shows large involvement.
- Since there still is some discussion to be had, I'd like to motion that this be referred back to SHAPE.

5. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

"That the sale proposal be referred to the SHAPE Committee."

Cole Evans:

- I think this is a good thing.
- Thanks to everyone.
- These views are something we had not heard yet.
- More than happy to have further discussion in the committee.

Chris Sundby:

- How did we overlook talking to the Art History Department?

Cole Evans:

- They have a representative on SHAPE.
- SHAPE has been designed to receive input.
- Apparently, we didn't do a good enough job at that.

Robert Heffel:

- I attended UBC and never saw these paintings hanging once.

- We thought this sale had been decided on; we had no idea there was some other view.
- If you do decide to keep these paintings, you need to find a way to show them.

James (guest):

- During the SHAPE committee meeting on this, the situation was not made clear.
- We were not given a chance to discuss.
- It was not a unanimous decision.

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**Abstained: Matthew Epstein, Alex Gonzalez, Danny Liu**

7. MOVED MICHELLE MARCUS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

“That the agenda be amended to add a Hatch Art Gallery discussion next.”

... Carried

**For (24): Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Jonathan Kew, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Anne Khong, Mathew Ho (proxy for Kia Teimouri), Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Ravi Parhar, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Riley Ty, Kevin Zhang**

**Abstained: Katherine Westerlund**

***Hatch Art Gallery Discussion***

Michelle Marcus:

- What was the role of the Art Gallery manager and assistant manager in the discussion about selling the art?

Kiel Torres:

- Cole had been in touch with Heffel earlier this year.
- At first the idea was to sell a piece by Lawren Harris, but it had been a gift, and selling it would have been an ethical breach.
- So then the plan was to sell the E.J. Hughes instead, one of our most valuable pieces.

Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora:

- This had been a discussion before we came in.
- There was consultation, but it wasn't a chance to sway the vote.

Kevin Zhang:

- I've looked up the vote count in the referendum.
- It was 80.2% in favour of selling the art.
- I understand there are concerns about selling, but we would be going against the referendum if we don't.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I should clarify that the referendum did not require us to sell the art; it simply authorized us to sell the art.

Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora:

- We do want to show the work.
- It is sad that these pieces are sitting in a vault.
- We need more time to look into loan possibilities.
- We want to think it through.

Kiel Torres:

- Is there a guarantee that these works, if sold, will be displayed?

Robert Heffel:

- A good question.
- If they're in a person's home, more people will see them than if they are in a vault.
- We have also sold to museums, and private collectors lend to museums all the time.
- It's being suggested here that you follow museum guidelines on deaccessioning.
- I'm not sure you should be: this is not a museum collection; it's a student collection.

Alex Gonzalez:

- If there's a huge field of ethical study on deaccessioning, I would like to know why it didn't come up in the SHAPE committee.

Chris Hakim:

- The SHAPE committee's main mandate was to carry out what the referendum authorized.
- The Art Gallery staff were working on a strategic plan.
- It will be more useful to have this discussion at SHAPE.
- We will take your concerns to SHAPE.
- We would love to talk further with people from the art community.
- I'd like to thank Heffel for coming out.
- We appreciate the partnership we have with you.
- Apologies for wasting your time this way.
- We need to decide next steps for the collection.

*The air conditioning presentation and motion were scheduled for this point in the agenda, but it was agreed to move them to after the financial report.*

**Q3 Financial Report – Lucia Liang**

[SCD320-20]

- Business contribution (net revenue) of \$452,022.
- The Pit is getting more revenue than expected: really good.
- Rest of businesses on track.
- Spending less.
- Executive spending: \$457,415
- VP External and VP Finance spending at 75%; all underspending.
- Just got intake from UBC for our funds, but receiving applications, so the amount will go down.
- Services on track.
- Food Bank: looks like revenue, but it's donations.
- Last year's Welcome Back Barbecue cost more than the previous one because of a change of artist: it cost four times what was budgeted.
- Communications is significantly up this year.
- Other departments on track, except Policy Advisor: never hired, so well down.

*Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- Re the increased Communications spending: are we getting our money's worth?
- Has engagement increased?

Lucia Liang:

- I definitely think a lot more communication has gone out this year.
- Things have been done to the website to make it more clear.
- Hired more staff.
- Keith and I vet these expenses.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- Does the quarterly revenue year to date include the second quarter?
- If so, the numbers for Conferences & Catering are confusing: they show a decline.

Lucia Liang:

- The last quarter had some mistakes.
- But it should give an idea of what's going on.
- More than happy to meet offline and discuss in depth.

Max Holmes:

- Most of us don't understand what this is.
- We were sent this reforecast.
- Is there a motion with it?



8. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

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

... No objections

Chris Hakim:

- Code requires a quarterly submission, but not approval through a motion.
- Making our quarterly reports more of a comparison is something we can look at.

Max Holmes:

- The reforecast includes lots of numbers.
- Not necessarily the numbers you want.
- I don't really want to get into this now, but despite the increase in expenditure for one event, there is still an increase in our surplus.
- It's now a \$548,000 projected surplus, the same as the projection last year.
- The actual surplus last year was more.
- Year to year the AMS budgets very conservatively.
- The AMS advocates to the University about spending University money wisely, yet the AMS itself has this surplus doing nothing except pay off our deficit – instead of helping students now.
- What are we doing about this?

Lucia Liang:

- I think the Finance Committee has never denied funding to project approvals for thought-out projects.
- There needs to be more investigation into what we want to use the money for.
- Because of conservative budgeting, we still have a surplus.
- If we use this money in the wrong areas, we're not actually helping students.
- We need to be using the money in places where it will help students.

Michelle Marcus:

- We need to recognize the importance of revisiting the surplus.
- We should also investigate the AMS's business strategy.
- This is an opportunity to cut back on business and make more space available to students.
- There was also an increase in revenue from Health and Dental.

Keith Hester:

- The original budget for Health and Dental was based on 37,000 members.
- It turns out there are actually 44,000 members.

Chris Hakim:

- The same applied to our general membership fees.
- We used to use 51,000 as the number of AMS members.
- We've changed that now to 56,000.

Jeanie Malone:

- It is hard to advocate to the University when there is a surplus within the student union.
- We need to think about inter-generational equity.
- It's very hard to understand these documents.

Chris Hakim:

- I absolutely agree.
- Lucia and Keith have tried to make things more accessible, with graphics and so on.
- Still need to make it clearer.

Lucia Liang:

- That's why in the upcoming Code change we're requiring more documents to come to Council to create a clearer understanding.

Mathew Ho:

- Can we make more funds available to individual students?
- Why have Constituency funds been under-utilized?

Lucia Liang:

- The Constituency Aid Fund received zero applications this year.
- The Sustainability Projects Fund received double the amount of applications.
- Definitely agree that more advertising is needed for these funds.
- Re Health and Dental:
  - We sent out an email and extended the deadline to apply for the subsidy fund.
  - We are encouraging more students to apply, but the fund is under-utilized.
- I have made efforts to make sure students know about these funds.

Anne Khong:

- How are you prioritizing expenditures?

Lucia Liang:

- This year we started with a zero-based budget.
- The departments propose their expenditures: salaries, etc.
- Then we vote on what to prioritize.

Chris Hakim:

- That's the proposed budget process.
- Currently Keith works with his managers; the Executives come in with their proposals.
- Then the Finance Committee reviews the proposals.
- It's not a robust process.
- There is a budget process Code change coming.

Carmen Kim:

- The problem is that nobody knows about our funds, and so nobody applies to them.
- Clubs run short of money, but don't apply.
- Can we make the funds more accessible?

Lucia Liang:

- The club treasurers go through an orientation.
- But we follow a robust rubric, and treasurers may not have time to submit reports and follow the rubric.
- We can include this in the clubs newsletter.
- We are trying to advertise it to students this year.
- It's true that in the past few years the trend is that people don't know about the money in the funds.

Chris Hakim:

- I should note that our funds do not contribute to our surplus.

