

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssy), Andrew Ha (Ubyssy), Saad Shoaib (AVP External), 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.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement

- We are uninvited guests on stolen lands.
- We need a solution to our occupation of land that is not ours.
- Our actions should be in line with solidarity efforts with our host nations.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Emma Dodyk:

- I would like to pull the Sustainability Goals from the consent agenda.
- Move them to Executive Committee motions above the UNA motion.

Jake Reznik:

- Add a Zoom in the Classroom discussion

Mathew Ho:

- Remove the Executive Goals from the consent agenda and move them to Executive Committee motions below the Sustainability Priorities.

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (30): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Kristian Oppenheim, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Haruka Higo, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Laura Beaudry, Keira Britto (proxy for Annika Szarka), Sebastian Cooper, Rio Picollo, Christian Bailey, Jake Reznik, Kevin Kang, Elsabe Fourie, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Shovon Das, Danny Liu, Sean Ryan, Daniel Martin

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

New Members: Kristian Oppenheim (Commerce), Shovon Das (Science)

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

Goodbyes: Sanjay Khemani (Commerce), Clara Sismondo (Science) Haruka Higo (Education)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes)

The Speaker:

- Let me know if you are having trouble accessing the meeting.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

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

AMS Council minutes dated March 25, 2020	[SCD052-21]
AMS Council minutes dated April 9, 2020	[SCD053-21]
AMS Council minutes dated April 22, 2020	[SCD054-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 17, 2020	[SCD055-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 24, 2020	[SCD056-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 2, 2020	[SCD057-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 9, 2020	[SCD058-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 16, 2020	[SCD059-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 30, 2020	[SCD060-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated June 4, 2020	[SCD061-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated June 15, 2020	[SCD062-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 15, 2020	[SCD063-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 16, 2020	[SCD064-21]

From the Commerce Undergraduate Society [SCD065-21]

"That AMS Council approve the temporary reduction of the CUS Membership fee from \$269.68 to \$175.00 for the 2020/21 Year and that the President notify the Board of Governors."

... Carried

For (27): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby

Barnard, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Kristian Oppenheim, Ryan Wong, Haruka Higo, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Keira Britto (proxy for Annika Szarka), Sebastian Cooper, Rio Picollo, Christian Bailey, Jake Reznik, Kevin Kang, Elsabe Fourie, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Shovon Das, Danny Liu, Sean Ryan, Daniel Martin

Abstained: James Chen

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

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

From the Finance Committee

“That Council amend the Budget to include a \$8,500 line item in the SASC budget for Case Management Software.”

From the Finance Committee

[SCD066-21]

“That Council amend the Budget to add \$17,180 to the AMS Equity Plan line item for a total of \$24,680.”

... Carried

For (27): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Lawrence Liu, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Kristian Oppenheim, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Haruka Higo, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Keira Britto (proxy for Annika Szarka), Sebastian Cooper, Christian Bailey, Jake Reznik, Kevin Kang, Elsabe Fourie, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Shovon Das, Danny Liu, Sean Ryan, Daniel Martin

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

Transit Subsidy Update – Kalith Nanayakkara

[SCD067-21]

- The U-Pass serves 10 postsecondary institutions, providing subsidized transit for students.
- It was suspended because of the pandemic and the resulting low ridership.
- But some students still need transit this summer.
- As of now the plan is to reinstate the U-Pass in September and all students would pay again.
- Discussions are ongoing to look for the best solution.
- We did a survey that showed that 34-36% of students are still relying on transit this summer.
- We launched an AMS transit subsidy form, estimating that 8,000 students would benefit: they would be buying full price bus passes, but paying only the U-Pass price.
- UBC allocated funds to pay for this subsidy.
- We’ve announced this on our website and are putting the word out.

Questions

Shovon Das:

- How many people have applied?

Kalith Nanayakkara:

- Just under 100.

Laura Beaudry:

- Are we bringing back the U-Pass program in September?

Kalith Nanayakkara:

- It's currently scheduled to be reinstated automatically on September 1, but there are lots of students who will be outside Vancouver then.
- We're working on solutions.

