STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Henry Anderson (Ubyssey), Saad Shoaib (AVP External), Ben Du (student at large), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement

Cole Evans:
- At the AMS we are gathered on the traditional and unceded lands of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- I want to encourage Councillors to ensure we reflect on the fact that there is lots of work to do on deconstructing the system of colonial violence.
- We need to work with the Indigenous community towards a just reconciliation.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

For (26): Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Lawrence Liu, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Ryan Wong, Haruka Higo, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Rio Picollo, Christian Bailey, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Clara Sismondo, Danny Liu, Chrissa Rassias, Sean Ryan, Daniel Martin

D) Membership: Introductions, New Members, Declaration of Vacancies

New Members: Laura Beaudry (Indigenous Seat)

Vacancies: GSS x 2, Journalism, Population & Public Health

Goodbyes: Arash Shadkam (GSS)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes)

Cole Evans:
- Holding to the two-speech per speaker rule.
• Use the Zoom “raise hand” function to speak.

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

G) **Consent Agenda Items**

Chris Hakim:
• Please pull the Sustainability Priorities to discuss separately.

2. **MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:**

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented (regular vote):

AMS Executive Committee minutes dated May 27, 2020  
AMS Executive Committee minutes dated June 3, 2020  
AMS Executive Committee minutes dated June 10, 2020  
Governance Committee minutes dated May 26, 2020  
AMS Council minutes dated February 26, 2020  
AMS Council minutes dated March 11, 2020  
Advocacy Committee minutes dated May 26, 2020  
Finance Committee minutes dated May 25, 2020  
Finance Committee minutes dated May 26, 2020  
Finance Committee minutes dated June 1, 2020  
Finance Committee minutes dated June 2, 2020  
Finance Committee minutes dated June 8, 2020  

... Carried

For (25): Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Lawrence Liu, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Ryan Wong, Haruka Higo, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Rio Picollo, Christian Bailey, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Clara Sismondo, Chrissa Rassias, Sean Ryan, Daniel Martin

3. **MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:**

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

**From the Finance Committee**

‘Be it resolved that AMS Council approve Policy I-20 (the Executive Expenditures Policy) as presented.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council repeal the Executive Smart Phones Policy, the Alcohol Reimbursement Policy, and the AMS Travel Policy.’
From the Governance Committee [SCD039-21]
‘That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: “Code Changes 2020: Distance Ed” and thus amend the Code as recommended.’

From the Presidents Council [SCD040-21]
‘That Council accept the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Presidents Council as presented.’

From the Indigenous Committee [SCD041-21]
‘That Council adopt the report from the Indigenous Committee titled “Code Changes: Indigenous seat” and thus amend the Code as recommended.’

Note: Immediate upon adoption ... Carried

For (23): Georgia Yee, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Lawrence Liu, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Ryan Wong, Haruka Higo, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Rio Picollo, Christian Bailey, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Clara Sismondo, Danny Liu, Chrissa Rassias, Daniel Martin

Abstained: Sean Ryan

H) Presentations (10 minutes, Questions: 5 minutes)

Executive Goals – Cole Evans, Lucia Liang, Sylvester Mensah Jr, Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Ian Stone [SCD042-21]

Cole Evans:
- Collective Executive Goals. Three Key Priorities:
  - COVID: Being not just reactive, but proactive; lots of opportunities to turn the crisis to advantage.
  - Reimagining Student Engagement.
  - Centring Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.
- President’s Goals (three highlights):
  - Engagement Overhaul: Reworking marketing and communications; make governance changes to make us more accessible.
  - New housing service.
  - AMS Equity Plan.

Georgia Yee (Highlights of VPAUA’s goals):
- Accessibility:
  - Lecture-recording technology.
  - Campus-wide accessibility aids.
- Advocacy for an equitable future:
Lots of opportunities for advancing after COVID; not just going back to normal.