Carmen Kim:

- If we're making a profit, could there be an analysis of our costs and prices?

Lucia Liang:

- Our net is \$1.2 million, which contributes back to the society, the student government.
- Analysis is done: we base our pricing on that.

9. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

"That the question period be extended by 10 minutes."

... No objections

Danny Liu:

- Given the surplus, do you think Conferences & Catering is really necessary?
- We would have more space to allocate to clubs.

Lucia Liang:

- 86% of our space is already for club bookings.
- And C&C generates the most surplus for us, and it does not come from students; it's from weddings, movies, etc.
- It's beneficial for the Society to have C&C.

Keira Britto:

- Concerning increasing the usage of the Constituency Aid Fund:
- Have you considered increasing the amount of coverage for events from 75% to full coverage?

Lucia Liang:

- I will look into it.

Kevin Zhang:

- Does the AMS currently grant bursaries?

Chris Hakim:

- Yes, we do, through the Evelyn Lett Childcare Bursary Fund.

Kevin Zhang:

- How much money do we allocate?

Chris Hakim

- It's out of an endowment; maybe \$600,000 a year.

Arash Shadkam:

- I pay to the AMS Financial Assistance Fund: what is that?

Lucia Liang:

- That is the \$600,000.

Max Holmes:

- I think we need to bring in someone to train the Board on finances.
- Normally we get explanations in the budget document; don't know why that wasn't done for this quarterly report.
- To all the Executives: What is one new project that you want funded next year that will create a large impact for students?
- If we continue having surpluses, will we create a policy saying that if it hits 10%, put it into bursaries or something to benefit students?

Lucia Liang:

- Would really like more staff dedicated to funds.

Chris Hakim:

- Would love to bring in consultants to help with the strategic plan.
- We need to look into reinvesting our surpluses into student priorities.

Julia Burnham:

- In the AUA portfolio, we consistently underspend.
- There needs to be funding for staff and ancillary costs, for Equity, a dedicated EDI person.
- Need to be able to provide food and compensate people for their involvement.

Cristina Ilnitchi:

- More funding for campaigns, for UCRU (the Undergraduates of Canadian Research-intensive Universities), for the Equity Plan and an AVP Equity.

- Money for marginalized students.
- We have asked senior managers to look into long-term wage forecasting.

Ian Stone:

- Additional money for Services: recruitment and retention of staff.
- It's important we bring people into the AMS.
- Coordinated training.
- How to be more inclusive.

Keith Hester:

- Code says the surplus goes to the Endowment Fund.
- Interest from that goes to fund Services.
- The budget process allows anyone to come to the Finance Committee and say this is a project that should be funded.

10. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

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

... No objections

Max Holmes:

- I understand the merits of the Endowment Fund, but from an inter-generational standpoint, it's not the best approach: having students of today pay students in the future, 10 or 20 years from now.
- People today have affordability issues.
- And this rosy picture of a process in which you can come to the Finance Committee with any project – it doesn't work that way.
- I understand we ran serious deficits, and we needed zero-based budgeting then.
- But they're a lot of work if you're not in trouble.
- Instead of justifying SUDS and the Academic Experience Survey over and over again, we could spend time on what we can do for students.
- We need to look at a new approach to budgeting.

Arash Shadkam:

- I've been on the Finance Committee for two years.
- We've always been receptive to new projects, if justified.
- I'm there to administer this money; it's not my money; it's student money; I'm ready to hand it out.
- If we don't justify every line, we see Fincom criticized for not making sure the money is spent properly.

Anne Khong

- When it comes to budgeting, the needs of the students should be the first priority: bursaries, the Food Bank, etc.