Ryan Wong:

- Are we confident that a majority of students will benefit from the return of the U-Pass?

Kalith Nanayakkara:

- That's exactly the conversations we're having.

James Chen:

- Are the subsidies for the summer or for the school year?
- And are they first come, first served?

Kalith Nanayakkara:

- The subsidies are for July and August.
- Not first come first served.
- If it comes down to it, we will decided based on financial need.

Mathew Ho:

- How will the money be disbursed?

Kalith Nanayakkara:

- Credit to your SSC (Student Service Centre) account.
- Or students can talk to UBC.
- The Affiliated Colleges are covered under this too.

Danny Liu:

- Why was the presentation not circulated ahead of time?
- Especially with all these numbers.

Kalith Nanayakkara:

- Most of this information is online, on the subsidy form.

Cole Evans:

- It hasn't been the custom to submit presentations ahead of time.
- If you'd like to see that, let us know.

Services Strategies and Plans – Ian Stone

[SCD068-21]

- We have six services plus a potential new housing service:
 - Currently posting a job opportunity for that.
- Our aim is to be:
 - Supportive: helping those who need assistance.
 - In Demand: Services must be wanted by the students, or we'll cut them.
 - Accessible: Making sure students can access the services.
- Strengths and Opportunities:
 - Eight of our 10 Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators have been previously involved, and I'm returning for a second year. So we have continuity.
 - We're updating our hiring and training practices for volunteers.
 - COVID-19 has forced us to be innovative.
 - We're grateful for the support from the AMS and other partners at UBC.
- Three broad strategies:
 - Marketing and Outreach.
 - Data Collection.
 - Internal Restructuring (improving how we recruit, train, and promote).
- Marketing and Outreach:
 - Creating explainer videos and using stock photos.
 - There were complaints about Speakeasy: no one knew what it was.
 - Investing in physical signage, digital ads, swag.
 - Working with professors to include Tutoring information in their syllabuses.
- Data Collection:
 - Getting a new system to replace Olivewood.
 - Working to reach Affiliate students.
 - Heat map for Safewalk, to show where we serve clients.
 - Last year talked of opening a second hub in Engineering.
- Internal Restructuring:
 - Clearer guidelines for management responsibilities/opportunities.
 - Volunteer training day for all Services together, so they can meet each other.
 - Seeking advice on recruitment, hiring, etc. from campus employers.
- Measuring Success:
 - Plans, data, feedback.
 - Will come back to Council.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Any specific marketing for first years?

Ian Stone:

- Jump Start: during the times for information and orientation there.

Chris Hakim:

- Fantastic presentation.
- You mentioned adapting to COVID-19: What adaptations might be useful permanently?

Ian Stone:

- We developed new features on the Nimbus tutoring app for COVID which would allow us to operate completely online if we want.

Sebastian Cooper:

- Can you share your online resources with students in the Law school?

Ian Stone:

- I'll make sure to share with you and other schools.

Cole Evans:

- Chris raised an important point about permanent adaptations resulting from COVID.
- We can be using COVID as an opportunity to transition to an online presence.
 - This goes beyond Services: our accounting for clubs, Events, etc.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

HR Committee (1 Councillor):

Nominee: Laura Beaudry (Indigenous Seat)

Advocacy Committee (1 Councillor)

Nominees: Laura Beaudry (Indigenous Seat), Shovon Das (Science), Mathew Ho (Arts)

Chosen: Laura Beaudry

Sustainability Subcommittee (1 Councillor)

Nominee: Laura Beaudry (Indigenous Seat)

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

“That Paige Braithwaite be appointed to the SHAPE Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2021.”

“That Laura Beaudry (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Laura Beaudry (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Laura Beaudry (one Councillor) be appointed to the Sustainability Subcommittee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2021.”