Kalith Nana (Highlights of VP External’s goals):
- Federal and Provincial Aid:
  - Elimination of interest on federal student loans.
  - Equity-based grants.
  - BC budget submission.
- Sexual Violence Prevention:
  - Addressing discrepancies in policies between institutions.
- Housing Affordability and Finances.

Lucia Liang (Highlights of VP Finance’s goals):
- Upgrade the financial system:
  - Talking of this for many years.
  - Making the reimbursement process paperless.
    - Allowing us to track data.
    - Now still a lot is manual.
- Club support:
  - Square Reader to allow students to pay by debit and credit card.
  - Streamlining so students don’t have upfront costs.
  - Reviewing ToR of Clubs Benefit Fund:
    - It’s too complicated.
    - Trying to simplify.
- Creating a Financial Analyst position to allow us to do more transparent data.

Sylvester Mensah Jr. (Highlights of VP Admin’s goals):
- Launch of Campus Base (replacement for Clubhouse):
  - Integrating with UBC Orientations.
  - Getting buy-in from first years.
  - All clubs to be onboarded by August 1.
  - Also additional support for clubs:
    - More programming materials, workshops.
- Hatch Art Gallery:
  - Digitizing our exhibitions and the permanent art collection to increase the presence.
  - Getting the collection into the University curriculum.
  - Exploring multidisciplinary exhibitions.
  - Drawing in student groups beyond art history.
- University-wide sustainability approach:
  - Implementing a series of symposiums.
  - Labelling every month with a theme.

Ian Stone (Highlights of Student Services Manager’s goals):
- Opportunities for growth:
- Revamping how we hire and recruit.
- Making us more useful.

- Revamping Peer Support:
  - Combining Speakeasy and Vice.
  - Promoting it more.

- Services Review:
  - Implementing the recommended changes.

Cole Evans:
- Accountability of Executive Performance:
  - This year we would like to do a trial run of a peer evaluation structure for the Executive.
  - Will work with the Executive to develop a trial structure.
  - Council will receive reports in camera.
  - The hope then is to create recommendations based on the trial period in order to create an established structure.
  - We’ll test it out first before putting it in place formally.

Questions
Emma Dodyk:
- One major issue I have is not with the goals themselves, but with the KPI’s (the key performance indicators).
- These are not really KPI’s: they’re not measurable actionables; they’re methods.
- Will you write real KPI’s?

Cole Evans:
- Policy I-9 doesn’t define KPI’s.
- This is how past Executives have done it.
- If Councillors want something more trackable, we could refer the policy to the Governance Committee.

Max Holmes:
- For the Executive to create a performance evaluation system for themselves is a conflict of interest.

Cole Evans:
- Yes, we’re 100% in conflict in creating the process, so we’re not passing the process; we are going to give it to the Board.
- If the Board thinks it inappropriate for us to do it, I’m more than happy to have a committee take it on.

Mathew Ho:
- For the Finance Goals, can you explain about changing account codes?
Lucia Liang:
- We’re almost out of account codes.
- The new accounting system will help out.

Mathew Ho:
- And flexibility and expense reimbursements?

Lucia Liang:
- Right now there are lots of forms; it’s confusing.
- We’re moving to dropdown boxes.
- And we will automatically provide account codes.
- It will be a more manageable system.

Ryan Wong:
- I don’t think we need to refer Policy I-9 to Governance; we don’t need Governance to define KPI’s; you can just Google KPI and you’ll find out that they are quantifiable measures.
- So when the KPI’s in this document are not quantifiable, it makes it difficult for Council to hold the Executive accountable for them.
- Will the Executive commit to following I-9 and provide KPI’s?

Cole Evans:
- I agree with the points Emma and Ryan make, but some things are not quantifiable.
- If the goal is to create a housing service, that’s not quantifiable.
- This is what I was getting at with the idea of Executive performance tracking, using metrics
- If this is a concern, I encourage referring to a committee.

4. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

“That the question period be extended by five minutes.” … No objections

Emma Dodyk:
- KPI’s are only one way of tracking performance.
- The Exec should look into another performance reporting method.

