

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubysey), Lalaine Alindogan (Ubysey), Pawan Minhas (Ubysey), Ben Du (student), Shivani Mehta (AMS AVP Academic), Mahmoud Borno (Colour Connected), Isabelle Ava-Pointon (AMS Chief Electoral Officer), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant).

A) Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- Stolen and unceded land of the Musqueam.
- Never given over in a treaty.
- Not invited to be here.
- Our being here is an act of violence.
- We need to make our best efforts to work in harmony.
- Indigenous solidarity measures.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

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

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Ryan Wong:

- Pull the face covering motion from the Consent Items and move to Committee Motions.

Sebastian Cooper:

- No document for the AGM motion.

Cole Evans:

- There are no background materials.
- It’s just setting a date.

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

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Agam Gill (St. Mark's), Eshana Bhangu (Senate), Anisha Sandhu (Senate), Katherine Feng (Science)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, Education, Social Work

Goodbyes: Sean Ryan (St. Mark's), Chris Hakim (Senate), Alex Gonzalez (Senate), Shovon Das (Science), Chrissa Rassias (Social Work)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- Email me about anything I can do to make the meeting more accessible or enjoyable.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE (regular majority):

"That the following consent items be accepted as presented."

AMS Council minutes dated June 24, 2020	[SCD156-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 19, 2020	[SCD157-21]
Sustainability Sub Committee minutes dated August 4, 2020	[SCD158-21]
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated July 21, 2020	[SCD159-21]

"That Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, set the date of the 2020 Annual General Meeting to take place on October 29, 2020."

... Carried

For (30): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Lawrence Liu, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, James Chen, Varada Saha, Ryan Wong, Chantelle Chang (proxy for Emma Dodyk), Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Laura Beaudry, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Rio Picollo, Jeremy Zuo, Christian Bailey, Elsabe Fourie, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Winnie Kan (proxy for Danny Liu), Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG (2/3rds majority):

"That the following consent items be accepted as presented."

From the Governance Committee

[SCD160-21]. [SCD161-21]

"That Council change clauses (l) and (m) of Code Section IX A, Article 9(1), to the proposed wording as presented."

From the Finance Committee

[SCD164-21], [SCD165-21]
[SCD164-21], [SCD165-21]

“That Council approve the AMS Budget Q1 Reforecast as presented.”

“That Council approve changes
to the Clubs Benefit Fund in the AMS Code of Procedure as presented.”

[SCD166-21]

... Carried

For (29): Cole Evans, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Lawrence Liu, Josh Kim, Mathew Ho, James Chen, Varada Saha, Ryan Wong, Chantelle Chang (proxy for Emma Dodyk), Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Laura Beaudry, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Rio Picollo, Jeremy Zuo, Christian Bailey, Elsabe Fourie, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Winnie Kan (proxy for Danny Liu), Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

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

Textbook Broke Campaign – Georgia Yee (VPAUA) and Shivani Mehta (AVP Academic)

[SCD167-21]

Georgia Yee:

- Launched many years ago.
- Average amount students spent on textbooks last year: \$884.

Shivani Mehta:

- OER's (Open Educational Resources) are free course materials gathered under Creative Commons licensing.
- Equitable learning resources.
- Should be incorporated in your courses.
- A lot of students are unaware that these exist.

Georgia Yee:

- Working with CTLT (Centre for Teaching and Learning Technology).
- The idea is to promote open education. That's the point of the campaign.
- Education should be accessible to all.

Shivani Mehta:

- Since 2018 UBC's Senates have been developing principles around the affordability of learning material.
- The UBCO Senate has provisionally passed Policy O-131 on this.

Georgia Yee:

- The campaign is meant to raise awareness about the price of textbooks and point to alternatives (the OER's).
- Want to gather signatures.
- Contact your instructors about these resources.
- This is a digital learning atmosphere.
- The eventual goal is education accessible to all, including free education.
- Collaborating with other student unions in BC, including the UBC SUO, and with UBC Library. Also AMS External.