... No objections

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes)

Cole Evans

- Busy time.
- Very much on the fly with week to week issues, adapting, while also delivering the same level of progress and innovation expected of us.
- Executive Goals and Sustainability Goals being pulled from the Consent items again:
 - We’ve received feedback and made changes.
 - Please make sure any further feedback is expressed constructively.
 - We appreciated the comments we received from Emma, who went through the goals, giving comments on each KPI: it gave us better direction.
 - That’s easier than just having a conversation at Council.
- Super happy to be working with Adeline Huynh (of The Commons consulting firm) on the equity plan:
 - We’re creating an implementation committee to guide the process.
- Working with Execs on their goals.
- Working on Q1 budget reforecast with Keith and Lucia.
- Federal wage subsidy extended until December: really happy about that.
- Generally, we’ve been able to navigate the pandemic pretty effectively.

Questions

Chris Hakim:

- Follow up on hazard pay discussion from our last meeting.

Cole Evans:

- We’ve been talking about retroactive hazard pay for March and April.
- We’ve effectively created a safe environment now.
- There’s not a lot of reason to be giving out hazard pay from May 19, when the Nest reopened.
- It’s not the industry standard, especially in Vancouver.
- We’d have other workers asking.

Chris Hakim:

- Some industries are taking a different approach, and we don’t have to follow the industry standard.
- What are we doing for Food and Beverage employees? Our front line staff.

- How are we showing gratitude?

Cole Evans:

- We have a senior leadership meeting tomorrow at which we will discuss workplace culture during COVID and beyond.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes)

VP Academic & University Affairs - Georgia Yee

[SCD069-21]

- COVID-19 survey – over 7,000 responses, one of the largest responses to an AMS survey ever. Thanks to the GSS and UBC PAIR for their help.
- Proctorio letter.
- Everything else is in my submission.

Questions

Chris Hakim

- Amazing survey.
- What are some of the takeaways and how are you incorporating this into your advocacy?

Georgia Yee:

- International students are the most affected.
- That's not a surprise.
- I will go more in depth at our next meeting.

Danny Liu:

- What role did UBC PAIR play?

Georgia Yee:

- Helped a lot with the actual implementation of the survey in Qualtrics and with distribution.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone

[SCD070-21]

- I've submitted and presented.

VP External – Kalith Nanayakkara

[SCD071-21]

- Thanks to my staff and the GSS for helping with advocacy.
- UNA mediation.
- Transit: just spoke.
- Equity-based grants:
 - Research to obtain data to present to governments.
 - Conversations with MLA's and departments.
- Working with UCRU:

- UCRU is going through the exciting process of becoming a much more formal organization, much less ad hoc.
- Provincial advocacy.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Working on Budget version 3.
- Program for Health & Dental Plan subsidies.
- Auditors here.
- Building preparedness for September.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang

[SCD072-21]

- Still adjusting budget: changes every week.
- We were expecting that 95% of students would not be on campus, but now we're hearing that it will be 50%.
- Looking into how the wage subsidy will affect our budget.
- Club support.

Questions

Emma Dodyk:

- You were expecting only 5% of the student body to be on campus?

Lucia Liang:

- Yes, we thought the campus would be mostly empty, but now we're hearing differently.

Georgia Yee:

- Student housing has told us they're expecting 50% occupancy.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.

[SCD073-21]

- Have resumed room bookings to a certain extent.
- Clubs fall engagement survey: got great responses (180): gave us a better sense of what clubs need.
- Hatch Art Gallery:
 - Finalizing exhibitions for the year.
 - Tough: in-person won't happen.
 - Alternative programming.
- Sustainability:
 - Updating the Sustainability report.
 - Connecting with the Climate Hub about an MoU.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each)

Advocacy – Joshua Kim

- Had three meetings.

- Climate action.
- Anti-racism and academic freedom.

Operations Committee – Sylvester Mensah Jr.

- Discussed results of the clubs engagement survey:
 - Clubs don't have issues with making bookings safe.
 - Unfortunately, many clubs are saying they won't operate in the fall, but we are working with them to make sure they can.
 - Want to help them find alternative ways to host events.
 - Looking at issues of recruitment, changing membership fees.
 - Looking at workshops on personal leadership development that we can provide to clubs.

