STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Ahsan Sahibzada (AMS Elections), Emma Livingstone (Ubyssey), Sam Smart (Ubyssey), Thomas O'Donnell (Ubyssey), Henry Anderson (Ubyssey), Ariel Cao (UBC Sororities), Mathew Ho (member at large), Emily Gubski (member at large), Nick Pang (AMS staff), Rish Das (AMS Events), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

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

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- This is an acknowledgement of whose land we are on and how we situate our work.
- This is the stolen, unceded, ancestral land of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- It is to be hoped that we can work in solidarity with them and that this acknowledgement not be something formalistic.
- It should be a stepping stone to a better alignment with the Indigenous communities

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

The Speaker:
- The items in red are being added as amendments.

Chris Hakim:
- Strike VP Admin”s report under submissions.
- Add committee appointments to the Finance, Student Life, HR, and Governance committees.

2. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the amendments to the agenda be adopted.”

…No objections
3. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

For (23): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, Alireza Kamyabi, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Tyra Phillips), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Against (1): Andrew Huang

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

Welcome to our new Members: Jake Reznik (Nursing), Regula Winzeler (Regent), Justin Thurn (VST)


Goodbyes: John Segui (Social Work), Tanner Gjosund (Nursing), Ian Gilbert (Regent)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

• If folks have issues accessing the meeting (problems with light or sound) or if you have suggestions to make things more efficient, raise your placard or email me.

F) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each, 1 minute for final remarks):

G) Consent Agenda Items

Max Holmes:

• Please pull the Executive Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019.

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED RILEY TY:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated October 9, 2019 [SCD258-20]
AMS In Camera Council minutes dated October 9, 2019 [SCD259-20]
AMS Council minutes dated October 23, 2019 [SCD260-20]
AMS Council minutes date November 6, 2019 [SCD261-20]
AMS In Camera Council minutes dated November 6, 2019 [SCD262-20]
HR Committee minutes dated November 19, 2019 [SCD263-20]
Student Life Committee minutes dated November 7, 2019 [SCD264-20]
Student Life Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019 [SCD265-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019 [SCD265A-20]
For (27): Erica Binder (proxy for Anican Yu), Riley Baechler, Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Agnes Yuen (proxy for Carmen Kim), Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Jonathan Kew, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Samantha Peng, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Tyra Phillips), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Alireza Kamyabi

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED RILEY TY:

“That the following item be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019 [SCD265A-20]

Max Holmes:
- These minutes include a discussion of the proposed amendment to Policy I-9 (Executive Goals).
- That proposed amendment came to the Executive Committee from the Governance Committee.
- According to the minutes, the conversation at the Executive Committee not only didn’t reflect what happened at the Governance Committee, but was also disrespectful.
- It was said that the proposed amendment was not well thought out.
- The Executive representative on the Governance Committee did not give an unbiased report to the Executive Committee on what the Governance Committee wanted, but instead gave his own opinion.
- He said the purpose of the Board (Council) is not to keep Executives accountable to their election campaign promises.
- I completely disagree: it is Council's responsibility to make sure campaign promises are kept.
- The Executive presenting to the Executive Committee should give an unbiased recollection.
- I am just disappointed.

Cole Evans:
- The Executive Committee member on the Governance Committee is me.
- When I presented to the Executive, I went over what the Governance Committee proposed: it was an unbiased recollection.
- The issue is that I didn’t go over the Executive minutes to make sure the unbiased recollection was recorded.
- My bad for not catching that.

Max Holmes:
- May I suggest that the chair of the Executive Committee pull these minutes?
Chris Hakim:
  • Glad to.

6. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

  “That these minutes be referred back to the Executive Committee.”

  ... No objections

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

**Elections Timeline – Ahsan Sahibzada (Chief Electoral Officer)** [SCD266-20]

- The Elections Committee will hold office hours from 9-5 February 24 to March 6.
- We will be on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.
- Senate elections:
  - Senate elections for student representatives from the faculties will this year be held at the same time as elections for student senators at large.
  - Senate nominations open January 27 and close February 7.
  - The closing date is earlier than the closing date for AMS elections in order to comply with the University Act (which requires four weeks between nominations and voting).
  - Constituency election administrators will be managing these Senate elections under my supervision.
  - I still need election administrators from Dentistry, Land & Food, and the GSS to report to me for training.
- AMS Executive and other elections:
  - Nominations open this Friday at 10 am and close February 14.
  - Forms available outside the AMS offices.
  - Can submit campaign material for approval now, but no campaigning allowed until the Official Campaign Period.
  - The Official Campaign Period will last from February 24 until the close of voting on March 6.
  - The voting period is March 2-6.
  - March 13: Campaign material to be taken down.
  - March 15: Expenditure declarations due for reimbursement.
- Quite a few social events: Meet & Greet the candidates, Coffee with Commuters, Indigenous Forum, Unofficial Results Party.
- Debates moderated by the Ubyssey: February 25 and 26, and the Great Debate on February 28.
- Postering is not permitted, as Council decided last year.
- Other forms of physical campaigning are allowed, e.g., lawn signs.
- Councillors, please vote on the first day, if possible at 12:01 am, to make sure the voting system is working.
- Students in the Affiliated Colleges will need a special link.
- A reminder email will go out on March 2.
Kevin Zhang
  • Social events: can the Constituency Senate candidates take part?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
  • Not under my control. The Constituencies will decide.

Max Holmes:
  • One concern I have is about faculty senator elections.
  • Why was it decided to hold these elections during AMS elections?
  • If the Constituencies are just running those and not their other Constituency
elections, and if there are no posters allowed, how will the word get out?
  • This will affect turnout.
  • Who decided?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
  • The decision was made by UBC’s Academic Governance Office in consultation
    with the AMS.
  • There was a concern about not following proper procedures.
  • Also, UBC wanted all senators to start April 1, but if the Senate elections were
    held later, at the same time as the Constituency elections, we couldn’t follow the
timelines required by law (there’s a four-week period and a two-week one).

Julia Burnham:
  • Everyone should report back to their Constituencies.
  • It’s important that your election officers are following the rules.

Alex Gonzalez:
  • If the AMS Elections Committee is not in charge of hosting profiles for Faculty
    Senators, but Constituencies are, where will the information be?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
  • There will be an initial communication from me telling students they can run,
    explaining who’s eligible.
  • Promotions of the candidates will come later; that will be up to the Constituencies.

7. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

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

  ... No objections

Katherine Westerlund:
  • Is there anything functionally we can do about changing the time period for faculty
    senator elections?

Chris Hakim:
  • What we’re trying to accommodate is the proper timeline for Senate elections.
- We are trying to time this in coordination with the Senate office.
- Technically, we can move these elections further away, but we would still need to follow the time period rule, and it might make it more inconvenient for UBC’s Academic Governance Office.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- It’s not really up to the AMS: it’s UBC’s election.

Julia Burnham:
- To have all Senators ready at the same time would be good for orientations.

Max Holmes:
- The Senate Academic Governance Office is wrong on this.
- The AMS should push back.
- Every year Senate candidates who lose in the general election later run in Faculty senator elections. That’s my issue.
- The timing issue is not really an issue.
- We could open the nominations now.
- Orientations for Senate are always disorganized, and running the elections at the same time won’t fix that.
- And Senate doesn’t meet until late April. People do not need to be in place by April 1.
- I think the AMS should contact the Student Senate Caucus and have them go to the Academic Governance Office.
- This plan before us will lower turnout and place a huge burden on the Constituencies: they’ll have to run two elections.
- And it takes away a chance for Senate candidates to run a second time.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- This timeline was worked out with the AMS President and the Academic Governance office.
- It’s just one election for each Constituency Elections Administrator to run, and there is training.

Dante Agosti-Moro:
- This is going to be disastrous for Senate elections.
- It will hurt turnout.
- I am concerned that the Student Senate Caucus was not consulted.
- I feel we should clarify/push back.

Arash Shadkam:
- We usually have one voting period.
- Will we have to vote twice now? If so, that’s not a good idea.

Katherine Westerlund:
- Running elections is more than ballots and Simply Voting.
• It’s a logistical challenge to run two elections instead of one.
• I highly recommend we look into this further.

Chris Hakim:
• I appreciate the feedback.
• We’ll circle back, report to Council.
• There is time to change; we have some leeway.

Nick Pang:
• What was the Constituencies’ response?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
• I haven’t had any pushback from any Constituency Elections Administrators.
• They were all willing to follow the timeline.

Sean Ryan:
• Are Affiliated College students allowed to run or vote in Senate elections?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
• No.

Julia Burnham:
• All Affiliated Colleges have a representative on Senate.

Kevin Zhang:
• On the issue of the lack of pushback from Constituency Elections Administrators:
  I don’t think Arts has onboarded its Elections Administrator yet. So there hasn’t
  been pushback yet.
• How recently were the Election Administrators notified?

Chris Hakim:
• A month ago.

Dante Agosti-Moro:
• It’s how the email was framed: it wasn’t asking for feedback.

Max Holmes:
• I don’t fault the AMS on this.
• It sounds like the Senate office put these rules in.
• What you’re hearing from us now is that you should have pushed back more.
• This can involve the Student Senators and the Senate Elections Committee.
• One solution would be to put all positions on the main AMS ballot.
I) Consultation Period

AMS Services and Main Office Front Redesigns – Cole Evans/Michael Kingsmill

Cole Evans:
- Cosmetic and functional work on office fronts for both the Services and the main office.
- The rationale is to enhance visibility and awareness of the Services.

Michael Kingsmill:
- The front of the Services area suffers from a lack of recognition.
- It doesn’t function as a gateway.
- It’s both a public area and a staff area.
- Sightlines to the Manager’s office are an issue; the blinds have to be drawn to protect privacy.
- Not good wayfinding to the Services.
- Want to add colour and put up a wall that will tell you where the Services are and will block sightlines to the manager’s office without impeding accessibility.
- Want to provide a drop ceiling (because the current ceiling is high); also provide lighting.
- Modest budget: $17,446 (an in-house estimate: we haven’t gone out to ask yet, but we have lots of experience).

Cole Evans:
- The Main Office work is less extensive: new paint job near the mailboxes.
- Funding coming from signage budget and my discretionary budget.
- Will do the work in the last two weeks of February, mostly during Reading Week.

Max Holmes:
- There’s a lack of detail here.
- Probably the budget could be reduced.
- Why do we need a lower ceiling? Why are high ceilings bad?
- And do we want a wall in the middle of the entrance to the Services?

Cole Evans:
- The ceiling is mostly a design feature, not functional.
- The main point is attracting attention with the wall while ensuring there are no accessibility issues.

Michael Kingsmill:
- The new wall doesn’t impede accessibility.
- Currently there’s a pamphlet rack on the building wall which contains some sensitive material; people can be uncomfortable taking that material, so the new wall may help with that by providing a visual blockade.
- This new wall is one thing the Service Managers wanted, for promotion and also clientele privacy.
Max Holmes:
- That seems like a good justification for the wall.
- But could this be a fire hazard?

Michael Kingsmill:
- It won’t be.

Max Holmes:
- Still, adding a wall with colours that won’t be adding functionality …
- We spent $100 million on this building.
- Is this change necessary?

Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services):
- Both Ian (the Student Services Manager) and I are happy to talk to students, and we often get people coming to our offices asking for directions.
- A drop ceiling would be better aesthetically, covering pipes.
- We keep our blinds closed for privacy of meetings with coordinators.

Cole Evans:
- We will take this to the Finance Committee and give them options (with or without the drop ceiling).

Max Holmes:
- The AMS has been making a lot of cosmetic changes.
- Five years in is not typically the time for cosmetic changes.
- Our funds need building up.
- There will be far more important projects.
- It’s great to bring visibility to Services, the most important part of the AMS, but how will that stop people from asking for directions?

Lucia Liang:
- What other options have you considered? Numbering systems? Arrows?

Cole Evans:
- It’s a huge building and still has deficiencies.
- Some areas are still not used.
- We don’t necessarily need a drop ceiling, but we do need to look at our light fixtures.

**Nest/Life Building Thoroughfare Redesign – Cole Evans and Michael Kingsmill**

Cole Evans:
- The thoroughfare between the Nest and the Life Building opened in 2018.
- It’s mostly dead space with not a lot of indication that it leads to the Life Building.
- There’s a lack of direction to the space; furniture that was not intended for it; a big conglomeration.
- Want to create traffic, do something for utilization.
- The theme would be sustainability.

Michael Kingsmill:
- Lack of definition of this space.
- Originally there were going to be two corridors connecting the buildings; now only one.
- There’s a lack of easy flow between the two buildings.
- The pocket lounge at the edge of the Nest has not created an identity as a transition to the Life Building.
- There’s a hodge-podge of furniture, a dumping ground.
- We want to clean it up, give it a coordinated look, make it more functional and practical.
- Put in benches, tables with bar stools, tables to sit at, sofas.
- Not just for eating, though that would be primary.
- Emphasize the connection to the Life Building.
- The theme will be sustainability, with a Sustainability Office there, and also offices for Sprouts, the Bike Kitchen, and Aquasoc.
- Want to provide seating for approximately 50 people.
- The pocket lounge will have a green theme.
- We started off with having themes for all the pocket lounges, but this one was left off.
- The price would be $28,688:
  - Lots of painting.
  - Adding power circuits.
  - Big ticket will be furniture.
  - Graphics to cheer up the place: that’s what’s lacking in that spot.

Cole Evans:
- Work in February, completed by March.
- That’s the thoroughfare.
- The second part of the plan is creating a home for sustainability projects in the Life Building: the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
- A place for sustainability projects that are not currently being displayed, like the Sustainability Dashboard and other projects that are in storage.

Michael Kingsmill:
- This is a LEED Platinum building. You should be proud of it.
- In part this is because of the Sustainability Dashboard, which shows the sustainability of the building.
- It’s been offline for some time, but is close to getting fixed.
- To be useful, the dashboard has to be displayed.
- Two options for the dashboard: enclose it or make it open, in a slat wall.
• If enclosed, which would mean altering the mechanical system, the price would be $40,000; if open, $19,000.

Cole Evans:
• I prefer the open, cheaper one.
• The work for this would be done in February, with an early March completion: same timeline as other part of the project (the thoroughfare).
• The total for the two parts would be, if we keep the dashboard open, $19,000 plus $28,700, or $47,700.
• Will go to the Finance Committee.

8. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

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

… No objections

Discussion
Michelle Marcus
• About the Interactive Sustainability Centre:
• There are many students and groups doing climate and sustainability work without the support of the AMS.
• What is the plan for consulting with these groups on this project and finding out what students want? Rather than just keeping old projects alive.
• Sustainability changes over time; note the recent declarations of a climate emergency.
• The Climate Hub has asked for support and space: what plans are there to engage with groups like that?

Cole Evans:
• This is a small space, limited to a showcase.
• It’s not just for AMS Sustainability, but for all the other groups.
• For office space, we need something bigger, but we don’t have it.
• Happy to discuss that separately.
• It’s important to consult about what kinds of displays to put up.
• We can get insight from those groups.

Mathew Ho:
• What furniture is being replaced? What will happen to it?

Cole Evans:
• It would be reused elsewhere.
• There are standard Nest tables. Unless worn out, they will be moved, not discarded.
• The goal is to keep as much as we can.
• Some things belong elsewhere.
Max Holmes:
- I have concerns about this project.
- It should go to the Finance Committee and the Operations Committee first.
- Should be discussed at the committee level.
- Why is it at Council first?
- The timeline seems much too rushed: you won’t have time to do the consultation Michelle asked for.
- I don’t see why the rush.
- It’s not a pretty space, but it’s functional. People eat lunch there.
- And renovations will disrupt our businesses.
- We shouldn’t be irresponsible with our finances.

Chris Hakim:
- I do love January, with its proposals for February, during elections.
- The furniture timeline: what is the life cycle?
- The programming aspect of the Sustainability Centre: how are we translating what people are doing elsewhere? What will the programming look like?

Arash Shadkam:
- I’m not convinced that adding seating is a good idea.
- There should be some method to tell what space we need.
- Has any thought been given to monetizing the space? Maybe renting it out and generating revenue.

Cole Evans:
- I understand this looks rushed and should go to committees first.
- The way I look at it, it is part of my job to try to lead capital projects.
- These are projects Michael Kingsmill and I have identified as beneficial to students.
- Do we need these to make the building function? No.
- We have heard the Nest compared to a mall or a food court.
- We are trying to address that by design projects like these.
- They’re not hills I’ll die on. I won’t be offended if they’re rejected. They’re here for consultation.
- I take offence at the notion that these are here because of elections.
- We’ve been planning this for two months.
- It doesn’t seem rushed to me.
- Arash did make a good point about exploring alternative uses for the space.

Rish Das:
- Will the lower level lounge be a place clubs can booth?

Cole Evans:
- Definitely a potential.
- Be hard to book it out, though.
Danny Liu:
- If bringing more functionality to the space, has there been talk about a wayfinding wall in the corridor?

Cole Evans:
- Currently working on wayfinding generally in the building.
- Right now wayfinding is not very clear.
- There’s been talk of signage and directional boxes, but that does come with a cost.

9. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED RILEY TY:

“That the time for the consultation be extended by 15 minutes.”

... Defeated

For (4): Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Michelle Marcus, Alireza Kamyabi

Against (18): Erica Binder (proxy for Anican Yu), Riley Baechler, Agnes Yuen (proxy for Carmen Kim), Priscilla Chan, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Melanie Mpanju, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Tyra Phillips), Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Keira Britto, Samantha Peng, Katherine Westerlund

J) Appointments

Finance Committee
Nominees: Katherine Westerlund (Engineering)

Student Life Committee
Nominees: Max Holmes (Board of Governors), Sean Ryan (St. Mark’s)
Chosen: Sean Ryan

HR Committee
Nominees: Danny Liu (Science)

Governance Committee
Nominees: Dante Agosti-Moro (Senate)

- When putting himself forward for the Student Life Committee, Max Holmes suggested that the committee should pay more attention to AMS Student Services.

10. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That Katherine Westerlund (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting of May 2020.”
“That Sean Ryan (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting of May 2020.”

“That Danny Liu (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting of May 2020.”

“That Dante Agosti-Moro (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting of May 2020.”

… Carried

For (20): Erica Binder (proxy for Anican Yu), Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Samantha Peng, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Alireza Kamyabi, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):
Chris Hakim:
- Executive goals.
- Implementing Ceridian Dayforce payroll system.
- Advisory Board is filled.
- Talking to Insights West about the new AMS Experience survey.
- RFP for Health & Dental administrator.
- Wage structure.
- Meeting with the Indigenous Committee about a referendum to add an Indigenous seat to Council.
- Working with the Chief Electoral Officer about the elections timeline.
- Planning for All-Presidents Dinner.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Administration – Cole Evans
- Clubs Days: January 21-24 in both buildings.
- New club applications will be available on the main AMS website after January 15.
  - Not using Clubhouse anymore because Campus Vibe (the producers of Clubhouse) are going out of business.
  - A new system will be coming soon; we found one we like.
- New booking regulations.
- Sustainability: engagement programming.
- The Mugshare mugs have been recalled; please don’t use them.
- Container sharing program.
- Hatch Art Gallery back online.
- Clubs Resource Centre grand opening today.
- Capital projects.
Questions
Nicholas Harterre:
  • If Clubhouse is not available, how will you communicate to clubs?
  • How will new clubs be created?

Cole Evans:
  • Most people can find the information on our website.
  • Launching the AMS and Nest Experience Survey tomorrow.

Danny Liu:
  • Is the container sharing program (Green2Go) run in collaboration with UBC?

Cole Evans:
  • Yes, we are working in tandem with them; it's their program.
  • We need to look at washing the containers for Food Safe.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
  • Because of Clubhouse shutting down, we've been busy transferring information.
  • 60 more clubs: treasurer authorizations.
  • Forms will be on the AMS website.
  • Information will go in the newsletter with applicable links.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
  • Services are the most important part of the AMS, as Max just said.
  • They are opening up again after the break.
  • Safewalk:
    o 2900 calls from May 1 (6% less than last year).
    o Were students feeling safer?
  • eHub:
    o After the high of RBC Get Seeded, a Hackathon event is coming.
    o Also a Women in Entrepreneurship event.
    o Volunteer hiring.
  • Tutoring:
    o Next week we will start using the Nimbus app, a great way to streamline appointments.
    o Hiring more tutors for an expected greater demand.
  • Food Bank:
    o 850 clients May 1-December 19, a 50% increase from the same period last year.
    o Expanding hours, picking up more food, becoming more accessible.
    o Seeking to meet new demand.
  • Advocacy:
    o 75 students served. Swamped.
  • Speakeasy:
    o Operating out of the Engineering Student Centre on Thursdays.
    o Getting out of the Nest to reach students we don't usually reach.
VP Academic and University Affairs – Julia Burnham

- January a busy month for consultations.
- Three University policies being reviewed:
  - At risk behaviour
  - Whistleblower
  - Sexual Violence.
- Workshop on the policy reviews: SASC will be involved.
- Coffee sleeves with link to consultations.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month:
  - SASC film
  - Masculinity Monday.

Questions
Max Holmes

- About the Academic Experience Survey: have you had consultations with the Executive and the Advocacy Committee to develop the questions?

Julia Burnham:

- We are working on the final details.
- Those groups have been involved.

Max Holmes:

- Has the AMS sent in a budget submission to the University, listing AMS priorities?

Julia Burnham:

- No, but we are finishing it as soon as possible.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Health and Dental RFP presentations.
- Cosmetic changes to the businesses over the break. Apologies to Max.
- Two new employees at SASC, which is now fully staffed.
- Dayforce, the new payroll system. Also will be upgrading the HR system.

Questions
Max Holmes:

- Were you consulted on the three capital projects presented today?

Keith Hester:

- I was aware of them.
- I would like to yield to Abdul now to talk about the Services Review.

Abdul Alnaar:

- A significant amount of work has been done to aid in the drafting of the Services Review report.
- Aiming for February.
• Will first go to the Executive Committee and then to Council.
• Reviewed all the transition documents and operation manuals to understand the evolution of the Services.
• Looked at past recommendations.
• Completed data collection on usage.
• This gives us a more accurate picture.
• This past year we had 9500 interactions.
• The data allows us to see what faculties and years those who used the Services were in. Also whether they were grad students or undergraduates.
• It allows us to see who is accessing the services.
• Going to be making student data part of the Nest Experience Survey.
• Already collected data from the Academic Experience Survey from the past three years, e.g., people living further away from campus than they would like.
• Going to be asking students if they want a new Service for housing.
• In the new survey students will be able to win prizes for taking part.
• Doing an environmental scan to compare our offerings to other universities.

**Question**
Arash Shadkam
• What is Olivewood?

Abdul Alnaar:
• A data collection service providing data analytics software.
• Council approved it three years ago.
• They provide the student numbers, and that is what tells us the demographic information.
• On a different topic:
  • During elections candidates drop by SASC to get information, but it’s a very busy time for SASC.
  • Please provide advance notice.

**VP External – Chris Hakim for Cristina Ilnitchi**
• Planning federal lobby trip with UCRU.
  • Preparing lobby documents and making appointments.
• Submission to UNA re representation of students.
• Mayors Council: business case for the SkyTrain to UBC.

**M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):**

**Governance – Katherine Westerlund**
• Code updates coming.
• Mostly will be looking at bylaw amendments.
• Will use last year’s plus whatever comes up.

**Questions**
Arash Shadkam:
• What about the discussion about Constituency representation?

Katherine Westerlund:
• This has been delayed due to bylaw amendments as we need to have them in time for the elections.
• We will revisit this.

Fermentation Lab – Kia Teimouri
• Working with LFS.
• Working on a business plan.
• Spoke to industry professionals for their input.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
• Looking at a new budgeting process.
• Code changes.
• 3% subsidy Code change.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• Is the AMS going to look at setting a surplus target during the budgeting process?
• UBC sets 1-3%.
• The AMS made 30%, which is crazy for a non-profit.

Keith Hester:
• The surplus is used to pay down the deficit.

Max Holmes:
• Are you going to look at the underestimate of the number of students enrolled (and thus the underestimate of the amount of student fees coming in)?

Lucia Liang:
• Yes, these are things we are aware of.
• We are going to be using zero-based budgeting
• Will make sure the surplus is used wisely.

HR Committee – Danny Liu for Riley Ty
• Filled Advisory Board vacancies.

Advocacy Committee – Julia Burnham for Tyra Phillips
• Met in December.
• Federal advocacy.
• UNA.
• Policy 131 (sexual violence).
• AES.
• Board cycle.
Questions
Max Holmes:
- Will you let people know when the meeting is at which you will be discussing the AES?

Julia Burnham:
- I'll pass this on to Tyra.

Jeanie Malone:
- What was your favourite part of the last Board meeting?

Julia Burnham
- UBC’s divestment commitment!

Operations Committee – Cole Evans
- Meeting every week starting next week.
- Policy I-7.
- Big changes to the Operations Committee Manual.
- Subcommittees.
- Changes to policies coming.
- New club applications will be reviewed.
- Clubhouse replacement discussions.

SHAPE – Chris Hakim
- Waiting to hear from Heffel (the auction house) about sale of paintings.

Steering Committee – Chris Hakim
- Scheduling.

Student Life – Cole Evans
- We're coming up with a new direction.
- Thinking we will no longer be a standing committee.

Questions
Abdul Alnaar:
- Further to what Max said earlier in the meeting when seeking to serve on this committee, if the committee takes a bigger role in relation to the Services, that raises issues. It will be hard for it to intervene, though it could help with advising.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Chris Hakim:
- Scheduling.
0) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

BoG – Jeanie Malone
- Committees February 5, 6, and 14.
- Part of budget cycle.
- Divestment and other exciting items.

Max Holmes asked that a Discussion Period topic be added on AMS-UBC Budget Consultation.

Questions:
Alireza Kamyabi:
- Have you met with Extinction Rebellion people?

Max Holmes:
- Yes, been meeting with them.

Alireza Kamyabi:
- Are they going to continue their hunger strike?

Jeanie Malone:
- The Administration is working with them to reach a resolution.
- We can’t get everything needed by January 31.
- New governors are coming: two new faculty reps, one staff rep, provincial appointees.

Senate –
Alex Gonzalez:
- Last month Senate was asked to endorse the President’s declaration on the climate emergency.
- Not clear what happened.

Dante Agosti-Moro:
- Elections are coming.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
Interesting election tidbits.
- There was the time the Engineers nominated a UBC administrator to run in the AMS executive elections.
  o The administrator didn’t even know, but he came in second.
  o The rules were changed after that to require candidates to submit their nomination forms in person.
- One time a club nominated all its members as presidential candidates.
  o This led to a rule change increasing the number of nominators needed to nominate someone.
- One year there was a tie: it was decided by a coin toss.
Back in the 1920’s the very first joke candidate was an imaginary person named Rufus McGoofus.
Then there was the year a candidate cast multiple votes for himself.
And there was the fraudulent election in which someone hacked in and cast 732 false votes. We had to hire a forensic computer company to figure out the results.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KIA TEIMOURI: [SCD269-20]

From the Elections Committee

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

Note Requires 2/3rds

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- This would modify the rules for Constituency elections to ban slates and postering.
- They would thus follow the same basic rules as in AMS executive elections.
- The ban on postering would make elections more sustainable.
- It would also mean lower reimbursement levels, saving money for the Constituencies, and it would reduce the number of petty complaints.
- Banning slates would allow a level playing field.

Max Holmes:
- Great to see the banning of postering.
- I’m concerned about getting rid of slates.
- This has been a fraught issue at the AMS.
- Do we know if the Constituencies are using slates?
- Is this something we know is needed?
- Did we consult them?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- We don’t know if it’s an issue or if they use them.
- We did not discuss this with them, no.
- This change would make them follow AMS rules.

Dante Agosti-Moro:
- The CUS has banned slates.
Alireza Kamyabi:
- No consultations with the Constituencies?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- No, just conversations with the Clerk of Council.
- Code does give the Elections Committee the power to make recommendations.

Jeanie Malone:
- Do any of the Constituencies have a slate-based system?

Kiera Britto:
- We have a strict ban on slates in Kinesiology.
- Is the only reason for this amendment consistency?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- That's one reason.
- And also the same rationale as in AMS elections, to create a level playing field between candidates.

The Speaker:
- Do any Constituencies allow slates?
- [No response.]

Max Holmes:
- Do any allow endorsements?

Alireza Kamyabi:
- I don't think either of these changes is necessary.
- Can leave it to the Constituencies.
- Postering might be important to some Constituencies.

Arash Shadkam:
- With no input from Constituencies, this shouldn't happen.
- I would love to bring insights from the GSS, but I don't know the rules.
- We should do consultation before doing this.

Katherine Westerlund:
- We get higher turnout with postering (in Engineering).

Kiera Britto:
- Also in Kinesiology.
- And no problems with petty complaints.
- People say they want more than social media.

Chris Hakim:
- Maybe we should consult first.
12. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That this motion be referred back to the committee.”

… No objections

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED DANTE AGOSTI-MORO:

“That Council change the requested submission date of the second part of the report to Council on Club Membership from the first Council meeting of January to the February 5, 2020 meeting of Council.”

Cole Evans:
- This would postpone the club report.
- It’s the second part of the IFC report on non-compliant clubs.
- We were told to come back now, but other things have come up.
- Haven’t had a chance to speak to the clubs affected: mainly Pan-Hellenic.
- Am setting up a meeting.
- By February 5, this should be good to go.

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED DANTE AGOSTI-MORO:

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… Carried

For (19): Erica Binder (proxy for Anican Yu), Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Alireza Kamyabi, Arash Shadkam, Kia Teimouri, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Tyra Phillips), Katherine Westerlund

U) Discussion Period

AMS-UBC Budget Consultation

Max Holmes:
- One of the most important things the AMS does in terms of advocacy is its submission to UBC for the UBC budget.
- Career Services, Mental Health services, and other student priorities require funding which comes from the budget process.
- It’s in the best interests of the University and the AMS that this happen.
- It means the University can get student feedback, and it means the AMS can push for its goals: it’s a way the AMS can make clear what its priorities are.
- Budget asks should be submitted by November.
- Last year we had a presentation to Council.
- Council needs to be included in the process.
The University Provost has said the submission has been requested.
It’s good to hear it’s being drafted, but I’m concerned the AMS has missed an opportunity to make clear what its priorities are during budget preparation.
The budget process is underway. The University already has a draft budget.
We must distinguish between consultation and involvement; earlier we could have had involvement in drawing up the budget; now we will just be consulted on what’s already been done.
There’s equal fault on both sides, but the AMS needs to step up on this at the right time.
I hope you see this as a priority.
We need a process to make sure this happens in the future.
This is one of the most important things the AMS does, advocacy-wise.

Julia Burnham:
- Thank you for your comments.
- I own up to this.
- It was a back and forth between the University and us.
- We were not as proactive as we could have been when the new VP Students came in.
- I would disagree with your statement that the budget is the most important advocacy tool. Money is not always the solution.
- I do agree that there should be a clearly laid-out internal structure about the budget submission.
- There was a lack of clarity this year over the various pieces.
- We will aim for more timely action next year.

Chris Hakim:
- I’m going to agree that the budget is the most important thing.
- Many things get funded from the budget, such as sexual violence programs.
- This year was a failure on the AMS’s part.
- There were difficulties on UBC’s side with communication, but we should have been more proactive.
- We have a first draft now of our submission.
- It’s a month past the deadline.
- Hopefully, we can get a process in place.

Max Holmes:
- I appreciate the responses.
- You also need to include Council in this. That's why I've raised it here.
- Fixing it for next year is good, but what can be done this year?

Michelle Marcus:
- When will you submit these budget priorities?

Julia Burnham:
- Literally as soon as possible.
Before the next Council meeting.

V) Submissions:

AMS AGM minutes [SCD270-20]
HR Committee December report [SCD271-20]
EUS Fall By-Elections 2019 Results [SCD272-20]
NUS Elections 2019 Results [SCD273-20]
Club Membership Report Delay [SCD274-20]
Motion Rationale – Code Changes 2020 Constituency Elections [SCD275-20]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: January 22, 2020

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
### January 8, 2020 Roster

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

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Emma Livingstone (Ubyssey), Henry Anderson (Ubyssey), Ariel Cao (member 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 6:12 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- This is an acknowledgement of whose land we are on: the stolen, unceded, ancestral land of the hən̓ q̓əmin̓ əm -speaking Musqueam people.
- It is to be hoped that this acknowledgement can become something less formalistic and more a statement that we can work in solidarity with the Indigenous people, especially those whose lands we continue to occupy.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED ANICAN YU:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Jeanie Malone:
- We should move the Senate update to the end of the agenda so the Senators will be back from Senate.

Tyra Phillips:
- Please add a motion for appointments to committees.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Please add a motion for appointments to the Advisory Board.

2. MOVED JEANIE MALONE, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the agenda be amended to add appointments and move the Senate update.”

… No objections

3. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED ANICAN YU:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… Carried
For (22): Anican Yu, Keira Britto, Cole Evans, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Cristina Ilnitchi, Danny Liu, Alireza Kamyabi, Tyra Phillips, Snigdha Bhardwaj (proxy for Priscilla Chan), Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Andy Wu (proxy for Riley Ty), Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, Wendy Song, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Katherine Westerlund), Kevin Zhang

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

Welcome to our new Members: Anne Khong (Social Work), Chris Sundby (Regent), Rashika Srivastava (Journalism)

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

Goodbyes: Regula Winzeler (Regent), Samantha Peng (Journalism)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- Let me know if I can make the meetings more accessible.
- If you don’t know how things are supposed to go, ask me: raise your placard or email me.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Revised Executive Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019 [SCD276-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated December 6, 2019 [SCD277-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 10, 2020 [SCD278-20]
Fermentation Lab Committee minutes dated December 5, 2019 [SCD279-20]
Governance Committee minutes dated November 18, 2019 [SCD280-20]
Operations Committee minutes dated November 22, 2019 [SCD281-20]

... Carried

For (20): Keira Britto, Cole Evans, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Cristina Ilnitchi, Carmen Kim, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, Wendy Song, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang

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

J) Appointments

5. MOVED ANICAN YU, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That Council appoint Jerry Jim and Samantha So as Professional Members to the Advisory Board, for a period effective January 31, 2020, and lasting until December 31, 2021.”

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- The motion was accidentally not added to the original agenda.
- This has been a long process at the HR Committee.
- Jerry Jim is a VP at Central One Credit Union.
- Samantha So is an insurance analyst and a previous AMS Executive.
- It’s exciting to finally bring together the Advisory Board.

Alireza Kamyabi:
- Who made the nominations?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- The HR Committee.

Jeanie Malone:
- How many positions are left unfilled?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- We now have a full Advisory Board.

6. MOVED ANICAN YU, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That Council appoint Jerry Jim and Samantha So as Professional Members to the Advisory Board, for a period effective January 31, 2020, and lasting until December 31, 2021.”

... Carried

For (25): Anican Yu, Keira Britto, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Carmen Kim, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Alireza Kamyabi, Tyra Phillips, Snigdha Bhardwaj (proxy for Priscilla Chan), Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Andy Wu (proxy for Riley Ty), Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Jeanie Malone (proxy for Katherine Westerlund), Kevin Zhang

7. MOVED JACKSON SCHUMACHER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That Council extend the appointments of Ron Gorodetsky, Alessia Rodriguez, and Louis Retief until December 31, 2021.”
Cole Evans:
- These people were appointed to the Advisory Board last year when I was chair of HR; they’re great.

Andy Wu:
- Who are they?

Cole Evans:
- They work for a start-up in New York.
- Ron is a former Student Services Manager.
- Louis is a former VP Finance.
- Alessia is doing a Master’s of Public Policy at UBC and is a former U of T student executive.

[Katherine Westerlund arrived and Jeanie Malone ceased to be her proxy.]

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Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee
Nevena Rebic:
- This committee was struck to look at how the Executive and Council are interacting.
- Looking to streamline processes. Looking at accountability.
- Haven’t met yet; we had a chair step down and then I was away.
- Plan is for weekly meetings of 1-1.5 hours to try and move quickly in case we need to send anything to referendum in February.

Nominees (1 Councillor required): Danny Liu (Science)

Advocacy Committee
Tyra Phillips:
- We meet weekly.
- Deal with statements for the AMS in responding to political issues.
- Also the Equity Plan, the Academic Experience Survey.
Nominees (2 Councillors required): Anne Khong (Social Work), Rashika Srivastava (Journalism), Anican Yu (Music)

Chosen: Anne Khong and Rashika Srivastava

Advocacy Committee Chair
Tyra Phillips:
- The chair organizes meetings, sets agendas, and works with the Executive to get agenda content.
- I will transition the new chair.

Nominees: Nicholas Harterre

9. MOVED TYRA PHILIPS, SECONDED WENDY SONG:

“That Danny Liu (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first meeting of May 2020.”