Shivani Mehta showed campaign material and discussed giveaways.

Georgia Yee:

- We will do another OER award this year to honour faculty members who create and use OER's.
- They will get a letter from the UBC President and the AMS President.
- Read our open letter and sign the petition.

Questions

Laura Beaudry:

- Is this only about online material?
- What about people who can't use a computer for a long period?

Georgia Yee:

- It's about making all materials more accessible.
- We are working with the Centre for Accessibility to provide resources for students with invisible disabilities.

Academic Experience Survey – Georgia Yee

[SCD168-21]

- Annual survey that supports our data driven advocacy and shapes advocacy priorities.
- Used across the AMS.
- Respondent profile:
 - 14% were international students.
 - Nearly 60% were from the Lower Mainland.
 - 42% male, 54% female, 2% non-binary.
 - 1684 undergraduates, 486 grad students.
 - More than half of the undergraduates were from Arts or Science.
- Academic Trends:
 - 40% reported taking a reduced course load for financial or personal reasons or because of a long commute.
 - Respondents were twice as likely to disagree as agree with the statement, "The University cares more about what students think about the cost of education."
 - 30% not in a hurry to graduate.
 - 58% to take more than four years.
 - 42% say a reduced course load is causing them to take more time.

- After Graduation:
 - 46% say they will continue their education.
 - 63% say they are meeting their academic goals.
 - 58% of undergraduates and 77% of grad students say they expect to feel prepared to enter the workforce.
 - Over the past two years both undergraduates and graduates have shown greater awareness of the career supports available (advising, workshops, etc.).
- Student Finances:
 - 47% say they are facing financial hardship due to housing costs.
 - Just under half say they live farther from campus than they would like due to housing costs.
 - More than 2 in 5 have felt food insecurity in the past year, and one in five say they have felt this monthly.
 - Book hardship was reported by 23% of graduate students and 34% of undergrads.
 - 90% of respondents said they had at least one textbook they rarely use.
 - 52% said they participated in activities to avoid purchasing books.
 - 33% said they spent \$600 or more on textbooks, and 20% said they spent over \$1,000.
- Discrimination and Belonging:
 - One in ten of respondents said they often experience discrimination.
 - Most of these were women, non-binary, LGBTQ+, South Asians, and students over 25.
 - 59% of undergraduates and 57% of grad students said they felt a sense of belonging on campus.
 - 84% feel safe at night, men more so than women.
- Mental Health:
 - This is the most reported disability (19%).
- Sexual Assault and Misconduct:
 - 40% of graduate students and half of undergraduates are concerned about sexual assault and other misconduct on campus.
 - 20% of respondents have experienced sexual assault or misconduct during their time at UBC, and 8% say it was committed by a member of the UBC community.
 - More respondents disagree than agree with the statement that students know how to act appropriately if they witness an assault.
 - More disagree than agree that UBC does a good job of providing support for survivors of sexual assault.
- The AMS:
 - Half agree that the AMS does a good job in representing them to the administration on issues of equity, inclusion, mental health, and well-being.
 - 27% of undergraduates and 35% of grad students say the AMS does a good job representing them on financial issues.
 - Similar numbers say the AMS spends their money wisely.
- Commuting:
 - Almost half of undergraduate students report commute times of 30 minutes or more, and 20% take more than an hour.

- Next steps:
 - The report is being finalized and will be submitted to Council for its September 30 meeting.

Questions:

Mathew Ho:

- Are you going to add recommendations?

Georgia Yee:

- Yes, they will be included in the final report.
- We will consult with the Advocacy Committee.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans

- The committee appointment process is going okay.
 - Some Councillors never saw the email for voting; it went to spam.
 - We will continue to look for a good method of voting and communicating.
 - Meanwhile we are resending the ballot for you to re-vote on who should be on committees.
- Virtual pep rally.
- AMS kickoff event went well.
- Series of videos about the Nest, Sauder.
- Continuing to monitor finances.
- UBC's decision to put Term 2 online is not good for business.
- Things are going relatively well nonetheless.
- We are being conservative in our spending.
- Working with Equity and Inclusion on the equity and inclusion plan.
- Presenting to the Board of Governors on student priorities.
- Bringing forward a mandatory mask policy for the Nest: to be voted on later in this meeting.