***Air conditioning project – Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer)***

- Following up from my last presentation.
- Climate change, according to a Vancouver report, is going to produce substantially warmer temperatures.
- This is a LEED Platinum building. We're very conscious of this fact, and want to maintain our LEED status.
- The plan is for the introduction of cooling coils, balanced by solar collectors and inverse heat pumps to maintain our small carbon footprint.
- We want to maintain satisfaction: we've been receiving lots of complaints from users in the summer about over-heating causing discomfort.
- Some units can have air conditioning added to them.
- Principally on second and third floors.
- The main floor is already cooled by air exchange.
- The fourth floor is cooled by the Atrium: passive ventilation. And there's less occupancy there.
- The building orientation is North-South, which creates solar gain.
- It wasn't possible to make it East-West because of the huge gathering space next door.
- There's been an increase in summer usage, summer student activities.
- There's also a minor chilled water deficiency in Food & Beverage which will be addressed too.
- Last time I was asked about drapes. That really wouldn't work: it's not the Atrium space that's suffering; it's the closed rooms.
- Some people think adding cooling coils is heading in the wrong direction, but it's important to get people into the building and have them feel comfortable.
- Still, sustainability is a big driver here, and we're dedicated to maintaining the status quo of the Nest as a LEED building.
- UBC came up with three options for the project.
- Our project budget includes retaining a mechanical consultant who will review the options and perhaps come up with other ideas.
- Will use a consultant familiar with this building.
- That's the \$15,000 ask tonight.
- After the consultant's study is done, it will come back to Council.
- Why now?
- Inflation of 1% a month for capital costs means the project could cost an additional \$107,000 if we wait.
- We have an aggressive timeline: we want to start in May and finish in September; we won't reap the benefits this summer.

*Questions*

Jackson Schumacher:

- Why does this become more expensive if we wait?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Everything costs more over time.
- Specifically, in the summer there tend to be price increases, due to demand.

Michelle Marcus:

- Do we have carbon footprint data for this building?
- Can we set targets for this project?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Yes, we have data through our building management system.
- This monitors the building's energy consumption.

11. MOVED JACKSON SCHUMACHER, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD321-20]

"That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the spending of up to \$15,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to hire an engineering expert to examine the possibility of expanding the Air Conditioning systems in the Nest in a sustainable way."

Note: Current balance of the fund is \$2.1 million

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- This is a really good opportunity to improve service in the building and support sustainability.

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13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

"That the agenda be amended to add a Heffel follow-up discussion item now."

Arash Shadkam:

- I would like to discuss this, but the people who know the most have left the room.

Cole Evans:

- This is not about the sale, but the process, so the Board will know what happened.

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

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**Abstained: Michelle Marcus**

15. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED CHRIS SUNDBY, THIRDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

*The meeting went in camera at 8:25 pm.*

*The meeting left the in camera session at 8:35 pm.*

**Federal Lobby Trip – Cristina Initchi**

[SCD322-20]

- With UCRU (Undergraduates of Canadian Research-intensive Universities), the ad hoc coalition, three weeks ago.
- UCRU mirrors the U-15 universities, the fifteen largest universities.
- We represent nine of the 15 schools.
- We come together once a year for lobby week.
- I was chair this year.
- SUDS connects us to these schools.
- There are lots of opportunities for us, especially because it’s a minority government in Ottawa.
- We made four recommendations, on:
  - affordability
  - international students
  - Indigenous students
  - expanding undergraduate research.
- On affordability, we were asking for reallocation of the tuition tax credit of \$1.7 billion.
  - Not a lot of folks use it.
  - Those from the highest income quintile use it most.
  - Need it to be needs-based.
  - There are lots of reports of inaccessibility of the credit.
  - The Parliamentary Budget Office says it is inefficient.



- On international students, we want the government to change the eligibility rules for the Canadian Experience Class (a route to permanent residency).
  - There are limits now on what work counts.
  - We want co-op and other work done during university to count towards permanent residency.
  - Need an international student strategy.
- On Indigenous students:
  - The government has put \$300 million into a support program.
  - That's a fantastic start, but nowhere near what's needed.
  - Need more funding for Indigenous Studies programs.
  - Funding needs to be more accessible both on and off reserve.
- Expanding undergraduate research:
  - Undergraduate student research awards.
  - We have it in STEM programs, but not in health, social sciences, and the humanities.
  - Want it available in more disciplines.
  - Want students to be paid fairly.
- Had 70 meetings with MP's and staff about postsecondary education policy.
- Across parties.
- A lot more meetings than in the past two years because power is more dispersed.
- Connected with other higher education lobby groups to strengthen our voices, build coalitions.
- There's a gap because UCRU only represents undergraduates.
- There's also no funding structure for UCRU: we need to dedicate funds to it.
- Looking at formalizing its organization and structure.