“That Anne Khong and Rashika Srivastava (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a meeting in May 2020.”

“That Nicholas Harterre be appointed as Chair of the Advocacy Committee.”

... Carried

For (24): Anican Yu, Keira Britto, Matthew Epstein, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Carmen Kim, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Alireza Kamyabi, Tyra Phillips, Snigdha Bhardwaj (proxy for Priscilla Chan), Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, Wendy Song, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cristina Ilnitchi for Chris Hakim
- Chris is at Senate.
- Met with Equity and Inclusion.
- Met with the review committee for Policy 131 (SC17) on sexual violence.
- Health & Dental Plan RFP review: two providers presented.
- Met with Insights West about the AMS Experience Survey.
- Released educational and marketing materials for the AMS Sexual Violence Policy and for the Respectful Community and Workplace Policy.
- Budgeting for next year.
- Met with Indigenous Committee about hiring.
- Hiring referendum coordinators.
- Planning the All- Presidents Dinner for late March.
- Budget priorities have been sent in to the University.
Questions
Michelle Marcus:
- Do you have any updates on the Strategic Plan?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- I do not.

Tyra Phillips:
- The Steering Committee meeting on January 28 will discuss this further.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Steering will oversee the engagement process and decide how to move forward.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic and University Affairs – Cristina Ilnitchi for Julia Burnham
- Julia is at Senate.
- January is the busiest month of the year for her; she says she is slowly dying.
- Submissions for policy reviews, including the sexual misconduct policy.
  - Town Hall last week on the policy was fantastic.
  - Met with review committee co-chairs yesterday about gaps.
- SEEDS/Blue Chip.
- Went to a conference about gender-based violence in Toronto.
- For the reviews of the At Risk Behaviour Policy and the Retaliation Policy, we were not given a seat on the committees, but we are advocating to them.
- OER Fund and other adjudication committees for awards.
- Julia is on a million committees.

VP Administration – Cole Evans
- Clubs days on now.
- New club applications have been moved to the website now that Clubhouse is gone.
  - Clubhouse filed for bankruptcy.
  - We have no outstanding credit with them (doublechecking).
- New volunteers joining the team.
- Nest Experience Survey went out:
  - Great response (over 2,000 responses).
  - Data by March with recommendations.
- New show at the Hatch Art Gallery.
- Going to Heffel for sale of art works.
- Clubs Resource Centre going really well:
  - Grand opening.
  - Package with updated metrics submitted.
  - Still room for improvement, but hitting all targets.
- Constituency social tomorrow at the Gallery.
• Brewfest also happening tomorrow.
• Services project:
  o Not going to do the drop ceiling; that will reduce costs by $7-8,000.
• Looking at the Lounge project: more tweaking, going to Finance Committee.
• Sustainability Centre project: taking a step back, doing more consultations.
• Replacing the red couches and chairs in the Nest: they need to be gone; they’re gross and disgusting.

Questions
Alireza Kamyabi:
• Will the Services project go through the Finance Committee and then come to Council?

Cole Evans:
• Yes, those are the rules.

Sean Ryan (St. Mark’s):
• What is the Constituency social?

Cole Evans:
• An annual event for Constituency Executives and Councillors.
• We probably didn’t think to include the Affiliated Colleges like St. Mark’s and Regent. Sorry you didn’t hear about it.

Danny Liu:
• I personally like the couches on the third floor.
• Is this your personal sentiment?

Cole Evans:
• Dislike of them is shared by a number of individuals.
• Crusty is a good word to describe them.

Student Services – Ian Stone
• Just back from a conference in New Orleans on substance use, mental health, and sexual violence.
• Will have a report for the next Council meeting.
• Very few other organizations have a peer support service like our Speakeasy, which we’ve had since the 1970”s, for almost 50 years now.
• Safewalk: Promoting campus safety.
• eHub: Events coming up.
• Tutoring: Nimbus launch coming, by Monday.
• Vice:
  o The Coordinator went with me to New Orleans.
  o Interesting to learn what’s focused on in the U.S.
  o They’re more about underage drinking and marijuana: a different context from us.
  o They’re abstinence only and we’re harm reduction.
• Food Bank:
  o Stayed open during the snowstorm, able to provide resources.
  o More hiring to expand hours.
  o Working with Sprouts on a coupon program for cooked meals.

• Speakeasy:
  o First booting in Engineering: thanks and it was great.
  o Thursdays 12-4.
  o If anyone else wants Speakeasy in their building (because not everyone can come to the Nest), let me know.
  o Constituency pop-ups for Speakeasy.

• Advocacy:
  o Academic misconduct cases.
  o Inconsistencies between faculties.
  o Going to draw up plain language one-pagers on student rights.

Questions
Cristina Ilnitchi:
  • At these Speakeasy pop-ups do you have support meetings on site?

Ian Stone:
  • Yes. When we do these, we have a private room.
  • Students can go there for support sessions.

Jackson Schumacher:
  • Did you learn of any best practices that we are not implementing at the conference?

Ian Stone:
  • Yes and no.
  • We only have so much capacity and we want to do what we do well.
  • And we’re cognizant that UBC Wellness has similar programs; we work with them.
  • We do great training, but in the U.S., they hand out certificates for training: that makes volunteers feel they have received something tangible.

Sean Ryan:
  • Can you come to the Affiliated Colleges?

Ian Stone:
  • Yes, really keen to do that.

Carmen Kim:
  • Do you still have plans to combine Vice and Speakeasy?

Ian Stone:
  • Yes, we’re looking at this.
  • The conference was great as a place to see different structures.
  • In the Services Review we’ll be looking at what others do.
  • More details in the report.
VP Finance – Cristina Ilnitchi for Lucia Liang
- Lucia is at a WUSC conference.
- She has six projects:
  - New budgeting process.
  - Market pricing for Clubhouse replacement.
  - Market pricing for ticketing options.
  - Health and Dental RFP process.
  - VP Finance caucus.
  - New credit card system research.
- Encouraging applications for Health and Dental subsidies. Trying to get more people to learn about the subsidies.
- Code changes for budgeting and for fees and funds.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Launched Block Party:
  - 2500 tickets sold so far, which is fantastic.
  - Line-up to be announced around Reading Break.
- Presentations for Health Plan administrator.
- Met auditors about making financial reports more user-friendly.
- Dayforce project:
  - Phase one completed: payroll for our 500 employees now on the new system.
  - Working on HR modules.
- Services: Abdul working on the Services Review.
- Knee deep in budgets.

Questions
Nicholas Harterre:
- Why does Showpass have such a high service fee?
- It’s a disincentive.

Keith Hester:
- One of the things we’re looking at is a new ticketing system.

VP External – Cristina Ilnitchi
- Bunch of initiatives:
  - UNA situation: they want to remove the AMS member from the board; we’re pushing back.
  - Federal lobbying (with UCRU): working on briefs; getting feedback from the Advocacy Committee and the Indigenous Committee. Booking meetings in Ottawa.
  - Drafting a statement on the Wet’suwet’en; spoke to the Indigenous Committee today.
  - Lots of advocacy on SkyTrain to UBC: full court press, talking to the Mayors Council.
  - Commenting on Area D Plan in the University Endowment Lands:
    - About the Village.
    - UBC is developing a Neighbourhood Plan with more housing.
- We’re pushing for affordable housing in the area.
- Anticipating an influx of people with SkyTrain.
  - Reporting back to government on challenges over sexual violence.
    - Privacy issues.
    - Talking to David Eby, our MLA.
  - Non-violent direct action training event.

Questions
Michelle Marcus:
- How will the Wet’suwet’en statement get to decision-makers?
- Re the Area D neighbourhood – will there be Musqueam consultation?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- The Wet’suwet’en statement is not just going out into the void.
  - We’ll be added to the list of supporters.
  - Going to be sending it out on social media.
  - We have a number of contacts in the provincial government; we’ll be connecting with them.
- Area D:
  - Currently there’s been no outreach to students.
  - We’ve sent in comments and requested a full meeting.
  - We will ask for a place for the Musqueam.

Carmen Kim:
- Will there will lobbying for climate action on your lobby trip?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Not a specific ask, but we’ve connected with a number of climate groups.
- Focusing on developing connections between UCRU and them.

Alireza Kamyabi:
- What is this about losing our seat on the UNA Board?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- The UNA put forward a number of proposed bylaw changes, including removing UBC and AMS members.
- They want to move towards more democratic governance, with all board members being elected.
- We’re arguing that their plan is not democratic: it cuts out young people, renters, short-term residents.
- We’ve been pushing to keep critical voices at the table.
- Will continue to work on a solution.

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

Advocacy – Tyra Phillips
- We have not met this month.
Fermentation Lab – Cole Evans for Kia Teimouri

- Last met on December 5.
- Not much has changed.
- Kia is keeping in touch with the LFS.
- Waiting for UBC’s MoU with the Musqueam on land use.
- Going to look at who to partner with for the distribution side, the beer.
  - Will we do it ourselves or get someone else to?

Carmen Kim:
- Will there be any LFS student opportunities?

Cole Evans:
- The project is designed to be a lab for students, not mainly to be a brewery on campus.
- Mostly work by students: Work Learn/Co-op.
- Might hire a brewmaster.

Finance Committee – Andrew Huang for Lucia Liang

- Code changes coming about the Sustainable Food Access Fund and other funds.
- Looking at how to keep fee-receiving groups accountable.

Governance – Katherine Westerlund

- Focused on bylaw amendments
- Dylan Braam (last year’s chair) walked us through last year’s bylaw amendment package and discussed how to get the amendments passed.
- Following up with chairs about Internal Policies:
  - A million years ago we reassigned the responsible committees for policies.
  - They’re supposed to bring revisions by the end of the fiscal year.
  - It would be cool if we did that.

Questions

Andy Wu:
- What’s happening with the Equity Plan?
- Is Governance involved?

Katherine Westerlund:
- A while back Cristina and I discussed the RFP.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- As promised and motioned, I will be providing an update in February.
- Did a survey, compiled a report about gaps, opportunities, and deficits in the departments.
- Using that report, we started to revamp the template, and the RFP will go out to consultants by the end of January.
HR Committee – Andy Wu for Riley Ty
- Riley is at Senate.
- Had a six minute meeting: quorum problem.
- Did discuss goals, did the Advisory Board appointments.
- Our goals will be:
  - Review the AMS Health and Safety Policy.
  - Review Electoral Procedures as they relate to staff.
  - Review the transition process for student government positions.

Operations – Cole Evans
- Policy I-7 (building bans) is finally coming along. Sent to legal counsel. Hopefully it will come to the February 5 Council meeting.
- Updates to Operations Committee Policy Manual (clubs, bookings, space).
- Looking for replacement for Clubhouse.
  - Consulting with clubs on this.
- Will bring report on non-conforming clubs.
- Looking at MoU with the IFC, which will come to Council.

Questions
Kevin Zhang:
- What are the booking and space changes?

Cole Evans:
- Want to have clear guidelines on bookings in the Nest.
  - Space is tight.
  - Doing a tiered rollout: major, weekly, single bookings.
- Moving away from the “strike” system, with fines. Now will just be fines.
- Bad standing/good standing.
- Clearer about cancellations.
- External bookings.
- Quotas for bookings, so one group can’t book 500 hours.
- Trying to make sure people get what they need to get.

SHAPE – Cole Evans
- Meeting with Heffel next week.
- Heffel is the prestigious auction house that helped us sell the Lemieux painting.
- Hope to bring something to Council in February.

Steering – Cristina Ilnitchi
- Meeting next week.

Student Life – Cole Evans
- Still working on drafting new ToR.
- We don’t want to be a standing committee anymore.
- Need a new vision.
Questions
Chris Sundby
- Why not be a standing a committee anymore?

Cole Evans:
- We had lots of conversations last term about what the committee is.
- There’s really nothing the Student Life Committee can do except Grad Class Council and feedback work, providing student input to the relevant staff.
- Maybe it should become an Extraordinary Committee of Council or a working group.

Katherine Westerlund:
- Committees don’t have to have deliverables.
- The Student Life Committee could evolve more into doing things with Services and Events.
- That’s been suggested and it seems like it was the original idea for it.

Cole Evans:
- That’s definitely the direction we want to go.
- The question is, Does it need to be a Standing Committee?
- Will definitely discuss this at the Student Life Committee.

Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee – Nevena Rebic
- I am back, the committee’s spots are all filled, and it will be meeting Fridays at 10.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Presidents Council – Cristina Ilnitchi for Chris Hakim
- The Presidents asked for a Code change to meet less often.
- May want to consult the Constituencies on this.

Katherine Westerlund:
- That Code change is here already.
- May be smart to ask if we need a report every meeting, since the Code change will make it so they meet only once a term.

Kevin Zhang:
- Do you know how many times they met last term?

Katherine Westerlund:
- Once.

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone
- Has not happened yet, but the February cycle is imminent:
Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- The Archivist traced the history of the Managing Director position from the early days of a Business Manager through the time when the students tried to handle the business side of the AMS by themselves to the restoration of the Business Manager at the end of the 1940’s and then the shift to General Manager and now Managing Director.

Recess 7:42-7:53 pm.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

10. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:
[SCD282-30], [SCD283-20], [SCD284-20]

From the Governance Committee
“That Council adopt the following three reports from the Governance Committee: „Code Changes 2019: Managing Director’s Signing Authority,” „Code Changes 2020: VP Admin’s Duties,” and „Code Changes 2020: Presidents Council Meetings” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Westerlund:
- The Managing Director’s signing authority change will allow Keith to see and sign all cheques.
  - Before there were limitations on which he could sign, and it was not clear which he could see.
  - This was referred to us by last year’s Executive Committee, and we referred it back to this year’s Executive Committee.
  - This will allow the Managing Director to do signing if Executives are away.
- VP Admin change:
  - They no longer will have to report on the Aquatic Centre, because they no longer oversee it.
  - Also added the duty of overseeing AMS art facilities, which the VP Admin does do.
- Presidents Council:
  - Moves from meeting once a month to once a term.
  - This is coming from the Presidents Council; we were told they don’t really meet once a month, and don’t want to.
Andy Wu:
- Can you explain why the Managing Director’s signing authority was limited in the first place?

Keith Hester:
- Honestly, don’t know.
- Haven’t been able to look at club and constituency cheques, and sometimes they are for large amounts, which then hit our accounts.

Michelle Marcus:
- It’s important to know why this restriction was in place originally.

Sheldon Goldfarb
- Not sure, but it used to be that the Managing Director’s predecessor, the General Manager, was more just on the business side and was not involved in Services.
- Can look into this more if people want.

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Abstained: Michelle Marcus

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

12. MOVED CRISTINA ILNITCHI, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD285-20]

“That the 2020-2025 U-Pass Agreement be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Finally received the final draft.
- Last year, student unions and TransLink came together and negotiated a new contract because the old one was expiring.
- This is the first long-term contract we’ve had for U-Pass: it’s for five years.
The price will rise with an initial jump and then will increase 2% a year.
It’s going to the Board of Governors.

Andy Wu:
The motion says “as presented,” but this was not presented.

Joanne Pickford:
We don’t generally send out contracts, but tell people to come see the President or in this case the VP External if they want to see it.

Andy Wu:
We should strike the phrase “as presented.”

Katherine Westerlund:
This was presented for viewing; it’s standard language.

Alireza Kamyabi:
If the Board of Governors doesn’t pass it, does that mean it’s not ratified?

Jeanie Malone:
It’s like an AMS fee.
If the AMS passes it, the Board has to.
The Board will be changing the U-Pass fee in accordance with the agreement.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
Basically, it’s just us sending notification of fees to the Board.
UBC has already signed the contract.

Jackson Schumacher:
Can you explain the rate increase?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
I can send you the details.
In the past, we had larger increases.
We have always advocated for the U-Pass not to be profit-generating or even cost recovery.
TransLink brings up arguments about that, but our view is that this is a service to students.
Also, students who use transit because of the U-Pass during their student years continue to use transit after they’re students.
This is the best rate we could get.

13. MOVED CRISTINA ILNITCHI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:
“That the 2020-2025 U-Pass Agreement be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
For (23): Anican Yu, Keira Britto, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Andrew Huang, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Carmen Kim, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Alireza Kamyabi, Tyra Phillips, Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Jackson Schumacher, Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Andy Wu (proxy for Riley Ty)

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

Senate Update – Alex Gonzalez via Jeanie Malone
  • Established new BC Cancer Research Institute.
  • Discussion of student evaluations of teaching.
  • Academic freedom discussion.
  • Enrollment report.

U) Discussion Period

V) Submissions:
  CRC Metrics Report [SCD286-20]
  HR Committee January report [SCD287-20]
  Governance Committee December report [SCD288-20]
  Governance Committee January report [SCD289-20]
  Steering Committee December report [SCD290-20]
  Steering Committee January report [SCD291-20]

W) Next Meeting:

  Next Meeting: February 5, 2020

X) Adjournment:

  There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
V1: Test your clickers!
V2: Approval of the agenda
V3: Consent Agenda Items
V4: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Jerry Jim and Samantha So as Professional Members to the Advisory Board for a period effective January 31 2020 and lasting until December 31 2021
V5: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council extend the appointments of Ron Gorodetsky, Alessia Rodriguez and Louis Retief (student members of the Advisory Board) effective immediately and lasting until December 31, 2021
V6: Council Appointments
V7: Code Changes
V8: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2020-2025 U Pass Agreement be accepted as presented.

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*Jeanie Malone served as Katherine Westerlund’s proxy up to and including V4*
### January 22, 2020 Roster

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Emma Livingstone (Ubyssey), Henry Anderson (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Kristi McQuade (student), Daniella Traversa (student), Riley McNair (student), Elen Bascombe (student), Kyara Lin (student), Emily Leung (student), Ariel Cao (student), Katie Buteau (Alpha Delta Pi executive office), Allie Price (Alpha Delta Pi), Kelli Burns (Alpha Omicron Pi), Daniel Lam (former AMS Councillor), Nastia Khotiaintseva (student), Mathew Ho (student), Chalaya Moonias (Indigenous Committee), Will Shelling (AMS staff), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- It is important we recognize whose land we are on: the stolen, unceded, ancestral land of the Musqueam people.
- We should use this time to reflect on what this means.
- We have an Indigenous Committee looking at how to move forward.
- Being on this land is an ongoing act of violence.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED NICOLAS ROMUALDI, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   Katherine Westerlund:
   - Add appointments to the Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee.

   Chris Hakim:
   - Make the air conditioning consultation the first consultation.

   The Speaker noted that there were motions in reserve for the bylaws. There were no objections to the amendments.

2. MOVED NICOLAS ROMUALDI, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   ... Carried

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

Welcome to our new Members: Alex Gonzalez (Engineering)

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

Goodbyes: Tyra Phillips (Engineering)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- The food goes at 8 pm.
- If you have difficulty accessing the meeting (sound, lighting, what’s happening), raise your placard or email me.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

- Executive Committee minutes dated January 16, 2020 [SCD292-20]
- Executive Committee minutes dated January 24, 2020 [SCD293-20]
- Student Council minutes dated November 27, 2019 [SCD294-20]
- Finance Committee minutes dated November 4, 2019 [SCD295-20]
- Finance Committee minutes dated November 20, 2019 [SCD296-20]
- Finance Committee minutes dated January 14, 2020 [SCD297-20]
- Finance Committee minutes dated January 21, 2020 [SCD298-20]
- Operations Committee minutes dated January 13, 2020 [SCD299-20]
- Operations Committee minutes dated January 20, 2020 [SCD300-20]

... Carried

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F) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):
G) Consultation Period

**Air Conditioning Renovation – Michael Kingsmill**

- This is a proposal for correcting or altering components in the Mechanical Room to add air conditioning to the Nest.
- Because of climate change, temperatures are rising, especially in the summer.
- This can create heat fatigue.
- One big driver in design of the building was sustainability: we achieved LEED Platinum status, one of the highest levels you can get.
- There are very strict guidelines for LEED, and very little wriggle room to maintain our position.
- There is an issue of building satisfaction: Over the five years in the building, a lot of staff have complained about overheating in the summer.
- Also customers and clients at conferences have complained.
- And there has been an increase in student activity in the summer: dance classes, martial arts.
- The comfort factor is an issue.
- The project would add additional cooling to the air handling units.
- We can add coils; we did make provision for this long ago.
- We would not provide the additional cooling for the whole building; that would cost a small fortune.
- We will primarily do this for the second floor conference rooms and for the third floor offices.
- We won’t do it on the bottom two floors, which are cooled to a reasonable degree by door openings and the recycling of air in the Atrium.
- We won’t do it on the fourth floor either; it has a small footprint, a lower occupancy.
- We already have air conditioning in the IT hub room and the art vault.
- One problem in the building is its north-south orientation, which increases the temperature, but we needed that orientation to develop the public square in front of us.
- We have had complaints about the shortage of chilled water.
- This project would address that as well as the air conditioning.
- Currently, the building mostly uses passive ventilation for cooling, which usually works well, but when it’s warm outside, it gets warm inside.
- To avoid compromising our LEED Platinum status, we hope to enhance sustainability in other ways:
  - We may add additional solar panels.
  - This will reduce energy consumption, thus reducing the carbon footprint.
- The process of going forward would include retaining AME, our lead mechanical consultant, to look at three options proposed by UBC’s Mechanical Division.
- AME will look at them and also other possibilities.
  - AME originally did this building.
  - They are familiar with the building and we would like to continue to use them.
• There will be a cost of $15,000 for the consultant.
• After that we would probably retain AME to handle the contract documents, costing $35,000.
• The cost of the work itself will be $250,000, a big number, but not excessive.
• It will be important to go forward now and not delay because of inflation: 1% a month, which could add an extra $107,000 to the cost over three years.
• Timeline:
  o In 2019 we retained the UBC Mechanical Department.
  o This year we’d like to retain the consultant (February-March).
  o In April we can review the budget.
  o Order equipment in May and June.
  o Start commissioning in September.

Discussion
Max Holmes:
• I’m very supportive of this project.
• Will the funding come from the Capital Projects Fund, and if so, what percentage of CPF will it be?

Michael Kingsmill:
• Yes, CPF, which has $2.1 million, so this will be one-eighth.

Max Holmes:
• That inflation rate for construction of 1% a month seems high.

Michael Kingsmill:
• I agree.
• Rob Brown from UBC Properties Trust reaffirmed this figure: that’s the rate.

Arash Shadkam:
• How will this project not affect our LEED certification?
• I thought natural ventilation was a large part of that.
• Also, to reduce heat from the sun, could we use thicker blinds?
• That would be cheaper and would use less energy.

Michael Kingsmill:
• About our LEED status:
  o We’re not going to eliminate passive ventilation.
  o We’re going to add cooling coils.
  o Passive ventilation will still be the cooling method for the Lower Level and the main floor.
• Concerning solar gain through the windows, we do have a highly efficient glazing system to reduce it.
• The suggestion to provide blinds has some merit: I can add that to the list.
• However, big solar shades are expensive and difficult to operate, and they would make the building darker.
• It’s something to look into further.
• Back to the LEED issue: it’s a question of balance, adding something while removing something.

Michelle Marcus:
• I like the idea of the AMS continuing to innovate, as with solar panels.
• About minimizing our energy consumption, is there a plan for regulating the use of air conditioning without overusing it?

Michael Kingsmill:
• Good question.
• We have a building management system for environmental feedback.
• It senses temperature and moderates the air flow through sensors in the duct work.
• We’re constantly taking metrics and producing a data log.

4. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED RILEY TY:

“That the discussion be extended by two minutes.” … No objections

Max Holmes:
• Sometimes I’m critical of capital projects.
• This is a reminder of the purpose of capital projects.
• You never know when we’re going to need the funds for an operational project like this one.
• We need to balance our operational and aesthetic needs.

Bylaw Amendments for the Referendum – Governance Committee
Katherine Westerlund:
• You received a long document.
• What the amendments would do, in summary:
  • Abolish Student Court and transfer its powers to Council.
  • Clarify when membership ends:
    • It’s currently unclear whether students who finish their schooling halfway through the School Year remain AMS members.
    • This verifies that yes, they do.
    • They have paid fees for the year.
  • Introduce new requirements for referendum questions:
    • Have to be clear and unambiguous.
    • Can’t contain materially untrue statements.
    • Can’t call for illegal actions.
    • If causing us to break a contract, must state that and what penalties would result.
    • Must be phrased in a way that voting No means keeping the status quo; voting Yes would be the vote for change.
Chris Sundby:
  • Who decides what’s clear?

Katherine Westerlund:
  • AMS Council.
  • Continuing with the summary:
    o More signatures will be required on referendum questions.
    o Getting rid of the 1,000 signatures requirement; it will be purely by percentage (5%), so will scale up.

Arash Shadkam:
  • Where did the 5% come from?

Katherine Westerlund:
  • It’s in the existing bylaw; we would just be removing the 1,000-signature alternative.
  • This means the petition requirement will be close to the 8% requirement for a quorate vote in the referendum itself.

Alireza Kamyabi:
  • I feel this is too many signatures: 5% would be 2,850 now.

Max Holmes:
  • This was my suggestion.
  • The number hasn’t been reviewed since 1980 when UBC was a lot smaller.
  • I used to have to deal with referendums as VPAUA.
  • We allow electronic signatures now; it’s become easier.
  • 1,000 is an arbitrary number now, unlike 30 years ago, when it was about 5%.

Michelle Marcus:
  • I’m opposed to increasing the limit.
  • We should always be trying to lower the barriers to democracy.
  • I would keep it lower.

Julia Burnham:
  • I really like the referendum changes:
    o Being true.
    o Not breaking contracts.
  • There are a couple of proposed referendums this year that wouldn’t be allowed under these rules.

Kevin Zhang:
  • I disagree with the requirement for more signatures.
  • If a number of students want to bring an issue to the larger body, it should be allowed.
Jake Reznik:
- 5% is realistic considering the size of the campus.

Riley Ty:
- Will these amendments be omnibused or be separate questions on the ballot?

Katherine Westerlund:
- Going to ask about that later.

Sean Ryan:
- I feel increasing the number of required signatures would create a barrier.
- St. Mark’s has only 800 members.
- We wouldn’t be able to get something done.

Katherine Westerlund:
- This is just to get the referendum question on the ballot.

Julia Burnham:
- Increasing the number of signatures will get more people to know about the referendum.

Arash Shadkam:
- My main question is about the rationale for the increase.
- 1,000 is 1.6%.
- Why go to 5%?

Jeanie Malone:
- This is a two-layered question:
  - Do you want a static number like 1,000, so it would always be 1,000, or do you want a scaling factor of 5% or 2%?
  - And if we bundle this with the other amendments, will it cause the others to be voted down?

Chris Hakim:
- A percentage is good.
- You want a decent proportion for a legally binding vote.
- 1,000 was good for the 1900’s; 1,000 then was more representative.
- We need to adapt.
- We need the threshold to increase with the increase in our members.
- As to colleges like St. Mark’s, great point about the small population there.
- You can bring questions to Council; Council can put them on the ballot.

Nicolas Romualdi:
- I support a percentage in principle to fit the growth in population.
- I’m not sure what percentage.
- And when do we do the calculation?
• In July the number will be lower.

Max Holmes:
• If we pick another percentage, I would suggest half of what quorum is.
• Quorum to pass a referendum is 8%, so maybe use 4% as the percentage of signatures required to initiate a referendum.
• We could specify in Bylaws that you have to use the online platform.
• Online signatures ramp up quickly.
• The AMS needs to do a better job of advertising the elections.
• As to the question of a small faculty wanting to get a question on the referendum ballot, the effects of a referendum are applicable to the whole membership.
  o If it’s only about one department, maybe the department should run something.
• Is this bad for democracy?
• If there are too many referendum questions, it creates apathy: you can shoot yourself in the foot if you make it too easy.

5. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

“That the consultation be extended by 30 minutes.”

Arash Shadkam:
• Maybe 30 minutes is too long.

Max Holmes:
• I would like 30 minutes.
• As directors we have an obligation to discuss the bylaw changes.

6. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

“That the consultation be extended by 30 minutes.”

... Carried

For (20): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Haruka Higo, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Wendy Song, Rashika Srivastava, Chris Sundby, Katherine Westerlund, Anican Yu, Kevin Zhang

Against (2): Arash Shadkam, Riley Ty

Max Holmes:
• We might ask for a straw poll.

Straw Poll

Do you support a sliding scale (%) for referendums?
25 for
4 against
1 abstention

Arash Shadkam:
- There is still no rationale behind these numbers.
- We can’t make an informed decision.

Katherine Westerlund:
- Currently we don’t have the basis for an informed decision.
- We don’t have that research right now.
- 1,000 seems to work, which is about 2%.

Straw Poll

Which percentage increase would you prefer?
2%, 3%, 4%, 5%

2% wins

Arash Shadkam:
- Don’t read too much into 2%.
- We’re just asking people to choose between random numbers.

Katherine Westerlund:
- Continuing with the summary.
  - Fixing the amount of time for notice of general meetings to comply with the Societies Act.
  - Executive vacancies:
    - The change will allow any AMS member, not just a Council member, to be appointed to fill the vacancy on an interim basis until there’s a by-election.
      - This would allow AVP’s to be named.
    - We also won’t let the removed Executive run: if the membership says we don’t like you, it’s a waste of time to let them run.

Max Holmes:
- I’m worried about not allowing the removed Executive to run.
- It’s okay if they were removed by referendum.
- But they could be removed by a general meeting, which has a lower threshold.

Katherine Westerlund:
- Even at a general meeting, that would mean 500 or so people don’t like you.
- Continuing with the summary:
  - Ombudsperson won’t be required to handle complaints about the University.
  - There’s a University Ombudsperson now; also the AMS Advocate.
Jeanie Malone:
- Would this imply that the AMS Ombudsperson would not be involved in appeals to the Senate?

Chris Hakim:
- Yes, those are already referred to the AMS Advocate.

Max Holmes:
- What if the Advocate’s office is in a conflict of interest?
- Would we refer to the Ombudsperson or not offer support?

Chris Hakim:
- We would probably refer to the UBC Ombudsperson.
- Our Ombudsperson handles mainly internal cases now: club conflicts. Nothing with the University.

Ian Stone:
- We have considered hiring trained volunteers to mitigate this problem, so it would not just be the Advocate themselves.

Nicolas Romualdi:
- The change will not mean the Ombudsperson is forbidden to take part, just that they’re not required to.

Katherine Westerlund:
- Continuing the summary:
  - Another change will require referendum results to be appended to the bylaws, which will help us keep a good record of what we’re required to do, for instance advocate for lower tuition.
  - Changing the date for budget submissions by Subsidiaries. That’s still being discussed at the Finance Committee.
  - Some housekeeping changes: typos, numbering errors.
  - Records: Addition of possibility of restricting access to certain records.

Michelle Marcus:
- I have spoken against this in the past.
- I totally understand some of the restrictions on access to records:
  - Solicitor-client records
  - In camera discussions
  - Investigations
- But to say we can restrict access to records if that would be harmful to the AMS or third parties: I don’t think that’s reasonable. We should not allow this power to Council.

Katherine Westerlund:
- I used to feel that way too, but I now strongly disagree with that view.
- We have a fiduciary duty to protect our records.
If some of those records are seen, it could be harmful to the AMS and the companies we work with. We have a duty to the AMS and the student body. It’s hard to see a world in which Council would agree to hold back documents if it was in the students' best interests to release them. I do believe we have a duty to make this amendment.

Cole Evans:
- I would double down on what Katherine says.
- I deal with lots of large contracts that are confidential.
- We would put ourselves at risk if these were made open.
- It really is beneficial to have this.

Chris Sundby:
- I’m concerned about how sweeping this is.
- Would it be a simple majority in Council to decide?

Katherine Westerlund:
- We have a records policy passed by Council by a two-thirds vote.

Chris Sundby:
- Would it take two-thirds to restrict access?

Katherine Westerlund:
- The bylaw change would be to create a policy.
- Council has created the policy.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- In practice, decisions to restrict access are made by those in charge of the records.
- If there is a question, it would go to the Executive Committee.

Jake Reznik:
- What is the rationale for keeping documents secret?

7. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ, THRIRDED COLE EVANS:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered the in camera session at 7:35 pm. Council came out of camera at 7:51 pm and then went on break until 8:05 pm.

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MICHELLE MARCUS:

“That the consultation period be extended by 30 minutes.”
Cole Evans:
- There are lots of things still to discuss about the bylaw amendments.

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MICHELLE MARCUS:

“That the consultation period be extended by 30 minutes.”

... Carried

For (15): Keira Britto, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Haruka Higo, Danny Liu, Ravi Parhar, Alireza Kamyabi, Sean Ryan, Nicolas Romualdi (proxy for Jackson Schumacher), Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Against (1): Arash Shadkam

Abstained: Alex Gonzalez

Arash Shadkam:
- It’s ludicrous to think we should give open access to everything we have.
- We are two entities: a business side that has to be run efficiently and the altruistic side.
- That said, this amendment may be painting with too broad a brush: who chooses?

Max Holmes:
- With the AMS, there are quite a bit of checks and balances.
- The last controversial policy we had – I-7 about suspensions – was delayed and reviewed because of opposition.
- There’s a democratically elected Council, available to students.
- The policy has to be passed by two-thirds.
- If there are issues with a policy, Council can review it.
- Ultimately, students can vote you out of office.
- If you want to edit, propose edits.

Nicolas Romualdi:
- Council has already passed a policy on access to records.

Michelle Marcus:
- I totally understand that lots of things need to be kept confidential, including contracts.
- Look at the policy: This proposed bylaw gives power to create that policy.
- I don’t see why sweeping power to restrict access is given to employees.
- I would prefer Council or a committee of Council to prepare a list of confidential documents.
- I would also be more comfortable if we had a whistleblower policy.
Katherine Westerlund:
  • It’s out of the scope of this discussion to look at the policy.
  • We should be discussing the bylaw change, not rehashing the records policy.
  • Thanks for the feedback, not just about the records policy.
  • If you have further thoughts, the Governance Committee is meeting tomorrow.

Chris Hakim:
  • There’s one more bylaw change, about creating a seat on Council for an Indigenous student.
  • There’s been an extensive process between the AMS and the Indigenous Committee about this.
  • In terms of words, the change is very small; in terms of impact, it’s very big.

Chalaya Moonias (VP Indigenous Committee):
  • This creates a voice for Indigenous students.
  • We need a vote on Council.
  • It would be a great step forward to Reconciliation in the Greater Vancouver area.

Chris Sundby:
  • Great. Long overdue.

Jake Reznik:
  • How will they be chosen?

Chris Hakim
  • We are discussing the process.

Max Holmes:
  • This is very important.
  • It should be on the ballot as its own separate question.
  • It will get strong support.

Danny Liu:
  • Is this about reconciliation or representation?
  • There are other marginalized groups on campus.

Chalaya Moonias:
  • I feel it is both.
  • This is about how the Indigenous people have been a marginalized community that has been ignored across Canada.
  • We are not ignoring the other marginalized communities, just giving this one, which has been ignored the longest, a voice.

Chris Hakim:
  • We begin every meeting with a statement about being here on land not our own.
• It’s critical that the people whose land we use be at the table making decisions at Council.

H) Appointments

10. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

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

“That _____ (1 x Councillor) be appointed member of the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That _____ be appointed Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

HR Committee
Nominees (1 x Councillor required): Haruka Higo (Education), Anne Khong (Social Work)
Chosen: Haruka Higo

Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee
Nominees (1 x Councillor required): Sabreena Shukul (Arts)

Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee Chair
Nominees: Chris Hakim (President)

There was discussion over whether the President should chair this committee.

Katherine Westerlund:
• It’s not ideal that it be the President, but we’re extending the deadline for the committee till November, so Chris would only chair for a couple of months.
• This keeps the committee functioning.

Alireza Kamyabi:
• The creation of this committee was rushed.
• We should take more time to consider how we create committees.

Max Holmes:
• I agree, and take credit: you all enabled me.
• We should have looked at the timelines more closely.

Arash Shadkam:
• There’s also a question of practicality.
• If this committee is time-consuming, I presume the President is already running low on time.
• How will he have time for this position?
• If we’re going to postpone the deadline, we can wait: let the committee meet and come up with a solution to its lack of a chair.

Chris Hakim:
• I’m happy to withdraw my name.
• We’re looking to get something done.
• If a conflict of interest arises, I would step away and hand the chair to the vice-chair.
• I do have time.

*Riley Ty left, giving his proxy to Chalaya Moonias.*

11. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

“That Haruka Higo (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the HR Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Sabreena Shukul (1 x Councillor) be appointed member of the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

“That Chris Hakim be appointed Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in May 2020.”