Georgia Yee:
- Please reach out to the Executive with ideas for more tangible KPI’s.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- We presented our goals to the Advocacy Committee and got no feedback.
- But we will look for more quantifiable KPI’s.
Chris Hakim:
  • If you can’t provide something quantitative, then give us qualitative.

Danny Liu:
  • I wanted to provide feedback from my Constituency (Science). I circulated the
goals, but it’s summer and there are Science exams.
  • Why such a short timeline and during exams? Why not send the goals earlier?

Cole Evans:
  • Policy I-9 says to present the goals in June, and the second meeting in June made the most sense operationally.
  • It’s also the time it’s been done in the past.
  • If Council wants a more detailed process, we can look at revising I-9.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
  • I know a lot of the KPI’s are not numbers; a lot are qualitative.
  • I’d love to hear feedback on the goals themselves and not just on the KPI’s.

5. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED LAWRENCE LIU:

“That the question time be extended by 10 minutes.”

... No objections

Mathew Ho:
  • One concern with the format:
    o Rent with Rights is under the VP External, but how does it relate to the
goals of the VPAUA?
    o And what about the RHA (the Residence Hall Association)?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
  • We tried not to name any specific organizations.
  • We’re working with partners to transform Rent with Rights.
  • Students on campus are not part of the government’s TRS program (Temporary
Rental Supplement).
  • We want to extend Rent with Rights.

Georgia Yee:
  • There are so many different groups to consult.
  • The UBC RHA is one I’ll connect with.
  • There’s definitely a lot of overlap between Executives’ goals.

Ryan Wong:
  • Even qualitative KPI’s would be more acceptable.
  • I’m a little disappointed.
  • In the current report the KPI’s are things like: Work closely with UBC Housing.
• The document states that the issue is to work with UBC’s AVP Housing, and the KPI is the same.

6. MOVED RYAN WONG:

"Be it resolved that the Executive Committee rework their KPI’s to provide quantitative goals when possible and that these be brought back to the next Council meeting."

7. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED RIO PICOLLO:

“That the motion be amended to direct the Executive to propose quantifiable statements wherever possible and where not possible, provide qualitative goals; also to add the following clause:

Be it further resolved that the AMS Executive distribute the updated documents a week earlier than the regular document distribution date.”

... No objections

8. MOVED RYAN WONG:

“Be it resolved that the Executive Committee rework their KPI’s to propose quantifiable statements wherever possible and where not possible, provide qualitative goals.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Executive distribute the updated documents a week earlier than the regular document distribution date.”

... Carried

21 in favour
2 against – Lawrence Liu and Daniel Martin
5 abstained – the 5 Executives

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

“That the AMS Executive Goals be accepted as presented.”

Emma Dodyk:
• We should wait till next time, when we have the revised KPI’s.

10. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED EMMA DODYK:

“That this motion be tabled to the next meeting of Council.”

... No objections
11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

“That the AMS Executive Goals be accepted as presented.”