#### *Questions*

Kevin Zhang:

- What would formalizing UCRU look like?
- Are you looking to get the other six universities from the U-15 into UCRU?

Cristina Initchi:

- We've had some discussions about fees.
- It will come to Council if we move forward on that.
- As to bringing in the other six, we've been trying to recruit them and show them the value of UCRU.
- Looking at an easy in, easy out membership approach, with low fees and a consensus model of governance: an Indigenous form of organization.
- But challenges: lack of funding, lack of staff in Ottawa.
- This causes hesitancy for others to join and take UCRU seriously.

Chris Hakim:

- Are there any connections between this and provincial lobbying?

Cristina Initchi:

- BC announced they were introducing an up-front needs based grant.

- We're pushing for transferring some money to that from the federal tuition tax credit.
- The Indigenous study program is also applicable to provincial advocacy.

Arash Shadkam:

- What value is there to bringing graduate student societies into UCRU since they already have their own group?
- And how would it work?

Cristina Initchi:

- UBC's GSS used to be part of CASA, but not now.
- Other schools, even ones in the CFS, are looking for options.
- UCRU is a new organization.
- There's an opportunity to avoid the mistakes that caused us to leave those other organizations.

#### **I) Consultation Period**

#### **J) Appointments**

##### **16. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:**

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

... Carried

**For (18): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Matthew Epstein, Jonathan Kew, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Alireza Kamyabi, Anne Khong, Carmen Kim, Danny Liu, Melanie Mpanju, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Chris Sundby, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

#### **K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):**

##### **Chris Hakim**

- Conducting a wage analysis.
- Referendum campaign: hired two co-coordinators.
- Cristina and I met with the UBC VP External office to discuss external advocacy.
- Met with UBC Rec about plans for the new fitness centre.
- Working with the Ad Hoc Committee on Council Governance.
- Hiring Indigenous facilitator.
- Hoping to bring in a consultant for the strategic plan.
- Block Party line-up is up.
- Policy reviews
- Invitation for All Presidents Dinner sent out.

**L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):**

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham**

- Climate Emergency Task Force met.
- Senate:
  - Academic Freedom Working Group.
  - I'm the chair of SACADI (on diversity and inclusion).
  - Hiring of AVP Academic and Vice-Provost.
  - Policy SC-17 (sexual misconduct).
- Academic Experience Survey is out – please fill it out.

**VP External – Cristina Ilnitchi**

- Federal lobby trip follow-up.
  - Pre-budget submission.
- Off campus housing survey: Board of Governors property committee.
- Meeting with the City of Vancouver about collaboration on a new campaign for SkyTrain to UBC.
- UNA discussions: We want to keep student representation on their board.
- To Victoria for BC budget day:
  - Got access grants. Great first step.
- Working with SASC on provincial aspects of the sexual violence policies.
- Met with the GSS about scholarships.
- Equity Plan: Finalizing RFP for consultants. It will go out in March.
- Will evaluate the proposals in April.

*Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- What are the access grants?

Cristina Ilnitchi:

- We've been advocating for this for years.
- There's been no program for 15 years.
- Collaborating with BCFS and some other schools.
- It's for low to middle income students.
- Details are still being worked out.
- Good first step, but not enough: it maintains the tuition tax credit.
- Will continue to lobby for a more robust program.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**

- eHub:
  - Cool networking event.
  - RBC Get Seeded is coming.
- Tutoring: Nimbus traffic picking up.
- Vice:
  - Naloxone training.
  - Planning a serious presence at Block Party.

- Looking into drug testing.
- Vice Chill Cube will be set up
- Advocacy:
  - Hired volunteers.
- Hoping to combine Vice and Speakeasy.
  - Meeting with Well-Being Centre to see what they'd like.