... Carried

For (24): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Alex Gonzalez, Haruka Higo, Anne Khong, Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Ravi Parhar, James Chen (proxy for Andrew Huang), Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Nicolas Romualdi (proxy for Jackson Schumacher), Sabreena Shukul, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Against (1): Alireza Kamayabi

Abstained: Chris Hakim

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

**Chris Hakim**
• It’s BoG season: lots of meetings.
• The new Rec building that the AMS approved paying for in a referendum has passed UBC Exec 3.
  o There will be a financing agreement that will come to this Council.
• Working with the Indigenous Committee on the Indigenous seat on Council:
  o Creating a selection process.
• Mayors Council press conference about advocating to the federal government for a SkyTrain extension to UBC.
• Planning All Presidents Dinner for March 20.
• Interviewing applicants for the Referendum Coordinator positions.
• Analyzing wages.
• Internal discussions on the RFP process for the Health and Dental plan administrator.
• Julia and I have been working on the affordability fund with UBC’s VP Students office.
  o These funds would be endowed.
  o Advocating for a long term affordability plan for students.
• Pushing for career development investment in the UBC budget:
  o Jobs, jobs, jobs, the most important thing for students.
• The Executive will meet with UBC’s Executive and the UBC finance team to discuss the UBC budget.

Questions
Arash Shadkam:
• Flight 5752 was shot down in Iran.
• I was disappointed by the response of the AMS: total silence.
• Four UBC community members were among the victims.
• Why has the AMS been silent?
• A simple tweet would have been great.
• People need to hear we’ve got your back.

Chris Hakim:
• Valid criticism.
• In the aftermath we echoed the statement of UBC and didn’t add one of our own.
• The Executive attended the vigil, but we should have issued our own statement.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Admin – Cole Evans
• New club applications close tomorrow.
• On TV I saw that there’s a Paranormal Investigation Club at UPenn; if anyone here wants to create such a club ...
• [Later in the meeting Cole said someone had just applied to create one.]
• The Services area project has been pushed back.
• Working on bookings.
• Sustainability fair tomorrow.
• The AVP Sustainability is working on the new Sustainability Action Plan.
• Attending a sustainability conference next week.
• The Nest formerly was one of the worst offenders for waste contamination; now we’re the second best.
• There’s a new show at the Hatch.
• Working with the SHAPE committee on the sale of artworks.
• Working to get free menstrual products in the washrooms.

Questions
Michelle Marcus:
• Lots of issues with SUS about bookings: double bookings, lack of bookings.
• Different from previous years.
• What is the root of this issue?
• Can you give an update on the progress on your campaign promise to build a new booking system?

Cole Evans:
• We’ve been hearing the same thing.
• It’s frustrating for clubs and Constituencies.
• We’re restricted in what we can do to modify the system.
• It’s hard to automate.
• Our focus has been to identify problems.
• During the first semester we sent an RFI to 15 vendors.
• We’ve shifted gears since Clubhouse went down.
• We’re looking at a new online clubs system, one that has a portal for room reservations.
• We’re looking at that for a fix.
• Another issue has been turnover in the bookings department; there has had to be transitioning.
• There’s also a capacity issue:
  o We have a large number of subsidiaries (400) vying for space.
  o The question is how to balance that space.
• We’re looking at changing procedures.
• Looking at prioritizing bookings; looking at the split between commercial and student bookings.
• Most of our bookings are through student groups.
• Want to make sure student groups get their bookings.
• Looking to have commercial bookings have to go through the VP Admin or the President.
• This was a very big campaign promise from me.
• It’s a big issue: want to get it right.
• Hoping to roll out a solution by April 30.

Danny Liu:
• When will the door by Pie R be fixed?

Cole Evans:
• Don’t know; have to talk to our team.
• Technically, it’s a UBC thing.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
• Subsidy application portal just closed.
• Looking at a new credit card system and a new financial management system.
• The credit card system was intended for small purchases, but Constituencies have been seeking a higher credit limit.
  o The only way to get that is to switch banks.
• Budgeting process started.
• Health and Dental RFP process.
• New AVP Finance: Reed Garvin.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
• EHub: Volunteer hiring.
• Safewalk: Not much new. They’re walking.
• Tutoring: The Nimbus app is up for private tutoring.
• Vice:
  o Presenting to campus groups (sororities etc.).
  o Looking to reduce harm at our events.
  o Extended hours.
• Food Bank:
  o Great article in the Ubyssey on partnering with Sprouts.
  o Providing vegan/vegetarian free meals.
• Speakeasy:
  o Thanks to the Engineers for giving us space.
  o Seeing how to make a secondary location in the EUS more efficient.
  o Talked last time about my report on best practices for peer support.
  o Will be a submission to next Council.
• Advocate:
  o Interviewing for volunteers.
  o Looking at the pipeline for getting volunteers.
  o Want to be inclusive.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham
• Went to Toronto for the Courage to Act initiative against gender-based violence.
• UBC policy reviews:
  o Sexual Misconduct, Retaliation, and At Risk.
• Teaching and Learning adjudications.
• Met with BoG.
• Vice-Provost hiring.
• Learning Spaces Advisory Committee.
• Academic Experience Survey questions, approved at the Advocacy Committee.
• Debrief on Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
• Am chair of the Senate Ad hoc Committee on Academic Diversity and Inclusion.
• Met with the Wesbrook Neighbourhood Planning Committee:
  o Discussing development of 500 rental units for faculty and staff.
• Student evaluations Town Hall.

VP External – Chris Hakim for Cristina Ilnitchi
• Cristina is in Ottawa on the federal lobbying trip,
16 student unions are there, holding 70 meetings with MP’s and staff.

- She is also currently working with UBC and the Mayors Council on SkyTrain to UBC.
- Her staff is working on the Equity Plan.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Block Party ticket sales have slowed: won’t pick up till after we announce the line-up (after Reading Week).
- Air conditioning project.
- Looking at replacing the red chairs in the Nest.
- Health and Dental Plan meetings.
  - A contract will come to Council.
- Knee deep in budgets.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- Are we planning to adjust enrollment numbers for the budget?

Keith Hester:
- Already done: It was 52,000 and is now 55,000.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy – Julia Burnham for Nick Harterre
- Discussion about UCRU governance.
- Approved a statement on the Wet'suwet'en.
- Academic Experience Survey policy.
- UBC policy consultations.

Fermentation Lab – Kia Teimouri
- No updates.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
- New budgeting process coming next week.
- Minutes will also come next week.
- Consulted on Bylaw 13 – financial reporting of subsidiaries.
- Code change coming: Funds and Fees Update.

Questions
Alireza Kamyabi:
- The committee reports from May through December 2019 have just been submitted.
- Why were they delayed?

Lucia Liang:
- The May through November reports were submitted before and were resent in error.
• The December report is new.

**Governance Committee – Katherine Westerlund**
• Bylaw amendments.
• Code changes.
• Later transitioning to look at overlapping Constituency memberships.

**HR Committee – Danny Liu for Riley Ty**
• Apologies from Riley for not being here.
• Job postings being prepared for the Ombudsperson, Speaker, and Chief Electoral Officer.
• Talked about reviewing the Health & Safety policy, but it turns out it’s not under our purview; it’s under the AMS Health and Safety Committee.
• Difficulties meeting quorum.
• Doubling the number of meetings in February.
• Reviewing Executive pay: HR Department will review and then bring to the HR Committee and maybe to the Finance Committee.

**Indigenous Committee – Chalaya Moonias**
• Pow wow April 3 at noon.
• Working on logistics.
• Accepting applications for Indigenous students to attend conferences.

**Operations Committee – Cole Evans**
• New Policy 1-7 (Expulsion Policy): revamping its scope.
• Operations Committee Policy Manual.
• IFC MoU.
  o Discussed with SASC.
• Club membership report:
  o Panhellenic, like IFC, is also in apparent violation of the rules.
  o Working with them on next steps.

**SHAPE – Chris Hakim**
• Meeting tomorrow to see if we want to sell some art.

**Steering – Chris Hakim**
• January meeting cancelled.

**Questions**
Max Holmes:
• What does Steering Committee do?

Chris Hakim:
• Long-term strategic planning for the AMS.
• Unfortunately, there have been some delays.
Student Life – Cole Evans
- Discussing its terms of reference.
- Grad Class Subcommittee appointments.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- What has this committee done over the past few months besides reviewing its terms of reference?

Cole Evans:
- The committee decided it should not be a standing committee.
- We’ll be meeting Friday to discuss the terms of reference.

Max Holmes:
- This points to a problem: when we have people who chair three or four committees.
- There has been a real gap.
- This committee could be doing oversight of Services and Events.
- It could easily be a standing committee if it had a chair who didn’t chair 6,000 other committees.

Cole Evans:
- Services, Events, Communications: we’ve talked about that in committee.
- Look at our minutes from November.
- I do think there is potential to revisit the situation and take your advice to find a way to oversee Events and Services.

Ad Hoc Council Governance – Katherine Westerlund
- Met last Friday to re-evaluate the timeline.
- We decided the committee is important and should continue to exist.
- This is important work.
- But we need more time: would like to extend our deadline.
- Discussed how to spread the work over a second year.

Nicolas Romualdi:
- We had a committee in the GSS overseeing other committees to make sure they met.

L) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Chris Hakim:
- No longer meeting every month.
- The Governance Committee put through changes to reduce the frequency of its meetings: that may have been a miscommunication.
M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

BoG – Jeanie Malone:
- The docket is online.
- Discussing integrated health services, tuition revenue, climate action, Indigenous Strategic Draft Plan.
- BoG and Senate elections are coming.

Max Holmes:
- BoG is fun, BoG is great.

Senate – Alex Gonzalez
- Senate has not happened since last meeting.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Last time we talked about Speakeasy going back to the 1970’s.
- Actually it goes all the way back to 1970, so this year is its 50th anniversary.
- The question was also raised about why there used to be a restriction on the Managing Director’s signing authority.
- As I was suggesting, this reflects the fact that there used to be more of a separation between the business side and the student government side.
- The Managing Director’s predecessor, the General Manager, used to be more restricted to the business side.
- There’s been an evolution. After a period of strong division, with the businesses supposed to be very separate, we had a consultant (MNP) tell us it was important to reintegrate the two sides, and that is what we’ve done.
- Businesses are closer now.
- Also Services: they used to report to the President or to a position on the student government side called the Executive Director, but they now report through the Senior Student Services Manager to the Managing Director.
- So in removing the restrictions on the Managing Director, as we did last time, we are continuing the evolution towards a more integrated organization.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

12. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD302-20]

   From the Governance Committee
   “That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2020: Senators and BoG Reps’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Westerlund:
- Many student members of the Senate are being mandated to do things by their Constituencies, which is bad, because they are really not officers of the Constituencies.
- They're also not officers of the AMS.

Max Holmes:
- These changes will establish the independence of the student Senators and BoG reps.
- They are really not part of the AMS elected positions.
- Some Constituencies assign a great deal of work to their Faculty Senators.
- The UBC Senate office wanted this fixed.
- Also, non-voting Council members in Code currently are considered officers of the Society, which could lead to conflict of interest.
- Want to get away from that.
- But this doesn’t exempt people from obligations they have if they hold other AMS positions.
- If you are a senator and hold another position you must still fulfill your AMS role, but the AMS has no say over what you do as a BoG or Senate rep.

Michelle Marcus:
- We have some concerns at the Science Undergraduate Society.
- This would go against SUS code, which says you can’t run for more than one position.
- There seems to have been no consultation.

Alireza Kamyabi:
- What is the conflict of interest?

Max Holmes:
- On the question of not running for more than one position within SUS: the Science Senator position is not within SUS; it’s not a SUS position, it’s a University position.
- That’s the point of the Code change: to make clear that the Science senator is not part of SUS.
- As to conflict of interest, we turned the BoG and Senate reps into non-voting (rather than voting) members of Council for a reason.
- Code still calls them officers and assigns them fiduciary duty; however, if the AMS is negotiating with the University about, say, the Rec building, it would be inappropriate for the BoG and Senate reps to influence votes here.
- If they are officers, the AMS can put obligations on them.
- We want them to come to Council to give advice, but we want to emphasize their independence, so they should not be officers.

Danny Liu:
- SUS code says you can only run for one SUS position.
- Is there a conflict here?
Julia Burnham:
- No, the election of Faculty of Science student senators is delegated to the Science Undergraduate Society, but it’s not a SUS position.

Jeanie Malone:
- The University technically owns the Senator elections.
- They have the AMS or the Constituencies run them to get out the vote.
- But the University could take that back.

Priscilla Chan:
- CUS Senators are heavily involved in our Constituency and code.
- Could we have some time to amend our code?

Max Holmes:
- There’s a reason to have this take effect now.
- The elections are coming up and we want this to be communicated before that.
- The change will not preclude a Senator from volunteering to do CUS work; you just can’t obligate them.
- It’s very important not to imply duties either.
- It’s great to invite people, but it’s not advisable to put things in the documents obliging them to do things in the Constituency.

Julia Burnham:
- Applied Science has other Constituencies in it besides Engineering: Nursing is not part of the EUS.

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For (12): Keira Britto, Priscilla Chan, Cole Evans, Haruka Higo, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, James Chen (proxy for Andrew Huang), Arash Shadkam, Chris Sundby, Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Katherine Westerlund

Abstained: Julia Burnham, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Kevin Zhang

14. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

**From the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance**

“That Council extend the deadline for the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance until the last Council meeting in November 2020.”

Katherine Westerlund:
- The work is valuable, but we can’t complete it on the original deadline.
15. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance
“That Council extend the deadline for the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance until the last Council meeting in November 2020.”

... Carried

For (17): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Haruka Higo, Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Alireza Kamyabi, Jake Reznik, Arash Shadkam, Chris Sundby, Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Against (1): Cole Evans

16. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG: [SCD303-20]

From the Finance Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council approve ‘Code Changes 2020: Funds and Fees Update’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Lucia Liang:
- This is adding provisions to Code for fees approved by referendum.
- They’re mostly administered by the Finance Committee, but the Finance Committee does not dictate how the funds are used by the fee-receiving groups.
- We’ve had discussions with the groups.
- It’s important to have these provisions in Code to make sure the money is distributed.

Alireza Kamyabi:
- Were the provisions on the Indigenous Fund approved by the Indigenous Committee?

Lucia Liang:
- Yes, a policy was worked out with the Indigenous Committee.

17. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG: [SCD303-20]

From the Finance Committee
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

18. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

From the VP Academic & University Affairs
“That on the recommendation of the VP Academic and University Affairs, Council approve the use of Qualtrics as the platform for the collection of electronic signatures for referendum petitions for 2020 and subsequent years.”

Julia Burnham:
• I’m responsible for collecting and validating referendum petitions.
• Last year we used Qualtrics, and we approved it at Council, but only for 2019.
• Now we’re using essentially the same motion but changing it to 2020 and adding that it’s for subsequent years, so we don’t have to keep coming back for Council approval.
• Qualtrics is free, secure, and compliant with PIPA.

Kevin Zhang:
• If it goes down, what’s the alternative?

Julia Burnham:
• Paper.

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20. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

“That the meeting be extended by 20 minutes.”

... No objections

21. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM: [SCD304-20]

From the VP Academic & University Affairs
“That Council suspend Policy I-12 (Policy on the Academic Experience Survey) until the end of the fiscal year.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Julian Burnham:
- This is a policy from 2017.
- The Advocacy Committee is reviewing it.
- In the meantime its current appendices require questions we no longer wish to ask on the Academic Experience Survey (AES).
  - Some will be in the Nest Experience Survey (NES).
  - We would be duplicating what's in the NES, and I don't see much value in that.
- Once this was flagged, the Advocacy Committee decided to bring it here to suspend the current policy so that we are compliant.
- Last year’s AES was also not compliant.
- The survey is very long. Cutting questions is good.

Max Holmes:
- Good idea to suspend the policy: it was created when I was AVP.
- But I’m disappointed that the Nest Experience Survey is coming before the AES.
- It shows shifting priorities in the AMS.
- The AES should take priority.
- Also, though it’s good to have a shorter survey, there’s a danger of losing data that we need in order to see trends.
- We need a policy covering both the AES and the NES.

Julia Burnham:
- We talked at Advocacy about the necessity of tracking data.
- It was seen as important, but some questions don’t need to be asked every year or at all.
- The policy can be revamped to cover the NES, to lay out what should be in both surveys.

22. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

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S) Discussion Period
T) Submissions:

- January Advocacy Committee monthly report
- AMS Bylaws Indigenous seat 2020
- Proposed changes to AMS Bylaws for 2020
- Summary of Bylaw changes February 2020
- Finance Committee monthly reports May 2019 – December 2019
- Club Membership rules update
- Operations Committee January report
- Student Life Committee January report

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: February 12, 2020

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 pm.

X) Social Activity:
The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

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Students Council Minutes

Guests: Emma Livingstone (Ubyssey), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- This meeting is taking place on the unceded, stolen, traditional, ancestral territory of the he̓n̓q̓əmíθəm-speaking Musqueam people.
- I hope this statement will not just be a formality.
- We need to understand what it means to be on these lands, participating in an act of violence.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED CHALAYA MOONIAS, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

For (20): Keira Britto, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Noa Bridson (proxy for Carmen Kim), Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Harresh Thayakaanthan (proxy for Danny Liu), Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Alex Gonzalez), Katherine Westerlund

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

Welcome to our new Members: Elsabe Fourie (Planning)


Goodbyes: Jonathan Kew (Planning), Lucita Villarreal (Library-Archival)
E) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED RAVI PARHAR: [SCD313-20]

**From the Governance Committee**

"Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 2-6, 2020 on the following question:

Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled Proposed Changes to AMS Bylaws?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes."

Katherine Westerlund:
- No one came to our meeting on Thursday, so I presume everyone is fine with the bylaw package and will vote Yes.
- We do want to make two changes.
- First, about amending the bylaw to increase the number of signatures needed on a petition to initiate a referendum.
- We discussed this at the last Council meeting.
- We looked at the data, and all but one of the referendums initiated by petition in recent years met quorum.
- This gave us confidence to stick with the current number: 1,000 signatures.
- It means we're not going to referendum on questions that fail to get quorum, and keeping the number at 1,000 satisfies the need for a relatively low barrier.
- So we don't recommend making this change now, though we recommend looking at the number again in a couple more years.
- The second change was to use the word "designate" instead of "keep" in referring to the records; we decided it was a more appropriate word to use.

3. MOVED MICHELLE MARCUS, SECONDED NOA BRIDSON:

“That the Proposed Changes document be amended to strike “the business interests of a third party” in paragraph 2 of the section **Bylaw 18: Records.**”

Michelle Marcus:
- I think it's not responsible for us to be working towards protecting the interests of third parties.
- Our responsibility is to the students.
- If something would be harmful to us, that's already covered in the previous phrase about not disclosing records if that would harm the financial or economic interests of the AMS.

Jake Reznik:
- Can you elaborate on why it is important to strike this phrase?
Michelle Marcus:
- Our goal should not be protecting profit for other companies.
- If it’s a case where a disclosure would be hurting us, that’s already covered.

Chris Hakim:
- Are there any scenarios where we would be protecting another company’s interests and not harming us?
- If the business interest of a third party is harmed, the AMS would be harmed.

Michelle Marcus:
- My concern is that this leaves the door open for the AMS to be prioritizing business interests over other interests.

Sean Ryan:
- Do we have a clear standard for harm to financial or economic interest?

Chris Hakim:
- This is done by the Executive on a case to case basis.
- We could create a policy.
- An example would be a confidentiality clause:
  - If a computer company gives us a deal, but we have to keep it confidential, we'd be open to litigation if we disclosed it.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- In that example, the financial standing of the AMS would be affected, so the clause talking about AMS financial or economic interests would cover it.

Sean Ryan:
- So we don’t have a clear standard; it's just ad hoc.

Chris Hakim:
- We could develop something as part of the Records Policy.
- In the meantime we make ad hoc decisions.
- We would consult Legal, management, and this board.

4. MOVED MICHELLE MARCUS, SECONDED NOA BRIDSON:

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Abstained: Jake Reznik

5. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED RAVI PARHAR: [SCD314-20]

From the Governance Committee
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Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled Proposed Changes to AMS Bylaws [as amended]?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

Chris Hakim:
- The clause to endorse a Yes position means we are encouraging students to vote Yes.
- The Executive will work with the Referendum Coordinator to promote the question through social media and an on-the-ground campaign.

6. MOVED KATHERINE WESTERLUND, SECONDED RAVI PARHAR:

From the Governance Committee
“Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 2-6, 2020 on the following question:

Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled Proposed Changes to AMS Bylaws [as amended]?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

... Carried

For (19): Keira Britto, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Lucia Liang, Ravi Parhar, Harresh Thayakaanthan (proxy for Danny Liu), Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Alex Gonzalez), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Noa Bridson (proxy for Carmen Kim), Michelle Marcus

7. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG: [SCD315-20]

From the Governance Committee
“Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 2-6, 2020 on the following question:
Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled AMS Bylaw Revisions 2020: Indigenous Seat on Council?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes."

Katherine Westerlund:
- This is coming from the Indigenous Committee.
- It’s about creating an Indigenous seat on Council.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- The wording comes from the Indigenous Committee?

Chris Hakim:
- Yes.

Chalaya Moonias:
- Earlier I was at the Longhouse talking circle discussing the Wet’suwet’en situation.
- I want to highlight the importance of having a seat.
- A lot of us feel afraid.
- Having a seat would make us feel that much more safe and protected.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- I want to recognize Rodney Little Mustache, the Indigenous Committee, and other campus groups who worked and advocated for this.
- I hope we all work really hard to make this pass.

Chris Hakim:
- This is the first step of a large process.
- If Council had the power to unilaterally make this seat, I’m confident it would have.
- Our Referendum Coordinator will work very hard on this.
- It’s very important.

Cole Evans:
- Can we amend the question to make it clearer that it’s about adding an Indigenous seat?
- I don’t see the change until the end of the question.

8. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That the question be amended to read:
Do you support and approve the creation of an Indigenous student seat on AMS Council by amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled AMS Bylaw Revisions 2020: Indigenous Seat on Council?”
Jeanie Malone:
- This is specifically for a student?

Chris Hakim:
- Yes, the actual bylaw amendment says Indigenous student.

Jake Reznik:
- This is awesome.
- Who is going to be able to vote for this seat?

Chalaya Moonias:
- Great point to reword the referendum question.
- As to who will vote, that will be something the Indigenous Committee will figure out.

9. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That the question be amended to read:
Do you support and approve the creation of an Indigenous student seat on AMS Council by amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled AMS Bylaw Revisions 2020: Indigenous Seat on Council?”

… No objections

10. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

From the Governance Committee
“Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 2-6, 2020 on the following question:

Do you support and approve the creation of an Indigenous student seat on AMS Council by amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled AMS Bylaw Revisions 2020: Indigenous Seat on Council?

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

… Carried with Applause

For (22): Keira Britto, Cole Evans, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Noa Bridson (proxy for Carmen Kim), Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Ravi Parhar, Harresh Thayakaanthan (proxy for Danny Liu), Chalaya Moonias (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Jake Reznik, Sean Ryan, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Emma Dodyk (proxy for Alex Gonzalez), Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

F) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020
G) Submissions:

   Summary of Bylaw Changes February 2020             [SCD316-20]
   Summary of Bylaw Changes February 2020 as amended   [SCD316A-20]

H) Adjournment:

   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

I) Social Activity:
## February 12, 2020 Roster

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

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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

A) Call to order

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

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

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

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   Chris Hakim:
   - I’d like to move up the air conditioning motion.

   Cole Evans:
   - I’d like to remove the bookings presentation.

   Michelle Marcus:
   - Will you be doing this presentation in the future?

   Cole Evans:
   - Yes, in the future.
2. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

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

… No objections

3. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… Carried

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

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

Welcome to our new Members: Lillian Milroy (Senate)

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

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

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

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED RAVI PARHAR, SECONDED NICHOLAS HARTERRE:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

HR Committee minutes dated February 7, 2020 [SCD317-20]
Finance Committee minutes dated February 4, 2020 [SCD318-20]
…Carried
H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute period):

**Hatch Art Sale Proposal – Cole Evans**

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

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

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

**Kiel Torres:**
- We have an extremely unique collection of Canadian art.
- An unparalleled footprint.
- We are disappointed by the lack of resources for the collection.
Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora:
- This year we’ve been working on a strategic plan.
- This proposed sale will affect that plan and our collection detrimentally.
- Deaccession or removal of art works is only ethical if it does not affect the integrity of the collection.
- We do not believe the conditions have been met to make this sale.
- It is not in accordance with the collection’s mandate.

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

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

Mathew Ho:
- What were the referendum results?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- I don’t have the numbers in front of me, but it passed.

Sean Ryan:
- What was the motivation to sell?

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

Maxim Greer:
- This is a statement from the Art History and Visual Arts Department.
We’d like to express our support for the initiative to preserve the integrity of the AMS art collection.

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

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

Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora:
- There are 71, and every one holds a historical moment.

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

5. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

“That the sale proposal be referred to the SHAPE Committee.”

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

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

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

Robert Heffel:
- I attended UBC and never saw these paintings hanging once.
• We thought this sale had been decided on; we had no idea there was some other view.
• If you do decide to keep these paintings, you need to find a way to show them.

James (guest):
• During the SHAPE committee meeting on this, the situation was not made clear.
• We were not given a chance to discuss.
• It was not a unanimous decision.

6. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

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... Carried

For (23): Keira Britto, Jonathan Kew, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Anne Khong, Mathew Ho (proxy for Kia Teimouri), Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Michelle Marcus, Melanie Mpanju, Ravi Parhar, Sean Ryan, Shadi Saberian, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Matthew Epstein, Alex Gonzalez, Danny Liu

7. MOVED MICHELLE MARCUS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

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

... Carried

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

Abstained: Katherine Westerlund

Hatch Art Gallery Discussion
Michelle Marcus:
• What was the role of the Art Gallery manager and assistant manager in the discussion about selling the art?

Kiel Torres:
• Cole had been in touch with Heffel earlier this year.
• At first the idea was to sell a piece by Lawren Harris, but it had been a gift, and selling it would have been an ethical breach.
• So then the plan was to sell the E.J. Hughes instead, one of our most valuable pieces.
Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora:
- This had been a discussion before we came in.
- There was consultation, but it wasn’t a chance to sway the vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chris Hakim:
- The SHAPE committee’s main mandate was to carry out what the referendum authorized.
- The Art Gallery staff were working on a strategic plan.
- It will be more useful to have this discussion at SHAPE.
- We will take your concerns to SHAPE.
- We would love to talk further with people from the art community.
- I’d like to thank Heffel for coming out.
- We appreciate the partnership we have with you.
- Apologies for wasting your time this way.
- We need to decide next steps for the collection.
The air conditioning presentation and motion were scheduled for this point in the agenda, but it was agreed to move them to after the financial report.

Q3 Financial Report – Lucia Liang [SCD320-20]

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

Questions

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

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

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

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

Max Holmes:
- Most of us don’t understand what this is.
- We were sent this reforecast.
- Is there a motion with it?
8. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

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

… No objections

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

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

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

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

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

Chris Hakim:
- The same applied to our general membership fees.
- We used to use 51,000 as the number of AMS members.
- We’ve changed that now to 56,000.
Jeanie Malone:
- It is hard to advocate to the University when there is a surplus within the student union.
- We need to think about inter-generational equity.
- It’s very hard to understand these documents.

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

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

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

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

Anne Khong:
- How are you prioritizing expenditures?

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

Chris Hakim:
- That's the proposed budget process.
- Currently Keith works with his managers; the Executives come in with their proposals.
- Then the Finance Committee reviews the proposals.
- It’s not a robust process.
- There is a budget process Code change coming.
Carmen Kim:
- The problem is that nobody knows about our funds, and so nobody applies to them.
- Clubs run short of money, but don’t apply.
- Can we make the funds more accessible?

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

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

Carmen Kim:
- If we’re making a profit, could there be an analysis of our costs and prices?

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

9. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

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

... No objections

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

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

Keira Britto:
- Concerning increasing the usage of the Constituency Aid Fund:
- Have you considered increasing the amount of coverage for events from 75% to full coverage?
Lucia Liang:
- I will look into it.

Kevin Zhang:
- Does the AMS currently grant bursaries?

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

Kevin Zhang:
- How much money do we allocate?

Chris Hakim
- It’s out of an endowment; maybe $600,000 a year.

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

Lucia Liang:
- That is the $600,000.

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

Lucia Liang:
- Would really like more staff dedicated to funds.

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

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

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- More funding for campaigns, for UCRU (the Undergraduates of Canadian Research-intensive Universities), for the Equity Plan and an AVP Equity.
• Money for marginalized students.
• We have asked senior managers to look into long-term wage forecasting.

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

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

10. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

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

… No objections

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

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

Anne Khong
• When it comes to budgeting, the needs of the students should be the first priority: bursaries, the Food Bank, etc.
Air conditioning project – Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer)

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

Questions
Jackson Schumacher:
- Why does this become more expensive if we wait?

Michael Kingsmill:
- Everything costs more over time.
- Specifically, in the summer there tend to be price increases, due to demand.
Michelle Marcus:
- Do we have carbon footprint data for this building?
- Can we set targets for this project?

Michael Kingsmill:
- Yes, we have data through our building management system.
- This monitors the building’s energy consumption.

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

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Note: Current balance of the fund is $2.1 million
Note: Requires 2/3rds

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

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13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

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

Arash Shadkam:
- I would like to discuss this, but the people who know the most have left the room.
Cole Evans:
  • This is not about the sale, but the process, so the Board will know what happened.

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEVIN ZHANG:

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... Carried

For (15): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Jonathan Kew, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Danny Liu, Sean Ryan, Wendy Song, Chris Sundby, Riley Ty, Katherine Westerlund, Kevin Zhang

Abstained: Michelle Marcus

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

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The meeting went in camera at 8:25 pm.
The meeting left the in camera session at 8:35 pm.

Federal Lobby Trip – Cristina Ilnitchi

• With UCRU (Undergraduates of Canadian Research-intensive Universities), the ad hoc coalition, three weeks ago.
• UCRU mirrors the U-15 universities, the fifteen largest universities.
• We represent nine of the 15 schools.
• We come together once a year for lobby week.
• I was chair this year.
• SUDS connects us to these schools.
• There are lots of opportunities for us, especially because it’s a minority government in Ottawa.
• We made four recommendations, on:
  o affordability
  o international students
  o Indigenous students
  o expanding undergraduate research.
• On affordability, we were asking for reallocation of the tuition tax credit of $1.7 billion.
  o Not a lot of folks use it.
  o Those from the highest income quintile use it most.
  o Need it to be needs-based.
  o There are lots of reports of inaccessibility of the credit.
  o The Parliamentary Budget Office says it is inefficient.
• On international students, we want the government to change the eligibility rules for the Canadian Experience Class (a route to permanent residency).
  o There are limits now on what work counts.
  o We want co-op and other work done during university to count towards permanent residency.
  o Need an international student strategy.
• On Indigenous students:
  o The government has put $300 million into a support program.
  o That’s a fantastic start, but nowhere near what’s needed.
  o Need more funding for Indigenous Studies programs.
  o Funding needs to be more accessible both on and off reserve.
• Expanding undergraduate research:
  o Undergraduate student research awards.
  o We have it in STEM programs, but not in health, social sciences, and the humanities.
  o Want it available in more disciplines.
  o Want students to be paid fairly.
• Had 70 meetings with MP’s and staff about postsecondary education policy.
• Across parties.
• A lot more meetings than in the past two years because power is more dispersed.
• Connected with other higher education lobby groups to strengthen our voices, build coalitions.
• There’s a gap because UCRU only represents undergraduates.
• There’s also no funding structure for UCRU: we need to dedicate funds to it.
• Looking at formalizing its organization and structure.

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

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

Chris Hakim:
• Are there any connections between this and provincial lobbying?

Cristina Ilitchi:
• BC announced they were introducing an up-front needs based grant.
- We’re pushing for transferring some money to that from the federal tuition tax credit.
- The Indigenous study program is also applicable to provincial advocacy.

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

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

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

16. MOVED ARASH SHADKAM, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

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

... Carried

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

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim
- Conducting a wage analysis.
- Referendum campaign: hired two co-coordinators.
- Cristina and I met with the UBC VP External office to discuss external advocacy.
- Met with UBC Rec about plans for the new fitness centre.
- Working with the Ad Hoc Committee on Council Governance.
- Hiring Indigenous facilitator.
- Hoping to bring in a consultant for the strategic plan.
- Block Party line-up is up.
- Policy reviews
- Invitation for All Presidents Dinner sent out.
L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham
- Climate Emergency Task Force met.
- Senate:
  - I’m the chair of SACADI (on diversity and inclusion).
  - Hiring of AVP Academic and Vice-Provost.
  - Policy SC-17 (sexual misconduct).
- Academic Experience Survey is out – please fill it out.

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

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- What are the access grants?

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

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
- eHub:
  - Cool networking event.
  - RBC Get Seeded is coming.
- Tutoring: Nimbus traffic picking up.
- Vice:
  - Naloxone training.
  - Planning a serious presence at Block Party.
Looking into drug testing.
  • Advocacy:
    o Hired volunteers.
  • Hoping to combine Vice and Speakeasy.
    o Meeting with Well-Being Centre to see what they’d like.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
  • Block Party line-up launched.
    o 3,500 tickets sold.
  • Knee deep in budgets.
  • Services Review being finalized.
  • SASC has a show in the Hatch.

Questions
Kevin Zhang:
  • Will Councillors be asked to help out with Block Party?

Keith Hester:
  • Yes.

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

Questions
Ian Stone:
  • When are you building the wall for Services?

Cole Evans:
  • The Finance Committee lost quorum before we could vote on it.

Danny Liu (a question for Ian):
  • Speakeasy and Vice are the least helpful services, according to the AES.
  • What will uniting them do for that?
Julia Burnham:
• That’s a little bit of a misinterpretation of the data.
• 40% of the people that engage with Vice and Speakeasy find it helpful.

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

VP Finance – Chris Hakim for Lucia Liang
• Reforecast and Q3 report.
• Motions coming.
• Working on fund rubrics.

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

Advocacy – Nick Harterre
• Lobby trip.
• Future of AMS Advocacy.
• Climate strike.

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

Finance Committee – Chris Hakim for Lucia Liang
• You saw the Q3 presentation.
• Code changes coming.

Governance – Katherine Westerlund
• Focusing on Constituency composition:
  o Dual majors – which constituency do they belong to?

HR Committee – Carmen Kim
• Annual Employment Survey.
• Posting JD’s for Ombuds person, Speaker, and Chief Electoral Officer.
• Looking to increase diversity by getting underrepresented groups to join the committee.
• Next meeting: Executive pay.

Operations Committee – Cole Evans
• Policy I-7 coming next meeting.
• Approved new clubs.
• IFC and Sororities: what will their future relationship with the AMS look like?
• Ops Comm Policy Manual review.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• How is the progress on getting a Senate and BoG office?

Cole Evans:
• The work is done.
• We need to wait for turnover to give you the office.

Jeanie Malone:
• So we won’t have to suspend Code again?

Cole Evans:
• I’m guaranteeing 1000% that you will have an office on May 1.

Jeanie Malone:
• For how long?

Cole Evans:
• It’s a permanent office.

Max Holmes:
• Have you already assigned the office?
• Could this be a conflict for you depending on election results?

Cole Evans:
• Good point.
• I will make sure it will happen before turnover.

Mathew Ho:
• When you talk of the IFC, do you mean the individual fraternities?

Cole Evans:
• The fraternities are chapters in a way.
• Whatever happens to the IFC is applicable to all.

SHAPE – Chris Hakim
• We tried to sell art: it didn’t go too well.
• Will talk to the groups.
• Want to determine our vision.

Steering Committee – Chris Hakim
• Will discuss the strategic plan at the next meeting.
• Will look at bringing in consultants.
Questions
Danny Liu:
• When did you last meet?

Chris Hakim:
• Had to cancel last month.
• Will try to schedule soon.

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

Arash Shadkam:
• What is the process for Grad Class?

Chris Hakim:
• We send out a posting to graduating students to get ideas for grad class gifts.
• Happening soon.

17. MOVED ALEX GONZALEZ, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Defeated

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

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

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

Ad Hoc Governance Committee – Chris Hakim
• My team is working on a report.
• Hope to meet soon.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Cole Evans for Kia Teimouri
• Waiting on UBC to finalize an MoU with Musqueam.
• This could take a while – months or years.
• Exploring ways to distribute beer.
N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Chris Hakim:
  • No report.

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone
  • Special meeting on Indigenous Strategic Plan cancelled, but consultation is still happening.
  • Next meetings April 6, 7, 14.
  • Two new faculty reps from UBC Vancouver.