… Tabled

AMS Budget 2020 - 2021 – Lucia Liang, Keith Hester

Lucia Liang:
- Three versions of the budget (because of COVID):
  - Version 1:
    - 52,250 students enrolled: this is an updated number from UBC; it’s down from the preliminary budget.
    - Business contribution: $264,072
    - Investment income: $500,000 (up from the preliminary budget)
  - Version 2:
    - 48,400 students enrolled, resulting in a 10-15% reduction across the board except for Services.
  - Version 3:
    - 44,000 enrolled: 15-20% reduction.
- Fincom has met 10 times since May 1: senior managers and Executives presented.
- No Miscellaneous budget this year: it seemed inappropriate. We want to be more precise.
- Zero cuts to Student Services; in fact, an 11% increase in their budget.
  - Recognizing the value of Services during the pandemic.
- More money for Communications for engagement.
- Money to Campus Groups, the online platform, to make events accessible online.
- Upgrade to financial systems to go paperless:
  - This is good for sustainability and also cuts costs, which is important in a time of COVID.
- Continuing to invest in the new tutoring service: going online.
- Version 1 Revenue: $2.96 million.
- Version 2 Revenue: $2.3 million.
- Version 3 Revenue: $1.89 million.
- Version 1 Expenditures: $2.78 million.
- Version 2 Expenditures: $2.58 million.
- Version 3 Expenditures: $2.49 million.
- In Version 2, the percentage of expenses for Student Services increases. In Version 3 it becomes the largest percentage.
- Version 1 produces a surplus of $178,000.
- Version 2 produces a deficit of $269,000.
- Version 3: Deficit of $606,000.
- It’s important to break even:
It takes two years to pay off $269,000.
Four to six years to pay off $606,000.

Keith Hester:
- **Business Breakdown:**
  - Contribution: $264,072, a decline from last year.
    - Minimum wage increases and other increases amounting to $400,000 in increased expenditures.
    - New Employer Health Tax amounting to $150,000.
    - Cost of goods been going up, amounting to $200,000.
  - Some good news: focus on advertising, supporting our members, and increasing our sustainability practices.
  - COVID effect: dramatic decline in revenues.
  - In summer we don't usually make a lot of profit anyway.
  - Business budget of $9 million, down $1 million because of COVID.
  - Especially affecting our Conferences & Catering business: severely impacted.
  - Did cut some expenses.
  - Blue Chip and Conferences & Catering usually our highest performers.
  - Our business focus, ever since we moved into the Nest, has been on Food & Beverage, leaving other retail to our tenants.
  - **Initiatives:**
    - Pie R has been suffering from competition, but we have a new pizza chef coming on in September, and we've been using Uber Eats for delivery.
    - Blue Chip: Going to introduce a patio and a take-out window.
    - Honour Roll: The sushi is dramatically different: made to order.
    - Gallery Lounge: New menu items.
    - Pit: No in person Pit Nights, but virtual ones.
    - Porch: Working to improve flavours.
    - Ph Tea: Was our smallest outlet and there's bubble tea competition now. Going to transform it into a food prep area.
    - Grand Noodle: Expanding menu and hours.
    - Iwana Taco: The Mexican restaurant was a success, but now we're looking for a rotating food profile: Indian food, other concepts.
  - New competitor businesses will be opening. Not yet: COVID delays.
- **Conferences & Catering:**
  - Looking at off campus catering.
  - Some caterers have gone under.
  - We're looking to move into that.
  - However, off site sales provide less revenue.
  - Two great revenue sources have been weddings and filming: Trialling micro-weddings (40-person events obeying provincial health guidelines).
Questions
Lawrence Liu:
- Why don’t we have food franchises in the Nest?
- Wouldn’t that drive business?

Keith Hester:
- Franchises mean less flexibility for us to follow our policies on sustainability and hiring student employees.
- Also, franchises cost money, which lowers the revenue contribution.

Emma Dodyk:
- At what point will we know which budget version we’re operating under?

Lucia Liang:
- Hopefully by the end of the first quarter.
- Version 3 is very unlikely.
- Hopefully it will be something between 1 and 2.

Max Holmes:
- The different versions were helpful; this was one of the most informative budgets ever.
- But for the business budget, why was there all this detail presented in person now but not in the actual budget?
- Also, did we really look at expenses in the Events Department? There’s a lack of detail.
- Increasingly, student government has eclipsed Services. I’m worried about that. Why aren’t we looking at a wage increase for Services?
  - The AMS motto We’ve Got Your Back comes from Services, and Services are going to be in higher demand now.
  - We see across the world a larger investment in student services, so why not a salary increase for them?

Keith Hester:
- We didn’t go through the business detail here as it was already done in the Finance Committee and for the Executive.
  - It would be a waste of Council’s time.
- Re Events budget:
  - We made substantial cuts.
  - We can’t do large-scale events.
  - We pulled the Welcome Back Barbecue.
  - Block Party is still a big question mark.
  - Any savings is going to Services.