Questions

- Can Students at Large still apply for committee positions?

Cole Evans:

- No, as it would not be fair to those that submitted on time.
- Voting to be reopened for 48 hours.
- Content of ballot: Some bios covered multiple committees. We tried to allocate the bio to the best committee.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP External – Kalith Nanayakkara

[SCD169-21]

- U-Pass reinstated.
 - Decision based on discussions with other student associations.
 - Students outside the Lower Mainland can request an exemption, and a subsidy is available for students with financial need.
- Started housing advocacy, partnering with a Montreal-based non-profit organization.
- UCRU bylaw process underway.
- Met with MLA and Attorney General David Eby.
- Partnering with the BCSF on a Get Out the Vote campaign in case there is a provincial election.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Any Federal updates?

Kalith Nanayakkara:

- Working with UCRU.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee

[SCD170-21]

- AES and COVID-19 surveys.
- Engaged with VP Students about masking on campus.
- Proctorio issue evolving.
- Working with the Centre for Accessibility on plans for more accessible space.
- I'm on the VP Health reappointment committee,
- Physical activity inclusion toolkit.
- Students at risk.
- Student safety a priority.
- Reasons to travel, sensitive issues, working on the Student Abroad policy
- Accommodations policy – internet, bandwidth issues.
- Food insecurity.
- Physical food hub.
- Climate Emergency Task Force:
 - Consultation underway.
 - Will bring something to Council by November.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Is there a need to increase knowledge of available resources?

Georgia Yee:

- We are working with the Vice Provost on this.

Ryan Wong:

- Why is Proctorio still here?

Georgia Yee:

- Academic freedom.
- UBC can't micro-manage instructors.

James Chen:

- Are there other forms of invigilation?

Georgia Yee:

- Yes, Zoom Invigilation, Lockdown Browser, Exemplify.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang

[SCD171-21]

- Produced a document about fees and opt-out procedures.
- Worked with Studentcare about health plan information.
- Special International Opt-outs.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.

[SCD172-21]

- Administering video conference grants for clubs.
 - I urge clubs to take advantage of them.
- Used Campus Base for Imagine Day and will use it for Clubs Days.
- Lots of positive feedback about Imagine Day, though the Campus Groups system was a bit overwhelmed.
 - Working with them so it doesn't happen on Clubs Days.
- The Hatch Art Gallery has a new website and has launched its first exhibition.
- Sustainability Symposiums beginning. First one October 2.
- Making headway on getting the Nest to net zero carbon emissions. Working on a framework.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone

[SCD173-21]

- Things going well.
- Operations continuing.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Audit nearly done.
- Reopened Porch and Pie R.
- Business is still slow.
- Masks are now mandatory in the building.
- Second to last virtual Pit Night tonight.
- Check out the You Tube videos.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Why are there extended open hours at the Honour Roll?

Keith Hester:

- There is an uptake in business there.
- Launched the hot food again.
- The hours are longer than the summer but less than last year.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy – Joshua Kim

- No updates.

Fermentation Lab – Lawrence Liu

- No updates.
- Contacted LFS for an update.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang

[SCD174-21], [SCD175-21]

- Discussed wage report.
- Budget.
- Motion coming.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper

- Moving forward on the disciplinary action review.
 - Might be a standing committee.
 - Drafting language and will ask for Council consultation.
- Committee Chair transitions:
 - Reaching out to chairs for lessons learned.
- A motion will be coming to Council to make committees include vote results.
- Senate and BoG members on committees: looking to clarify rules on conflict of interest and fiduciary duty.
- Policy I-21 re committee appointments.
 - Will review and look at lessons learned.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- What will you do with the chairs lessons learned?