Student Life – Sylvester Mensah Jr. (for Chrissa Rassias)

- Finalizing goals.
- Working with Communications.
- Working to connect with the affiliated colleges and better include them.
- Received presentations from Services.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu

- No report.

SHAPE – Cole Evans

- No updates.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu

- Great discussions, but no quorum.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans

- Discussed goals.
- All committee goals will come to Council.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang

- Working on goals now that the budget is done.
- Budget amendments.
- Funds access.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper

- Constituency membership issues: spoke to the previous Chair about these.
- AMS disciplinary action proposal.
- Committee chair transitions.
- Discussed Policy I-9 (Executive goals) and KPI's.
- Finalizing work on committee chair review (for Operations and Finance Committees).

- This will come to Council by the end of the summer.
- Waiting for input from committee members.

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

- No report.

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone

- Meeting on budget.
- Usually this is in April but delayed because of the pandemic.
- Meeting more.
- Should our reports be written?

Cole Evans:

- One recommendation to Governance is a shift to everyone doing written updates.
- Council time could be spent more on questions.
- Maybe committee reports should be quarterly.
- Probably Board and Senate reports too.

Emma Dodyk:

- Any updates on the Board Chair resignation?

Jeanie Malone:

- The Board has been email voting on a new Chair.
- That announcement should come soon.
- Their term will start on July 27.

Senate – Chris Hakim

- The Senate is also meeting more often.
- Welcomed Dr. Steven Point as the new UBC Chancellor. He's the first Indigenous person to hold that position.
- Establishing a School of Creative Writing.
- Revising the transcript notation for COVID-19.
- Triennial review.
- Final report from SACADI (the Senate Ad hoc Committee on Academic Diversity and Inclusion).

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- The External Office was asking about World War II, and so I have brought you my favourite photo:
 - From World War II, students marching across campus wearing gas masks and looking like aliens.

- The war was a time of anxiety here for students who, if they failed at Christmas, would become eligible for the draft.
- Students always get anxious about exams, but in this case ...
- Not much focus on mental health in those days; Speakeasy not created till 1970.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council

Q) Executive Committee Motions

6. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR., SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD075-21]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the Sustainability priorities contained in the June Sustainability report as presented.”

Emma Dodyk:

- This new version of the report doesn't really introduce systemic changes or a roadmap.
- It's just a series of fun projects.
- They're not necessarily bad, just they may not be the direction we want to be going.

Chris Hakim:

- Thanks for looking again at the Sustainability priorities.
- I'm glad some suggestions were incorporated, but one that still needs to be added is researching how to get to net zero carbon emissions by 2025.
- It's a question of whether we want to say we're committed.
- This is not a criticism; it's more of a hope that we can follow scientific and expert recommendations.

Cole Evans:

- We're 100% on the same page.
- One of my goals is to do that this year.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- The current report says we will seek net zero as soon as possible.
- Putting a date in does not make it more ambitious, but if Council's preference is to set the date as 2025, we can do that.
- Anyone looking at past priorities might think those were just a set of “fun” projects.
- This year we are trying to do something different: we're trying to be more collaborative: with undergraduate societies, clubs, etc.

Sebastian Cooper:

- Maybe update to say 2025 instead of 2030.
- We should be at the forefront as a leader.

- It's good to hear talk of 2025, but it should be in the report.

Georgia Yee:

- Important work is being done, led by experts like the Climate Hub and UBC C350.
- We're noting how climate change disproportionately affects marginalized communities

7. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMMA DODYK:

"That the Sustainability Priorities document be amended to include a commitment to a carbon neutral AMS by the year 2025 or sooner."

Emma Dodyk:

- Net zero should be the overarching objective, with the other projects supporting it as the main goal.
- Now net zero is just one of a list of items.
- This should have been more holistic.
- All the symposiums, audits, art pieces should have been supporting projects to the main aim of becoming carbon net zero.
- A semantics issue perhaps.