Lucia Liang:
- I would love to go over this: the wage structure.
• I absolutely agree that we should revisit and come up with a solution.

Chris Hakim:
• Very informative budget.
• But for the business budget Code prescribes a detailed breakdown.
• The Board deserves to see a detailed breakdown.
• The businesses are a huge percentage of our operations.
• It’s hard to scribble notes while this is being presented.
• This is the responsibility of the Executive Committee: they have a duty of care.
• Can we expect to see a full breakdown if the budget comes back in August?
• I support wage support for the Services – and also more than the Services:
  o There should be hazard pay for frontline Food & Beverage staff.
  o Many other organizations are providing hazard pay.
  o Will the Executive report on hazard pay in the August budget update?

Keith Hester:
• If the Exec wants more business details, can do.
• Finance Committee is open to Councillors and the public.

Lucia Liang:
• Keith and I have talked about hazard pay.
• Recently, a grocery store chain stopped hazard pay.
• Despite that, we’ll take it back and investigate.

Cole Evans:
• We can bring a more detailed business budget.

Ryan Wong:
• It’s disappointing that Councillors are being expected to approve a budget without seeing the business budget.
• Also, why have we budgeted so much for First Week?

Lucia Liang:
• We’re working with the University to enhance the First Week experience.

Keith Hester:
• We’ve substantially reduced the spending on First Week:
  o We removed the First Week kits.
• But we will be doing smaller and virtual events.
• There’s still an amount.

Max Holmes:
• Is the AMS looking at the charge for square footage for retail space compared to what Properties Trust charges?
• Have we taken advantage of that to get a premium?
• How often do we renegotiate tenant contracts?
• Are Executives getting regular updates on business contributions?
• Has that elusive body, the Advisory Board, met?
• If not, why not?

Cole Evans:
• Keith provides the Executive with updates on the businesses.
• The Advisory Board actually met yesterday for the first time in a very long time, and spoke about COVID.
• The next meeting is scheduled for July 30.

Keith Hester:
• Renegotiated leases this year.
  o Most tenants are having to pay more.
  o Still cheaper than Properties Trust.
• I look at business expenditures every day and let the Executive know.
• We’re not in a loss position.

12. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD044-21], [SCD045-21]

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the final AMS Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

13. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED LAWRENCE LIU

“That the motion be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that the Finance Committee explore a wage increase for Student Services and report back on a monthly basis with their progress with a final report by the end of August.”

… No objections

14. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds
Ryan Wong:
- To confirm this is to approve both budgets?
- Where are the business details?

Cole Evans:
- It’s one budget.
- The relevant expenses are in the main budget.
- The business details are not included, but the relevant expenses are there.

15. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried


Against (2): Ryan Wong, Danny Liu

Abstain: Rachel Chan

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes)

Cole Evans:
- Recent police violence incident at UBCO: UBC student brutally handled by an RCMP officer.
  - We’d like to express our solidarity with the statement issued by the UBC SUO.
  - We will work closely with the UBC SUO on this.
• In this month of Black Lives Matter we’re committed to developing programs to make this a more inclusive and safe campus for all, especially Black members of the community.
• Finished our discussions on choosing a consultant for our Equity Plan.
• Working hard on Executive goals.
• Have a COVID-19 plan, thanks to our senior managers.
• Governance stuff.
• Working with the Communications Manager on restructuring his department and increasing our social media presence.
• Sent notice to the Board of Governors and the Registrar not to collect the $21 Athletics & Intramurals fee.
  o For some students that may make a difference.

Questions

Chris Hakim:
• Extremely important to hold ourselves and others responsible for systemic racism and police brutality.
• Why were no written Executive reports provided? Providing them beforehand makes it easier for us to ask questions.
• Besides our $21 athletics fee, have we looked at other fees we can suspend?