Senate – Lillian Milroy
  • Elections happening.
  • Report on external review.
  • Report on student evaluations.
  • Triennial Review.
  • Dates for 2020/21 session released

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

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

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

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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

19. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED CRISTINA ILNITCHI:

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

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... Carried

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

20. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM: [SCD324-20]

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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

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

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

Alireza Kamyabi:
- No longer going to submit a financial report to the AGM?
Chris Hakim:
- We still have to present financial statements to the AGM.
- This just moves the quarterly report to June from October.
- It will be presented to Council instead of the AGM.

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

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

21. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the motion be amended to add ‘effective April 1, 2020’.”

Max Holmes:
- Does this mean you’ll get a preliminary budget done for April 30?

Chris Hakim:
- Yes.

22. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the motion be amended to add ‘effective April 1, 2020’.”

... No objections

23. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

From the Finance Committee

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes:
- It doesn’t seem consultation is included when the new Executives come in.

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

Jeanie Malone:
- This is an important motion.
Should we postpone it until we have more members?

24. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ARASH SHADKAM:

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

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

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

T) Submissions:

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

U) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: March 11, 2020

V) Social Activity:
Vote records

V1: Test your clickers!
V2: Approval of the agenda
V3: Consent Agenda Items
V4: Motion to refer back to the SHAPE Committee
V5: Amend the agenda to add a Hatch Art Gallery discussion
V6: Be it Resolved that Council
V7: Amend the agenda to briefly discuss the Heffe Motion
V8: Motion to stay in camera
V9: Motion to stay in camera
V10: HR Committee Appointment
V11: Quorum Check
V12: Quorum Check
V13: Quorum Check
V14: Quorum Check
V15: Motion to adjourn
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Emma Livingstone (Ubyssey), Henry Anderson (Ubyssey), Dan Cooper (Associate Director, UBC Sport Facilities), Ahsan Sahibzada (Chief Electoral Officer), Nick Pang (AMS staff), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

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

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- It is important to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the stolen and unceded territories of the hən̓q̓əmíθən̓ spoke Musqueam people.
- We should not treat this acknowledgement as a formality.
- All of UBC is on these lands.
- We should reflect on how to mitigate the ongoing act of violence we are committing by our uninvited presence on this land.
- It’s a good moment to note the passing of the referendum to create an Indigenous seat on Council.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That the agenda be amended as follows:
- Move the Recreation motion to Presentations and include a presentation on it.
- Add a Code change motion under Other Business regarding COVID-19.
- Remove the Health & Dental Plan discussion.

Katherine Westerlund:
- Also add a motion to add a Bylaw referendum question to the Special Election.

Arash Shadkam:
- I would like to vote on the removal of the Health & Dental Plan discussion separately.

3. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

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… No objections

4. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

“That the agenda be amended as follows:
• Remove Health & Dental Plan discussion.”

Chris Hakim:
• We can have a more substantive discussion at the next Council meeting.
• Been working some things out with the GSS.

Arash Shadkam:
• The GSS Council has been briefed.
• I would like to have a discussion tonight on this.
• We could get updates at the next meeting.

Max Holmes:
• Point of order: All it requires is a single member asking for a discussion for us to have one.

Chris Hakim:
• We’re still considering a few items to do with the RFP process.
• I would encourage Council to consider that we’re bringing more details to the next Council meeting.
• If we have a discussion on it now, we could brief Council, but we could bring our health plan advisors, TRG, to the next meeting.

Jackson Schumacher:
• If this motion passes, we will just ask for a discussion anyway.

Lucia Liang:
• On behalf of the Health & Dental Plan Committee, I would like to report that we voted and reached unanimous agreement, but the AMS Executive raised new issues.

5. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

“That the agenda be amended as follows:
• Remove Health & Dental Plan discussion.”

… Defeated

For (12): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Matthew Epstein, Elsabe Fourie, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Cristina Ilnitchi, Daniel Martin, Ishgun Matta (proxy for Sean Ryan), Wendy Song, Kia Teimouri, Kevin Zhang
Against (12): Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Alireza Kamyabi, Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Clara Sismondo (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Arash Shadkam, Kaili Sun

Abstained: Michael Salloum (proxy for Ravi Parhar)

Max Holmes:
- I would like to add a discussion on coronavirus planning.

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… Carried

For (27): Keira Britto, Julia Burnham, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Elsabe Fourie, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Nicholas Harterre, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Alireza Kamyabi, Anne Khong, Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Daniel Martin, Michael Salloum (proxy for Ravi Parhar), Clara Sismondo (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Ishgun Matta (proxy for Sean Ryan), Jackson Schumacher, Wendy Song, Kaili Sun, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Kevin Zhang

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

Welcome to our new Members: Elsabe Fourie (Planning), Daniel Martin (VST)

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

Goodbyes: Jonathan Kew (Planning), Justin Thurn (VST)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- If you have trouble accessing the meeting, let me know.
- Or if you have ideas for making our meetings more efficient.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

7. MOVED JACKSON SCHUMACHER, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Advocacy Committee minutes dated January 27, 2020 [SCD331-20]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated February 3, 2020 [SCD332-20]
AMS Council minutes dated January 8, 2020 [SCD333-30]
H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute period):

Recreation Building – Dan Cooper (Associate Director, UBC Sport Facilities)

Chris Hakim:
- This is about the huge project for students approved in a 2017 referendum.

Dan Cooper:
- UBC embarked on a lengthy Game Plan Process in 2015.
- It was an engagement strategy about directing capital investment for the next 20 years.
- There were workshops etc. in which the idea was to discover needs.
- The focus was on:
  - Recreation and fitness centres
  - Aging facilities, e.g., War Memorial Gym and Thunderbird Stadium
  - The lack of sports facilities, courts, etc.
- In 2017 AMS members voted to help pay for new fitness space on campus.
- When the ARC Fitness Centre opened in the Life Building, that doubled the fitness space on campus (to 16,000 square feet), but left us still well below the national average.
- The new recreational building will bring us to 45,000 square feet, a dramatic increase putting us in line with schools elsewhere.
- Overall the new facility will have 100,000 square feet, including three gym courts, an indoor track, areas for strength and conditioning, cardio, and stretching, and multi-purpose studios.
- It will be north of the Life Building and attached to it, west of the Student Rec Centre.
- The latest budget is $66 million.
- The AMS is contributing $22.5 million from student fees over a number of years, resulting in a net present contribution of $13.4 million.
- There will be a Project Steering Committee with 4 UBC reps and 3 from the AMS.
- It will be managed by UBC Properties Trust.
- There will be a second committee, a Management Committee, to direct operations and provide advice to the Managing Director of Athletics and Recreation.
It will also do strategic and financial planning and select the building manager.
Naming of the building will be explored as a potential fundraising tool.

Chris Hakim:
- An amazing amount of work went into the planning process for this since the referendum.
- Data suggests that recreation is one of the top extra-curricular interests in postsecondary institutions.

Questions
Alireza Kamyabi:
- Out of the student contribution of $22.5 million, if $13.4 million is going to construction and financing, where is the rest going?
- Re the Management Committee: Will there be AMS members?

Dan Cooper:
- Yes, the Management Committee will have the same composition as the Steering Committee: 4 UBC and 3 AMS members.
- The gap in funding is because of construction costs incurred: it's $13.4 million because $8 million is consumed in interest.

Max Holmes:
- I'm concerned about membership costs changing.
- Want to keep them affordable.
- Will it take a two-thirds vote of the committee to increase them?
- I note that the AMS already collects a $21 fee that goes to Athletics & Recreation.
- Because of this, will we look at lowering the membership costs for facilities?

Dan Cooper:
- The Management Committee will be responsible for membership costs.
- Their voice will be added to that of the Managing Director.

Chris Hakim:
- Conversations are happening about the $21.
- Membership prices have certainly been discussed.
- Looking at them decreasing over time.

Max Holmes:
- What about the issue of two-thirds votes?

Dan Cooper:
- I can't speak to that.

Chris Hakim:
- It was part of the $21 fee discussion.
8. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:  [SCD337-20], [SCD338-20]

**From the Executive Committee**

“That the AMS/UBC Recreation Facility Finance agreement and the AMS/UBC Recreation Facility Management agreement be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Hakim:
- This is what students asked for a few years back.
- It will be an amazing facility.
- We are excited to see it go through.

Michelle Marcus:
- Is there a link to these agreements?

Chris Hakim:
- We gave Councillors an opportunity to view the documents beforehand.

Max Holmes
- If I were a voting Councillor, I’d be asking questions about the $21, the MoU process, and what recognition the AMS will get for its contribution.
- Students still have to pay fees: is this making it more affordable?
- However, I am in a conflict because I am on the UBC Board of Governors.

Alireza Kamyabi:
- With all the fees for athletics and recreation, we still have to pay a fee to use the gym or become a member.
- A little math on this would be helpful.
- Some guarantees on where the money is going would be helpful.

Chris Hakim:
- Not all the athletic fees are AMS fees.
- The $175 fee is not ours.
- The $21 fee is.

Katherine Westerlund:
- Why were the contracts not sent with the Council docket?

Chris Hakim:
- Financial and management information and contracts in general we generally do not circulate.

Arash Shadkam:
- If they were not in the docket, how can we discuss them?
• Perhaps we should go in camera.

9. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED CHRIS SUNDBY, THIRDED KIA TEIMOURI:

“That Council go in camera”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Council went in camera at 6:47 pm.
Council left the in camera session at 7:08 pm.

10. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD337-20], [SCD338-20]

From the Executive Committee

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April 3rd Climate Strike – Cristina Ilnitchi and UBC C350 (Clara Sismondo and Michelle Marcus) [SCD339-20]

Clara Sismondo:
• Caveat: The strike may be cancelled due to Coronavirus.
• The first climate strike on September 27 saw a mass student turnout.
• It was highly successful in pressuring the University to take action on the climate crisis.
• The AMS and others signed on to an open letter and got UBC to declare a climate emergency.

Michelle Marcus:
• September 27 focused on pressuring the University.
• It got the University to sign on to divestment from fossil fuels.
• For April 3 the focus is on the provincial government.
• There will be a strike on campus and another one downtown.
• Looking to get communities, faculties, and staff to come out.
• We have a pledge we are asking you to sign demanding climate action now: a transition to a fossil-fuel-free economy while taking account of the effects this might have on fossil fuel workers.
- We’re asking the UBC community to demand more from the government: a Green New Deal, climate justice.
- We’re engaging Indigenous and social justice groups.

Clara Sismondo:
- We’re looking to mobilize students.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- The AMS has been asked to support the strike in many ways:
  - By endorsing, promoting, giving permission to employees to miss work, lobbying governments.
- We’re discussing this at the Advocacy Committee and coordinating with the AMS Communications Department.
- Also working with the AMS HR Manager.
- We’re reviewing the climate strike demands and how they align with what government is doing now.
- Looking for who we can partner with.
- It’s important for the AMS to take a stand on this.
- We have a policy on this, saying we will advocate for climate justice.
- This matters to lots of students.
- Items for consideration
  - How do we have complicated conversations about pipelines?
  - How do we advocate?
  - What partners and channels should we seek out?
  - How are we transitioning this advocacy?
  - Transition to new AMS Executive.

Questions
Alex Gonzalez:
- It’s important to go beyond pro and con on pipeline issues.
- Need to include people who understand the technical side of pipelines.
- Hard to tell sometimes which is the most sustainable option.
- It’s certainly important to invite people with expertise.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Have had this conversation.
- Please reach out to anyone who might want to attend our Advocacy meeting.
- We want a results-oriented discussion.
- The Advocacy Committee hasn’t reached consensus, but the higher level is supporting climate justice.
- Need to get a better understanding of how to move forward.

Michelle Marcus:
- Opposing pipelines is central to the April 3 strike.
- But we talk of having a just transition and not leaving anyone behind to be fair to the workers.
Chris Sundby:
- Have we been talking to others?
- And for employees missing work, will that be paid or unpaid leave?

Clara Sismondo:
- We have been talking to other schools: SFU, Langara, etc.
- This is part of a national conversation.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- We've talked to schools in BC and federally.
- The ABCS (Alliance of BC Students) is going to be advocating for climate justice.
- Looking at partnerships federally.
- As to staff taking time off, currently we’re asking for a heads-up to let employees and employers know about the strike and if someone wants to take time off, schedule that.

Michelle Marcus:
- That’s what we did in September.

11. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED CARMEN KIM:

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

... No objections

Chris Hakim:
- We have made statements about climate before and in support of the Wet’suwet’en.
- We need to restart discussions in the Advocacy Committee.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- The Advocacy Committee will be having a conversation Monday.

Max Holmes:
- Understanding the complexities, how long do you expect these conversations to go on?
- Will there be a decision at the next meeting?
- Who have you invited to the meeting?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- We’ve discussed some high level details.
- Still having discussions with the chair before sending out the agenda on Friday.
- The conversation will mostly be about the language we use.
- To be honest, we’ve had this conversation several times at Advocacy: it may have to come to Council.
Max Holmes:
- Who has been invited?
- Timeline on the conversations?
- Decision on Monday?
- Or another meeting?
- Or Council?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- We're inviting the Engineering Undergraduate Society.
- Also UBC C350 and the Social Justice Centre.

2020 AMS Elections and Referendum results – Ahsan Sahibzada (Chief Electoral Officer)

- Thanks to all the candidates, and to the Elections Committee, and the permanent staff (Joanne, Sheldon, Leslie Tulett) and UBC staff in the University’s Academic Governance Office.
- Turnout was low: 11.6 % or 6,766 votes, about half of what we had last year.
- The Indigenous seat passed, so the Bylaws will be amended to add the seat on Council.
- The Bylaw amendment package failed for lack of quorum.
- The elected candidates for the Ubyssey Publications Society Board of Directors were:
  - Olga Unigovska
  - Nayah Mang
  - Ashley Bate
  - Bruno Teixeira
  - Rees Pillizzi.
- The Students for Students slate won the Student Legal Fund Society election. The individual candidates elected were:
  - Ilaria Cobb
  - Molly Wilson
  - Nicholas Harterre
  - Chris Hakim
  - Sara Sebba
  - Ryan Wong
- The five students elected to the UBC Vancouver Senate are:
  - Cole Evans
  - Eshana Bhangu
  - Julia Burnham
  - Max Holmes
  - Chris Hakim
- The two students elected to the University of Board of Governors are:
  - Jeanie Malone
  - Max Holmes
• The newly elected Executive is:
  o VP Finance: Lucia Liang, defeating No.
  o VP External: Kalith Nanayakkara, with two majorities (Andy Wu got one, and Remzi Xhemalce-Fuentes got none)
  o VP Administration: Sylvester Mensah Jr. defeated Aidan Wilson
  o President: Cole Evans, winning two majorities (Harresh Thayakaanthan won one, Ian Stone none)

• Smoother election cycle than I heard of from my predecessor.
• Only two complaints, one very minor resulting in a warning.
• There were a few complaints about lawn signs being removed, but there was no proof.
• There was good turnout at our events.
• Worked with the Indigenous Committee on a forum: I would recommend consulting with the Indigenous Committee before planning.
• Need more visibility: posters were banned this year; there was not enough in-your-face.
• Classroom announcements may not be sufficient.
• Electors’ names: issue of legal versus preferred names.
  o Legal names showed up when we sent out email blasts, causing distress to some.
  o I did include a disclaimer saying that the system was set up to use legal names, but we will work in the future to get UBC to use the preferred name rather than the legal one.
• Need to reach out to student groups that might not be as aware of the elections and the positions. Need to make them aware.

Questions
Michael Salloum:
• Do you have a population breakdown of who voted so we can know which groups to target?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
• We don’t really have that data.
• We do have some individual data, but it would take a lot of time to go through it.

Danny Liu:
• Re the voter turnout issue, maybe we could have a Designated Poster Wall.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
• Posters are banned.
• I wouldn’t really recommend to Council to remove the ban: not yet after only one election cycle. Wait one more year and then see.

Max Holmes:
• I believe this is the lowest turnout since we started using Simply Voting in 2013.
• The AMS should not accept this turnout.
• There were problems on the candidate side too:
  o One uncontested race.
  o One race (VP Academic & University Affairs) in which no one ran at all.
  o Three men running for President.
• The AMS is not doing enough to advertise these positions.
• What is the Elections Committee doing to address this? Council?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
• The Elections Committee is reaching out to more student groups.
• During voting an email goes out to all students, though some ends up in Spam, and some students are not interested.
• The Nomination Period is more of a concern: it’s important that people run.

Max Holmes:
• Does the Elections Committee see this as an issue to discuss outside the Elections Committee?
• Do you have enough money and resources?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
• We don’t have emails of clubs.
• We could use the AMS’s help.

Arash Shadkam:
• Re voter turnout: I bet a few Constituencies turn out in huge numbers while others don’t bother.
• The GSS adds a question: where are you from (your faculty)?
• If we ask that, we can know what turnout is by faculty and then reach out.

Chris Hakim:
• Folks are bringing up a lot of good points.
• Do you see an opportunity for the AMS to take a more data analytical approach?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
• Not sure how we’d collect data.
• We could do surveys, but who would respond?
• I think the lack of posters was the biggest reason for the lower turnout.
• People couldn’t tell that elections were happening.

12. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the question period be extended by 15 minutes.” … No objections

Nevena Rebic:
• Re having a more diverse selection of candidates: what can we put forward?
• How could we encourage more diverse candidates to run?
Ahsan Sahibzada:
- The simplest thing is for Councillors to go back to their Constituencies.
- Probably by December or early January.
- This year there were a lot of nominations from new students, but a lot of these were rejected because they didn’t have enough signatures.
- If students can start collecting well in advance, that might help.

Julia Burnham:
- Thanks for the smooth elections and answering emails promptly.
- Nomination time is a crucial time.
- Perhaps there could be collaboration on events in the Gallery between the Elections Committee and the Executive Committee.
- Information sessions at which students get to learn about the AMS and the positions.
- Lots of individual work could be done by Executives, though it would be tough on top of their regular jobs.
- This is not just for elections.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- That’s a good option, to meet the current Execs.
- As to the diversity issue, I’m not sure how we get a diverse group.

Andrew Huang:
- If we get data, it would help us market better.
- I saw zero engagement or ads from the Elections Committee.
- At the booths, people were looking down at their phones and not engaging.
- How do you plan to market the elections better?
- Could you make the process more engaging?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- Re poll clerks being on their phones, I was not aware of that. I will include this in transition reports.

Katherine Westerlund:
- We have an MoU with UBC for data that states we can’t use it for data analytics.
- Was there anything substantially different between this and previous election periods besides postering?
- We need to think of the impacts of Executive roles on who is running: it takes privilege to put your education on hold to run, something we have to acknowledge.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- What was different, besides posters, was that there were fewer complaints and more emails (mostly questions from candidates).
Chris Hakim:
- Making the positions more appealing to students.
- Building awareness of the positions.
- Pay level.
- There’s an opportunity there.

Alireza Kamyabi:
- To know what the positions are is important.
- Sitting Vice-Presidents know more, which is not fair.
- The Ubyssey did a great job in their coverage.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- One critical piece is that it was a small pool of not very diverse candidates.
- There’s something systemic about not reaching out.
- It’s not enough to say we need more; we need to do things.
- Other places run campaigns like #askher to get others to run.
- Mentorship is important.
- Maybe the Elections Committee and the Executive could meet to discuss.
- Research shows women need to be asked more than once; we need to be serious about that.

Jackson Schumacher:
- An idea for increasing voter turnout: reach out to grad students more.
- There are 10,000 of us.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- I completely agree.

Carmen Kim:
- Re diversity:
  - It’s not just about telling people.
  - We need to market with a focus on diversity.
  - We haven’t focused enough on diversity.
  - We need to make sure diversity is embedded in our advertising.

13. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED CARMEN KIM:

“That the discussion be extended by 15 more minutes.”

… No objections

Michelle Marcus:
- I’m happy we’re having this discussion, this conversation about diversity.
- There’s a disproportionate representation from Greek Life.
- Besides looking at identity groups, we need to look at what people are involved in.
- Fraternities have a network; there’s a power imbalance.
- Another idea: Hold an event on How and Why to run in an AMS election.
- There are so many barriers.
- What do you think the Elections Committee needs to take on this work?

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- We would definitely need help from the Executives.
- They need to come to these events.
- As for reaching out, the Elections Committee can do that, but I don’t see how we as an impartial body can force or even convince people to run or be responsible for there being more diverse candidates.
- Our job is to ensure a fair election.

Kaili Sun:
- The nomination period is short.
- Possibly you could add public information events in first term.
- That would be a longer time to get nominations in and have people learn.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- The nominations opened on January 10 and closed February 14.
- I think that’s too long, not too short.
- We could hold events earlier in the year, in October or November, but I don’t agree with a longer nomination period.

Kaili Sun:
- I meant it starts too soon after the winter break to raise awareness.
- It would be good to let people know that the nominations are opening that early.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- It was included in the AMS newsletter.
- We could advertise them more.

Alex Gonzalez:
- Council is probably not the best place for this conversation.
- Maybe the Student Life Committee could be tasked with this and told to report back.

14. MOVED ALEX GONZALEZ, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the Student Life Committee, in consultation with the HR Committee, look to the improvement of diversity in the AMS Executive and report back to Council with recommendations regarding how to implement this by September 1, 2020.”

Katherine Westerlund:
- I’m worried about the by-election turnout.
- Is anyone going to vote in the by-election?
Michelle Marcus:
- The HR Chair isn’t here.
- This may mean changes in job descriptions.

Max Holmes:
- The Elections Committee has ballooned to six people.
- I really don’t think we need more staff.

Cole Evans:
- I chair Student Life.
- Send me any concerns or ideas.

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... Carried

For (26): Keira Britto, Priscilla Chan, Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Elsabe Fourie, Alex Gonzalez, Chris Hakim, Haruka Higo, Cristina Ilnitchi, Anne Khong, Carmen Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Michelle Marcus, Daniel Martin, Michael Salloum (proxy for Ravi Parhar), Clara Sismondo (proxy for Riley Ty), Nevena Rebic, Jackson Schumacher, Sabreena Shukul, Wendy Song, Kaili Sun, Chris Sundby, Kia Teimouri, Katherine Westerlund, Anican Yu

Cole Evans:
- In defence of the Chief Electoral Officer, there’s no capacity for them to organize this in first term.
- It shouldn’t be the Elections Committee’s responsibility.
- This falls on the Executive and departments in the AMS.
- It’s more an organizational issue to address.

Michael Salloum:
- Residences hold a big chunk of people and are easy to get to.
- Reach out to the Residence Advisors.
- Especially good to get the first-years: get ’em young, get ’em forever.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- Rez Life has rules, and they’ve said no to that.
- No posters or lawn signs.
- Can’t really campaign inside residences or have Rez staff help.

Max Holmes:
- We had posters for 100 years – some of those years had low turnout.
- I don’t think we can blame posters.
• We had the lowest number of club endorsements this year.
• Give out the clubs list to all candidates.
• We had a bad Yes campaign in the referendum this year.
• Need to look at resources for the Yes campaign.
• We need to go beyond seeking more people to run.
• We don’t do enough to bring people into entry-level staff positions: that’s how people learn about the AMS, and then they run.
• We need to encourage more ways of campaigning.
• There’s too much bureaucracy, too many barriers.
• The Student Life Committee should look into resources.
• We used to do a significant amount of advertising online, Facebook ads.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim:
• The new Executives are being transitioned.
• Met with Indigenous Committee to discuss procedures to fill the Indigenous seat on Council; also to talk about their budget and priorities.
• Wage analysis: looking at sending something to Council.
• Interviewing for Student Services Manager next week.
• Meeting with UBC Athletics & Recreation about the $21 MoU.
• Meeting with the UBC art community and Cole to discuss the future of the art collection.
• All Presidents Dinner.
• Councillor chair orientations.
• Law Students Legal Advice Program.
• Ad Hoc Committee on Council Governance.
• Equity and Inclusion position in the President’s office.
• Block Party.
• Grad Class openings went out today.
• Finalizing policy reviews.

Arash Shadkam:
• Could you let us know why the Health & Dental Plan was put on the agenda, then pulled?

Chris Hakim:
• This would be better addressed in the discussion.
L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- First transitioning meeting with the new VP External.
- Met with the Indigenous Committee about the federal lobby trip.
- Prepping my last provincial lobby trip.
- Finalizing the Equity Plan RFP.
- Following up on the Ottawa lobby trip.
- Working on pre-budget consultations submission to the federal government.
- Hosting an event, Know Your Rights as a Protester.
- Meeting with the UNA re bylaw changes.
- Met with the BC ombudsperson team about student loans.
- Attended a Board of Trade event on gender pay gaps in co-ops.

Questions
Jackson Schumacher:
- There is also a gender pay gap in grad student stipends.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- During the provincial budget consultation, we fought for grad student grants.

VP Admin – Cole Evans
- Busy couple of weeks.
- Replacement for Clubhouse – phone call today.
- Will bring to committee and Council.
- Executive orientations for clubs being planned.
- Club elections happening.
  - Bookings.
  - Space use provisions for the building.
- Resource Group Code change.
- Sustainable space; sitting down with the Climate Hub.
- Get Thrifty grand opening in the basement of the Life Building: congratulations to them.
- Updating wayfinding signage.
- MoU with IFC.
- Next Council you can expect a summary of the Nest Experience Survey.
- Sustainability Action Plan.
- Hatch team working on a strategic plan for the art gallery.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- How is the allocation and design planning going for the Senate/BoG office for May 1?
Cole Evans:
- Allocation virtually done.
- Could do a lot for design if there was money.
- I’ll consult Student Senate Caucus and the BoG reps.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
- Great conversation about diversity in the AMS Executive.
- All positions in the Services are open.
- Can’t just throw people into Executive positions, and running in elections is hard, as I discovered.
- Send me names, and let’s put them on staff so they can get involved.
- eHub:
  - RBC Get Seeded Round 2 on Monday.
- Tutoring: Running review sessions.
- Vice:
  - Naloxone training.
  - Great turnout.
  - Great panelists.
  - Chill Cube at Block Party.
- Food Bank:
  - Coupon program for meals from Sprouts.
- Combining Speakeasy and Vice into AMS Peer Support service.
  - Will bring a report to Council about what this will look like.
  - If you have thoughts let me know.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham
- Involved in two search processes: for AVP Academic and Provost.
- Policy 131 – community consultation.
  - Will go to Board in June.
  - Brought Annette and Abdul to provide feedback.
- Meeting re IMED fee increase proposal:
  - Insurance for international students before they get MSP.
- Academic Freedom working group.
- Adjudication for Education Research Fund.
- Chat about Open Education Resources champions.
- Meetings about coronavirus contingency planning with Academic Deans.
- Walkout for Wet’suwet’en.
- Went to an International Women’s day event with female UBC VP’s.
- Outreach with people interested in my job.
  - Lots of people interested.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
- Treasurer payment issues.
- Contacting companies re Showpass replacement.
- Looking at new accounting companies.
- Financial management system:
o Three demos.

- Met with investment managers today about the Q3 report.
- Didn’t need to do transition.
- Want to simplify procedures.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**

- Block Party tickets going slower than expected.
- Sponsors have dropped out.
- Block Party still on, but discussing cancellation.
- Abdul is finalizing the Services Review.
- Started on orientations for new Executive.
- Launching new payment method in the outlets: Ally Pay.
- Working on next year’s budget.
- Investment portfolio doing well but not quite as well as last year: took a bit of a hit with the uncertainty in the market.

16. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KAILI SUN:

**From the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee**

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Keith Hester:

- Down in the commissary kitchen we have three ovens.
- They’re all broken.
- Can’t cook anything.
- Plan to replace two with much cheaper models at half the price.
- Use parts from the two we’re replacing to repair the third, which will mostly cook bagels.
- Looked at three different models of gas convection ovens.
- Chose the cheapest, from Garland.
- This is the type we use in Blue Chip, and it’s been issue free.

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

Advocacy – Cristina Ilnitchi for Nicholas Harterre
- Conversations about long term goals.
- Policy reviews.
- Talked about AMS statement in support of Wet’suwet’en.
- Plans for federal advocacy collaborations.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
  - Excited: announcements working.
- Services pony wall.

Governance – Katherine Westerlund
- Following up with committee chairs re internal policy reviews.
- They will come to Council.

HR Committee – Clara Sismondo for Riley Ty
- Met today to discuss the hiring process for Speaker, Ombuds, and CEO.
- Removing gender-specific language from all JD’s.
- Approved JD’s for Exec support staff.

Operations – Cole Evans
- Meeting in the Gallery.
- Approving new clubs.

SHAPE – Chris Hakim
- We’re taking a look at the art.
- Meeting folks from the arts community: getting feedback.

Steering – Chris Hakim
- Scheduled a meeting for next week with a consultant.

Student Life – Cole Evans
- Did not meet during the elections.
- Just passed new ToR.
- Now it seems we’ll be looking at elections.
Ad Hoc Council Governance – Chris Hakim
- Meeting next week.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Cole Evans for Kia Teimouri
- MoU’s.
- Apparently, UBC is exploring interim solutions not involving the UBC Farm.
- Doesn’t affect us.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
Chris Hakim
- Haven’t met.

O) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):
BoG – Jeanie Malone
- We are back.
- Next meetings not till April.
- Board turnover: the three student reps (Max and I and the UBCO student rep) are returning, but there will be two new faculty members and two new provincial appointees.

Senate – Lillian Milroy
- Triennial Review final draft going out tomorrow.
- Next meeting March 18.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- A couple of years ago I did some research for Chris Hakim to find out where most AMS Presidents come from. The result:
  - Most were Executives.
  - 7 were the VP Admin, 7 were the VPAUA.
  - Now we’ve had two more Presidents come from the VP Admin portfolio, so VP Admin is Number 1 with 9 Presidents coming from it.
- This year’s election turnout was the lowest in several years, but we’ve had lower.
- We’ve also had other years in which only one candidate ran for a position.
- But this is the first time I know of in which we’ve had a race in which nobody ran.
- With COVID-19 approaching, I thought I’d mention the last serious pandemic to his UBC: the 1919 Spanish Flu:
  - Three students died, and the University closed for five weeks.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

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Ahsan Sahibzada:
- We need to hold a special election to fill the VPAUA position.
- Since the election is only for one position, we’d like to suspend the requirement that I be on duty 9-5 and also the requirement to hold two debates.
- Even in the general election only two people came to the office in two weeks.
- I’ll still be on duty, answering emails.
- We don’t need two forums for one position.

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Chris Hakim:
- Extending elections contracts because of the Special Election.
- Spoke to the employees; they all consented.

Ahsan Sahibzada:
- The polling officers are not in there, not extending their contracts, because we’re not planning to have that many polling stations.

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R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

22. MOVED JACKSON SCHUMACHER, SECONDED MICHAEL SALLOUM: [SCD341-20]

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Chris Hakim:
- Apologies for the last minute addition of this motion.
- Considering the current circumstances, we should have the possibility of a remote meeting if we can’t meet physically.

Max Holmes:
- I would review this in the future.
- I understand the need, but this is rushed.
- It could be abused.
And it doesn’t say anything about committees.

Chris Hakim:
- Committees can currently meet remotely.
- We will review it soon.

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24. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That Council suspend Section VII: Advisory Board, Article 9(2) from the Code of Procedure, effective immediately and lasting until April 30, 2020.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Hakim:
- This is about the regular report from the Advisory Board, but it hasn’t met yet.
- This suspends the requirement to submit a report.

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Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

Katherine Westerlund:
- I don’t think I’m alone in saying the Yes campaign was relatively lacklustre first time around.
- I’m wondering if we can discuss alternative methods to get this to pass.

Chris Hakim:
- Apologies for the referendum: we had difficulty in hiring.
- Our staff is willing to stay on, and they know the landscape.
- We’ll emphasize meeting with clubs and Constituencies, coordinating with social media.

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T) Discussion Period

Health & Dental Plan
Chris Hakim:
- You had the opportunity to review the documents to date.
- This is an ongoing RFP.
- It’s confidential information.
- We will bring this back to Council.

There was a motion to go in camera.
Council went in camera at 9:33 pm.
Council came out of the in camera session at 10:33 pm.

Coronavirus
Max Holmes:
- What are the AMS’s plans?

Chris Hakim:
- Senior Management is preparing in case we get shut down.
- Working with unions.
- Planning for Services.
- Re Block Party:
  - Trying to determine if this will be high or low risk.
  - Cautious on our spending around this.

Mathew Ho:
- What about clubs and constituencies re reimbursements?

Chris Hakim:
- Dependent on staffing.
- We would ask them to get their reimbursement done right away.

Max Holmes:
- Can you come back with the plan from senior management?

Chris Hakim:
- Absolutely.

U) Submissions:

2020 AMS Elections and Referendum results [SCD342-20]
Support for Wet’suwet’en [SCD343-20]

V) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: March 25, 2020

W) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 pm.

X) Social Activity:
**March 11, 2020 Roster**

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

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Mathew Ho (member at large), Emma Livingstone (Ubyssey), Henry Anderson (Ubyssey), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- Since we are meeting virtually, some of us may not be on Coast Salish territories.
- I encourage you to reflect on whose territories you’re on.
- Here at UBC we’re on the unceded territories of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- This should not be a routine, formalistic acknowledgement.
- We need to stand in solidarity with the Indigenous peoples and reflect on the ongoing colonial violence we are very much a part of.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED CHRIS SUNDBY:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   Chris Hakim:
   - I’d like us to remove introductions, membership, and declaration of vacancies and add a discussion “Convocation 2020.”

   Cole Evans:
   - We didn’t publish the link to the meeting.

   Chris Hakim
   - No. To avoid a logistical nightmare.

   The Speaker:
   - Can those here share the link?

   Chris Hakim:
   - Yes, this is a trial run.

   Max Holmes:
   - Add discussion on remote Council procedures.
2. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED CHRIS SUNDBY:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

Yes: 22 No: 0 Abstain: 0

D) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- I want these meetings to be accessible and efficient.
- Share feedback through the chat box or email me.

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

F) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED CHRIS SUNDBY:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

- Executive Committee minutes dated March 6, 2020 [SCD344-20]
- Operations Committee minutes February 26, 2020 [SCD345-20]
- Operations committee minutes March 9, 2020 [SCD346-20]

... Carried

Yes: 21 No: 0 Abstain: 0

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That Council suspend Code Section VI, Article 7(1)(h) to allow postponement of the annual sustainability report until the next meeting of Council.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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Yes: 22 No: 0 Abstain: 0

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

AMS Peer Support – Ian Stone [SCD347-20]
- Every three years we do a Services Review.
- One recommendation from that is to combine Speakeasy and Vice into one Service.
We looked at what other universities do; went to a conference on services in New Orleans which focused on mental health support.

Vice was the inspiration of a former Speakeasy Coordinator.

So we would create something called AMS Peer Support, with two “branch managers”: one to help survivors, one to do outreach.

This is the SASC model, and it’s worked well for them.

We’re aiming to keep up with the times: Speakeasy started in 1970, and hasn’t made a lot of significant changes since then.

On campus we see new things like the Wellness Centre and Empower Me.

Vice is not great on peer support, Speakeasy not on outreach.

Instead of each trying to develop in those areas, we’ll create a single strong structure.

This will also create cost savings.

We’re going to make sure there’s a quality change by measuring with KPI’s.

We’ve always measured cost per interaction. We’re also going to look at the quality of the interaction.

We’ll collect feedback at the end of interactions.

The Academic Experience Survey has questions asking things like, Are you familiar with Speakeasy?

That would be another KPI: we’ll see if it goes up.

Nothing will be taken away.

Vice had lots of things planned; unfortunately, they’re all cancelled now.

We’ll be adding more things, like online phone support: relevant to this time.

Working with campus partners more.

Want to make sure the AMS is at the forefront of well-being.

Questions
Michelle Marcus:

- When will the Services Review be presented?

Ian Stone:

- Still being worked on by Abdul.
- Definitely before the end of the term.

Keith Hester:

- Stage 1 is this presentation.
- The full review will be at the next meeting.

Max Holmes:

- I’m a little worried about awareness of the name change.
- Not clear if the Vice aspect of the new Service will be communicated.
- What are you planning to do?
- Is there anything else at UBC with a similar name that could cause confusion.
Ian Stone:
- Vice is the second least known Service.
- I think this will help.
- It will take a few years to achieve peak branding.
- But the name change to Peer Support will help.
- It will take time with the new branding.
- We’ve done research, and we don’t see anything else marketed as peer support.
- UBC Wellness has peers, but not Peer Support.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Excited about this.
- I’m curious about how involved the Speakeasy and Vice coordinators were in the ideation of this.

Ian Stone:
- We consulted them a lot.
- Been speaking to them for a long time, going back to last term.
- They’re the first ones we spoke to, to see if they were on board.
- We wouldn’t have gone ahead if they were not.
- They’ve been very supportive, seeing this move as a really good way to support more students.
- This is a consultation; we’re looking for feedback.
- We’ll be reaching out to the UBC community.
- This is an ongoing project.