#### **Managing Director – Keith Hester**

- Block Party line-up launched.
  - 3,500 tickets sold.
- Knee deep in budgets.
- Services Review being finalized.
- SASC has a show in the Hatch.

#### *Questions*

Kevin Zhang:

- Will Councillors be asked to help out with Block Party?

Keith Hester:

- Yes.

#### **VP Administration – Cole Evans**

- Closed cycle for new club applications.
- Space strategy.
- Looking for new system to replace Clubhouse.
- Sustainability:
  - Partnered with UBC Climate Emergency.
  - New Sustainability Action Plan coming.
- Hatch show just closed. SASC show there now.
- Capital projects:
  - The air conditioning project just approved.
  - Replacing red couches.
- Consulting with clubs and constituencies.

#### *Questions*

Ian Stone:

- When are you building the wall for Services?

Cole Evans:

- The Finance Committee lost quorum before we could vote on it.

Danny Liu (a question for Ian):

- Speakeasy and Vice are the least helpful services, according to the AES.
- What will uniting them do for that?

Julia Burnham:

- That's a little bit of a misinterpretation of the data.
- 40% of the people that engage with Vice and Speakeasy find it helpful.

Ian Stone:

- Speakeasy has existed for 50 years.
- Clearly people see value in it.
- Vice is only three years old and is a bit of an experiment, but it's still important.
- We have an evolving model.
- Combining them is meant to produce better outreach and stop duplication.

**VP Finance – Chris Hakim for Lucia Liang**

- Reforecast and Q3 report.
- Motions coming.
- Working on fund rubrics.

**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 – Nick Harterre**

- Lobby trip.
- Future of AMS Advocacy.
- Climate strike.

*Alex Gonzalez asked for a quorum count. Quorum was 18, and there were 18 voting Councillors in the room.*

**Finance Committee – Chris Hakim for Lucia Liang**

- You saw the Q3 presentation.
- Code changes coming.

**Governance – Katherine Westerlund**

- Focusing on Constituency composition:
  - Dual majors – which constituency do they belong to?

**HR Committee – Carmen Kim**

- Annual Employment Survey.
- Posting JD's for Ombudsperson, Speaker, and Chief Electoral Officer.
- Looking to increase diversity by getting underrepresented groups to join the committee.
- Next meeting: Executive pay.

**Operations Committee – Cole Evans**

- Policy I-7 coming next meeting.
- Approved new clubs.

- IFC and Sororities: what will their future relationship with the AMS look like?
- Ops Comm Policy Manual review.

*Questions*

Max Holmes:

- How is the progress on getting a Senate and BoG office?

Cole Evans:

- The work is done.
- We need to wait for turnover to give you the office.

Jeanie Malone:

- So we won't have to suspend Code again?

Cole Evans:

- I'm guaranteeing 1000% that you will have an office on May 1.

Jeanie Malone:

- For how long?

Cole Evans:

- It's a permanent office.

Max Holmes:

- Have you already assigned the office?
- Could this be a conflict for you depending on election results?

Cole Evans:

- Good point.
- I will make sure it will happen before turnover.

Mathew Ho:

- When you talk of the IFC, do you mean the individual fraternities?

Cole Evans:

- The fraternities are chapters in a way.
- Whatever happens to the IFC is applicable to all.

**SHAPE – Chris Hakim**

- We tried to sell art: it didn't go too well.
- Will talk to the groups.
- Want to determine our vision.

**Steering Committee – Chris Hakim**

- Will discuss the strategic plan at the next meeting.
- Will look at bringing in consultants.

*Questions*

Danny Liu:

- When did you last meet?

Chris Hakim:

- Had to cancel last month.
- Will try to schedule soon.

**Student Life – Cole Evans**

- Actually have established a ToR and will bring it to Council.
- Will remain a standing committee and be a liaison with Services, Events, and Communications.
- Also engaging students.
- Looking at Blue and Gold Society revamp.
- Looked at connecting to Presidents Council.
- Grad Class Subcommittee is happening.