Cole Evans:
• Georgia did provide a written update, but too late to make it onto the agenda.
  o The Code suspension motion does not require written updates; it just makes it an option.
  o If Council wants to force this, you can do that.
  o Council has asked us for a lot of other reports.
• We did look at all our fees. Our conclusion was that the $21 fee was the main one to target. Others do not have as much impact.

Lucia Liang:
• Cole reached out to Constituency presidents about their fees.
• We’re talking to Studentcare and the University about how to do a refund.
• We’re also not afraid to tap into our subsidy fund, to make subsidies more accessible.
• In Health & Dental, we opened the Term 2 subsidy to Term 1 students: we exhausted that fund and tapped into the reserve.
• Those are the ways we are trying to help students.

Chris Hakim:
• I think the Code suspension did require the Exec to provide written reports.

Cole Evans:
• If required, we will do it.
L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes)

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
- Supporting guiding principles for student choice in course instruction.
  - What to expect for Fall teaching.
- Discussing lecture recording infrastructure.
- Asking UBC to suspend its Athletics and Rec fee to lessen the impact on students of the difficult financial situation.
- As of June 24 we have 6,293 responses to the COVID-19 survey.
- Seeking adequate student representation on UBC committees on race and leadership.
- Conversation about racism and police brutality.
  - We are asking UBC to review its relationship with the RCMP.
  - There’s a disproportionately high rate of police brutality towards Black and Indigenous people.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Concrete actions on racism and police brutality?

Georgia Yee:
- Starting discussions with the Black Student Union and external organizations like BLM Vancouver, making sure we amplify the leadership of Black and Indigenous groups.

VP External – Kalith Nanayakkara
- In light of recent events, it’s important to recognize that racism exists in Canada.
  - It will be one of our goals to advocate the collection of race-based data.
- Working for equity-based grants for marginalized communities.
- U-Pass grants:
  - Hearing from lots of grad students that they need transit.
  - Working with the GSS on a subsidy program for July and August, costing $1.2 million.
- UNA:
  - UBC arranging a mediation process for us and the UNA.
  - Just decided on a mediator.
- Student Legal Fund Society: Workshop on knowing your rights when protesting.
- Just hired a student as a political researcher for federal advocacy.
- Transitioned from relationship building at the provincial level to the federal level.
- UCRU: I’m running to be their governance chair.
- Housing and affordability.

Sylvester Mensah Jr. – VP Administration
- Finished hiring.
- Finding out clubs’ expectations for use of space.
Finding out their need for AMS support.
- Making sure the Hatch Art Gallery is inclusive.
- Put more information on sustainability on our website.
- Just got an AMS rep on UBC’s Climate Action Plan.

**VP Finance – Lucia Liang**
- Budget, reports.
- Two new staff.
- Working with IT to do remote desktop work: some staff not comfortable coming in.
- Reimbursements.

**Questions**

Mathew Ho:
- Is there a backlog?
- Still waiting on transactions from two months ago.

Lucia Liang:
- It’s in our accounting software.
- E-transfers.

Mathew Ho:
- Not e-transfers. Wire transfers.

Lucia Liang:
- Any money accounted for, you should be able to check.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**
- Delayed in getting Safewalk running.
- Revamping hiring: looking at marginalized groups.
- Tutoring: using the Nimbus app for online tutoring for both private sessions and groups.
- Advocacy Coordinator working on grade and exam issues: helping students fight.
- Housing:
  - Update coming on this new project.
  - Hiring someone to work on it.
- Trying to make the AMS more fun.
- Working on data analytics, new ways to collect data.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
- COVID Recovery Plan submitted: hope everyone had a chance to go through it.
- Working on the next version of the budget.
- Working on overall budget reforecast for Q1.
- Asked the Executive to look at a new quarterly reporting model.
- Expense management and ticketing software.
- A/C project details: bringing update next meeting.
Finalizing fiscal year end: Auditors coming on July 6.,
AMS Events doing a virtual Pit night.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each)

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu
• No report.