Cole Evans:
- Stats from the Nest Experience Survey back up what Ian is saying:
  - 40% were not familiar with Speakeasy.
  - 65% were not familiar with Vice.
- It’s a good time to do this merger: neither has great brand recognition.
- Combining them will help.

Michelle Marcus:
- Would love to see Peer Support run workshops and group support programs.

H) Consultation Period

I) Appointments

J) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim:
- I appreciate all of you coming into this meeting virtually.
- Hope you will have patience with us as we work out the logistics.
- Thanks to all our staff working from home.
• Working on responses to COVID in line with the recommendations of the health authorities.
• Preparing for unexpected costs from COVID.
• Hired new Indigenous Coordinator.
• Met with Hatch staff and the art community about the art collection.
  o After COVID-19, will have further meetings.
• Interviewing for new Student Services Manager.
• Executives are working on their goals.
• The $21 Recreation MoU is coming soon.
• The Ad hoc Council Governance Committee has produced a self-assessment survey for Board members.
• Once again, appreciation for our hardworking staff in these unprecedented times.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• What has the AMS been doing to advocate on an academic/financial response to COVID-19?

Chris Hakim:
• The Executive met to discuss what the University is doing and how we’re working with partners.
• Julia has been very involved with meeting with the Associate Deans and Provost about Credit/D/Fail, withdrawal deadlines, transcript notations, and empathetic concessions.
• Have connected to the VP Students about financial support.
• Lucia will meet with the VP Finance of the University to talk about budgets.

K) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham
• Two weeks of being at home and attending Zoom meetings.
• Meetings with the new VPAUA candidates.
• On Advisory Committee on Reappointment of VP Equity and Inclusion.
• Senate met to pass an emergency motion to move business online.
• Drafting letter about compassionate response to students.
• Right now looking to summer terms.
• Just announced today that Summer Term One will be online.
• Still discussing Credit/D/Fail and Add/Drop deadlines.
• Main point of mine: Maintenance of awards: if a student withdraws, they won’t lose their award.
• Chris and I met with the GSS, the UBC SUO, and the Administration about convocation.
• Policy 131 review committee still meeting.
Questions
Max Holmes:
- What has the AMS done with the Provost’s office about the academic response to COVID-19?
- Have we sent any letters?
- Have we done anything separate from the Student Senate Caucus?
- Has there been adequate consultation?
- Is the AMS advocating for more?

Julia Burnham:
- We discussed this at Exec last Friday.
- Essentially, there’s been no student consultation, but I’m optimistic looking forward.
- More meetings are being set up now.
- People are learning to crisis manage and move forward together.
- I’ve been in close contact with the Provost’s office by email; not official, nothing formal.
- I wear two hats, as VP and also for the Student Senate Caucus.
- Want to ensure students are being cared for.
- We want our students to have choice.
- Also want to make sure residents in UBC residences are being supported.

Alireza Kamyabi:
- Students not taking classes (in co-op or workplaces) are being laid off.
- Grad students’ research has been halted, but they’re still paying fees.
- Will fees be waived?

Julia Burnham:
- There haven’t been any conversations on that.
- Thanks for raising it; will follow up

Mathew Ho:
- What is the University doing about students in residence?

Julia Burnham:
- It’s not the University’s intention to send anyone home from residence.
- We agree with this position.

VP External – Cristina Ilnitchi
- Received a response from the province about the federal economic stimulus package:
  - They added additional aid support: pausing student loan payments for six months.
  - Today support for renters:
    - Ban on evictions.
    - Rent increase freeze.
- $500 rent support stipend.
  - The AMS has sent multiple emails to government to inform them what students want, presenting our asks.
  - We appreciate the government’s work. However, a lot of supports won’t capture all students: not all are eligible for EI.
  - Spoke to the provincial government and have been heard.
  - Working on a joint letter with UVic and SFU.
  - We’re disappointed over the confusion there is for renters.
  - The ban on evictions is fantastic, but the $500 stipend is only for those on EI, so we’re focusing on that to ensure students are not falling through the cracks.
  - Federally, we congratulated the government via a press release on the student loan interest relief.
  - But have to see how the emergency fund will apply to students.
  - Will be creating a resource page to tell students what support is available and providing guidance on how to apply for it.
  - Equity Plan.
  - Anti-sexual violence programs.

Questions
Michelle Marcus:
- The government is giving a bailout to the oil and gas industry that could be going to students or building a regenerative economy.
- Money is going to corporations instead of workers or students.
- What is the AMS doing about this?
- Even though the climate strike has been cancelled, we still need to be advocating on these topics.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Right now we’re focusing on the short term: access to financial aid and rent support.
- These are the immediate needs of students: job loss, paying their bills.
- But the long-term work is incredibly important, just the conversation is not quite happening yet.
- We will definitely be having these conversations with other student unions: in a week or two from now when we’re not scrambling about eligibility for emergency support.

Mathew Ho:
- Students from other countries: will the AMS be trying to explain to them what supports they are eligible for?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Looking specifically at advocacy for international students.
- Visas, work permits.
- Ideating with UCRU.
• Creating a Resource Platform to make sure members of the community know what the supports are, telling students how to access the resources.

Max Holmes:
• What is the AMS doing to ensure that universities in BC have the funding they need so they will not have to make spending cuts?

Cristina Ilnitchi:
• Right now we’re focusing on short-term relief.
• But next, in April when doing our provincial advocacy, we will be advocating to support institutions.
• We want to go in with a strong voice about the needs of universities and colleges.

VP Administration – Cole Evans
• Nest closed till April 14.
• That’s a preliminary date; we’re not sure about reopening on the 14th.
• This is the most vital time for clubs: renewals. We’ve had to improvise. Still trying to get thing finished on schedule.
• Still figuring out club executives orientation; potentially online.
• Office and locker allocations might be delayed into May.
• Sustainability:
  o Wrapping up year.
  o March report coming next meeting.
  o Also the Action Plan, hopefully.
• The Hatch is closed, but able to do a photo/video project which has been posted digitally.
• The Clubs Resource Centre was doing well before closing.
• Looking at a printer.
• Doing as much as possible to support students.

Questions
Alex Gonzalez:
• Have you confirmed what room will be made available for the Senate and BoG reps?
• Will the move-in date be affected?

Cole Evans:
• A popular question.
• Will I follow through on my promise?
• Yes, I will.
• It will be a room on the third floor: 3312.
• A larger corner office on the hallway, with a glass pane.
• Will the move-in be affected?
• Well, there’s a club currently in that space.
• If they can’t move out on time, the move-in will be affected.
In that case, a temporary room will be provided.

Kevin Zhang:
- Since the Nest closed so suddenly, how have communications with Constituencies been affected?
- Was the AUS kept informed?

Cole Evans:
- Sent out multiple communications.
- Constituencies should have received everything sent to the clubs.
- About the building closure, AGM’s, finances.
- But the one for treasurers only went to clubs.
- I can make sure that one goes to the Constituencies.

Max Holmes:
- Most of the profit for Conferences and Catering comes over the summer.
- If that is cancelled, are you going to explore allowing more C&C bookings during the regular school year?

Cole Evans:
- I haven’t talked to Keith and Christine (in C&C) about this yet.
- We need to make sure we are supporting our businesses, but not at the expense of clubs.
- We are looking at C&C diversifying how they get revenue.
- Will look at it this year and next.
- Will support our core values.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
- Due to coronavirus, everything is online.
- We’re using an e-transfer system.
- Sent out communications to all Constituencies and clubs, and to all students through AMS Communications.
- Showpass is providing refunds for Block Party and club events.
- Meeting with a third party about a mobile platform.
- Meeting with the UBC VP Finance about the budget, discussing the uncertainty of enrollment numbers.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- As the AUS VP Finance, I can say, yes, I received an email, but the e-transfer systems seems unclear.

Lucia Liang:
- The email included steps to follow.
- The forms are pretty self-explanatory.
- Happy to send out another email blast.
• Didn’t receive much feedback suggesting the form was hard to understand.
• If you have suggestions on how to make it clearer, let me know.

Max Holmes:
• How will all this affect the RFP process for the third party administrator for the Health and Dental Plan?
• How will affect the timeline?
• How will Council be kept up to date?

Lucia Liang:
• The Health and Dental Plan Committee met and plans to update Council next time.

Carmen Kim:
• The Simon Fraser Student Society passed a proposal about emergency bursaries for struggling students.
• Are we considering something similar?

Lucia Liang:
• We are looking into that.

Alireza Kamyabi:
• Are we ensuring that financial assistance applications are being processed and payments being made?

Lucia Liang:
• Discussing this in Fincom: evaluating that process.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**
• Our services have been disrupted due to this situation.
• We are trying to run as many as possible.
• Safewalk is not operating: calls to it are forwarded to UBC Security.
• eHub is online completely.
• Tutoring is looking to move online.
• Vice and Speakeasy we currently are unable to offer online. Will do outreach campaigns.
• Food Bank:
  o Working to make sure we continue to operate.
  o Going to reduced hours.
  o Receiving incredible support.
  o Increase in usage.
• Advocacy is working online and doing longer term projects.

Mathew Ho:
• Should there be more messaging about social distancing?
Ian Stone:
- Absolutely. If you don’t already, follow the Speakeasy Instagram posts.

Executive Director – Keith Hester
- Working diligently on the budget for next year.
- About Conferences & Catering:
  - This summer is a bit of a train wreck. Redoing that.
  - But won’t affect our students.
- Block Party cancelled: refunds being made. That means we’re losing $250,000 on the event.
- COVID-19:
  - The decision to close the Nest till April 14 could change.
  - Had to lay off quite a number of hourly staff.
  - Thanks to HR for getting ROE’s out so that employees can claim EI. Investigating government assistance on that.
- E-transfers: a lot of companies don’t have that system, so it’s great that we brought it in.

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

Advocacy – Nicholas Harterre
- Moved to bi-weekly meetings.
- Pushed back pipeline meeting, but it’s an important conversation to have even if there is no climate strike.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- Will the committee be adding COVID-19 to its agenda?
- Academic and financial aspects?

Nicholas Harterre:
- We’ve had consultations with Cristina and Julia.
- Not clear how much we can do.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
- Met last week to approve the CampusGroups project.
- Approved funds.
- Reimbursing clubs for their event expenses.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Is the AMS in a position to use existing funds to help students?

Lucia Liang:
- Yes, we’re definitely looking into options.
- Looking at the Financial Assistance Fund.
- For clubs, there’s the Clubs Benefit Fund.
- And applications are still open to the Sustainability Projects Fund.

Max Holmes:
- The pandemic could impact us into next year’s budget.
- Will you be pushing back the budget proposal?
- Creating a higher contingency?
- Multiple versions of the budget?

Lucia Liang:
- Thinking of delaying budget deadlines.
- That’s why I’ve been meeting with UBC and seeking general advice.
- If Council wants two budgets, happy to do that.
- Can reach out by email.

Max Holmes:
- Instead of reaching out to individual Councillors, it would be wiser if Fincom came here to talk about proposals.

Mathew Ho:
- Is the AMS taking measures to protect our investments?

Keith Hester:
- Lucia and I met with our investment advisors two weeks ago.
- All our investments have been doing well; we feel quite secure right now.

Lucia Liang:
- They compared the situation with past pandemics.
- Normally, there’s a dip, then it spikes right up.

**Governance Committee – Katherine Westerlund**
- Following up to make sure committees look at the internal policies they’re responsible for. Some have, some haven’t.
- The bylaw amendments are up for a vote this week: be sure to vote.

Max Holmes:
- Which committees haven’t reviewed their internal policies?

Katherine Westerlund:
- The Advocacy Committee, but it’s been through a lot of transition.

**HR Committee – Riley Ty**
- Hectic week last week.
- Hiring Ombuds, CEO, and Speaker.
- Exec pay.
• Want to amend some sections of Code.

Operations Committee – Cole Evans
• Passed a new version of the Operations Committee Policy Manual to improve how things are done, clarifying procedures.
• Approved some new clubs.
• Looking to wrap things up.
• Policy I-7 finally here for approval.

Questions
Jeanie Malone:
• What’s the plan for communicating the new Policy Manual changes to clubs?

Cole Evans:
• Aside from including it in the executive orientations for clubs, will produce a summary going to all the clubs, Constituencies, and Resource Groups.
• Also on the website.

SHAPE – Chris Hakim
• Still hasn’t met, but I did meet with the Hatch staff and the art community.
• We couldn’t have a full meeting, but I hope for a more fulsome discussion about the AMS permanent art collection.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• Will you talk to the Art History Students Association too?

Chris Hakim:
• The intention is to invite anyone interested.

Steering Committee – Chris Hakim
• Still hasn’t met. Delays.
• Next week hope to finalize a report on a consultant for a strategic plan.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• Why does this committee still exist?
• Maybe we don’t need a strategic plan.

Chris Hakim:
• The strategic plan has been worked on off and on for years.
• If we can finally crack down on a plan, that would be good.
• We need continuity.

Student Life – Cole Evans
• Finally some Code changes about the committee’s terms of reference.
Meeting with Riley (HR) about elections, having been directed by Council last time to look into this.

Ad Hoc Committee on Council Governance – Chris Hakim
- This committee met earlier this week and identified key issues concerning Council.
- Out of that came questions about what we might do now, what later, and where do we see this all going?
- We saw some short-term solution and also had some ideas for the longer term.
- Hoping to pass the file to the Governance Committee in the future.

Fermentation Lab – Cole Evans for Kia Teimouri
- A little interesting.
- Planning may change yet again.
- UBC is getting anxious about delays, concerned about donor money.
- Looking at an alternative location, by the bookstore.

M) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Chris Hakim:
- Haven’t met.

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone
- Teleconference most likely.
- Clearing items from the April agenda.

Senate – Dante Agosti-Moro
- Senate has not met as a whole, was cancelled.
- A barebones meeting conducted business.
- Next meeting as a whole will be April 15.
- The Student Senate Caucus is drafting a letter about the University’s COVID-19 response.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- April will be the new Senate year.
- What is happening with transition?

Dante Agosti-Moro:
- Currently, the transition date is April 1.
- There are a lot of returning student senators.
- Current chairs are doing transitions.
- Electing new chairs.

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**
- The last pandemic to affect UBC seriously was the 1919 Spanish flu.
- The University shut down for five weeks, and three students died.
- But the University survived, as it did after a smallpox scare in the early 60’s.
- There were also serious issues during the Depression and even talk of shutting the University down then, but it kept going.

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

**P) Executive Committee Motions:**

**Q) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:**

**R) Committee Motions:**

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

**From the Finance Committee**

“That the Campus Groups contract be approved as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:
- Working on this for a while.
- Replacement for Clubhouse.
- A lengthy process of examining options.
- Looking for the best for our clubs.
- This company ticks all the boxes:
  - Subsidiary management, surveys, polls, elections, event management and group discovery.
- Can integrate online dues payments.
- May provide ticketing solutions moving forward.
- May also be able to handle room bookings/reservations.
- Also integration with Services for data analysis.
- A multi-faceted platform.
- Did demos with clubs.
- This will allow clubs to go beyond the basics.
- The contract is technically confidential. I won’t discuss price points in public, and it will be difficult to go in camera online, but we were able to be quite successful in negotiations to get a good deal.
- We will have flexibility. Not locked in.
- Ops, Fincom, and Exec were all involved.
- It’s important to get this finalized, especially now that everything is online.

Max Holmes:
- Point of order.
• Even if it’s inconvenient to have an in camera session we should have one if requested.
• We must do things in the best interests of the Society.

Chris Hakim:
• We can go in camera if we want to.

6. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee
“That the Campus Groups contract be approved as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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Yes: 20  No: 0  Abstain: 0

7. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

From the Student Life Committee
"That Council accept the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Student Life Committee as presented and amend the Code accordingly."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:
• This is the result of our work in the committee to move in a new direction.
• The emphasis will be on creating a bridge with Services, Events, and Communications.
• Now Council members can have input into what happens in Services, Events, and Communications.
• If Council has anything it wants concerning those departments, there will now be a committee directed to do that.

Max Holmes:
• As well as liaising, what will this mean the committee does?
• Is this typical of our committees?

Cole Evans:
• It will be similar to the HR Committee, following the style the HR has in interacting with management.
• But it will be a little different. The HR Committee is more operational. Student Life is more strategic.

Max Holmes:
• I have two concerns.
• First, this says that the Student Services Manager will bring annual goals for feedback.
• Does that follow I-9, the policy on goal-setting?
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- It seems to put a greater burden on the Student Services Manager than the other Executives.
- Second, can you explain the wording about working with the President to select groups to participate in “cooperative engagement initiatives”?
- It’s confusing to add this if it’s not explained.

Cole Evans:
- This wasn’t meant to put a burden on the Student Services Manager.
- They can just bring their I-9 goals for feedback.
- Council has asked for Services to be included.
- The part about coordinating with groups on campus has to do with things like the Blue and Gold Society.
- We’ve never really seen consistent existence of these groups.
- The Blue and Gold Subcommittee has not been active since 2017, so this is meant to be more flexible.
- If a group becomes active, then they can be one we work with.

Michelle Marcus:
- Did you consider mentioning the Senior Student Services Manager?

Cole Evans:
- The Senior Student Services Manager is not mentioned because the Student Services Manager is already on the committee.
- It could be Senior Student Services Manager if that’s what you want.

Max Holmes:
- Did you get consent from the managers?

Cole Evans:
- All the managers were looped in and gave consent.
- Not in writing, but perceived consent.

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstain: 0

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER: [SCD350-20]

From the Operations Committee
"That Council rescind the old Policy I-7 (AMS Policy on Suspensions and Expulsions from AMS Property) and replace it with the new Policy I-7 as presented."
Cole Evans:
- We were hoping to get this done by January or early February.
- It got pushed back, but it's here now.
- This is a whole new policy.
- We threw out a lot of the old one and created a new one.
- Done with our legal counsel to make sure everything is solid.
- Going to be creating a resource related to this policy: a quick form to fill out for staff and also for the respondent.

Michelle Marcus:
- I do have some concerns.
- Some of the prohibited actions seem ambiguous, e.g., unauthorized storage.
- Some of the things are things members of Council do: not wearing footwear, rollerblading, drinking outside of designated areas.
- Seems like hypocrisy.
- Public space is limited in society.
- We should be doing what we can to make the Nest available for marginalized individuals.
- We also need to be supporting activism and free expression.
- I'm concerned about the possibility of infringing students’ ability to use the Nest.
- Why are there no accountability measures in the policy to make sure it does not repress students.
- The scope is very broad.
- Are there reporting mechanisms so we will know how many times the policy has been invoked and for what? So we will know it is not being used to target a specific group.

Cole Evans:
- No additional restrictions were put in for this new version of the policy.
- This is a semi-public building: we want people to move freely in it, but we are also setting out expectations for the use of the building.
- There are a broad scope of issues, safety concerns, damage to the building, insurance issues.
- We realize there is a difference between rollerblading and lighting a room on fire.
- We're always making sure we're following our mission statement.
- This year we haven’t used the policy at all.
- It’s only invoked in limited circumstances.
- There’s no way for an individual to abuse power under this policy.
- The VP Administration has the largest unilateral power: can ban a person for 14 days.
- But has to be referred to the Ombudsperson, a neutral party.
- There are lots of checks and balances.
- We’re also making sure there’s no conflict of interest.
- The Operations Committee is responsible for the policy and can make sure there’s no abuse of power.
I’d argue that this version has more restrictions in place (on abuse of power) than the existing policy.

Michelle Marcus:
- It says the Services and the Food & Beverage Manager can suspend for up to a month without review.

Cole Evans:
- That’s existing practice.
- In the old policy Services could do it for three months.
- We’ve reduced it to one month in the new policy.
- Safewalk uses this for individuals abusing the service.
- Food & Beverage could essentially make permanent bans until now. Now it will be just one month.

Max Holmes:
- I wonder, with policies like this, if it’s a good idea for Execs to chair committees that oversee their work.

Cole Evans:
- That may be more a Governance Committee question.
- It certainly opens up an argument.
- The VP Administration chairs OpsCom because it has a lot to do with the VP Admin portfolio.
- But a Councillor could chair a committee like that.
- Not a bad thing.

Chris Hakim:
- This has been a difficult policy to navigate.
- We should make sure our policies follow the Policy I-1 format.

10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

Yes: 18 No: 0 Abstain: 1

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ: [SCD351-20]

From the Operations Committee
"That Council approve the changes to the relevant sections of the Code of Procedure relating to the Capital Projects Fund and the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund as presented."
Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:
- Looking at how to handle small expenditures.
- There was a table motion: Council had to vote on an $1800 expenditure.
- We were looking at the idea of a Building Management Subcommittee.
- Or maybe just have OpsCom do the approving: that’s what’s reflected in the Code changes before you now.
- Another option, if people are hesitant to let a non-Finance Committee approve expenditures, maybe just increase what the Finance Committee can do.
- Having Operations Committee handle approvals could make the process more efficient and make things less burdensome to this board.

Lucia Liang:
- I do have concerns about funds not being approved by the Finance Committee.
- A majority of funds are done by the Finance Committee.
- But I second the thought of the Finance Committee being over capacity.

Max Holmes:
- I’m quite mixed on this Code.
- How much is 2%?

Cole Evans:
- For the Capital Projects Fund: about $5,000.
- For SUB Repairs 5% would be about $32,000.

Max Holmes:
- I just worry about giving this power to the Operations Committee.

Lucia Liang:
- It will set a precedent for another standing committee to administer funds.
- I’d love for this proposal to go to the Finance Committee.

Cole Evans:
- We can motion to refer to the Finance Committee.

Max Holmes:
- I oppose referring this motion.
- Just adding Fincom doesn’t create efficiency.
- Just give it to OpsCom.
- But it should specify that the power is to renovate for maintenance, not for cosmetic reasons.

Cole Evans:
- Happy to see how this goes.
- We can come back if it doesn’t work.
12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

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Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstain: 0

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

Remote Council procedures
Max Holmes:
- This format is not conducive to open discussion or debate.
- I’m disappointed nothing was presented from a governance perspective.
- Other organizations are delegating powers to committees.

Mathew Ho:
- The accessibility of this meeting hasn’t been the best.
- The only reason I got the link was because of the AUS reps.
- There was no information out there.

Chris Hakim:
- We’re going to circulate a chat/email for feedback to improve the quality of these virtual meetings in terms of accessibility and functionality.
- I agree with the idea of empowering committees more.
- What that will look like is difficult to say.

Kevin Zhang:
- One benefit of in person meetings is that you give the public the ability to drop in.
- If we’re resorting to this format, we should be encouraging Councillors to distribute this link.
- It would keep our meetings transparent.

The Speaker:
- Can put the link on the website.

Max Holmes:
- There’s more to this than transparency.
- It’s also about the AMS operating efficiently during this time.
- Loosening restrictions about email votes etc.
Michelle Marcus:
- Poor discussion is a longstanding Council issue.

Chris Hakim:
- We will post the link online.
- This time I wasn’t sure how this would go.
- In the ad hoc Council Governance Committee we’re looking at the nature of Council discussions.
- Maturity and competency of Council itself is another issue.
- We’re looking into purchasing new software.
- Committed to exploring changes to do with delegating work to committees.

Max Holmes:
- I just want a commitment from the Executive that proposals will come back for the next meeting on what our operations will look like. Will you do that?

Chris Hakim:
- Yes.

**COVID-19 Student Support**
Michelle Marcus:
- I would like more details on how the AMS will be responding to student needs in this crisis.
- Can the Executives provide more details about how students can easily contact the AMS?
- It can be difficult for students to know where to go.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- My team is working on a Resource page.
- We’re responding about U-Pass and transit.
- The Resource page will deal with everything.
- Also making sure there’s a way for students to email us: a mechanism to gather information from students about the difficulties they may be facing in accessing government sites. Red tape etc.

Keith Hester:
- Our great Communications Manager is scouring media sites for any information on support for students.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- Communications and Eric (the Manager) have already added support resources online, but we’re going to enhance these.

Chris Hakim:
- We are absolutely committed to doing our best to support our students.
• Advocating to government and the University.
• Communications.
• HR.
• In contact with Studentcare to send out information.
• We heard concerns from clubs early on and are moving to an e-transfer system for processing things.
• Also looking to repurpose our funds to emergency use.
• Some are set by referendum for specific purposes, but we may be able to use others.
• The Indigenous Committee has opened up its fund.
• This work is being done. We're looking at all avenues to help students.

Mathew Ho:
• How are we making sure we get our resources into students’ hands?

Chris Hakim:
• Most of our services are still available virtually.
• Food Bank: The folks who work there have been tirelessly working.
  o We’ve received a huge amount of donations internally and externally.
  o Creating care packages to hand out via Campus Security.
• Trying to make sure our services are still widely accessible.

Max Holmes:
• I am disappointed that there has been no formalized communication to do with University advocacy.
• We need to be doing formalized communication in a public way.
• Petitions from at large students have probably done more than we have done.

Chris Hakim:
• I absolutely agree that we need to continue to voice the concerns of students, making sure we are communicating.
• We’ve done a lot of communication to the University about Credit/D/Fail informally.
• We can always do more and better as we look to delegate more to committees.

Julia Burnham:
• I absolutely agree that there is more that we can do, but I want to remind everyone that we are all students dealing with this crisis, and humans as well: not machines.

Alex Gonzalez:
• I want to reiterate that the Student Senate Caucus is not part of the AMS.
• If we want to send a clear message from the AMS, it should not come through the Student Senate Caucus.
Max Holmes:

- The AMS has the responsibility to respond and tell Councillors what it is doing.
- The AMS isn’t the SSC; the SSC is only looking at academics.
- There’s also a financial side.
- We need more formal communications and better updates to Council.
- The situation is probably going to last for months.
- We need to be proactive.

**Convocation 2020**

Chris Hakim:

- Kaili Sun (Architecture rep) is curious to know what the AMS is doing to ensure students still get an experience when they graduate.
- UBC will look to cancel, but that would be a hit to morale.
- Julia and I, and Nicolas from the GSS, and the UBC SUO have spoken to the University about their plans for convocation.
- We’re looking for our students to get a similar experience to what they would get from graduation, so we’re looking for there not to be a cancellation.

Kaili Sun:

- This has been a discussion in Architecture.
- Concerns about morale.
- The sudden end to the year.
- No conclusion to degree.
- Can the AMS do something?
- A virtual convocation?

Katherine Westerlund:

- My individual take as someone who’s graduating is that things are obviously dead.
- The Iron Ring ceremony was cancelled, everything is cancelled, I won’t be able to say goodbye to my classmates.
- I’m interested in options, for instance attending ceremonies in December.
- Now there potentially could be online ceremonies, but I’d rather go in person later.

Max Holmes:

- There’s no reason there can’t be a combination of things.
- I hope the AMS can look into possibilities.
- It’s important for the AMS to be leading the conversation and not let it just be the University’s decision.

Chris Hakim:

- We have asked for a combination.
- Something like Harvard: a virtual ceremony and then those interested can attend a later ceremony in person.
- The University was very open to this.

**U) Submissions:**

AMS COVID-19 Response and Actions [SCD352-20]
Peer Support Services Proposal [SCD353-20]
ALSS 2020 Election and Referendum results [SCD354-20]
LASSA 2020 General Election results [SCD355-20]
PhUS 2020 General Election results [SCD356-20]
Operations Committee Policy Manual [SCD357-20]

**V) Next Meeting:**

April 8, 2020

**W) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

**X) Social Activity:**
## March 25, 2020 Roster

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

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Mathew Ho (member at large), Daniel Lam (member at large), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

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

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED CRISTINA ILNITCHI, SECONDED NICHOLAS HARTERRE:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   ... Carried

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

Welcome to our new Members:

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

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

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

F) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):
G) Consent Agenda Items

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

2. MOVED CRISTINA ILNITCHI, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

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

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

From the President [SCD370-20]

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

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

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

From the HR Committee [SCD371-20]

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

Appointment

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

... Carried unanimously
Alex Gonzalez:
- I would like to discuss the Health & Dental Plan motion separately.

3. MOVED RILEY TY, SECONDED CRISTINA ILNITCHI:

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

From the Executive Committee:  [SCD372-20]
“That the AMS Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the University concerning the $21 Athletics and Recreation fee as presented.”

From the Executive Committee  [SCD373-20]
“Be it resolved that the AMS Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the policy changes included in the attachments titled ‘Policy Change: Policy I-3’ and ‘Policy Change – I-13’, effective immediately.

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

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

From the Finance committee  [SCD374-20]
“That the AMS Council approve a budget amendment to allow for an item of expenditure towards the new board management software.”

From the Executive Committee  [SCD375-20]
“Be it resolved that the AMS Council approve the Code change attached to the submission titled AMS Governance Changes Regarding COVID-19, effective immediately.

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

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

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

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

... Carried

4. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED WENDY SONG:

From the Health and Dental Plan Committee

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

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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

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

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

5. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED KEIRA BRITTO:

“That this motion be moved to Other Business.”

... No objections

H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):
AMS Special Election Results – Ahsan Sahibzada (Chief Electoral Officer)

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

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim

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

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP External – Cristina Ilnitchi

- Busy doing advocacy with the government.
- U-Pass:
  - Negotiating adjustments to the program.
  - As of May 1, it will be suspended.
  - This follows weeks of negotiations between student unions and TransLink.
  - Now we will be discussing what to do going forward.
  - Month to month there will be decisions on whether to bring it back.
  - This will be done on a school by school basis.
  - We’ll keep in touch with students about this.
  - For April, we’re discussing refunds; that’s not finalized yet.
  - We’re telling students if they don’t need to use transit, don’t.
- We put up a COVID support page.
- Transitioning the new VP External.
• Discussions about the timeline of building the SkyTrain out to UBC.
• Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB):
  o CERB letter: the government has said it is ready to take recommendations.
  o We set up a survey, found only 30% of students are eligible.
  o About 50% have no summer job or they had one that was cancelled.
  o Lots of gaps.

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

**VP Finance – Lucia Liang**
• Working on emergency funding.
• Treasurer orientations on Zoom.
• Refund issue for Showpass fees. Students will get their refunds.
• Kickstart meeting for implementation of new financial management software.
  o Forms going up.

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

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
• Working on budgets with Lucia.
  o Challenging since we don’t know what’s going to happen.
• Chasing UBC for the balance of our fees.
• Applying to government for wage subsidy.
• Essential payments being done through e-transfer.
• Investigating new credit card system.
• Looking into a new finance system.
VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham
- Current and incoming Execs met with the VP Students about the VP Students strategic plan.
- Onboarding with Georgia.
- Talking about COVID.
- Senate met last night.
  - New student senators.
  - Great Q&A: great opportunity for us to ask questions.
- Advocacy Committee: chatted about the Academic Experience Survey policy. Bringing to next meeting.
- Policy analysis.
- Final Policy 131 meeting. Going to BoG in June.
- Awards Committee met: advocated there on continuity of awards.
- Went to the HR Committee and chatted about Exec pay.
- Ongoing meetings with UBC SUO and GSS about COVID updates.

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

Advocacy Committee – Nicholas Harterre
- Heard from Cristina and Julia about COVID.
- U-Pass negotiations.
- AES policy.

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

Governance Committee – Katherine Westerlund
- Slowing down.
- Working with Chris to develop a Council survey to find out where we’re thriving and where we can do better.

HR Committee – Riley Ty
- Meeting about Exec pay.
- Winding down.
- Code changes and a few JD’s.
- Extending Ahsan’s contract.
• Focus now on hiring a new Chief Electoral Officer, a new Speaker, and a new Ombudsperson.
• Deadline to apply is April 12.
• Also the student support staff positions: the AMS is hiring.

Operations Committee – Cole Evans
• Updated the policy manual and Policy I-7.
• Haven’t met since last Council.
• Pretty much wrapped up our goals for the year.
• We operated successfully.

SHAPE – Chris Hakim
• No update.

Steering Committee – Chris Hakim
• Provided in written format.

Student Life Committee – Cole Evans
• No update.
• Will be meeting soon to discuss elections.

Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance – Chris Hakim
• No update.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Kia Teimouri
• No update.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

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

BoG – Jeanie Malone
• Committees happened over Zoom.
• Full board will be next week.

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

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

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

6. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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

7. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED WENDY SONG

   From the Health and Dental Plan Committee

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   Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Hakim:

- Thanks for your patience on this.
- We’ve now circulated the new agreement, the one for approval.
- There was a question about appendices.
- One is the lease for the premises. A standard lease.
• Couldn’t get hold of the document.
• There’s also an appendix on the fee structure, which is pretty standard.

Cristina Ilnitchi:
• Especially during this time of COVID students will need their health care more than ever.
• We need to maintain the standard of health care they’re used to.

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

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

Max Holmes:
• It’s bad governance to approve something if you don’t have the materials.

The Speaker:
• The document has been circulated now.
• Or is anything still missing?

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

Kaili Sun:
• I’d like to table the motion.

Chris Hakim:
• I’d like us still to vote on the fee increase.

Kaili Sun:
• I’m okay with the fee increase.
• I just want to table the contract.
Chris Hakim:
- I will circulate the other documents for an email vote on the contract.

8. MOVED KAILI SUN, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

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

Alex Gonzalez:
- What is the timeline?

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

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

The Speaker
- Are the documents available?

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

9. MOVED KAILI SUN, SECONDED ALEX GONZALEZ:

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

... Carried

10. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED WENDY SONG

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

U) Discussion Period
V) Submissions:

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

W) Next Meeting:

April 22, 2020

X) Adjournment:

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

Y) Social Activity:
# April 9, 2020 Roster

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

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Ubyssey News, Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- We should reflect on where we are and think about whose stolen lands we’re occupying.
- UBC is on Salish land.
- Three nations have claims over what is UBC.
- It is important to recognize that our occupation is an act of violence against the original owners.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED KEIRA BRITTO, SECONDED DANIEL MARTIN:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED NICHOLAS HARTERRE:

   “That the agenda be amended by moving the I-12 motion from Advocacy to Consent and by removing the Sustainability Strategy presentation.”

   Chris Hakim:
   - We’re pushing back the sustainability strategy to a later meeting.

3. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED NICHOLAS HARTERRE:

   “That the agenda be amended by moving the I-12 motion from Advocacy to Consent and by removing the Sustainability Strategy presentation.”

   … No objections

4. MOVED KEIRA BRITTO, SECONDED DANIEL MARTIN:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

Max Holmes:
- In five days we got four agendas.
• We approved flexibility, but not to encourage last minute changes.
• This just confuses Council.

Chris Hakim:
• I agree; that’s an important point.
• We had time pressing motions that were not ready when the agenda went out on Friday, but we’ll take that feedback into consideration.

5. MOVED KEIRA BRITTO, SECONDED DANIEL MARTIN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

For: 20

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

Welcome to our new Members: Jeremy Zuo (Medicine)

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

Goodbyes: Ravi Parhar (Medicine)

The Speaker:
• Jeremy, welcome to Council.
• Tell us about yourself.

Jeremy Zuo:
• I’m a third year medical student.
• Interested in policy.
• Would like to know how students in Medicine can benefit from the AMS.

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
• I want to make sure these meetings are accessible.
• Remote meetings have challenges.
• Let me know if you have any issues.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

The Speaker:
• I would like to declare a conflict on the next motion and ask that Chris Hakim take the chair.
• One of the items is about me.
6. MOVED ALEX GONZALEZ, SECONDED CRISTINA ILNITCHI:

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

Executive Committee minutes dated April 3, 2020 [SCD399-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 9, 2020 [SCD400-20]

From the HR Committee
“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the HR Committee Oluwakemi Oke be appointed as the AMS Ombudsperson effective May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the HR Committee Kareem Ibrahim be appointed as the Speaker of Council effective May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the HR Committee Isabelle Ava-Pointon be appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer effective May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.”

… Carried

For: 20  Abstain: 2

The Speaker resumed the chair and thanked Council for reappointing him.

7. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED WENDY SONG:

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

From the Health and Dental Plan Committee [SCD401-20]
"Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Health and Dental Committee, Council approve an extension of the current agreement with Studentcare for two years at the current rate."

From the Operations Committee [SCD402-20]
"Be it resolved that AMS Council accept the changes to Code Section XI: Resource Groups as presented."

From the Executive Committee [SCD403-20]
"Be it resolved that Council adopt the following report from AMS Services, titled 'Proposed Code Change to Section X, Article 1, subsection 3 – Establishing AMS Peer Support' and thus amend the Code as recommended for approval by the AMS Executive."

From the Advocacy Committee [SCD404-20]
"Be it resolved that Council replace the old Policy I-12 with the new version as presented."