Sebastian Cooper:

- Looking to develop a policy about what should be included in a transition.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu

[SCD176-21]

- AVP Funds position approved.
- Looking at implementing salaries for the President and Treasurer of the Indigenous Committee.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry

- Updated our Terms of Reference.
- Will come to Council.

Operations Committee – Sylvester Mensah Jr.

- Haven't met in two weeks.
- Will share progress and goals.
- Three goals we have accomplished:
 - COVID-19 response.
 - Alternative club programming.
 - Intro to the AMS for the clubs.
- Clubs hosted workshops during Jump Start – a success.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans

- Hasn't met.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans

- No update.

Student Life – Sylvester Cooper for Chrissa Rassias

- Trying to establish relationships with our affiliate colleges.
- Student data MoU for VST.
- Still working on MoU's for St Mark's and Regent.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone and Max Holmes

Jeanie Malone:

- Board committees met last week.
- Meeting Tuesday for full Board.
- Talked about financial impacts of COVID.
- COVID impact on professors.
- Online teaching.

Senate – Cole Evans

- Senate is on right now.
- Working on 2023 stuff.
- Committee reshuffling.
- New Senate reps coming to Council.

Laura Beaudry:

- On Monday there was a celebration for the Indigenous Strategic Plan.
- Huge for Indigenous representation at UBC.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SYLVESTER MANSAH JR.: [SCD177-21]

From the Executive Committee

“That Council approve Policy I-7A (Mandatory Face Coverings and Other COVID-19 Measures) as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- Addendum to Policy I-7.
- We have the “policy” on face masks, but it doesn’t have an official policy behind it.
- This will allow us to ask people to leave the building if they are not wearing a mask.
- This is an addendum so we can repeal it after COVID is done.

Ryan Wong:

- How will this be enforced?

Cole Evans:

- This is a conversation we’ve been having.
- We don’t have the ability to man the doors.
- We’ll put a notice on the doors.
- We are mostly concerned about groups.
- Some people wear masks while walking around, then remove them when sitting.
- I don’t think we can absolutely enforce this.
- This should be honour system/peer pressure.

Keith Hester:

- Positive reactions so far.
- Masks available at the outlets for 75 cents.

Ryan Wong:

- We should be quite strict on this.

Keith Hester:

- I agree, but enforceability is an issue.
- We don’t have the staff.

Cole Evans:

- We could get additional signage for the seating areas.
- More passive enforcement.

Mathew Ho:

- Does this include the Life Building?

Cole Evans:

- Yes, in our part of the lower part.
- We don't have jurisdiction over the upper level.

Mathew Ho:

- Can people working in the businesses ask people to mask up?

Cole Evans:

- Yes, but this will require time for staff training.
- It takes time to get people on the program.

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R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

S) Submissions:

Proctorio Update	[SCD178-21]
AMS Q1 Report	[SCD179-21]
AMS Student Staff Wage Report	[SCD180-21]

T) Discussion Period

AMS Annual General Meeting

Cole Evans:

- Interested in running a better AGM than in the past.

- We are determined to have a great AGM.
- We want a quorate AGM.
- Exciting plans.
- We can host this virtually.
- Looking at legal issues around incentives to attend.
- We would love to pass some bylaws.
- Will bring back past bylaw changes and the record policy bylaw.
- We need to post notice to comply with the Societies Act.
- Will keep you posted on our progress.
- Contact me if you have thoughts on this.

Laura Beaudry:

- In place of free food, you could give attendees a \$5 skip the dishes card.

Cole Evans:

- We're looking at this.
- Budget for the AGM is the same.
- We will spend the whole allocation: approximately \$5,000.

Nadir Nurali:

- What platform?

Cole Evans:

- We're looking at this but probably Zoom.
- It depends on what we hear from the lawyers.
- We need the votes to be valid.

Mathew Ho:

- Any reactions to the suggestion of passing bylaw changes?