Advocacy – Joshua Kim
• Climate change consultant plan.
• Anti-racism.
• U-Pass suspension.
• Academic freedom.

Governance – Sebastian Cooper
• Who should chair the Operations and Finance committees? We are looking at that.
• Reviewing Constituency membership issue:
  o Getting an update from Katherine, the previous chair.
• Equity around committee appointments.
• Transition issues for committee chairs.

Finance – Lucia Liang
• Budget.
• Q4 report from last year.
• Endowment funds: working with the EUS on that.

Operations – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
• Goal setting.
• The new Neurodiverse and Disabled Alliance resource group spoke to us about their name:
  o They’re from the disabled community and did not find an issue with the name.
  o OpsCom agreed to keep the name as it is.

Student Life – Chrissa Rassias
• Goal setting.
• Focusing on including students at the Affiliates in our communications.
• Encouraging student engagement.
• Finding ways to make governance more accessible.

SHAPE – Cole Evans
• Hasn’t met.
• Need a strategic plan for the Hatch.
Steering – Cole Evans

- Met today.
- Goal setting.

N) Report from President’s Council (2 minutes)

Cole Evans:
- Met a couple of weeks ago.
- Great meeting.
- Code changes.
- Talked about student fees: some Constituencies interested in reducing theirs.

O) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson, and Historical Updates (2 minutes each)

Board of Governors – Jeannie Malone & Max Holmes

Jeannie Malone:
- President Ono made commitments to tackle racism and injustice on campus.
- Revisions to the sexual assault policy.
- COVID updates.
- Arts Student Centre.
- Employee Equity Centre.
- Divestment.
- Academic freedom.

Max Holmes:
- Michael Korenberg has resigned as Chair of the UBC Board of Governors due to his online behavior and remarks he made in subsequent interviews.
- First, I want to recognize the harm that was caused by his actions and words for so many in our community, during a time of increased harm for so many.
- His online social media interactions that promoted and supported regressive and racist voices online and undermined legitimate protests do not reflect the values of the other members of the Board of Governors.
- His decision to step down was appropriate.
- The Board of Governors reaffirmed its commitment to anti-racism and anti-discrimination.
- As Board members, we must always hold ourselves accountable, especially to the University community.
- We are committed to personally addressing systemic racism.
- As your student governors we will continue to hold the University executives and the entire Board to these commitments in collaboration with community members.
- The Board will be having important conversations around its values under the leadership of Acting Chair Sandra Cawley.
• These conversations will include how we can change training, orientations, and governance structures at the Board and across the University to address racism at the University, especially anti-Black racism.

Jeanie Malone:
• The Board is currently in the process of selecting a new chair.
• The provincial government will also be naming a new Board member.
• There is also a new UBC chancellor, Steven Point, as of July 1, replacing Lindsay Gordon.
• The Board finance committee is having a special meeting on July 20 to discuss the budget. It will then go to the full Board on July 27. (This is a delay from the usual April approval of the budget because of the need to analyze COVID implications.)

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• Is the resignation an opportunity to make the Board more accountable?

Max Holmes:
• We do think there has to be more community accountability.
• It would be helpful to invite more community members to speak to us.
• The more the Board interacts with community members, the better.

Senate – Chris Hakim
• Senate has not met.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
• In this time of concern over moving courses online, I thought I’d talk about something that everyone was happy to see move online: registration.
• In the old days, till 1986, registration was done in person and could take hours or days: students had to run from one table to another to sign up for their courses.
• Then the University introduced something called Telereg (registration over the phone).
• Finally in the mid-90’s came online registration.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• What would happen if you couldn’t make it to in-person registration?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• You mean if you were sick or not in Vancouver yet?
• Not sure. Maybe they would let you do it by mail or you would register later.
P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council

Q) Executive Committee Motions

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

S) Committee Motions

16. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR., SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD046-21]

“That Council approve the sustainability priorities contained in the June Sustainability report as presented.”