… Carried

For: 20  Abstain: 1
H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute period):

Executive Goals Final presentation – The Executive

Chris Hakim (President):

- This is the last Council meeting of this fiscal year.
- We’ve changed the format for the presentation to focus on personal accomplishments.
- I’m highlighting the sexual violence policy:
  - It’s important. It’s the first standalone sexual violence policy with mandated trauma-informed approaches.
  - Implementation critical.
  - Not just building awareness, but creating an institutional presence and comfort for students.
  - We produced brochures about processes and procedures connected to this policy, explaining as simply as possible to make the process legible and comforting.
  - We are emphasizing the Ombudsoffice as the place to go to in the process because of its impartiality.
  - We received feedback praising us for taking action.

Cristina Ilnitchi (VP External):

- Today’s announcement from the federal government about COVID support for students blurs what I was going to say.
- Great wins.
- Been pushing for grants, a BC Access Grant.
- That was a huge win: up to 40,000 students will benefit.
- It’s been a long time in the works, but this is only the first step.
- We had a second win in the federal election, mobilizing students to get politicians to engage with students.
- Great turnout at our election events.
- And we collaborated with 40 student unions on a national student letter: every party has committed to some of the pieces we asked for.

Julia Burnham (VP Academic & University Affairs):

- First review for UBC’s sexual misconduct policy.
  - We gave out coffee sleeves and had an incredibly successful Town Hall about why we can’t understand the policy (because it’s too lawyered).

8. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED JULIA BURNHAM:

“That time for the presentation be extended by 20 minutes.”

… No objections
Julia Burnham (VP Academic & University Affairs), continued:
- Launched a brand-new Open Educational Resources (OER) Champions award to promote the use of free resources.
- Santa Ono signed off on recognition letters for the champions.

Lucia Liang (VP Finance):
- We introduced the Secure Online Transfer system which allowed students to receive reimbursements without coming to the Nest.
- The reimbursements go straight to their bank accounts.
- This is the e-transfer system the Finance team has been working on since 2017.

Cole Evans (VP Administration):
- I’ll single out the reopening of the Norm Theatre.
- The idea had been floating around for a while.
- It’s a great space for arts and culture.
- We’ve received positive feedback from student groups.

Ian Stone (Student Services Manager):
- Building and strengthening the communities we interact with.
- Funding more programs.
- Raised $50,000 for the Food Bank (25% increase).
  - Helping students, helping feed students.
  - We had the same number of interactions this year as we did last year, but in two less months.

Questions
Alex Gonzalez:
- In the full goals document why are we missing Cole’s goals?

Cole Evans:
- They are coming.
- I will send an updated document.
- This is on me for not getting it in.
- I’ve been swamped.
- Will definitely have it done in the next little while.

Max Holmes:
- I’d like to add a Discussion Item on this.

Michelle Marcus:
- Thanks to all for sharing your highlights.
- The Strategic Plan was a big goal this year (and in previous years).
- Can you speak to what progress was made on it, what challenges it faces?
- And how will you report back to the students on the survey they took part in?
Chris Hakim:
- We were able to do some high level items.
- Great consultation on that.
- Close to 1000 students interacting.
- The challenges, which previous Execs faced too, include reconciling Service and Business goals, which can differ a bit.
- I don’t want this project to die.
- We’ve been looking into bringing in consultants to help.
- It was unfortunate that we couldn’t get things started because of COVID.
- Cole is excited about an RFP for next fiscal year.
- Before we put things on pause, we gathered data on affordability and accountability which we will save and pass on to the next team.

Preliminary Budget Presentation – Lucia Liang

- Due to COVID-19, we created three versions of the budget.
- Budget 1:
  - Full enrollment, 55,000 students.
  - All 20/21 projects included.
  - Business Contribution of $250,000 (assuming the Nest opens in May)
  - Investment income same as before.
- Budget 2:
  - 10% decrease in enrollment and in spending.
  - Business contribution reduced (assuming a Nest opening in July).
  - Investment the same.
- Budget 3:
  - 20% decrease in enrollment.
  - 15% decrease in spending.
  - Business contribution reduced even further (Nest opening in September).
- Even in Budget 3, Services and Student Government will be maintained the same as far as possible.
- Comparing the coming year to 2019/20, we see:
  - $124,000 increase in Student Services expenditure.
  - $107,000 more to Events (but not sure about the Welcome Back Barbecue).
  - $93,000 more to student government (new salaries for staff, but a delay in hiring).
- The minimum wage increase has produced a $400,000 increase in our costs.
- The new Employer Health Tax will cost us an additional $150,000.
- Cost of goods went up $200,000.
- New financial analyst will cost $65,000.
- New auditing company will cost $25,000.
- The Finance Committee will meet twice a week to review asks from each department and make sure comments are available for all budget lines.
• Standardizing staff benefits for volunteers and student staff: additional compensation differs depending on the department.

• Surplus and Deficit:
  o Budget 1: $38,827 surplus
  o Budget 2: $712,569 deficit
  o Budget 3: $1.156 million deficit.

• This may change depending on the information we get this summer.

• We may need to make cuts to Student Government. There will be discussions with the Executive teams.

• We feel comfortable going to deficit to ensure service quality.

• If the Nest remains closed all summer, there will likely be a new submission.

Questions
Alex Gonzalez:
  • We still have a budget for Welcome Back Barbecue, but UBC is not even clear we’ll be back in person in September.
  • Why are we even considering this?

Lucia Liang:
  • There was discussion on this in the Executive.
  • There was a suggestion we take it out, but we thought we’d wait till the final budget.
  • That line item will likely change.

Max Holmes:
  • There’s so much more to come.
  • Most cuts are not here except for Communications, which is odd.
  • What are the AMS’s priorities?
  • In a crisis we need to be clear about that.

Lucia Liang:
  • The top priority is Student Services.
  • Advocacy is important.
  • Also Student Government.
  • Right now we’re likely going to hold off new asks and projects until after the first quarter.

Cole Evans:
  • There should be more for Communications.
  • Also Student Services and Student Government.
  • Staying optimistic, but it’s hard to project.
  • Want to make sure to protect the core of the Society: government and services.
  • Other things are more expendable.

Max Holmes:
  • This was an opportunity.
• We need to be really clear right now, and we need to consult.
• Student Government a priority, yes. Communications a priority, yes, but the budget says it will be cut.
• I hope at the next meeting the Executive will come back and have a conversation on Services, advocacy, affordability.
• Can the Executive commit to coming back with a serious conversation?

Lucia Liang:
• Yes.

9. MOVED ALIREZA KAMYABI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee
“That the AMS Preliminary Budget for 2020-21 be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

For: 17  Abstain: 1

... Carried

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Chris Hakim
• I sent in my remarks in written form [SCD415-20], but I want to thank you all for your engagement and holding Executives accountable, for supporting us and students.
• I’m glad to hear some of you are continuing on.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Administration – Cole Evans
• In touch with the University about COVID support for students.
• Transitions for staff.
• Consultations with campus groups.
• Everything going well.
• Busy but good.

VP External – Cristina Ilnitchi
• Really sad to be leaving.
• The federal announcement this morning was really good news for students
  o A CERB for students.
• Doubling of Canadian student grants, top-ups.
• It’s a big win; want to congratulate the government.
• It’s great, though just the beginning.
• Also, international students can now work more than 20 hours off campus if in an essential service.
• Still in discussions about gaps in financial support.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
• I’m going to have another year here: really excited.
• Working on transitions.
• Interviews for Services.
• Moved Speakeasy support online.
• Discussions with the Arts Co-op Office about credit for students starting a business.
• Our theme this year has been reaching out to our communities.
• Submitted my final report.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Julia Burnham
• Continuing conversations with the UBC administration about student financial need.
• Talking to the Associate Deans (Academic) about the fall semester.
• Excellent meeting about spring graduation ceremonies:
  o Excited about what the University is thinking of: to re-create the in-person experience in a virtual celebration.
• Final report for SACADI (Senate Ad hoc Committee on Academic Diversity and Inclusion).

Managing Director – Keith Hester
• Revising business budget presentations.
• Looking at a COVID recovery plan.
• Working on a return to work plan – in stages over the summer.
• Incoming Exec orientations.
• Thanks to Councillors for all your great questions throughout the year.
• Thanks for keeping us accountable.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
• Busy doing budgets.
• Lots of online reimbursements.

The Speaker:
• Thanks to all of you for your contributions.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each): (Advocacy, Finance, Governance, Human Resources, Operations, SHAPE, Steering, Student Life, Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Council Governance, Fermentation Lab Committee)
Advocacy Committee – Nicholas Harterre
- Met once since last meeting.
- Passed Policy I-12 on the Academic Experience Survey.
- Keeping in touch with Cristina and Julia on support for students.
- Next meeting will talk about transitions and how to make the committee a more robust body for the two vice-presidents.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
- Focusing on budgets.
- Funds applications.

Governance Committee – Katherine Westerlund
- No big updates.
- Working on transition process.
- Happy with all the committees that reviewed policies, and maybe the rest will be reviewed in the next few months.

Human Resources Committee – Riley Ty
- Focused on hiring.
- Confident in the three candidates we proposed.
- Working on transition.
- Thanks for a great experience.

Operations Committee – Cole Evans
- Email votes on furniture replacement, a new Resource Group, and the AMS Sustainability Action Plan.

Questions
Michelle Marcus:
- What is the new Resource Group?

Cole Evans:
- Proposed by the RGAC (the Resource Group Allocation Committee), it’s the Neurodiverse and Disabled Alliance.

SHAPE Committee – Chris Hakim
- No update.

Steering Committee – Chris Hakim
- No update.

Student Life Committee – Cole Evans
- No update.

Ad Hoc Committee on Council Governance – Chris Hakim
- No update.
Fermentation Lab Committee – Kia Teimouri
  • No update.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
  • No report.

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

  Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone
  • Full Board met.
  • Some conversations on COVID.
  • The Chair sent a letter thanking people.

  Senate – Dante Agosti-Moro
  • Discussed responses to COVID.
  • The last meeting was both March and April.
  • Approval of new policy on academic accommodation for students for religious observances and Indigenous cultural observances.
  • New Bio-Products Institute.
  • Max re-elected vice-chair of Senate.
  • On behalf of the Student Senate Caucus we thank the Executive and Council.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
  • The Health and Dental Plan is on the agenda tonight.
  • It and the U-Pass, despite doubts when they were first brought in about two decades ago, have been two of our greatest successes.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

10. MOVED CRISTINA ILNITCHI, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI: [SCD409-20]

    “Be it resolved that Council approve a temporary suspension of the U-Pass contract for the months of May to August.

    Be it further resolved that Council may vote to bring the program back in its original form for UBC students before August 31, after consultation with UBC and the GSS, and it must give TransLink 30 days’ notice to terminate the suspension period.”
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Note 2: Extension of suspension beyond the end of August may be considered at a later date.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cristina Ilnitchi:
- There has been lots of conversation about this, with TransLink, the student unions, the postsecondary institutions.
- We’ve had an influx of emails from students wanting refunds.
- A lot of courses are online, confusing the eligibility of the program.
- Essentially we identified lots of students not using U-Pass now.
- Unless they have essential work, they’re not on transit.
- And buses are free anyway.
- So there’s been agreement to temporarily suspend the U-Pass contract.
- Schools can decide when to come back online on 30 days’ notice.
- Still discussing refunds for April.
- For now we’re suspending May through August.
- This can go beyond August: that will be decided in the summer.
- The new Executive need to consult with the GSS and UBC’s Campus & Community Planning and keep TransLink updated monthly.
- For now we thought the easiest thing to do was to suspend May-August.

Chris Hakim:
- Apologies for this coming late. We only heard from TransLink today.

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For: 21 Against: 1
The Speaker

- Congratulations on the last motion of the term.

U) Discussion Period

Executive Year End Report Submission

Max Holmes:
- Five of the six Executives submitted, and there was a helpful, impactful presentation.
- But for one Executive there was no report.
- This is somewhat unprecedented: an Executive not sending in their report and not letting Council know ahead of time.
- How early on did the President notify the Executives of the goals presentation?
- I understand that this Executive is going to be the next President.
- How can we ensure that this contemptuous action doesn't happen next year?

Alex Gonzalez:
- I expect the Executives to do their job or give us notice if they can't.
- I'm extremely disappointed to see this from our future President.
- Can we get an explanation?
- Why didn't he let us know when all the other Executives did theirs?

Chris Hakim:
- I sent an email to all Executives on March 9.

Katherine Westerlund:
- I would like to hear from Cole.
- All Executives work very hard in their portfolios, and all of the others were able to get their reports in.
- I am disappointed that no notice or explanation was given to us.
- Only when a question was asked did we get a brief and in my opinion unsatisfactory response.
- There is a serious concern here.

Cole Evans:
- I appreciate these comments; they're 100% valid, and I take them very seriously.
- In retrospect, I should have been proactive in informing the Board my submission would be late.
- It looks like I was disregarding the policy, but it was not meant to dismiss the importance of reports or KPI's.
- This is just the result of poor task management on my end: things got away from me.
- I take responsibility for not handling the situation correctly.
• What three Councillors have said is correct; this not what one should expect from someone who is to be President next week.
• I hope you can accept my apology.
• I’m sorry if I came across as being disrespectful to the Board.
• I am serious about following through on my goals.
• I will get the report done by the end of the week.

Abdul Alnaar:
• As the staff member assigned to work with Cole on his goals, I hope we can give him the benefit of the doubt.
• He had a lot of projects underway: club software etc.

Alex Gonzalez:
• Thank you for the apology, Cole.
• It still leaves a bad taste: that you couldn’t meet the policy, but now after being called out you say you can do it by the end of the week.

Max Holmes:
• Oversight of the Executive is the Number 1 responsibility of Council.
• In the past the reports were always done.
• The policy is to be followed.
• This is known months in advance.
• In future I would suggest not having these due at the last Council meeting of the year, but at the second to last.

12. MOVED ALEX GONZALEZ, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“That an email be sent by April 29 on whether to censure Cole Evans.”

Dante Agosti-Moro:
• I can’t vote, but I would caution that an act of censure is extremely serious, so I’m not sure email is the best idea.
• This would be better at an in person meeting.

Julia Burnham:
• This is quite an unprecedented time.
• I’m behind on certain things, and censure is extreme.
• We should practise some radical empathy.
• This was a big thing to miss, but things happen.

Kevin Zhang:
• To ensure that we are fulfilling our fiduciary duty, people should look at previous censure motions.
• Does the severity of this situation warrant censure?
Abdul Alnaar:
• As a former Speaker, let me note that there should be an opportunity for the person being censured to defend themselves.
• I don’t feel this can be done over email.

Michelle Marcus:
• Why an email vote?

Alex Gonzalez:
• Discussion in person would be good, but we may not have time to meet in person; it’s a busy time.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• Only the President can call an email vote.

Chris Hakim:
• If the Board wants me to do it, I’ll do it.

Alex Gonzalez:
• I understand the severity.
• I don’t think empathy is the right thing.
• The Executives were told on March 9.
• Cole had time to notify us.
• It does not just seem like an honest mistake.

Michelle Marcus:
• I oppose this motion.
• I would vote against censure.
• Compassion should be our first priority.
• We should be striving for a supportive culture.
• I don’t support a culture that puts deadlines over getting things done.
• I trust Cole will get things done.
• As to holding an email vote, that is the less compassionate way.
• If we want to do this motion, we should do it now.

Katherine Westerlund:
• AMS Council doesn’t actually have a lot of power.
  o We think we do, but we don’t.
  o We create rules that only work on the basis of agreement between the Executive and the rest of the Board.
  o We can’t impeach Executives, we can’t make them do things.
• Every couple of months we get updates from Executives.
  o Those are the only opportunities for Council to see what the Executives are working on.
  o Even though things are unprecedented now, I think updates are important.
It is very bad that we didn’t receive one.

In these times these reports are more important than ever.

They help us continue to improve the lives of students.

Our aim is to keep Council and the AMS moving forward.

- Empathy goes both ways.
  - We didn’t get any explanation of why we were not receiving these documents until a question was asked, as if it was thought that no one would notice.
  - These are hard times for everyone, but do you fall into the mindset of assuming people won’t care?
  - People can come to Council and ask for extensions.
  - This is the last meeting of this Council: the new people won’t be able to bring the same insight.

- We have a history of people not following our rules.
  - We have had these conversations in the past
  - This is a huge problem, and it needs to stop now.

- I am extremely disappointed.

Michelle Marcus:

- This comes down to who is this hurting.
- Not submitting this document is not really hurting students.
- Censure should be reserved for when an Executive does something that hurts students.
- We’re going to get the goals report.
- We need to focus on a productive solution.
- I like the idea of moving the goal report up earlier in the year.
- As to the motion, why do we need to wait?

Alex Gonzalez:

- Code says there must be one week’s notice.

There was discussion of whether the vote could be held immediately.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- We can’t vote tonight unless the action happened at this meeting.

The Speaker:

- My ruling is that the action happened at this meeting

13. MOVED ALEX GONZALEZ, SECONDED KATHERINE WESTERLUND:

“That Council censure Cole Evans for non-submission of his Executive goals report.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For: 2 Against: 17 Abstain: 2
The Speaker:
  • Thanks to all for the year.

V) Submissions:
  AUS General Elections 2020 Results [SCD410-20]
  MUSA General Elections 2020 Results [SCD411-20]
  AMS SASC Emergency Counselling Initiative – Covid 19 [SCD412-20]
  AMS Tri-Annual Services review report [SCD413-20]
  Annual Student Services report [SCD414-20]
  President’s Council report [SCD415-20]
  VP External Council report [SCD416-20]
  Executive Goals Year End 2020 Report [SCD417-20]
  Virtual Council procedure [SCD419-20]

W) Next Meeting:

      May 13, 2020

X) Adjournment:

    There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm

Y) Social Activity:
## April 22, 2020 Roster

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

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Pawan Minhas (Ubyssey), Dani Stancer (former AVP Sustainability), Justin Zheng (AMS staff), Charlotte Gilby (AMS staff), Saad Shoaib (AVP External), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant), and many students at large seeking appointment to committees

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- Recognize whose land you’re on.
- Stolen Coast Salish lands.
- This should not be a formalistic acknowledgement; we need to reflect on what it means: that we are complicit in an ongoing state of violence.
- We should think of ways to mitigate this, to shift the default.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

“That the agenda be amended to do the following:

- Move the motion on furniture replacement to right after SASC office expansion.
- Add a motion to recognize the Faculty of Dentistry Senator under Consent Items.
- Remove the committee chair motion and instead send it to Governance.
- Add an OnBoard presentation
- Strike the motion to appoint chairs of the Operations and Finance committees.
- Add a motion from the Nursing Undergraduate Society on fees.”

3. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

“That the agenda be amended to move the Resource Groups Code amendment into the Consent Agenda.”
Alireza Kamyabi:
  - I wanted to discuss the name of the new group (Neurodiverse and Disabled Alliance): is it in line with the culture of the AMS?

Chris Hakim:
  - That shouldn’t get in the way of approval of the motion.
  - If you wish a larger discussion, we’re open to it.

Cole Evans:
  - That name came from the Resource Groups.
  - They changed it from Pathfinders.
  - They’re probably a good authority on whether the name is appropriate.
  - I’m confident that the community is comfortable with the name.

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

  “That the two sets of amendments be accepted.”

  ... No objections

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

  “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

  Alireza Kamyabi:
  - Are we sending the Resource Groups motion back to Operations Committee or just passing it with the current name for the group?

  Chris Hakim:
  - We can have a discussion here or you can send an email with your concerns.

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

  “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

  ... Carried

For: 34 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

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

Welcome to our new Members: 2020/21 Council

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Indigenous Seat, Journalism, Population & Public Health

Goodbyes: 2019-20 Council
Cole Evans:
  • The Indigenous Committee is developing procedures to fill the Indigenous seat.
  • If you know someone interested in the seat, contact me or the committee.

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
  • This is our first time using the OnBoard software.
  • I want to make sure the meeting is efficient and accessible.
  • If you’re having trouble accessing the meeting, contact me by email or put something in the Zoom chat.

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

The Speaker:
  • If you would like to speak at Council, contact Joanne.

G) Consent Agenda Items

Ryan Wong:
  • Why are we dissolving the Ad Hoc Committee on Council Governance?

Cole Evans:
  • It’s passing its work on to the Governance Committee.

Sebastian Cooper:
  • Should we abstain since as new members we weren’t here for these meetings?

The Speaker:
  • You would not be at these meetings in any case.
  • The assumption is that you review these minutes and if you have concerns you can pull them.

7. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

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

Executive Committee minutes dated April 17, 2020 [SCD001-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 24, 2020 [SCD002-21]

From the President
“That Council dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on Council Governance.”
From the Arts Undergraduate Society
“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Justin Zheng as the student representative for the Faculty of Arts and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

From the Dentistry Undergraduate Society
“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Diane Nguyen as the student representative for the Faculty of Dentistry and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

For: 32 Against: 0 Abstained: 0

Mathew Ho requested that the Nursing Undergraduate Society motion be pulled from the second set of Consent Items and discussed separately.

8. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED EMMA DODYK:

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

From the President
“That Council suspend Code Section VII, Article 9(2) (about reports from the Advisory Board), effective immediately and lasting until August 1, 2020.”

From the Operations Committee [SCD003-21]
"That Council approve the amendment to Code entitled 'Code Changes 2020: New Resource Group' and thus make the Neurodiverse and Disabled Alliance an AMS Student Resource Group."

For: 28 Against: 0 Abstained: 1

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

OnBoard – Cole Evans
- We’re going to use the OnBoard platform to send out documents and agendas instead of using emails.
- Also, for today’s committee appointments we’ll use a more equitable runoff system.
- Some at large nominees for committees are in attendance, some are not.
- A lot of students at large are applying tonight – 50 – so it will not be efficient to read all their campaign blurbs; instead we’ll have a break for people to read them.
- Councillors running for committees can each give talks.

Mathew Ho:
- What happens if a Councillor wants to be nominated at the last minute?
Cole Evans:
- They can add or withdraw their name.

Ryan Wong:
- Can you nominate other Councillors?

Cole Evans:
- Yes. You can self-nominate too.

**AMS Sustainability Action Plan (ASAP) – Dani Stancer (AVP Sustainability 2019-20)**

- Last June there was a sustainability report which included as a goal the creation of a new sustainability strategy.
- This is the end result, incorporating previous strategies and policies.
- Our vision is to be a leader in sustainability, and the end goal is a sustainable future for everyone.
- Six priority areas:
  - Facilities Operations: We have a LEED Platinum building, but can’t rest on that.
  - Business Operations: Ethical purchasing.
  - Advocacy & Leadership: Advocating for student priorities.
  - Student Services: Committing to continuing to evaluate our offerings.
  - Campus Coordination: Cross-campus collaboration; SEEDS etc.
  - Indigenous Coordination: A form of social sustainability. We’re inviting the Indigenous Committee to create this section (to be added at a later date).
- Partnership with campus groups. Working with Campus Hub.
- Zero Waste Foodware strategy.
- Ethical & Sustainable Purchasing Policy: This was a 2005 policy that is now included in ASAP.
- Need ways to track what we do and connect with students by publishing content.
- Estimated life of plan: 10 years. But should review it in three years.

**Questions**

Chris Hakim:
- Appreciate all the work: long term, ambitious, forward-thinking.
- As to the Indigenous part of the plan not being there:
  - With any plan, you need all sections developed to see how all sections work together.
  - We’re really reliant on our Indigenous partners, but if the Indigenous Committee is not available, there are other Indigenous partners: we need to fill out that section.
- Also, what does tracking look like?

Dani Stancer:
- Tracking sheets were for quantifiable metrics.
- For instance, air conditioning versus solar panels
The goal is to increase renewables.

Cole Evans:
- Metrics tracking: water usage, waste, energy usage.
- Also, measuring what achievement of our goals would mean.
- Can go to reports and see progress.

Mathew Ho:
- How will the AMS facilitate clubs and Constituencies working towards these goals?

Dani Stancer:
- In my term I met with the UBC Sustainability Initiative manager and with Campus & Community Planning.
- Already discussed combining resources across campus.
- I had friends in clubs come to me.
- Work has already started; the goal is to make it accessible.
- The AVP Sustainability will help.
- We don’t have clubs adopting these policies yet, but we will encourage that.

Danny Liu:
- This is a super-long plan coming now right at transition time.
- A plan like this can get forgotten.
- How will you address that and hold the AMS accountable?
- Also, why did we repeal several policies?

Dani Stancer:
- The repealed policies are mostly incorporated in this plan.
- Another older policy, the Environmental Policy of 2008, was supposed to have been repealed long ago.

Cole Evans:
- On accountability, Code and this strategy require reports to Council.
- There will also be surveys or focus groups.
- There’s a need for consultation.

9. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER: [SCD005-21]

“Be it resolved that the AMS Sustainable Action Plan be accepted as a Policy as presented.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Student Driven Sustainability Strategy be repealed.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Environmental Sustainability Strategy be repealed.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy be repealed.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Hakim:
- Glad to hear some of the responses.
- The AMS sometimes puts forth ambitious plans, but falls short on performance tracking.
- You’ve done the goals; maybe the tracking needs work.
- It’s worth a discussion of the Executive before we approve a plan like this.
- And the point around the Indigenous section: with any plan, you want all the sections done.

Emma Dodyk:
- What is the expected timeline for the completion of the Indigenous section?
- Next meeting? Next term?

Dani Stancer:
- I was in communication with the Indigenous Committee and had set up a meeting with them before COVID.
- With COVID, everyone went home and they don’t want to do this until they can meet in person.
- They want to get it done on their timeline.

Cole Evans:
- I disagree with the idea that we need enhanced performance tracking.
- We have lots of mechanisms in place.
- It’s important to start with what we know works.
- Can expand in the future.
- Hesitant to make changes now. I don’t think it’s necessary.
- We have successful measures that have proven effective.

Mathew Ho:
- I hope this plan will be well promoted and utilized.

Max Holmes:
- Thanks, Dani, for all the work.
- I do note, about the Indigenous section, that this is a plan we can amend.
- As important as the Indigenous section is, the AMS needs to do larger planning.
- This is an opportunity for the Governance Committee to look at the implementation of plans and maybe create an accountability framework.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For: 32  Against: 0  Abstained: 1

AMS Nest Reopening Plan – Cole Evans [SCD006-21]

- We closed March 16 because of COVID.
- Most hourly staff were laid off.
- Other staff are working from home.
- Some essential services were kept open: online Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC), Food Bank in the Life Building, e-transfer.
- In BC we never were actually ordered to close; lots of businesses voluntarily closed.
- Stage 1 of reopening plan: May 19.
- Still need to follow personal responsibility guidelines about social distancing, using a mask, avoiding contact, and handwashing.
- Optional office work.
- Some take-out and dining services.
- Some businesses and services to reopen.
- Limited building amenities.
- As of May 19, the building will be open 9 am to 6 pm during the week (no weekends).
- There will be signs on the exterior doors.
- The elevators will be in restricted use.
- The Nest will be cleaned more often.
- No gatherings greater than 50 allowed.
- No table seating; no place to work or eat; no occupation of club offices.
- Signs up about physical distancing.
- Blue Chip will open for take-out on May 19.
- After that, the Gallery and Honour Roll.
- All seating areas closed off.
- Partnering with delivery services.
- Will monitor industry standards.
- No more reusable mugs or containers.
- Modified floor plans for physical distancing in the food outlets.
- Food & Beverage staff to wear gloves and masks and to be temperature checked.
- Conferences & Catering resuming in late May: mostly catering; no buffets; booking limited.
- Closing small bookable rooms.
- SASC will resume in person in a limited capacity.
- Food Bank continues.
- Safewalk to resume mid-June.
Other Services to provide online support.
Sneeze Guard at reception.
In person work will be optional for those who can work from home.
Main doors to the office area will be closed to the public.
Groups will be encouraged to meet virtually.
Student staff attendance optional, with increased social distancing if they’re in the office.
Council perhaps will move to in person meetings or mixed virtual and in person as early as June 3.
Tenants are to follow the guidelines.
Will monitor what is being done and will follow provincial guidelines.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• Will trial balances be available?
• Can we hand in refunds and use physical forms?
• When will Council begin in person meetings?

Cole Evans:
• Our accounting staff will be back in the office so you can access trial balances.
• Council is still an unknown. June 3 may be a little ambitious. We’ll continue to monitor. Safety remains our Number 1 priority.

Rachel Chan:
• Will we provide masks?

Keith Hester:
• We plan to issue masks to all Food & Beverage staff.
• Masks will be available for office staff. That will be optional.
• For people coming into the building, no.
• There will be signage saying don’t come in if you’re unwell.

Nevena Rebic:
• You mentioned modified floor plans. Will there be physical barriers?
• What about staircases? Will they be made uni-directional?
• Will there be a limit on the number of people in the building?

Keith Hester:
• The modified floor plans are for the food service areas.
• The public corridors are currently large enough to accommodate social distancing, assuming we don’t get a deluge of people.
• If we do, we will ask people to leave

Nevena Rebic:
• What about the side staircases?
• Will they be made one-way, either up or down?
• And the entrances?
Keith Hester:
- Will set up the entrances so one set of doors will be IN and one OUT.
- There will be signs and footprints.
- Within open areas we’ll react to the number of people.

11. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

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

… No objections

Nadir Nurali:
- Will you provide masks and gloves to food workers?

Keith Hester:
- Yes, disposable non-medical masks: one a day for each staff member.

Nadir Nurali:
- Gloves?

Keith Hester:
- Those are already provided in food service areas.

Chris Hakim:
- Knowing that classes will be online, what is our business plan?
- There won’t be a lot of people on campus.

Keith Hester:
- We’re planning to do a gradual return for that reason.
- No additional outlets opening until August.
- We plan to be fully open in September.
- Even if classes are mostly online, some classes will be on campus, and there are 9,000 UBC employees on campus.
- Right now we think we’ll have a sufficient number of customers.

Pawan Minhas:
- When will tenancy agreement changes happen?

Cole Evans:
- We’re not changing all our tenancy agreements.
- We’re just making addendums.

Ryan Wong:
- Can someone report to Council about the performance of businesses that are reopening?
Keith Hester:
- Yes, I can do that at next Council.

I) Consultation Period

*SASC Office Expansion – Cole Evans and Michael Kingsmill* [SCD007-21]

Cole Evans:
- Working on this for a few months.
- Landmark project for SASC.
- We’re excited to support SASC and this project.
- Spurred by the Services Review and a request for additional work spaces, we considered alternative spaces to accommodate the staff and ensure privacy.
- SASC has always been looking for a larger space.
- Their current location was meant to be temporary till a larger one could be found, but that was not pursued.
- They’re currently close to the elevators, which is not great for confidentiality.
- And they have only one small office area which it is hard to expand.
- They’re frequently mistaken for the Health & Dental office.
- There’s a lack of soundproofing.
- Their outreach workers are separated.

Michael Kingsmill:
- Aim is to be visible yet invisible.
- People need to know where it is, but people also need privacy.
- Sound isolation needed: not easy; lots of construction involved, driving the budget cost.
- Aim is to make their new space inviting and functional.
- We’ve had discussions about the proposed floor plan, and there’s agreement that it’s a good plan.
- Providing an extra door for soundproofing.
- Also will be able to exit through a side door: SASC feels that’s a good add-on.
- Will include an outreach office.
- This is essentially a switch with the current Health & Dental office.
- Studentcare will move into the smaller space (the current SASC office): have had good exchanges with them; we think this will be great.
- The budget is Class D, the lowest of four levels.
- Spending will include money for acoustical detailing and a consultant.
- The acoustical burden is very high.
- Total of $200,000 to $220,000.
- Will bring a budget here next time.
- High contingency.

Cole Evans:
- The objectives include:
  - Improved confidentiality.
  - Less confusion for students.
o More suitable space for Studentcare.
   • SASC is really excited.
   • Need to get this done by mid-August.
   • SASC sees an increase in use in September.
   • There will be two months of construction.

Questions
Emma Dodyk:
   • Where will SASC go during construction?

Cole Evans:
   • Studentcare isn’t here over the summer, so SASC can stay where they are during construction.

James Chen:
   • Will COVID affect construction?

Michael Kingsmill:
   • Construction activity has not been stopped.
   • We’ll have no difficulty.

Max Holmes:
   • Will we get lower quotes due to the current situation?

Michael Kingsmill:
   • I believe so.
   • UBC Properties Trust reports that lots of contractors are interested in institutional work like ours: things are favourable for us in terms of pricing and availability.

Chris Hakim:
   • This is not just a simple office switch, but an expansion.

J) Executive Committee/Committee Motions:

12. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED CHRIS SUNDBY:
   [SCD008-21], [SCD009-21], [SCD010-21]

From the Executive Committee and the Operations Committee
"That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the Operations Committee, $153,390.56 be allocated from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund for the Eastside Furniture Replacement Project."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: SUB Repairs and Replacement balance for FY2019/20: around $200,000
SUB Repairs and Replacement balance total: around $650,000
Cole Evans:
- Worked on this project last year.
- We need to replace the red couches; they’re worn out.
- We expected them to last longer, but they haven’t.
- The Nest Experience Survey said the biggest area of concern for students was having places to study and work.
- This project addresses those needs quite well.

Max Holmes:
- I object to this because we’re undertaking other capital projects that more clearly serve students.
- This one is not necessary.

Alireza Kamyabi:
- I would share those sentiments.
- Not sure it’s the right time, especially considering possible deficits.
- Perhaps we can wait till we’re in a more sustainable financial situation.

Cole Evans:
- About the finances: there are separate funds for these projects.
- The previous one was from CPF.
- This one will come from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund.
- The only effect is on what we can invest.

Mathew Ho:
- I’m not sure this project is urgently needed.

Max Holmes:
- I spoke in opposition at the Operations Committee.
- There’s not clear value added from this.
- We’re not fully taking advantage of the possibility of getting lower quotes because of the current situation.
- I think we have time; there’s no urgency.
- No one’s in the building right now.
- If we’re going to lose investment money, are we going to see increased business?
- It’s not a bad project, but we could see a little more out of this.

Sebastian Cooper:
- Is there any possibility this fund is something we’d need to draw on to make the Nest COVID-friendly?

Cole Evans:
- This is only for repairs and replacements.
- COVID adjustments would probably come the central budget or CPF.
- But I’m more than happy to table this motion to a later date.
Daniel Martin:
- if this gets tabled, are we removing the current couches?
- It does feel a little urgent to replace seating.
- With social distancing, students are going to need more places to work.
- If we take things away, that’s not good.

Cole Evans:
- The red couches can stay for now.
- This is definitely something to push for in the fall when we see what the building will look like and what the situation is.

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMMA DODYK:

“That the motion be postponed indefinitely.”

… No objections

14. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED CHRIS SUNDBY:

**From the Executive Committee and the Operations Committee**

"That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the Operations Committee, $153,390.56 be allocated from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund for the Eastside Furniture Replacement Project."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: SUB Repairs and Replacement balance for FY2019/20: around $200,000
   SUB Repairs and Replacement balance total: around $650,000

… Postponed

*Council took a recess from 8:52 pm till 9:08.*

**K) Appointments**

**Advocacy Committee**

*Councillor Nominees (4 needed):* Chris Sundby (Regent), Clara Sismondo (Science), Emma Dodyk (Engineering), Joshua Kim (Arts), Nevena Rebic (GSS), Daniel Martin (VST), Rachel Chan (Land & Food), Ruby Barnard (Architecture), Sherly Prince (Arts)

*Chosen:* Clara Sismondo, Emma Dodyk, Joshua Kim and Nevena Rebic

*At Large Nominees (1 needed):* Mitchell Prost, Brandon Connor, Cindy Yu, Emmanuel Cantiller, Katherine Feng, Lily Liu, Rutendo Musuka, Shawn Soh, Vismai Khanderao

*Chosen:* Mitchell Prost

15. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That Council be extended by two hours.”