Cole Evans:

- These are mostly housekeeping changes.
- We don't see that we are proposing things that are radical.
- They have already gone to referenda but didn't reach quorum.
- We can explain the bylaws in a Zoom meeting and answer questions. That will be a better way to inform the voters.

Mathew Ho:

- Will you be working with other groups to increase visibility?

Cole Evans:

- We are mandated to advertise this in the Ubyyssey.
- We have ideas about working with other organizations, clubs, constituencies and other student leadership and other campus communities.

Mathew Ho:

- What about past problems?

Cole Evans:

- Two years ago they forgot to put notice in the Ubyyssey and did not adequately promote it.
- Last year we missed things too.

Jackson Schumacher:

- Will you reach out to the GSS?

Cole Evans:

- Absolutely.

Mahmoud Borno:

- Will the bylaws be presented beforehand?

Cole Evans:

- Yes, of course.
- They will be released alongside the notice of the AGM.
- This is a legal requirement.

Daniel Martin:

- Has a time been set?

Cole Evans:

- Not yet but probably in the evening.

Mathew Ho:

- What about time zone differences?

Cole Evans:

- We will consider this.
- An evening time would allow the Asia/Pacific region students to join.

Mathew Ho:

- Any Code changes needed to hold a virtual AGM?

Cole Evans:

- No, and not just due to COVID.
- We could do this every year.

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: September 30, 2020

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

W) Social Activity:

Vote Records							
Name	Faculty	Attendance	Consent 1	Consent 2	Policy I-7A		
Cole Evans	President	X	Y	Y	Y		
Georgia Yee	VP Academic	X	Y		Y		
Sylvester (Sly) Mensah Jr.	VP Admin	X	Y	Y			
Kalith Nanayakkara	VP External	X	Y	Y			
Lucia Liang	VP Finance	X	Y	Y	Y		
Ian Stone	Student Service Manager	X					
Ruby Barnard	Architecture	X	Y	Y	Y		
Lawrence Liu	Arts		Y	Y	Y		
Sherly Prince	Arts						
Joshua Kim	Arts	X	Y	Y	Y		
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	Y	Y	Y		
Carter MacLean	Arts						
	Audiology						
Jeanie Malone	BoG	X					
Max Holmes	BoG						
Kristian Oppenheim	Commerce	X					
James Chen	Commerce	X	Y	Y	Y		
Varada Saha	Dentistry	X	Y	Y	Y		
Ryan Wong	Economics	X	Y	Y	Y		
	Education						
Emma Dodyk (proxy: Chantelle Chan)	Engineering	PROXY	Y	Y	Y		
Nadir Nurali	Engineering	X	Y	Y	Y		
Alexandra Arbelaez	Forestry	X	Y	Y	Y		
Maryam Tayyab	GSS						
Jackson Schumacher	GSS	X	Y	Y	Y		

Nevena Rebic	GSS	X			Y		
Delaram Shojaei	GSS						
Laura Beaudry	Indigenous Seat	X	Y	Y	Y		
	Journalism						
Annika Szarka	Kinesiology	X	Y	Y	Y		
Sebastian Cooper	Law		Y	Y	Y		
Rachel Chan	LFS	X	Y	Y	Y		
Rio Picollo	Library/Archival	X	Y	Y	Y		
Jeremy Zuo	Medicine	X	Y	Y			
Christian Bailey	Music	X	Y	Y			
Jake Reznik	Nursing						
Kevin Kang	Pharmacy						
Elsabe Fourie	Planning	X	Y	Y	Y		
	Population & Public Health						
Chris Sundby	Regent	X	Y	Y	Y		
Jimmy Kim	Science	X	Y	Y	Y		
Katherine Feng	Science	X	Y	Y	Y		
Danny Liu (proxy: Winnie Kan)	Science		Y	Y	Y		
Eshana Bhangu	Senate	X					
Ashana Sandhu	Senate	X					
	Social Work						
Agam Gill	St Mark's		Y	Y	Y		
Daniel Martin	VST	X	Y	Y	Y		