Chris Hakim:
- The priorities here are lacklustre, just maintaining the status quo.
- We need to be more ambitious, taking the lead.
- We are in a climate crisis.
- Waste programs have little or no impact.
- And there’s no mention of COVID-19.
  - Others are taking advantage of COVID.
- Should be aiming for net carbon zero emissions by 2025.
- We need to work with other student unions.
- We need more than divesting; we need sustainable investing.
- Need more advocacy.
- Need to show the costs to the environment.
- This is not just on the VP Admin: the whole Exec should be involved.
- There’s a lot missing in this report.
- I encourage tabling this so it can be brought back next time to show we’re ready to be a leader in this field.

Clara Sismondo:
- It’s good to be addressing sustainability goals, but this doesn’t do so fully.
- Need to look at the contradiction between sustainability and development.
- Have to look at a sustainable future.
- Should have addressed COVID-19 and brought in more justice-related items such as affordability and accessibility.
- Need to be more ambitious; not just environmental.

Mathew Ho:
- Need more detail.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- Thanks for the suggestions.
- I agree that COVID-19 provides advantages, giving us a chance to look at action in our building.
But I do think our goals in the report are ambitious.
For this year we decided to increase our collaborative approach.
There are various groups that do not necessarily collaborate.
This is not just for AMS Sustainability; it’s going to our subsidiaries.
We hope to ensure we track the progress of the subsidiaries.
I do know there are other Executives who have a more justice-focused approach, and I can certainly include approaches from the VP External and the VPAUA.
We’re definitely trying to be more proactive.
There’s no reason not to pass this.
We can reconvene and bring updates.
Little drops of water make a mighty ocean.

Cole Evans:
A lot of conversation today has been quite critical of Executives for following precedents, for doing something very similar to what has been done in the past.
There’s a morale effect in saying something is lacklustre.
If Councillors would like changes, frame it in a more progress-based way.

Chris Hakim:
I’m not going to take back the word lacklustre.
We have largely just been following precedent because it’s comfortable.
But we’re in a crisis.
And it’s good to hear about collaboration, but there’s more we can add:
  - Sustainable investing
  - Working with other student unions.
It’s fine to say small drops will make an ocean, but now we need the ocean.
We should talk of what the AMS, a multi-million dollar institution, can do.

17. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That this motion be tabled to the next meeting and the Executive Committee come back to the next Council meeting with a more robust report.”

... No objections

18. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR., SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That Council approve the sustainability priorities contained in the June Sustainability report as presented.”

... Tabled
T) Other Business and Notice of Motions

Email Vote: [SCD046A-21]

WHEREAS the University has announced that the delivery of a majority of courses for the fall semester will be held online,

WHEREAS the intention of the AMS Athletics and Intramural Fee is to support recreational programming for students,

WHEREAS it is widely projected that there will be a significantly reduced number of students on campus and available recreational programming resulting in reduced access to the benefit of this fee,

WHEREAS the President must notify the University within a short period of time to successfully waive the administering of the fee,

WHEREAS the AMS has signed an MoU with the University regarding the fee which must still be amended to execute the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS Council authorize the President to notify the Board of Governors and the Registrar to not collect the $21.00 AMS Athletics and Intramural fee for the Fiscal Year in accordance with AMS Bylaw 14(7).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council accept the changes to the AMS Code of Procedure Section XIII: Fees: Article III.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council direct the President to provide an update on the situation at the June 24th, 2020 meeting of AMS Council."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

Yes: 19
No: 0
Abstain: 0

U) Discussion Period

V) Submissions

AMS Covid 19 Response Plan [SCD047-21]
Q4 Quarterly Financial Report [SCD048-21]
Sustainability Priorities Presentation [SCD049-21]
June Advocacy Committee Report [SCD050-21]
Finance Committee May report [SCD051-21]
W) Next Meeting

July 15, 2020

X) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Y) Social Activity
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