… No objections
HR Committee

Councillor Nominees (5 needed): Chris Hakim (Senate), Nevena Rebic (GSS), Haruka Higo (Education), Chrissa Rassias (Social Work), Lawrence Liu (Arts), Varada Saha (Dentistry)
Chosen: Chris Hakim, Nevena Rebic, Haruka Higo, Chrissa Rassias and Lawrence Liu

At Large Nominees (1 needed): Crystal Derakhshan, Brandon Connor, Shawn Soh, Narmeen Umer, Angelo Aguilar Maurer, Elisha Facundo, Manjot Sekhon
Chosen: Crystal Derakhshan

Operations Committee

Councillor Nominees (4 needed): Daniel Martin (VST), Alexandra Arbelaez (Forestry), Lawrence Liu (Arts), Ryan Wong (Economics), Nadir Nurali (Engineering)
Chosen: Daniel Martin, Alexandra Arbelaez, Lawrence Liu, Ryan Wong

At Large Nominees (2 needed): Ben Du, Katherine Feng, Shawn Soh, Harjot Uppal, Narmeen Umer, Ansh Gandhi, Elisha Facundo, Manjot Sekhon, Lily Liu, Jingjing Yang, Emmanuel Ruba, Rutendo Musuka
Chosen: Ben Du and Katherine Feng

Student Life Committee

Councillor Nominees (4 needed): Annika Szarka (Kinesiology), Christian Bailey (Music), Sean Ryan (St. Mark’s), Chrissa Rassisas (Social Work), Nadir Nurali (Engineering), Sherly Prince (Arts), Jimmy Kim (Science)
Chosen: Annika Szarka, Christian Bailey, Sean Ryan and Chrissa Rassisas

At Large Nominees (1 needed): Emmanuel Cantiller, Jose Reyeros, Shawn Soh, Narmeen Umer, Ansh Gandhi, Elisha Facundo, Rutendo Musuka, Vismai Khanderao
Chosen: Emmanuel Cantiller

Governance Committee

Councillor Nominees (5 needed): Carter MacLean (Arts), Chris Hakim (Senate), Danny Liu (Science), Ryan Wong (Economics), Sebastian Cooper (Law)

At Large Nominees (1 needed): Nicola Vanderveer, Shawn Soh, Narmeen Umer, Manjot Sekhon, Zubair Hirji, Kanika Khosla
Chosen: Nicola Vanderveer

Finance Committee

Councillor Nominees (3 needed): James Chen (Commerce), Mathew Ho (Arts), Jimmy Kim (Science)

At Large Nominees (2 needed): Katherine Feng, Brandon Connor, Archana Garg, Narmeen Umer, Mohamed Mohamoud, Vismai Khanderao, Rutendo Musuka, Jingjing Yang, Emmanuel Ruba, Mitchell Prost, Palak Barman, Zubair Hirji
Chosen: Katherine Feng, Brandon Connor
Steering Committee
*At Large Nominees (1 needed):* Kanika Khosla, Rebecca Suen, Shawn Soh, Vismai Khanderao
*Chosen:* Kanika Khosla

Student Legal Fund Society
*Councillor Nominees (1 needed):* Danny Liu (Science), Sherly Prince (Arts)
*Chosen:* Danny Liu

Health & Dental Committee
*Councillor Nominees (1 needed):* Danny Liu (Science), Kevin Kang (Pharmacy)
*Chosen:* Kevin Kang

University Ombudsperson Committee
*Councillor Nominees (2 needed):* Georgia Yee (VPAUA) and Nevena Rebic (GSS)

Fermentation Lab Committee
*Councillor Nominees (3 needed):* Danny Liu (Science), Mathew Ho (Arts), Joshua Kim (Arts), Lawrence Liu (Arts), Nadir Nurali (Engineering)
*Chosen:* Nadir Nurali, Joshua Kim and Lawrence Liu

SHAPE
*Councillor Nominees (3 needed):* Joshua Kim (Arts), Mathew Ho (Arts), Sherly Prince (Arts)
*At Large Nominees (2 needed):* Lily Liu, Manjot Sekhon, Shawn Soh, Emmanuel Ruba, Zubair Hirji
*Chosen:* Lily Liu and Manjot Sekhon

Sustainability Subcommittee
*Councillor Nominees (2 needed):* Clara Sismondo (Science), Alexandra Arbelaez (Forestry), Rachel Chan (Land & Food)
*Chosen:* Clara Sismondo and Rachel Chan
*At Large Nominees (1 needed):* Jose Reyeros, Jasleen Badesha, Saiqah Ghafoor, Sullivan Larson, Sean Roufosse
*Chosen:* Jose Reyeros

Impact Grants Subcommittee
*Councillor Nominees (1 needed):* Jackson Schumacher
*At Large Nominees (1 needed):* Heidi Collie, Shawn Soh, Rebecca Suen, Vismai Khanderao
*Chosen:* Heidi Collie

16. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED ALIREZA KAMYABI:

“That Clara Sismondo, Emma Dodyk, Joshua Kim and Nevena Rebic (4 x non-executive Councillors) and Mitchell Prost (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”
“That Chris Hakim, Nevena Rebic, Haruka Higo, Chrissa Rassias and Lawrence Liu (5 x non-executive Councillors) and Crystal Derakhshan (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Daniel Martin, Alexandra Arbelaez, Lawrence Liu, Ryan Wong (4 x non-Executive Councillors) and Ben Du and Katherine Feng (2 x members at large) be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Annika Szarka, Christian Bailey, Sean Ryan and Chrissa Rassisas (4 x non-Executive Councillors) and Emmanuel Cantiller (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Carter MacLean, Chris Hakim, Danny Liu, Ryan Wong and Sebastian Cooper (5 x non-Executive Councillors) and Nicola Vanderveer (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2020.”

“That James Chen, Mathew Ho and Jimmy Kim (3 x Councillors) and Katherine Feng and Brandon Connor (2 x members at large) be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Kanika Khosla (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Steering Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Danny Liu (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Student Legal Fund Society Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2021.”

“That Kevin Kang (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2021.”

“That Georgia Yee and Nevena Rebic (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the University Ombudsperson Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May, 2021.”

“That Nadir Nurali, Joshua Kim and Lawrence Liu (3 x Councillors) be appointed to the AMS Ad Hoc Fermentation Lab Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2021.”

“That Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, and Sherly Prince (3 x Councillors) and Lily Liu and Manjot Sekhon (2 x members at large) be appointed to the SHAPE Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”
“That Clara Sismondo and Rachel Chan (2 x Councillors) and Jose Reyeros (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Sustainability Subcommittee effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2021.”

“That Jackson Schumacher (1 x Councillor) and Heidi Collie (1 x student at large) be appointed to the Impact Grant Working Group effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2021.”

... Carried

**For: 27  Against: 0  Abstain: 0**

17. **MOVED DANIEL MARTIN, SECONDED NADIR NURALI:**

“That Joshua Kim (voting member of Council) be appointed Chair of the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Lawrence Liu (non-Executive voting member of Council) be appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Chrissa Rassisas (voting member of Council) be appointed Chair of the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Sebastian Cooper (non-executive voting member of Council) be appointed Chair of the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first council meeting in September 2020.”

“That Lawrence Liu (Councillor not named by the Executive) be appointed Chair of the AMS Ad Hoc Fermentation Lab Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2021.”

... Carried

**For: 3  Against: 0  Abstained: 0**

L) **President’s Remarks (5 minutes):**

18. **MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED NEVENA REBIC:**

“That Council strike the rest of the items on the agenda up to Executive Committee Motions except the reports from the Board of Governors and Senate and the Historical Update.”

... No objections
M) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

N) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

O) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes
- The Board has thanked the community members during this time.
- We added thanks also to AMS Services:
  - They have been the most important thing the AMS is doing.

Senate – Max Holmes
- The issue of the century: the Fall Reading Break proposal.
- Been around since 1930.
- To be presented to Senate at its May 27 meeting.
- Students holding representatives accountable is why this is happening.
- It will be a pretty historic moment.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- If you’re wondering about the longest Council meeting ever, it was probably February 29, 1960.
- It went from 3:30 in the afternoon until 2:00 the next morning.
- It was the turnover meeting, attended by both the outgoing and incoming Councils, and also was the appointments meeting, so a bit like this one. But even longer.

Q) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

R) Executive Committee Motions:

19. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the Governance Committee investigate new guidelines or procedures regarding disciplinary action at AMS Council and report back to Council with a report and/or relevant Code changes by the last Council meeting of August.”

Cole Evans:
- Frustrations have been expressed over this issue.
- There’s a lack of understanding of what the different types of discipline mean.
- So the Executive thought it would be good to officially refer this to the Governance Committee.
20. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

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… Carried

For: 30  Against: 0   Abstained: 0

S) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

21. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD011-21], [SCD012-21], SCD013-21

From the Nursing Undergraduate Society
"Be it resolved that Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(6) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in Nursing from $28.50 to $40 starting in Winter Session 2020/21, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.

Be it further resolved that Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(6) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to introduce a temporary additional fee levy for students in Nursing of $2 starting in Winter Session 2020/21 and lasting for five years, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors."

Lucia Liang:
- The Nursing Undergraduate Society ran a successful fee referendum in January.
- It was never brought to Council.
- Council needs to pass it to send it to the Board of Governors.

22. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

23. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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... Carried

T) Committee Motions:

U) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

V) Discussion Period

W) Submissions:

Vice-President Administration Final Executive Goals Update - 2019/20 [SCD014-21]
Statements from Students at large [SCD015-21]
Committee Selection Procedure [SCD016-21]

X) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: June 3, 2020

Y) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 pm.

Z) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Justin Zheng (AMS staff), Ben Du (student at large), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Abdul Alnaar (Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to Order

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

B) Territorial Acknowledgement

The Speaker:
- We are uninvited guests performing an act of ongoing violence.
- We should act in solidarity with the host nation.
- This is not a formality.
- I want to draw attention to this and to the ongoing issue of Black folks which is particularly acute now.
- We need to engage with what it means to be settlers.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried


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

Welcome to our New Members:

Vacancies: Audiology, Indigenous Seat, Journalism, Population & Public Health, GSS

Goodbyes: Alireza Kamyabi (GSS)
E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes)

The Speaker:
- Email or message me with recommendations to make Council more accessible or if the procedures are too fast.

F) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each)
- Contact Joanne if a student at large wants to make a statement.

G) Consent Agenda Items

2. MOVED JIMMY KIM, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

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

AMS Council minutes dated February 5, 2020 [SCD017-20]
AMS Council minutes dated February 12, 2020 [SCD018-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 6, 2020 [SCD019-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 13, 2020 [SCD020-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 20, 2020 [SCD021-20]
Operations Committee minutes dated May 27, 2020 [SCD022-20]
Clubs and Societies Working Group minutes dated May 21, 2020 [SCD023-20]

... Carried


3. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED NADIR NURALI:

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

From the President
„That Council suspend Section VI: Executive, Article 1, Sections (5) and (6)(a), which relate to the keeping of office hours, until August 31st, 2020, or until the President notifies Council the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner.‟”

Mathew Ho:
- Will there be alternative ways to contact the Executive?
Cole Evans:
- We’ll be advertising hours by appointment.
- Will meet virtually or in person.
- Indicated on the website.

Georgia Yee:
- Can link online to book appointments.

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

I) Consultation Period

**AMS Strategic Plan – Cole Evans**

- Update on the strategic plan.
- It has a long history, going back almost 20 years.
- The latest version is a carryover from last year.
- In 2016 the MNP consultants recommended that we adopt one.
- Since then successive presidents have tried, but it never got beyond drafts.
- Without a plan, we are lacking overarching goals, as opposed to our annual goal-setting.
- If we go back to the beginning, there was an attempt in 2001 that only produced one progress report.
- In 2005 Spencer Keys produced a Strategic Framework; it was a lot more strategic, but very complicated, and died in transition.
- Between 2010 and 2014 the focus was on business plans.
- Then there was something called Vision 2030.
- There were some weird suggestions along the way, such as that we start something called UBC’s Got Talent, a talent competition.
After the 2016 recommendations, three presidents looked at this: first Alan Ehrenholz and Mariam Hamid, then especially Chris Hakim last year, who did a lot of preliminary work.

There were lots of reasons why the various plans got abandoned: lack of internal capacity, not getting traction at Council, and not really a solid attempt since the 2005 Framework.

What have we learned from two decades?

- It takes time and capacity.
- Also, the plan itself can't be too specific or it gets chucked.
- In-house attempts have failed.
- We need an implementation framework.
- Why do we need a plan?
  - For values, strategy, goal-setting guidance, vision.
  - To know where we're heading.
  - Consistency.
  - Accountability.

Hypothetical scope could include core values, KPI's, a five-year strategy, and a vision.

And we should amend Policy I-9 (on Executive goal-setting).

Next steps/options:
  - Hire an external consultant who knows what they're doing, so the task can be offloaded from the Executive.
    - This gives a higher chance of success, but costs money.
    - Could be $40-70,000.
    - Could issue an RFP to test the waters without committing money in the budget.

5. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JOSHUA KIM:

"That the time for the consultation be extended by 10 minutes."

... No objections

**AMS Strategic Plan – Cole Evans (continued)**

Next steps/options:
  - Second option: just focus on businesses and services.
    - Less cost.
    - More targeted
    - But potential bloat: could lead to too many plans.
  - Third option: Hire a student staff member to do it.
    - Lower cost, but lack of experience.
    - May not be taken as seriously.
    - But student-led.
  - Fourth option: Continue as we have.
    - Expecting a different result from doing the same thing is the definition of insanity.
Fifth option: Scrap the Strategic Plan.
  - Many don"t think it"s a priority.
  - Even with hiring someone external, would still make sure it student-driven by creating an ad hoc committee.
  - Have to make sure to show how the plan affects students and the community.
  - Looking for direction.

Comments
Alex Gonzalez:
  - It seems that lots of effort went into this.
  - However, I"m concerned.
  - Nothing will happen if Executives decide not to do it.
  - Can"t force the Executive to follow a strategic plan.
  - Could end up spending lots of money for something that will be disregarded.
  - I also don"t see how this will benefit students.
  - If we"re going to spend money, there are other things that may require our attention
  - I don"t think this year is the year to implement it.

Max Holmes:
  - We are receiving more information about the strategic plan than we are on COVID.
  - I"m very concerned over the decision to prioritize this when there are lots more important things to focus on.
  - Also, the historical analysis was inaccurate for Marium"s year and Alan"s year:
    - The initial recommendation came from an external consultant, but then there was an internal committee, GORECOM, that went through the recommendations.
    - There were things we didn"t accept from the external review.
  - An external consultant is not needed.
  - The President"s staff has ballooned in recent years.
  - We didn"t add a person for the governance review.
  - We have the capacity if we want to do this.
  - But mostly this is the least important thing we could be working on.
  - And it"s going to be unsuccessful because of annual turnover.
  - The sustainability plan was great.
  - An Indigenous plan would be great.
  - A large strategic plan will add zero value.
  - After watching how many times it"s been tried …
  - Students could be doing this instead of external consultants, but it"s not the thing to focus on in any case.

Cole Evans:
  - Your points resonate.
  - If people hate this, that"s fine.
Mathew Ho:
- What is the estimate for the cost of Option 2?
- Can a strategic plan be flexible enough?
  - Different issues come up, like COVID-19 this year.
- Will there be additional resources allocated for the consultation on the plan this year?
- It will be hard to consult with everyone off campus.

Cole Evans:
- No pricing yet around Option 2; we have to do an RFP.
- As to flexibility, we’d have to find out from the proposals. With any plan, you can make it as loose or as rigid as you want.
- Right now I’m just looking for direction from the Board.
- Part of the fee for a consultant would be for engagement activities.

Ryan Wong:
- An external consultant would be a better way to do this if it goes forward.
- They would bring a lot of value, especially for business and services.
- However, I think doing it now would be a mistake.
- Key metrics would be tough to measure given COVID.
- We don’t know what the next 12-18 months will bring.

Jackson Schumacher:
- COVID is an issue, but in general a strategic plan can be valuable.
- The GSS has one. It’s not perfect, but it’s useful.
- We are constructing the next one in-house: it’s a slow process, but effective.

Cole Evans:
- Thanks for the insight.
- I think what I’m hearing is that there is no sense of urgency.
- We’ll probably sit on this for a while, brainstorm.
- If we did issue an RFP, that would be harmless. Just testing the waters.
- But bringing back to Council should maybe be delayed until 2021.

Max Holmes:
- Our capacity to do this is the responsibility of senior management and the Advisory Board.
- That’s the reason we pay the Advisory Board: can get experts who know the AMS and can give advice.
- External consultants add zero value.
- I don’t think an RFP should go forward: we need to be seriously discussing how to help students during this crisis, and I would like to add a Discussion Topic on that.
Chris Hakim:

- The urgency for this isn’t here.
- But the topic is worthwhile.
- I would caution against sending out an RFP to test the waters.
- It just wastes the time of the consultants.
- If we want to do an RFP, it should be because we want to choose a consultant.

J) Appointments

**Operations Committee**

*Councillors Nominated (1 needed)*: Mathew Ho (Arts), Nadir Nurali (Engineering)

*Chosen*: Nadir Nurali

6. **MOVED JOSHUA KIM, SECONDED MATHEW HO:**

“That Nadir Nurali be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2020.”

... Carried

*For (4): Kalith Nanayakkara, Joshua Kim, Christian Bailey, Daniel Martin*

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes)

Cole Evans:

- Hope everyone is staying safe. Expanding bubbles but keeping safe.
- Things going pretty well with our reopening plan: Blue Chip, Honour Roll and the Gallery are open.
- The Executive is working on goal setting. That’s why the presentation on the Strategic Plan: looking for your insights. Want Council feedback.
- Working with my assistant Justin to revise policy: one on Executive expenditures, another on a new committee appointment process.
- Potentially big governance projects.
- Just closed up submissions on the Equity Plan: the Executive has shortlisted potential proposals. Presentations on those will now go to a working group.
- Working with Eric and Keith about communications: funding, restructuring the Communications Department, brand image, marketing.
- Working with UBC about orientations, programming. Including Events and Communications in this.
- The Indigenous Committee is working on how to appoint someone to fill the Indigenous seat.
- Looking through the UBC Indigenous Strategic Plan. Considering whether we should have one too.
- Working with Lucia on the budget.
Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Is Council ever going to meet physically?

Cole Evans:
- Do I think ever? Eventually.
- Hard to say when.
- Once it’s appropriate to have 50 people or less in a room.
- Potentially late summer, early fall.
- Have to be respecting provincial health guidelines.
- People also may be comfortable in bedroom stockings.

Max Holmes:
- When can Council expect to see COVID-19 plans for returning in the fall?
- What will September look like?

Cole Evans:
- A lot of our COVID work so far has been reactive: patching holes in the boat.
- But as things begin to open up, we will look more to strategy: hopefully by the end of the month.
- The June 24 meeting seems pretty full, so maybe July 15.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes)

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
- Putting up signs about reimbursements.
- Creating an FAQ for our website to answer all the questions we’re getting.
- Preparing accounts for the auditors.
- Processing payments for clubs, Constituencies.
- Showpass ticketing contract sent back for revision to see if we can get a better price:
  - The event industry is not doing well, so we’re pushing hard to get a good deal.
- Authorized club and Constituency treasurers (200 of them).
- Talking to accounting companies to get best prices.
- Working on the budget to ensure essential services will be provided.
- Also looking into an increase in wages for employees in our Student Services.
- Seeing what we can do to support Services.
- First meeting with the Health & Dental Committee:
  - Approved intake period in May for grad students, so they don’t have to wait till September.
  - Approved subsidy.
o Received April refund from Studentcare: seeing how to disburse it to students.

Questions

Chris Hakim:
- Great to see hazard pay for Services.
- Have you looked at our businesses too for those front line workers? Will they also get a wage increase?

Lucia Liang:
- I'll work with Keith to see what funds are available.
- Have to check enrollment numbers to see what our budget is.
- Will get a better projection then on what we can do.

Georgia Yee – VP Academic & University Affairs
- Recent incidents of anti-Black and anti-Asian racism remind us that it’s not enough to make statements.
  - We must work to acknowledge that this is part of a systemic problem.
  - Working on bystander intervention programs.
  - Here’s an action item: To have discussions with friends and in your Constituencies about your own internal biases and privileges.
  - Community dialogue.
- Survey on COVID-19 going out to give us concrete data and help our advocacy.
  - Some glitches:
    - UBC email lists use legal names; we’re trying to work with them to get the system to use people’s chosen names.
- Working on UBC Student Well-being Fund allocations:
  - Digital food hub.
  - Digital meal donation program (Swipe it Forward)
  - UBC meal plan: if have money left over, donate to people who are food insecure.
  - Reducing food waste; affordability concerns.

Two submissions to the Board of Governors about Policy SC-17 (on sexual misconduct) from SASC and my office.
- Advocating for a seat for SASC on the implementation committee.
- Sexual violence prevention education: create a culture of consent.

- Conversations about the fall term, when more classes will be in the evening to accommodate people who are away.

Questions

Chris Hakim:
- Thank you for what you said about anti-Black and anti-Asian racism.
- Thanks to the Executive for drafting a statement and sending a strong message on racism.
- UBC also released a statement with commitments.
- What are some of the advocacy priorities: what are you doing?

Georgia Yee:
- Holding the University accountable on the implementation of the Inclusion Action Plan.
- Discussion of diverse hiring.
- Something we explored today: creating a safe space for people of colour.
- A big part is education beyond our bias training, on how we think.

Mathew Ho:
- Raising awareness in this environment: what are your plans for letting students know about the campaigns?

Georgia Yee:
- Hoping for a community engagement piece, a virtual Town Hall or webinar.
- Happy to talk to different Faculties.

Daniel Martin:
- Did the surveys go out, and are the Affiliates included?

Cole Evans:
- There is a chance that the initial email (from UBC) did not include the Affiliated Colleges, but the AMS is sending one out too, so you'll get that.

Chris Hakim:
- Also important to think about the UBC budget.
- What are we doing in University advocacy to ensure that the University is not compromising in its contributions to student-centred programs?

Georgia Yee:
- We are writing a submission to the Board now asking them not to cut funding for student-centred programs and to make sure to provide COVID-19 support.

VP External – Kalith Nanayakkara
- Further to Georgia’s comments about current happenings associated with Black Lives Matter, we are interested in race-based data collection.
- We don’t collect data based on race, but it could be helpful, for instance in relation to equity-based grants.
- My team has created office goals:
  - Some from last year, some from my campaign, but a lot to do with the pandemic.
  - Working with other stakeholders on these.
  - Important to create strong relationships.
- Transit issues: the U-Pass suspension.
• UNA-related matters.
• First draft of BC budget consultation submission: a speech and a written document. Focusing on:
  o Open Education Resources (OER’s)
  o Funding to postsecondary institutions (PSI’s) during the pandemic: want to make sure the pandemic doesn’t force PSI’s to fend for themselves.
• Working with other student unions: wanting to make sure we’re realistic and asking for similar things.
• Looking at minimum standards in BC’s Bill 23 (on sexual violence and misconduct policies required of PSI’s).
• U-Pass taking up most of my time: meeting with the U-Pass Advisory Committee (UAC) and the GSS.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• How do you plan to raise awareness of these issues?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• Currently working on equity-based grants and race-based data collection, which is something new.
• Also working with UBC’s Equity and Inclusion Office.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
• Hatch Art Gallery:
  o Exhibitions.
  o Figuring out ways to remain active.
  o Online programming.
  o Colouring book on relevant issues like racism and COVID.
  o Also working on Hatch online database for our permanent collection so students can always see what’s in it.
  o Want to have our permanent collection incorporated in the art history curriculum.
• Sustainability/Food Security initiatives: situation aggravated.
• ASAP (the AMS Sustainability Action Plan):
  o Taking the Council feedback.
  o Looking to get the Indigenous section of the plan completed.
  o Overarching tracking systems.
  o Making sure policies like this don’t get forgotten.
• Updating SEEDS MoU.
• Finalizing wayfinding projects: updating outdated signage.
• Hoping to heighten the mood for Clubs Days.
• COVID plan for the coming year for clubs:
  o Explaining how to still operate: more virtual activities.
  o Letting clubs know what additional resources will be available.
• COVID plan for room bookings.
Questions

Chris Hakim:
- Good to hear you’re taking feedback on ASAP.
- This may be a good time to invest in capital projects.
- Is there an opportunity to take on projects to reduce our carbon footprint? Solar panels?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- Definitely something to look at.
- There are a couple of projects we’re already working on:
  - The Interactive Sustainability Centre: doing consultation before coming to Council. Looking into programming: who will use the space?
  - Composter, runoff gardens: student-led initiatives.
  - Maintenance of past projects.

Keith Hester:
- Re solar panels:
- UBC is doing a feasibility study on that.
- Report probably in August.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
- Food Bank hiring volunteers.
- Working on longer term projects:
  - Restructuring of Vice and Speakeasy into one Peer Support service.
  - Making sure we’re promoting good online services.
  - Working with SASC.
  - Making our services accessible.
- Advocacy helping students in these strange times.
- Tutoring active online.
- Cool stuff at eHub: trialling a project with the Arts Co-op (about starting your own business).
- Our software provider (Olivewood) for Safewalk is ceasing operations, so we’re exploring data collection options and a new dispatch system.

Questions

Mathew Ho:
- Will we be seeing greater accessibility to the Food Bank? Increased hours?
- Will there be incentives for volunteering?
- Is it safe?

Ian Stone:
- We’re adhering to BC government guidelines on safety:
  - Masks, gloves, distancing, barriers, keeping people out of the building.
Safety for our clients and volunteers is a priority.
- We’re hiring more volunteers to increase our hours.
- As to incentives, we have a volunteer appreciation budget.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Working diligently on the budget.
- Looking at RFP for AMS Equity Plan.
- Working on automating expense reimbursements.
- Busy with Year-End.
- Auditors coming next month.
- Half million dollar refund from Health & Dental for students.
- Update on how the building is doing:
  - Three outlets open.
  - 200 customers a day
  - More important: seeing students using the building while maintaining social distance.

Questions
Nadir Nurali:
- Is the planning going forward assuming things will be getting better or worse?

Keith Hester:
- We are planning for both.
- COVID restrictions are relaxing, but a lot of people think a second wave is coming, and we’re planning for that too.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each)

Advocacy Committee – Joshua Kim
- Met once and discussed projects from the VPAUA and the VP External.
- UCRU (Undergraduates of Canadian Research-intensive Universities).
- Policy review.
- Pipeline and climate change: we think we should be discussing climate change.
- U-Pass and COVID survey.
- Recovery after COVID.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
- Working on budget.
- Minutes coming to the next meeting.
- Monthly report coming too.
- Get Thrifty is working on their budget.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
- Elected a Vice-Chair.
• Developing long term and short term goals.
• Looking at how to do committee appointments in a way that achieves equity and efficiency.
• Looking at recommendations from the Ad Hoc Council Governance Committee.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu
• First meeting this coming Friday.
• We’ll focus on goal-setting.

Indigenous Committee – Cole Evans
• They’re a committee, but they don’t usually report.
• They’re looking into how to choose someone to fill the new Indigenous seat on Council.

Operations – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
• Talking about club membership fees: some club members are facing financial strain, so we’re looking at the fee levels.
  o Clubs should be mindful of creating a burden if they ask for more than the $1 minimum.
  o We may suspend the rules on the club fees to allow them to be lowered.
• Inviting the Resource Group Allocation Committee to explain the name of the new Resource Group (Neurodiverse and Disabled Alliance).
  o Working on other names.
• Maintaining safe distancing in the Nest (by reconfiguring), and not allowing bookings till further notice.
• Deconstituting clubs that haven’t met requirements.

SHAPE – Cole Evans
• No update.
• Waiting on the Hatch team to work on their vision before auctioning off high price pictures.
• Also probably not a good time to sell: the economy bad.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
• We want an online presence for the Gallery to increase the visibility of the art collection.

Mathew Ho:
• Would appreciate updates even if there are no meetings.

Steering – Cole Evans
• Will be meeting soon: as soon as the committees present their goals.
• Did a committee chair orientation, presenting tips and tricks.
Student Life Committee – Chrissa Rassias
    • First meeting tomorrow.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
    • Trying to reach out to the past chair.

Cole Evans:
    • I sat on that committee.
    • Let’s set up a time to discuss.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes)

Cole Evans:
    • Meeting tomorrow to discuss COVID-19 responses etc.
    • Also ToR changes.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
    • Will you be addressing problems of racism?

Cole Evans:
    • Yes, and we have already been speaking offline with Constituencies about that, giving advice on actions to take.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes
    • Committees met over the past week.
    • Sustainability and Climate Action Committee:
        o Responsible investing.
        o Climate Emergency Action Plan.
    • People, Community & International Committee:
        o Employment report – census data.
        o President Ono delivered remarks about anti-Black and anti-Asian racism.
        o Student financial aid report.
    • Policy SC-17 (on sexual violence) discussed:
        o Needs clarification re jurisdiction of investigations.
        o We expressed our dissatisfaction that SASC was not included on the committee.
        o Student representation and SASC representation should be separate.
    • Indigenous strategic plan.
    • COVID impact on grad students.
    • Many capital projects:
        o Arts Student Centre – Board 4.
• Board 1 approval for Rec Centre.
• Brock Commons project delayed.
• Board 1 approval for Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Innovation building at UBCO.

**Senate – Alex Gonzalez and Chris Hakim**

Chris Hakim:
- Student Senate Caucus is releasing a statement on anti-Black racism on Friday.
- It will list all the ways the University is supporting these communities through Senate.

Alex Gonzalez:
- Approved all the graduates.
- Change to exam period policy because of the new Fall Reading Break.
  - The new break will be two extra days attached to the Remembrance Day holiday.
  - To gain those two days, the exam period is being shortened from 14 to 12 days.
  - There will still be a three-day gap at the end of classes before exams.
  - There will be exams on Sundays.
- Withdrawal deadlines being changed.
- Senate is working on a transcript notation for students about attending UBC during COVID:
  - There has been pushback about the notation from students.
  - Back to the drawing board.
- Student evaluation forms will be renamed Student Experience of Instruction, and questions are being rephrased to elicit more personal responses.
  - Also considering how to address bias in answers.
- Admission deferral change of dates.
  - The Admission Office is anticipating a lot of deferral requests.
- Will be discussing Fall COVID-19 planning.

**Questions**

Ryan Wong:
- What is the Student Senate Caucus position on a transcript notation?

Alex Gonzalez:
- Everyone agrees there should be a notation on the transcript, but we wanted a better one, in line with what is being done at U of T and McGill.

Mathew Ho:
- Did you discuss how COVID will affect student evaluations?
Alex Gonzalez:
- The report on student evaluations did not consider COVID-19 as the work was done before the pandemic hit.
- The Teaching & Learning Committee and Senate will have to consider that next year.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- June 1 was the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Nest.
- We heard tonight that one suggestion arising from a strategic plan was to hold a competition called UBC’s Got Talent.
- This actually took place in 2011 and featured a duet between AMS President Bijan Ahmadian and UBC President Stephen Toope, performing “Sweet Dreams are Made of These”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1B7vZqD6XkE

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council

Q) Executive Committee Motions

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

S) Committee Motions

7. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED LAWRENCE LIU:

From the Finance Committee
“There that Council approve an expenditure of $218,380 from the Capital Projects Fund for the SASC Office Expansion Project.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: Available Balance in the CPF: approx. $234,000
Total Balance in CPF: approx. $2.1 million

Cole Evans:
- We had positive feedback from Councillors.
- Made a couple of tweaks.
- SASC very happy.

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T) Other Business and Notice of Motions

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG: [SCD025-20]

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

Be it further resolved that AMS Council direct the Executive to seek an agreement with the UNA that ensures adequate student representation on the UNA Board.

Be it further resolved that the Executive seek student representation that can directly vote on matters at the UNA Board.”

Cole Evans:
- About a year ago the UNA did a governance overhaul to restructure its board.
- They wanted to push for “democracy,” for a board of elected representatives.
- As part of this, they decided to eliminate the voting seat filled by an AMS appointee, proposing to replace it with an “observer status” seat.
- The UNA represents communities at UBC in Wesbrook Village, the condos by Allard, the condos on Wesbrook Mall, etc.
- Last year the AMS External team under Cristina tried to reach a solution with them, but they wouldn’t agree.
- They said student residents in these areas could run for election to the board, but there are lots of barriers for students, including the proposed introduction of three-year terms.
- Our position is that reducing student representation is unacceptable.
- Looking for feedback: want to make sure our Board has given direction.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Currently, directors on the UNA board serve for two years.
- They want to change that to three years and get rid of the AMS-appointed seat.
- It’s unrealistic to expect students to run, but a big chunk of the population is students, for instance in Wesbrook Village.
- We as the AMS think this is not equitable: students need representation.
• Not a lot of students are aware of the UNA, though they pay into it and are eligible to run.
• Currently, I sit as the AMS-appointed director, but if the bylaw changes go through, we’d be just observers, except for some committees.

James Chen:
• If they believe in democracy, what is their rationale for removing a student body seat?
• In place of the AMS-appointed seat, have they come up with alternatives?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• There’s no solid explanation for getting rid of the AMS seat.
• Last year Chris Hakim told them their plan is not really democratic.
• Their compromise is giving the AMS access to meetings as a non-voting observer.
• We would be allowed to speak.

Cole Evans:
• We offered to run elections for them.
• Also asked them to create a student seat: they didn’t want to do that.
• Asked them to provide money to encourage students to run: they said no.
• Frustrating: this is cutting off the student voice.

Nadir Nurali:
• What kind of representation is there now on the board?
• Property owners? And students don’t own property.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• The UNA board is made up of three appointed directors, two from UBC and one from the AMS.
• All others are elected by the residents.

Chrissa Rassias:
• What’s their demographic? Are they alumni?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• A good chunk either work for or do research here.
• Some are alumni, but none are current students.

Emma Dodyk:
• Is there any relationship between the UNA and the Musqueam?
• Are there any other observers on the board?

Cole Evans:
• I’m not aware of a working relationship with the Musqueam.
I think they work with each other through the University.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- There are no other observer seats.

Mathew Ho:
- Will the AMS encourage students who are residents to speak out against this situation?
- To pressure the UNA?
- It may seem weak if it's just AMS Council.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Wanted to discuss with you folks, and then can act on that.
- We will begin campaigning to make students in the UNA aware.
- If it goes to their AGM, we will encourage students to attend and vote against the bylaw change.

Emma Dodyk:
- Would there be any limitation on which students can run?
- Do you have to reside in a UNA neighbourhood?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- You have to be a resident of the UNA and have a UNA card.
- There are lots of barriers.

Chris Hakim:
- If you're trying to figure out the reasons for what the UNA is doing, forget it.
- The biggest reaction would come from action: students mobilizing.
- Not just encouraging students.
- Need to get students to attend and vote this down.
- Also send a submission to the Board committee responsible for this, noting that we've been offering compromises, noting that they're cutting out representation for students who are a large part of their constituency.

Cole Evans:
- You're right: the action is important.
- The motion in itself, no, but now we can say the organization itself is against this.

Max Holmes:
- It's good for the AMS to put forward a position.
- We have made it clear that student representation is important.
- It doesn't make sense that they make it impossible for students to sit on their board.
- The UNA is highly important in campus planning.
There’s also the issue of access to athletic facilities.
There’s a significant student population that lives in the neighbourhood.
There needs to be student representation (not necessarily AMS representation).
It’s important that the AMS Board play a role: a clear statement from the AMS would be helpful if a mediator gets involved.
There should be a clear ask.

Sebastian Cooper:
- There are two UBC appointees: they take direction from UBC.
- What is the position of UBC?

Cole Evans:
- The University acts like a mediator, like the parent in the room trying to get the kids to stop fighting.
- Not necessarily a strong stance either way.
- They recognize we are being co-operative.
- We’re going to push them to take a stronger stand.

Chris Hakim:
- The University technically oversees the UNA.
- The UNA receives all its funding from the University.
- The UNA proposal not only cuts out the AMS seat; it cuts out the UBC seats too.
- But UBC doesn’t mind because everything coming out of the UNA has to go to UBC.

Mathew Ho:
- Student residences are not under UNA jurisdiction?

Cole Evans
- Correct.

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... Carried

Against (2): Kevin Kang, Chrissa Rassias

May 20th, 2020 Email Vote Results

11. MOVED COLE EVANS:

“That the AMS Council extend the suspension of Code Section V, Section 1(21)(a) to allow committees to conduct email votes on items that have not been previously been discussed at an in-person meeting of that committee and suspend the provisions of Code Section III to allow Remarks and Reports to be made in written form instead of being verbally presented to Council meetings until August 31, 2020, or until the President notifies Council that the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner.”

YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

12. MOVED COLE EVANS:

“That the AMS Council allow the AMS Executive to run an additional membership survey around the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students to the general membership, in accordance with Policy I-12: Academic Experience Survey Section 5, Item (a).”

YES: 22 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

U) Discussion Period

U-Pass Program
Kalith Nanayakkara:

- U-Pass is currently suspended because of the pandemic.
- Ridership is down more than 80%.
- But now as restrictions are being lifted we anticipate students using transit more, and they may be buying regular bus passes, which average $120 (they range in price from $98 to $200).
- This would be a massive jump from the U-Pass price.
- There are negotiations underway.
- The suspension is scheduled to last till August 31.
- We need to give TransLink 30 days” notice to reinstate the U-Pass.
• The problem with reinstating is that every student would then have to pay $42 per month.
• Should we lift the suspension?
• For June and July we’re setting up a subsidy fund for students who have to access transit.
• Still looking into plans for the fall: reinstate or ask TransLink for a further suspension?
• There are 31,000 students in online courses this summer; 8,100 of those are grad students.
• Based on the Academic Experience Survey, we estimate 18% of undergraduate students and 54% of graduate students would use transit: a total of 8700 students.
• To partially reimburse these students (covering the difference between the U-Pass price and the regular bus pass price) would cost about $700,000 a month.
• Full reimbursement (covering the full cost of a regular bus pass) would cost $1 million per month.
• Looking at a subsidy solution for the summer.
• We will advocate to TransLink to increase the number of opt-outs allowed.
• We will advocate to the province for funding.
• Or we could ask for a concession fare or an opt-in system.