Chris Hakim:

- I'm glad we're committing to an earlier date.
- Potentially, a presentation would be good.
- Thanks to all.
- I hope we can do something impactful for the environment.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- I would like to make clear that the reference to 2030 in the report was just a reference to UBC's commitment.
- That was not part of our timeline.
- Moving forward, I hope we can all work collaboratively.

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMMA DODYK:

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... No objections

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

"Be it resolved that Council approve the Sustainability priorities contained in the June Sustainability report as presented.

Be it further resolved that the Sustainability Priorities document be amended to include a commitment to a carbon neutral AMS by the year 2025 or sooner.”

... Carried

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10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

[SCD074-21]

“That the Executive Goals for the 2020/21 Year be accepted as presented.”

Mathew Ho:

- There are still some areas that need more detail.

Ryan Wong:

- Thank you to the Executive for resubmitting, especially to Saad and Kalith for reaching out to me. Also the AVP Administration.
- My main concern still is about the gap between KPI's and goals.
- The Student Services Manager goals are very clear; I appreciate that.
- But overall the goals are still too much saying, This is what we want instead of saying how we will achieve that or how we will measure that achievement.

Emma Dodyk:

- This is definitely improved.
- Maybe KPI's are not the best way to evaluate goals and successes of the Executive.
- Some of these are long-term projects or not controlled by the AMS. They may be about trying to convince UBC or the government to do something.
- Maybe this should be referred to Governance: we can't keep sending the goals back if it's the system that's the problem.

Cole Evans:

- Services does a lot of data tracking, so they can say if they've met certain quantitative goals.
- The VP External is without the means of tracking data.
- KPI's can be important, but maybe not as the main way to evaluate goal achievement.
- Policy I-9 on Executive Goals is actually up for review this year, and we can express these concerns to Governance.

Georgia Yee:

- There are measurables in some portfolios; we do have the Academic Experience Survey.
- But it may be difficult to get some action items acted on.

Ryan Wong:

- Definitely work to be done on reviewing the policy and on collecting data.
- I recognize the difficulties in measuring advocacy goals.
- So how do you want us as a Council to hold the Executive accountable?

Cole Evans:

- Each Executive portfolio has unique needs.
- For advocacy an Exec can highlight the work they want to complete.
- Georgia and I want UBC to get a business enterprise project going, but it's in UBC's hands; we can just push.
- But there should be some way to show the Board we have been doing advocacy on this.
- There are qualitative ways.
- An Exec could list the efforts made to make something happen: monthly meetings, sitting on working groups, making connections, submitting letters and reports.
- Maybe something like our new quarterly reports.
- We proposed Executive peer evaluations.
- The question is: How do you evaluate each portfolio's work without going back to the cursed era of the Oversight Committee?
- It's not just numeric indicators.
- My assistant and I will be available to consult with Governance.

Georgia Yee:

- We can look at check-in periods.

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

"That the Executive Goals for the 2020/21 Year be accepted as presented."

... Carried

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Against (1): Ryan Wong

Abstained: Sebastian Cooper, Georgia Yee

12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA: [SCD076-21]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA).

Be it further resolved that Council agree to the addendum containing expanded and amended language relating to the MoA submitted by the UNA, as negotiated by representatives from the UNA, the President, and the VP External Affairs.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- We rejected the first MoA.
- We engaged with the UNA.
- UBC facilitated the mediation process.
- We had a 10-hour long session.
- Main issues included a voting seat for the AMS on the UNA Board and enabling students to run for the Board, given the extension of terms from two to three years.
- We’re pretty happy with the mediation.
- This is the best case scenario.
- Then there was an addendum: the UNA Board, after the mediation, wanted to add clauses. We met again and agreed.

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA, THIRDED RYAN WONG:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 8:35 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:30 pm.

Chris Hakim:

- The most important thing for the AMS is student representation.
- This began when the UNA decided to review its bylaws to become more like a municipality.
- They decided to remove appointed directors, like the AMS director, and to go to three to four-year terms.
- The issue is that this makes student representation difficult: they’re creating barriers that will keep students and short-term renters from running to serve on their Board.
- Students would only get one chance to run.
- We tried to accommodate. We presented alternatives, like annual elections for one seat or a dedicated seat for short-term renters.
- It’s not that the AMS needs to be represented; it’s that students need to be represented.