Arash Shadkam:

- What is the process for Grad Class?

Chris Hakim:

- We send out a posting to graduating students to get ideas for grad class gifts.
- Happening soon.

17. MOVED ALEX GONZALEZ, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Defeated

**For (5): Jonathan Kew, Alex Gonzalez, Haruka Higo, Arash Shadkam, Katherine Westerlund**

**Against (7): Julia Burnham, Chris Hakim, Cristina Ilnitshi, Alireza Kamyabi, Mathew Ho (proxy for Kia Teimouri), Carmen Kim, Chris Sundby**

**Abstained: Keira Britto, Cole Evans, Danny Liu, Jackson Schumacher, Kevin Zhang**

**Ad Hoc Governance Committee – Chris Hakim**

- My team is working on a report.
- Hope to meet soon.

**Fermentation Lab Committee – Cole Evans for Kia Teimouri**

- Waiting on UBC to finalize an MoU with Musqueam.
- This could take a while – months or years.
- Exploring ways to distribute beer.

**N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):**

Chris Hakim:

- No report.

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

**Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone**

- Special meeting on Indigenous Strategic Plan cancelled, but consultation is still happening.
- Next meetings April 6, 7, 14.
- Two new faculty reps from UBC Vancouver.

**Senate – Lillian Milroy**

- Elections happening.
- Report on external review.
- Report on student evaluations.
- Triennial Review.
- Dates for 2020/21 session released

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**

- I was in Toronto last week, which reminded me of the time the U of T student newspaper editor came to UBC in 1931 and was shocked to see male and female students sitting together in the library and the cafeteria.
- I also notice the referendum question to abolish Student Court.
  - Officially Student Court goes back to 1953, but there were disciplinary bodies before that, including a controversial Vigilance Committee in the 1920's.
- And finally I see two uncontested positions in the upcoming elections:
  - In theory a candidate can still lose in this situation, but that's never happened in an AMS election.
  - It did happen in a Constituency election.

**P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

**Q) Executive Committee Motions:**

**R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:**

**S) Committee Motions:**

18. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED CRISTINA ILNITCHI: [SCD323-20]

**From the Finance Committee**



“That Council adopt the report from the Finance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2020: Funds and Fees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Hakim:

- Allows the AMS to do an annual review of our funds and fees.
- For accountability and affordability reasons.

19. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED CRISTINA ILNITCHI:

**From the Finance Committee**

“That Council adopt the report from the Finance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2020: Funds and Fees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (18): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Cole Evans, Jonathan Kew, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Mathew Ho (proxy for Kia Teimouri), Carmen Kim, Danny Liu, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Chris Sundby, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

20. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

[SCD324-20]

**From the Finance Committee**

“That Council adopt the report from the Finance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2020: Budget Process’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Hakim:

- This is a big one.
- Changing the budgeting process.
- Changes the timeline from 2 to 6 months so it will start in January instead of May.
- This is appropriate for a multi-million dollar organization.
- Will require reasons and KPI's for funding.

Kevin Zhang:

- Long overdue motion.
- Was an update brought to Council after last summer's meeting about actuals not being included?

Chris Hakim:

- This fixes that problem.
- We will use the most up-to-date details.

Alireza Kamyabi:

- No longer going to submit a financial report to the AGM?

Chris Hakim:

- We still have to present financial statements to the AGM.
- This just moves the quarterly report to June from October.
- It will be presented to Council instead of to the AGM.

Max Holmes:

- Overall I'm supportive.
- Why are you moving forward the preliminary budget deadline?
- And are we prepared for this to take effect for this budget cycle?

Chris Hakim:

- For the preliminary budget, it's currently scheduled for May.
- This proposal creates a longer process, starting in January and running through April: it gives us four months instead of one for preliminary and one for final.
- As to when it takes effect, yes, maybe we should reword the motion.

21. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

"That the motion be amended to add 'effective April 1, 2020'."

Max Holmes:

- Does this mean you'll get a preliminary budget done for April 30?

Chris Hakim:

- Yes.

22. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

"That the motion be amended to add 'effective April 1, 2020'."

... No objections

23. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

**From the Finance Committee**

"That Council adopt the report from the Finance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2020: Budget Process' and thus amend the Code as recommended effective April 1, 2020."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes:

- It doesn't seem consultation is included when the new Executives come in.

Chris Hakim:

- The intention is that the current Executive will create the preliminary budget.
- The new executive can make changes in May and June for the final budget.
- If the final budget fails, you still have the preliminary one.

Jeanie Malone:

- This is an important motion.

- Should we postpone it until we have more members?

24. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

**From the Finance Committee**

“That Council adopt the report from the Finance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2020: Budget Process’ and thus amend the Code as recommended effective April 1, 2020.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (15): Keira Britto, Cole Evans, Jonathan Kew, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Initchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Carmen Kim, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Chris Sundby, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang**

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm due to lack of quorum.

**T) Submissions:**

HR Committee February report	[SCD325-20]
Q3 Financial Report & Source Document	[SCD326-20]
CUS Board Election Results	[SCD327-20]
NUS 2020 Referendum Report	[SCD328-20]
Sale of Permanent Collection Pieces rationale	[SCD329-20]
Federal Lobby Trip	[SCD330-20]

**U) Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: March 11, 2020

**V) Social Activity:**

Vote records

- V1: Test your clickers!
- V2: Approval of the agenda
- V3: Consent Agenda Items
- V4: Motion to refer back to the SHAPE Committee
- V5: Amend the agenda to add a Hatch Art Gallery discussion
- V6: Be it Resolved that Council
- V7: Amend the agenda to briefly discuss the Heffel Motion
- V8: Motion to stay in camera
- V9: Motion to stay in camera
- V10: HR Committee Appointment
- V11: Quorum Check
- V12: Quorum Check
- V13: Quorum Check
- V14: Quorum Check
- V15: Motion to adjourn
- V16: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee:  
 Change 2020: Funds and Fees and thus amend the Code as recommended
- V17: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee:  
 Code Change 2020: Budget Process and thus amend the Code as recommended
- V18: Quorum Check

Name	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	V10	V11	V12	V13	V14	V15	V16	V17
Chris Hakim	Y		Y	Y	Y					Y	Y			Y	N	Y	Y
Cole Evans	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Lucia Liang		Y	Y	Y	Y												
Cristina Ilnitchi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Julia Burnham	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	
Melanie Mpanju			Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y							
Sabreena Shukul																	
Shadi Saberian				Y													
Mathew Ho (proxy for Kia Teimouri)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						N		Y	A	N	Y	
Kevin Zhang		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A	A	A	A	A	Y	Y
Priscilla Chan	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N								
Andrew Huang																	
Nicholas Harterre		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Haruka Higo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alex Gonzalez	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Katherine Westerlund	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y



## February 26, 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	X	
Lucia Liang	VP Finance	X	
Ian Stone	Student Services Mgr	X	
Riley Baechler	Architecture		
Melanie Mpanju	Arts	X	
Sabreena Shukul	Arts		
Shadi Saberian	Arts	X	
Kia Teimouri	Arts		Mathew Ho
Kevin Zhang	Arts	X	
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone	BoG	X	
Max Holmes	BoG	X	
Priscilla Chan	Commerce	X	
Andrew Huang	Commerce		
Jody Mao	Dentistry		
Nicholas Harterre	Economics	X	
Haruka Higo	Education	X	
Alex Gonzalez	Engineering	X	
Katherine Westerlund	Engineering	X	
Matthew Epstein	Forestry	X	
Jackson Schumacher	Graduate Studies	X	
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	X	
	Law		
	Library/Archival		
Ravi Parhar	Medicine	X	
Anican Yu	Music		
Jake Reznik	Nursing		
Katrin Iacono	Ombudsperson		
Jonathan Kew	Planning	X	
Wendy Song	Pharmacy	X	
	Population & Public Health		
Chris Sundby	Regent College	X	
Danny Liu	Science	X	
Michelle Marcus	Science	X	
Riley Ty	Science	X	

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