- Some say losing voting rights is not important because the AMS had only one vote out of eight.
- But the three student votes on UBC's 21-member Board of Governors matter a lot.
- If there's an under-represented group in terms of our members, we should push.
- There's talk of us getting a voice on committees. That's not enough. Being represented at the highest level means more.
- We shouldn't be agreeable to cutting out students and short-term renters.

Cole Evans:

- All those things are lovely, and we've been having conversations about them for 18 months, but nothing got done.
- Now we have solutions.
- I disagree with the word "agreeable." We're not just lying down; we had 14 hours of negotiating.
- The Executive recommends this.
- This isn't just a lacklustre attempt to make this go away.
- This is the result of a lot of hard work.

Chris Hakim:

- No one's saying you didn't try.
- But we need to keep trying harder.
- We were ready to mobilize students.
- We should go to the UNA general meeting with students.
- We shouldn't tolerate groups putting up barriers.
- And it's not that we didn't get anything done.
- We spent 12 months to get what you have there.
- I would advise the Board not to think this MoA is the path forward. It's not.

Mathew Ho:

- Lots of work for the AMS whether this passes or not.
- I appreciate what the Executive has done.

Sebastian Cooper:

- What happens if this fails?

Cole Evans:

- Then essentially we're back to Square 1.

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (22): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Laura Beaudry, Ruby Barnard, Kristian Oppenheim, Varada Saha, Haruka Higo, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Sebastian Cooper, Alexandra Arbelaez, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Jake Reznik, Kevin Kang, Jimmy Kim, Shovon Das, James Chen, Ryan Wong

Abstained: Mathew Ho, Lawrence Liu, Danny Liu, Joshua Kim, Daniel Martin, Chris Sundby

15. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED EMMA DODYK:

“That the meeting be extended by one hour.”

... Defeated

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

S) Committee Motions

16. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD077-21]

From the Executive and Finance Committees

“That Council on the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committees authorize the spending of \$72,968 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Reserve to replace wornout Audio/Visual Equipment.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The balance in the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund is \$450,800.94.

Lucia Liang:

- This is to replace wornout A/V equipment.
- A lot of our clubs use it.

Keith Hester:

- 86% of our bookings are for our student clubs.
- That’s good because our aim is to serve students, but it’s bad because it means our A/V is taking more wear than hoped.
- It was expected to last seven years and instead is worn out after five.
- Looking for \$72,968, including shipping, labour, and taxes.

- It will take 3-4 weeks to complete.

Emma Dodyk:

- I know how much of a pain it is to have A/V equipment that doesn't work.
- This will be worth every penny.

17. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Executive and Finance Committees

"That Council on the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committees authorize the spending of \$72,968 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Reserve to replace wornout Audio/Visual Equipment."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The balance in the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund is \$450,800.94.

... Carried

For (24): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Lucia Liang, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Laura Beaudry, Kristian Oppenheim, Haruka Higo, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Sebastian Cooper, Alexandra Arbelaez, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Kevin Kang, Jimmy Kim, Shovon Das, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Lawrence Liu, Mathew Ho, Danny Liu, Joshua Kim, Daniel Martin, Chris Sundby

18. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD078-21]

From the Finance Committee

"That Council amend its motion of November 7, 2018 to increase the amount of funding allocated from the Capital Projects Fund for Air Conditioning from \$88,120 to \$106,347."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Keith Hester:

- One reason some Audio/Visual equipment failed is because of heat.
- Council approved funding for air conditioning to fix that.
- In construction UBC said guard rails would be required.
- In order to keep going we paid the cost of that, so now we want to go back and approve the larger amount.

19. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee

“That Council amend its motion of November 7, 2018 to increase the amount of funding allocated from the Capital Projects Fund for Air Conditioning from \$88,120 to \$106,347.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (23): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Lucia Liang, Laura Beaudry, Kristian Oppenheim, Haruka Higo, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Sebastian Cooper, Alexandra Arbelaez, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Jake Reznik, Kevin Kang, Jimmy Kim, Shovon Das, Ryan Wong, Lawrence Liu, Mathew Ho, Danny Liu, Joshua Kim, Daniel Martin, Chris Sundby

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions

U) Discussion Period

Zoom in the classroom

Jake Reznik:

- Lots of students in Hong Kong are very concerned that new laws in China will have dangerous consequences if someone on a Zoom call mentions something critical of China.
- This is super super important.
- We need to send a message.

Sebastian Cooper:

- Why Zoom rather than other platforms?

Jake Reznik:

- The Chinese government asked Zoom to shut down a meeting.
- There's a history of silencing pro-democracy forces.

Georgia Yee:

- Thanks for bringing this up.
- We stand behind pro-democratic movements and oppose the oppression of the Uyghur people and others.
- I will be speaking with the Vice-Provost International about this.
- We're pushing for UBC to make a commitment on students being affected by crackdowns.
- Zoom has been cleared for FIPPA compliance.
- It's something to work on to get UBC to protect students abroad, not just in China.

20. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED LAURA BEAUDRY:

“That the meeting be extended by 30 minutes.”

... Defeated

Guest:

- Even if outside China there is danger.
- Data is routed through China.
- Some countries are banning Zoom for disclosing personal data.
- From a personal perspective, I'm worried.
- I'm pleading for UBC to protect the academic freedom of students.
- Students in China and Hong Kong are worried about this.

Mathew Ho:

- I strongly believe we should look into this further at another meeting.
- This needs a lot more discussion. And not just here, but at Senate and the Board of Governors.
- We need to protect the safety of our students.
- And not just the ones from Hong Kong.

V) Submissions

COVID-19 Survey Results	[SCD079-21]
NUS VP Election 2020 Results	[SCD080-21]
Governance Committee July Report	[SCD081-20]
Open letter re the use of Proctorio	[SCD082-21]

W) Next Meeting

August 5, 2020

X) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 pm.

Y) Social Activity

July 15, 2020 Roster

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

Name	Constituency	Present	Proxy
Kareem Ibrahim	Speaker of Council	X	
Cole Evans	President	X	
Georgia Yee	VP Academic	X	
Sylvester Mensah Jr.	VP Administration	X	
Kalith Nanayakkara	VP External Affairs	X	
Lucia Liang	VP Finance	X	
Ian Stone	Student Services Mgr	X	
Ruby Barnard	Architecture	X	
Lawrence Liu	Arts	X	
Sherly Prince	Arts		
Joshua Kim	Arts	X	
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	
Carter MacLean	Arts	X	
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone	BoG	X	
Max Holmes	BoG		
Kristian Oppenheim	Commerce	X	
James Chen	Commerce	X	
Varada Saha	Dentistry	X	
Ryan Wong	Economics	X	
Haruka Higo	Education	X	
Emma Dodyk	Engineering	X	
Nadir Nurali	Engineering	X	
Alexandra Arbelaez	Forestry	X	
Jackson Schumacher	Graduate Studies		
	Graduate Studies		
Nevena Rebic	Graduate Studies		
	Graduate Studies		
Laura Beaudry	Indigenous Seat	X	
	Journalism		
Annika Kamyabi	Kinesiology		Keira Britto
Rachel Chan	Land & Food Systems	X	Megan Fretz for part
Sebastian Cooper	Law		
Rio Picollo	Library/Archival	X	
Jeremy Zuo	Medicine		
Christian Bailey	Music	X	
Jake Reznik	Nursing	X	
	Ombudsperson		
Kevin Kang	Pharmacy	X	
Elsabe Fourie	Planning	X	

	Population & Public Health		
Chris Sundby	Regent College	X	
Danny Liu	Science	X	
Shovon Das	Science	X	
Jimmy Kim	Science	X	
Chris Hakim	Senate	X	
Alex Gonzalez	Senate	X	
Sean Ryan	St. Mark's	X	
Chrissa Rassias	Social Work		
Daniel Martin	VST	X	