Mathew Ho:
• Where does the $120 price come from?
• A 2-zone pass is $131.
• A subsidy for students who live further away will cost a lot more.

Nadir Nurali:
• What was the survey question?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• It asks how often you use transit.

Ryan Wong:
• Under what conditions would the AMS recommend reinstating the U-Pass?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• Ideally, if the majority of students are using transit.
• The biggest fear is charging students who won’t be able to use transit.
• We’re having trouble estimating the numbers.

Nadir Nurali:
• When will you check in with us again?
Kalith Nanayakkara:
- We are speaking to other student unions.
- The key thing is to all be on the same page.
- There are lots of things to consider.
- We don’t know about Term 2; that’s too far ahead for us to guess.
- Lots of student unions are facing the same situation.
- Need to consider the second wave.

Cole Evans:
- We want your feedback for guidance.

Chris Hakim:
- The U-Pass program is I think the Number 1 way we impact students.
- I’m finding it difficult to ask questions or give guidance.
- Need a presentation.
- I’d suggest going to the Advocacy Committee.

Sebastian Cooper:
- It’s confusing without a proposal or numbers in front of us.
- Is there a way to share the numbers?
- Then we can email back.

Response to COVID-19
Max Holmes:
- I’m a bit worried because other organizations are already releasing plans for September.
- I’m concerned that we’re just being reactive and only now are looking at planning for September.
- When can we expect plans?
- Next meeting is the budget, but we’ve just been told that the plans are not coming till July.
- Some departments will need less if we’re working remotely; others more.
- How can we approve the budget before we know the plan?
- This is probably the most important issue until September.

Cole Evans:
- We’re discussing this a lot internally.
- A lot depends on what UBC is doing for their orientation planning.
- They’ve indicated they want us to have greater involvement, but are not telling us much.
- Also, Conferences & Catering is gearing up, but we’re not sure how much booking will happen.
- It’s dependent on how many residents will be here in the fall.
- It’s hard to get ahead of the curve; there are lots of hypotheticals in the air.
• The new Executives were settling into their roles; now we are looking to do forward planning.
• We can try to get a plan done for next Council, but that gives our managers only two and a half weeks to come up with something, and rushing will mean things are not as good as they need to be.
• I understand that it’s hard to approve a budget, but we want to produce something comprehensive.

Keith Hester:
• I agree with Cole.
• We have had our managers thinking about what to do, and we’ve given them until the end of the month.
• A lot depends on what the University is doing, and they’ve been slow to tell us.

Chris Hakim:
• I completely empathize with the situation we’re in, relying on the University for information.
• Don’t expect the University to give you much, because the University is in the same situation: they’re waiting for the province.
• I’d say: Plan Ahead.
• We should be planning for different options/scenarios, like with the preliminary budget.
• Give the Board the plans.

Max Holmes:
• Other organizations share plans with their boards.
• Maybe we can approve a budget this month, but bring an amendment in August.
• Not enough is being communicated to us.
• We know a lot will be online.
• There could be a second wave.
• I’m not saying come with a complete plan, but there’s not even an update, which is worrying.
• We should have regular updates.
• Everyone understands things will change, but we’re looking for updates and information we can discuss.

Georgia Yee:
• That’s good feedback, and as to shifting to being proactive, we can look at scenarios: if Clubs Days is online, if we can’t do orientation in person.
• And speaking of plans, we need a general plan for emergencies and crises.
• We should have a pandemic game plan so we know what to do and how to do it in the future, building off what we’ve learned from COVID-19.
Written reports
The Speaker:
  • Would it be useful to have written accompaniments to Committee and Executive reports?

[Lots of Yes responses]

Cole Evans:
  • That will mean more work, but fine if it’s useful.
  • I have analytics that show that not that many people read the docket.
  • If you’re asking for written reports, then read the reports.

V) Submissions

W) Next Meeting

June 24, 2020

X) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm

Y) Social Activity
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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 hən̓q̓ə̨m̓ə̨l̓-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 [SCD026-21]
AMS Executive Committee minutes dated June 3, 2020 [SCD027-21]
AMS Executive Committee minutes dated June 10, 2020 [SCD028-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated May 26, 2020 [SCD029-21]
AMS Council minutes dated February 26, 2020 [SCD030-21]
AMS Council minutes dated March 11, 2020 [SCD031-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated May 26, 2020 [SCD032-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated May 25, 2020 [SCD033-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated May 26, 2020 [SCD034-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 1, 2020 [SCD035-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 2, 2020 [SCD036-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 8, 2020 [SCD037-21]

... 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 [SCD038-21]
‘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, lan 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 Nanayakkara (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.
  o Making us more useful.
• Revamping Peer Support:
  o Combining Speakeasy and Vice.
  o Promoting it more.
• Services Review:
  o Implementing the recommended changes.

Cole Evans:
• Accountability of Executive Performance:
  o This year we would like to do a trial run of a peer evaluation structure for the Executive.
  o Will work with the Executive to develop a trial structure.
  o Council will receive reports in camera.
  o The hope then is to create recommendations based on the trial period in order to create an established structure.
  o 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).
  o These are not really KPI’s: they’re not measurable actionables; they’re methods.
  o Will you write real KPI’s?

Cole Evans:
• Policy I-9 doesn’t define KPI’s.
  o This is how past Executives have done it.
  o 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.
  o 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:
  - There should be hazard pay for frontline Food & Beverage staff.
  - Many other organizations are providing hazard pay.
  - 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:
  - 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:

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

  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.”

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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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.”

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.
  o We’d like to express our solidarity with the statement issued by the UBC SUO.
  o 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.
  - 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.
  - The Code suspension motion does not require written updates; it just makes it an option.
  - If Council wants to force this, you can do that.
  - 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

Jeanie 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 report.
- 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:  

“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:
  o Sustainable investing
  o 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 on line,

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 not to 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 ...

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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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), 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

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
“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

- 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**

- 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.
  o 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 SYLVESTRE MENSIAH 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:
  o Research to obtain data to present to governments.
  o 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**
- 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.**
- 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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9. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR., SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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... Carried

For (27): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Laura Beaudry, Ruby Barnard, Lawrence Liu, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Kristian Oppenheim, Ryan Wong, Haruka Higo, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Rio Picollo, Christian Bailey, Kevin Kang, Elsabe Fourie, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Shovon Das, Danny Liu, Daniel Martin, James Chen

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


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, THRDED 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  


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:  

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:

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... Carried


18. 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

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.

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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
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B) **Territorial Acknowledgement:**

The Speaker:
- Important to recognize that we are not guests but occupiers on the traditional, unceded, and ancestral lands of the Musqueam and other First Nations.
- All of us are trying to understand what it means to be settlers.
- This needs to be something more than a formalistic acknowledgement.

C) **Adoption of the agenda:**

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

   "That the agenda be adopted as presented."

   … No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Delaram Shojaei (GSS), Maryam Tayyab (GSS)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology

Goodbyes:

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

The Speaker:
- Let me know if I can make the meetings more accessible.
- Use the functions in Zoom: the Participant buttons.

F) **Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):**
G) Consent Agenda Items

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

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

From the Governance Committee [SCD083-21]
“That Council extend the deadline for the report from the Governance Committee on new disciplinary guidelines and procedures until the last Council meeting in November 2020.”

From the Advocacy Committee [SCD084-21]
“That Council approve the endorsement of the JustRecovery Principles.”

Advocacy Committee minutes dated June 9, 2020 [SCD085-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated June 23, 2020 [SCD086-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated July 7, 2020 [SCD087-21]
AMS Council minutes dated May 13, 2020 [SCD088-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 8, 2020 [SCD089-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated July 7, 2020 [SCD090-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 15, 2020 [SCD091-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated July 7, 2020 [SCD092-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated June 19, 2020 [SCD093-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated July 3, 2020 [SCD094-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated July 10, 2020 [SCD095-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated June 29, 2020 [SCD096-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated July 13, 2020 [SCD097-21]
Sustainability Subcommittee minutes dated July 6, 2020 [SCD098-21]

… Carried

For (22): Cole Evans, Kalith Nanayakkara, Ruby Barnard, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Kristian Oppenheim, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Delaram Shojaei, Sebastian Cooper, Megan Fretz (proxy for Rachel Chan), Jake Reznik, Kevin Kang, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Danny Liu, Daniel Martin

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

From the Executive & Finance Committees [SCD099-21]
“That Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee allocate $44,646 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund to replace the existing surveillance system server.” [SCD100-21]

“That the Access to Member Information MoU with UBC be accepted as presented.” [SCD101-21]

… Carried
For (23): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Ruby Barnard, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Kristian Oppenheim, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Delaram Shojaei, Sebastian Cooper, Megan Fretz (proxy for Rachel Chan), Jake Reznik, Kevin Kang, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Danny Liu, Daniel Martin

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

AMS COVID-19 Survey Summary – Georgia Yee (VPAUA) [SCD102-21]

- As incentives to answer we gave out gift cards to respondents.
- There were 7,410 responses and 5,989 completed surveys, or a 13% response rate.
- The findings show the impacts of COVID.
- Financial impacts: Employment, rent, housing, textbooks, etc.
  o 34.6% of respondents (1,150 students) had been laid off.
  o We want to ensure students can still access their awards.
  o CESB and CERB funding:
    ▪ 43.5% said it was sufficient.
    ▪ 15.8% were still waiting to receive the benefit.
  o A huge concern is meeting rent payments (68.5%)
  o Looking for innovative solutions: different rental contracts in student housing.
  o Concern about UBC evicting students due to housing closures.
  o International students have been disproportionately affected: 81.7% of them say the federal government has not been adequately responding to student housing issues.
    ▪ 73.8% of domestic feel the same way.
- Academic Impacts: 18.4% of respondents will not be in the Pacific time zone in the fall.
  o A large percentage do not have access to necessary technology (7% say they do not, 23% are not sure).
  o We are advocating for technology bursaries.
  o A small percentage (9.6%) are not comfortable using the technology for online courses.
  o 58.8% said No when asked if they were engaging better online.
  o 17.8% have used free online open educational resources (OER’s).
  o An alarming amount have not.
  o We will continue to push for OER’s.
- Mental Health: Trauma and racial trauma during the COVID pandemic.
  o We will be emphasizing the academic concessions policy.
- As of June, 22.5% say the AMS and UBC have adequately supported them; 28% disagreed, and the rest were neutral.
- We will advocate for reducing student stress, ensuring social connections, creating a monitoring system for those with COVID-19, providing rent support programs, advertising financial aid, supporting emergency support funding, and promoting OER’s.
• Discussing invisible disabilities, advocating for modifying the requirements for academic accommodations, softening harsh deadlines, flexibility.

Questions
Jeanie Malone:
• How will you use the data to inform your advocacy?
• What have you shared with the administration?

Georgia Yee:
• Sharing with associated deans, the VP Students, international student working groups.
• The data shows things are not one-off cases.
• There are issues around housing security: a large number of students have become housing insecure.
• The results guided our priorities in the June BoG submission.
• Focusing on mental health resources.

Mathew Ho:
• Will students have to pay extra if quarantined?

Georgia Yee:
• There are different packages, different meal plans.
• They can be put in a unit.
• Quarantine-related support.
• It does cost more.

Sebastian Cooper:
• Will you make the full report public?

Georgia Yee:
• Yes, it will be available in the August 26 Council docket.
• There are different faculty level reports as well.

UCRU – Kalith Nanayakkara (VP External) [SCD103-21]
• UCRU is one of our many acronyms.
• It stands for the Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities.
• It’s been mentioned at Council many times, and we realized it might be helpful to explain what it is.
• Last year’s VP External (Cristina) and her assistant Conor played a big role in it; she was the chair.
• It’s an informal coalition representing students at nine of the 15 U-15 universities across the country: 250,000 students.
• We’re the only student group in it from BC.
• It focuses on federal advocacy for affordable, inclusive, and high calibre undergraduate university education.
• It’s an ad hoc organization, not formalized.
• I am chair of the UCRU governance committee, and we’re going to focus on formalization this year.
• Priorities last year included Indigenous students, international students, tax credit allocation, and the Copyright Act.
• This year we are looking to incorporate.
• We are working on bylaws and procedures.
• Looking at costs and benefits.
• It’s going to be an important year for UCRU.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• How will you increase the involvement of Councillors and students at large?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• Currently there are representatives from each student union.
• Thinking of having a general assembly.
• These conversations are ongoing.

Jackson Schumacher:
• Will you advocate for grad students?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• UCRU, as you can tell from its name, is focused on undergraduates.
• But this brings up a good point.
• We will look at various options.

Megan Fretz:
• Why UCRU rather than, say, CASA, an already existing group?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• Previously we have been members of CASA and the ABCS.
• From what I’ve heard there were conflicts resulting from being a big school with small schools.
• We relate better to bigger schools, like the ones in UCRU.
• We face similar issues and there are fewer opportunities for conflict.

AMS CampusBase Update – Nicolas Williams (AVP Administration)
• CampusBase is our new campus engagement platform.
• It will allow students to find groups that suit their interests.
• It’s a more fluid platform.
• Started as club management, but has grown into something larger, a means for subsidiary groups to contact their members, a way to create a virtual community in the current situation.
• Students can log in and join groups.
• It can become a social networks: students can chat with others who share their passions.
• It will make it easier to find a group that suits your interests.
• There’s a mobile app.
• From the officer perspective (those in charge of a group), there are lots of tools available: it will be easier to connect with your members, through email, forums, chats, surveys, and forms.
• Workflow can be created and seen.
• There’s an integrated website builder for clubs that can’t afford to build their own.
• Officers can create events.
• Video conferencing.
• Virtual Involvement Fair: a new tool for reaching students around the world: like an in-person fair; students can browse a directory of groups.
• Will play a role in orientations.
• Today we onboarded all the subsidiaries.
• On August 24 we will be making a marketing push to members.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• Since Imagine Day includes clubs not under the AMS, will they be able to take part?

Nicolas Williams:
• This is not just for AMS members.
• External groups can take part.
• We are working with UBC Orientations and Imagine Day.
• We’re excited to create greater campus community.

Sean Ryan:
• Can Affiliated Colleges join?

Nicolas Williams:
• Definitely.
• Focusing on getting executives from all groups.
• If you haven’t heard from us, reach out to me.

Cole Evans:
• Want to highlight all the work that Sylvester, Nick, and Arnaud in the VP Admin office have done.
• This is arguably the most exciting piece of software we have ever introduced.
• It has the potential to strengthen the campus community.
• It’s not just for AMS clubs, but for all groups on campus.
• A one-stop shop for all things extra-curricular.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

**Equity Plan Steering Committee**

Cole Evans:
• The Equity Plan Steering Committee will be designated as a Working Group under the Executive Committee with the following proposed structure:
  o Niki Oveisi - Associate, Equity and Inclusion (Chair)
  o Cole Evans - President (Vice-Chair)
  o Praneet Sandhu - Senior Manager, Human Resources
  o One (1) Executive selected by the Executive Committee
  o Two (2) non-Executive Councillors
  o Three (3) Students-at-Large from groups representing marginalized communities
  o The Equity Plan Consultant, who will be non-voting.
• The Steering Committee will collaboratively develop a ToR once its membership is determined to fit the needs of the Equity Plan development process.

Ryan Wong:
• How will the three students at large from marginalized communities be chosen?

Cole Evans:
• We’ve left it vague.
• There will be an invitation process to get the broadest representation possible.
• We have a few groups in mind and will start with them.
• Don’t want to go into details yet.
• Trying to be sensitive to the needs of the marginalized communities.
• Probably will meet bi-weekly.

Laura Beaudry:
• Can I be a student at large?

Cole Evans:
• It would be up to the group invited to nominate the student at large.

The Speaker:
• The at large positions are for non-Councillors.

Mathew Ho:
• Is this for the rest of the school year?
Cole Evans:
- Yes, until the plan is completed.
- The intention is to complete it before the end of the year.
- It will probably go till February or March.

Sean Ryan:
- How will the at large groups be determined?

Cole Evans:
- We can’t represent everyone on the Steering Committee.
- There will be broad student engagement on the plan.
- The committee will be for student leaders to guide the project.

Alex Gonzalez:
- Will you reach out to the Equity and Inclusion Office?

Cole Evans:
- Our consultant has experience in that, but it’s a good idea to reach out to the EIO.

*Nominees (2):* Joshua Kim (Arts), Nevena Rebic (GSS)

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

“...That Joshua Kim and Nevena Rebic (2 x non-Executive Councillors) be appointed to the Equity Plan Steering Committee.”

... No objections

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- Working with Lucia and Keith on Q1 financial reforecast.
- Looking to revise the quarterly report system to include more than just financial information.
- Equity Plan: Kickoff meeting with Adeline Huynh at the Commons (our consultant).
- SASC Offices:
  - Construction well under way.
  - Demolition done.
  - Framers and drywallers here today.
  - To be completely done by mid-September.
- Working with the SASC team on brand tweaks.
- Hiring a new Assistant SASC manager.
- Working with Ian on a new position for the new housing service.
- A gazillion University meetings: always fires raging.
I’d like to add a discussion on some University surplus funds and what projects can be done with the money.

- Not an easy year, but things are going well.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee**

- COVID-19 report.
- AES report coming next meeting.
- Discussions about lecture-recording technology.
- Large conversation about systemic racism:
  - How to empower survivors of incidents to come forward.
- Accessibility projects: subtitling software.
- Climate issues.
- Proctorio invigilation system.

**Questions**

Mathew Ho:

- Can you provide more information about Proctorio?

Georgia Yee:

- There’s a working group looking at privacy, best practices, funding.
- Faculty instructors and student leaders in the group.
- How do we support a student kicked out of an exam? That’s one of the questions we’re pondering.

**VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara**

- I made a long written submission.
- Equity-based grants.
- Provincial advocacy: submission to opposition critics and to our MLA.
- Federally, met with the BC Advisor to the Prime Minister last week:
  - Looking to have the student loan repayment freeze extended.
  - Advocating for funding to extend the SkyTrain to UBC.
- Transit subsidy: Have heard that students don’t know about it. Working on a stronger social media campaign to advertise it.
- Looking at an opt-out system for U-Pass for the fall for students outside the Lower Mainland.
- Filming a video tomorrow with MP Joyce Murray about relations with the federal government.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**

- Auditors here.
- Working on Q1 budget reforecast for August 26.
- Health & Dental.
- Air conditioning in the building: looking into options.
- A/V replacement: doing that.
- New expense management system.

**VP Finance – Lucia Liang**

- Digitizing the Health & Dental Plan subsidy and other grants.
- Integrating financial forms on CampusBase.
- Credit cards for Constituencies.

**VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.**

- Away.
- Written report submitted.

**Student Services Manager - Ian Stone**

- Away – see written report.

**M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):**

**Advocacy – Georgia Yee for Joshua Kim**

- Preparing principles:
  - A just transition out of COVID-19.
  - Looking through a climate lens.
  - Anti-Black/anti-Asian racism.
- Resource list.
- Policy I-11 on tuition consultations.

**Questions**

Jackson Schumacher:

- What are you doing about Proctorio?

Georgia Yee:

- The committee discussed some of the issues.
- Talked of decentralization.

Ryan Wong:

- Is the AMS aware of the alleged assault against a female UBC Asian student?
- Is the AMS offering support?

Georgia Yee:

- This is definitely on our radar.
- Working with Equity and Inclusion on incidents like these.
- Working with the Ombudsperson on culturally appropriate mental health resources.

**Finance Committee – Lucia Liang**

- Fund applications.
• Expense management software approved.
• Wage analysis discussion.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
• Working with Cole and his office on a policy on appointment to committees.
• Aiming for August 26 to have it in place for reconstituting of committees in September.

HR Committee – Cole Evans for Lawrence Liu
• Working with Chrissa and the Student Life Committee on the diversity mandate Council gave them concerning AMS Elections.

Operations Committee – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
• Away.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans
• No update.

Steering – Cole Evans
• Committee goals have been submitted to Steering; will put them on the August 26 agenda.

Operations Committee – Daniel Martin
• Met last week and this week.
• Constituted and de-constituted clubs.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
• Meeting tomorrow.
• New treasurer.
• We answer questions like, How do we do a land acknowledgement?
• Talking about opening up the Indigenous Lounge in September.
• Outreach.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
• No report.

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone
• So many more meetings than usual.
• Special July finance committee.
• Full board meeting.
• Approved budget which was deferred from April.
- Endorsed Indigenous Strategic Plan.

### Senate – Alex Gonzalez
- New School of Creative Writing.
- SACADI (the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Diversity and Inclusion) recommended a new structure be put in place to address diversity and inclusion.
- Approved recommendations on academic equity and inclusion
- Approved triennial review recommendations.
- A senator said student senators speak too much, but later apologized.

### Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Speaking of UCRU, the AMS has been involved with other student organizations, such as CASA, the CFS, and the ABCS.
- We were provisional members of the CFS, but a referendum on joining went down to the biggest defeat in AMS referendum history.
- We helped found both CASA and the ABCS, but later left them both.

### Questions
The Speaker:
- What was the no vote against joining the CFS?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- In the CFS referendum in 1984, 851 voted in favour and there were 4177 against.

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

### Q) Executive Committee Motions:

### R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

### S) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD110-21], [SCD111-21]

#### From the Governance Committee
“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2020: Committee Chairs’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that this Code amendment take effect at the first Council meeting in September.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Sebastian Cooper:
- Currently the Finance Committee and the Operations Committee are chaired by the VP Finance and VP Operations respectively.
- The committees oversee the two Executive, but can’t really perform oversight if they’re chaired by them.
- Also, opening up these positions to regular Councillors will provide a learning experience for them.
- We weighed up the pros and cons and are recommending to change the system.
- Under the proposed change, the VP’s can still run to be chair.
- We can re-examine by May of next year.

Keith Hester:
- I respectfully disagree with changing the chair of the Finance Committee.
- This chair needs a finance background.
- The VP Finance needs to be the chair.
- The VP Finance could be compensated for taking on the extra workload.

Sebastian Cooper:
- The VP Finance would still be a member of the committee and be able to provide insight, just they wouldn’t be the chair.
- Someone could be elected VP Finance without a background in finance.
- Hopefully, Council will choose someone with a good background in finance.

James Chen:
- I disagree with removing the VP Finance as chair of the Finance Committee.
- It’s great to get Councillors to engage, but I have concerns.
- My biggest one is that though on paper the chair does not have that much power, they do have a hidden power to steer discussions, so the person with the most knowledge should be doing that.

Sebastian Cooper:
- Our primary duty is to ensure oversight of the Executive.
- I have an issue with our ability to do that if the chair has implicit power.
- If the committee is reviewing the VP Finance, then the VP Finance would be reviewing their own work.

Mathew Ho:
- As a Fincom member, the idea of a non-VP Finance as chair is concerning.
- Committee chairs don’t get as robust a transition as the VP Finance does.
- Maybe there could be a middle ground: have the VP Finance in charge when the budget is discussed.
- I am disappointed that the discussion about this issue that took place in the Finance Committee is not reflected in the report submitted to support this proposal.
Cole Evans:

- There are valid arguments on both sides.
- The Executive is in support of this motion.
- If a VP wants to chair the committee, there will be a good chance that they'll be elected as opposed to another Councillor.
- This system works for the Advocacy Committee: there's a chair who doesn't have to be either of the VP's on the committee.
- There's been a focus on worst case scenarios in this discussion.

Georgia Yee:

- I fully support Sebastian and Cole’s views on this: the Advocacy Committee is a model.
- The VP Finance will still work closely with the Finance Committee chair.
- This makes it more collaborative and allows for flexibility.

Keith Hester:

- On the issue of oversight of the VP Finance, there is a mechanism already: the auditors.
- They provide independent oversight.

Sebastian Cooper:

- As to the Finance Committee’s views not being fully incorporated, I did ask for minutes and a report from the Finance Committee, but Execs have a lot on their plate, and I didn’t receive the materials till late.
- If you want to mandate us to review this again in April or May, I’d be open to that.
- We can return to the old system if this new one is not working.
- As to the audit, that’s a good point, but it doesn’t remove our fiduciary duty as Councillors to make sure the finances are well looked after, and one way to fulfill that duty is to have one of us be chair of the Finance Committee.

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Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Elsabe Fourie, Caris Tin (proxy for Shovon Das), Danny Liu, Sean Ryan, Daniel Martin

Against (4): Mathew Ho, Kevin Kang, Jimmy Kim, James Chen

Abstain: Jackson Schumacher, Chris Sundby

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

University/AMS Surplus Allocations – Cole Evans

- The University approached us last year about how to spend surplus money so that students get the highest amount of benefit.
- There’s an $8 million tuition surplus for both UBCO and UBC Vancouver; $6.8 million is for UBC Vancouver.
- We want to have a discussion here for transparency and accountability.
- The money will not be administered by the AMS, so it’s not something that would come to Council for approval, but it has to do with initiatives and facilities that impact the AMS.
- What’s already been decided is:
  - $1.7 million for COVID-19 emergency aid.
  - $1.25 million for the emergency U-Pass subsidy program.
- Also being proposed (by the AMS and the GSS):
  - $1.2 million for renovations to the Grad Student Centre (of benefit to grad students).
  - $750,000 to $1 million for the Norm Theatre:
    - We did some upgrades, but it was barebones; this money would go to finishing this AMS facility, with the potential for making it a hub for the campus community, a cultural space.
    - The Chan Centre and the Fredric Wood Theatre are high end facilities, but not necessarily available to students for more casual low-cost programs.
    - Also talking to the Faculty of Arts for funding for this project.
  - $50,000 for new vehicles for Safewalk: similar to accessibility vehicles.
  - $25,000 for graduate student aid (the AMS is in full support of that).
- There is still $1.6 million left over, plus anything left over from the U-Pass subsidy, so it could be $2.2 million. This could be spent on:
  - Emergency student aid.
  - AMS-operated housing developments (coordinating with UBC and governments).
  - AMS-Indigenous capital investments (inclusion of Indigenous culture/art in the building).
  - Investment in equity-related areas like lecture capture.
Mathew Ho:
  • The new Safewalk vehicles: is that just a fancy name for a golf cart?

Cole Evans:
  • Very high end golf carts.

James Chen:
  • Does the $1.7 million include COVID housing subsidies?

Georgia Yee:
  • Yes, it’s general financial aid.

Rachel Chan:
  • Who is eligible?

Cole Evans:
  • Any student who can show financial need.

Mathew Ho:
  • Re housing: Will you collaborate with UBC Student Housing?

Cole Evans:
  • Absolutely.
  • Can’t afford to do this ourselves.
  • The University and government would be stakeholders.

Sean Ryan:
  • Can money be directed to mental health?

Cole Evans:
  • Yes. That’s the sort of idea I’m looking for.

Laura Beaudry:
  • I’ve been in the Norm.
  • How much more upgrading does it need?

Cole Evans:
  • Currently, the Norm has limited functionality aside from movies.
  • Its stage equipment is out of date, the curtains are shot.
  • All it can be used for now is movies and events not using tech. Improv used it.

Laura Beaudry:
  • Are the chairs from the old Norm?
Cole Evans:
- The chairs currently are the newest parts of the theatre.
- Replaced in 2006.
- They’re not being modified.

Laura Beaudry:
- They’re the worst chairs.

Cole Evans:
- Great feedback. Maybe we’ll get new chairs too.

Sebastian Cooper:
- Where did the money come from?
- What is the process for deciding how to spend it?
- With the leftover should we not save it for COVID emergency aid?

Cole Evans:
- It’s the University’s money.
- They’re asking our Executive team how to spend it to support student priorities. They seem flexible.
- They are consulting us on what we want.
- The Board of Governors has asked us to inform them about projects, but the money won’t be administered by the AMS, so unless Council wants this to come back, it won’t come back here.
- As to the remaining money, it could go to COVID emergency aid.

Jackson Schumacher:
- Could there be a scholarship fund?

Cole Evans:
- Last year the University spoke about an endowment, but the Board of Governors said no: spend it now for students currently, not future students.
- So the proposals should be for spending this year.

Rachel Chan:
- Can this be used to subsidize tuition?

Cole Evans:
- If we did that, it would only be about $100 per student.
- If students have problems paying, they can apply to the emergency aid fund.

Nevena Rebic:
- Could we use money for long term mental health support?
- To subsidize mental health services, especially for groups of students who have additional needs?
Cole Evans:
- This ties in with some of the work we’ve been scoping out.
- We have the ability to draw on our Health & Dental Reserve.
- I’m seeing a lot of interest from Councillors in mental health: we can move that to the top of the list.

Danny Liu:
- This $8 million is from the incremental tuition increases?

Cole Evans:
- That is correct.

Danny Liu:
- It doesn’t sit well then.
- The AMS is mandated to oppose tuition increases, and here the Board of Governors has increased tuition and then asks us what to spend it on.

Cole Evans:
- Good point.
- We definitely recognize our duty to advocate against tuition increases.
- The surplus wasn’t intentional, and now the University is saying let’s invest it back into the students.

Jackson Schumacher:
- You could talk to UBC Clinical Psych and Counselling about mental health initiatives.

Cole Evans:
- Good ideas.
- If I’m not hearing any issues with the already proposed initiatives, we’ll proceed with advocacy in support of them and then discuss what to do with the remaining funds.

Laura Beaudry:
- Back to the Norm Theatre:
- How will upgrades cost that much? A million dollars?

Cole Evans:
- We are being as modest as possible with the Norm.
- Seven lights can cost $80,000.
- Theatre equipment is expensive.
- We do want to make sure we’re not overspending.
- We’re not trying to create an arena for concerts.
V) Submissions:

AMS Equity Plan RFP Proposal Response [SCD112-21]
Advocacy Committee July Report [SCD113-21]
Governance Committee July Report [SCD114-21]
Operations Committee Report - August 5th [SCD115-21]
AMS July Sustainability Report (Revised) [SCD116-21]
Finance Committee June Report [SCD117-21]
Finance Committee July Report [SCD118-21]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: August 26, 2020

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Ben Du (student), Justin Zheng (President’s assistant), Saad Shoiaib (AVP External), Verukah Poirier (co-chair, Indigenous Committee), Adeline Huynh (The Commons), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- We are gathered on the traditional, unceded, and ancestral land of the Musqueam people and on other Coast Salish and Indigenous lands.
- We need to not only acknowledge that, but to acknowledge that there is lots of work for us as settlers to do.
- We need to be proactively supporting Indigenous students here and across the country.
- It is important to reflect on that and not be just perfunctory.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JIMMY KIM:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Sebastian Cooper asked that the following consent motions be separated out:
- Q1 report delay
- Services wages report delay
- Advisory Board report delay.

Cole Evans:
- We’re striking the Nest Experience presentation.
- The Q1 motion is not from the Finance Committee but from the President.

Alex Gonzalez asked to discuss the August 12th Executive Committee minutes separately.

2. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JIMMY KIM:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” … No objections
D) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members:

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

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

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 3, 2020  [SCD119-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 29, 2020  [SCD120-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 5, 2020  [SCD121-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated July 28, 2020  [SCD123-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated August 4, 2020  [SCD124-21]
HR Committee minutes dated June 5, 2020  [SCD125-21]
HR Committee minutes dated July 7, 2020  [SCD126-21]
HR Committee minutes dated Aug 14, 2020  [SCD127-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated August 4, 2020  [SCD128-21]
Steering Committee Minutes dated June 24th, 2020  [SCD129-21]
Advisory Board Minutes dates June 23rd, 2020  [SCD130-21]

... Carried

For (25): Georgia Yee, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Sherly Prince, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Kristian Oppenheimer, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Laura Beaudry, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Kevin Kang, Elsabe Fourie, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Agam Gill (proxy for Sean Ryan), Daniel Martin

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

“That the following item be accepted as presented.”

Executive Committee minutes dated August 12, 2020  [SCD122-21]
Alex Gonzalez:
- These minutes say that certain discussions were taken offline.
- Why? Does the Executive not want Councillors to hear the details?

Cole Evans:
- These are mostly things that have not been fully hashed out.
- We want to touch base informally on them.
- Pretty standard practice.
- They almost always return to the Executive Committee.

Alex Gonzalez:
- Isn’t it the point of the Executive Committee to have these discussions?

Cole Evans:
- Absolutely, but for instance the Hatch Strategic Plan: the conversation was not fully fleshed out; materials had not been sent.
- We regularly have offline Executive meetings; then things go to the formal Executive Committee meeting when they are ready for finalization.

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

“That the following item be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated August 12, 2020.”

... No objections

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE (2/3rds majority):

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented.”

From the President – Office Hours Suspension Continuation
"That Council suspend Section VI: Executive, Article 1, Sections (5) and (6)(a), which relate to the keeping of office hours until January 15, 2021, or until the President notifies Council the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner."

From the President – COVID 19 Governance Changes Extension
“That Council extend the suspension of Code Section V, Section 1(21)(a) to allow committees to conduct email votes on items that have not been previously been discussed at an in-person meeting of that committee and suspend the provisions of Code Section III to allow Remarks and Reports to be made in written form instead of being verbally presented to Council meetings until January 15, 2021, or until the President notifies Council that the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner.”

... Carried

For (23): Georgia Yee, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Sherly Prince, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Kristian Oppenheim, Ryan Wong,
H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute period):

AMS Equity Plan Updates – Adeline Huynh (the commons consulting)  [SCD131-21]
- The plan is to develop an equity framework that will have an impact on all aspects of the AMS.
- Want to align with your priorities.
- Long term goal is to have representation in all aspects of AMS operations, to have lots of intersectional identities represented, engaged, and empowered.
- JEDI work: Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion.
- Timeline:
  - Inquiry and Information Gathering (September/October):
    - Deep dive into all things AMS: Policies, Bylaws; seeking out key people.
  - Steering Committee (from September):
    - Includes members from Council, the Executive, and Operations.
    - Providing accountability and oversight.
  - Consultation and engagement with larger student body (October/November).
  - Online survey (October-December).
  - Analyzing data (December/January).
  - There will be an aspect of training to make sure the Executive and some Councillors have some grounding around doing work in an equitable and inclusive environment.
  - Draft of plan in January.
  - Feedback and revisions (January/February)
  - Will be providing clear roadmaps for implementing the plan.
  - Finalized plan by February.
- Want you to feel ownership of this plan and feel empowered.
- Because of the situation, will be doing most of this online.
- Change Management: dealing with resistance, usually stemming from lack of knowledge. Communicating.
- Honouring the labour of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) and other marginalized groups of students.
- I will be project lead:
  - I worked at the UBC Equity and Inclusion Office. Also at SFU.
  - Now I run my own company.
- Supported by Michelle Bucholz, who has an Indigenous background.

Questions
Sebastian Cooper:
- It’s hard for those of us in Law to feel part of the broad community.
- If you can tailor some material to smaller groups, that would be helpful.
Adeline Huynh:
- I like that.
- May put that back on you: what’s the best way to communicate with you?
- Would love to engage with you.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- Everything going well.
- Lots of work going on for the start of the school year.
- Working on orientation programming with UBC.
- Doing our own televised show for Jumpstart.
- Working with other Execs on subsidy programs.
- Working with the University on an RFP Evaluation Committee for student assistance now that the contract with Empower Me is ending:
  - The University will select a provider.
  - I sit on that and am confident we’ll still have a great service.
- Talking to the Faculty of Arts about the Norm Theatre.
- SASC office construction project going well: Mid-September opening.
- Tweaking SASC visual identity/rebranding.
- Campus Base launched.
- Budget reforecast submission: will bring it to the next Council meeting with a motion. Main change is about business.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang  [SCD132-21]
- We realized we should bring a budget motion next meeting, along with business details.
- Health & Dental: International students can now opt out.
  - Quite proud of that.
- Rolling out a financial guide for students to help them navigate fees and resources.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.  [SCD133-21]
- Submitted written updates.
- Campus Base launched yesterday:
  - Lots of work, a long time coming.
  - The platform will revolutionize campus groups.
  - You may have been scared by an article that came out last week about a server crash which made the system provide information.
    - Certain students had their student numbers revealed.
    - Quickly tried to figure out what happened.
• Fixed the issue.
• Privacy is dear to us.
• All members were displayed in a directory as in social media, allowing people to search for others, and displaying email addresses.
• But we’ve turned off certain functions to prevent that now.
  • There was low risk exposure, and we have informed the students.
    o Happy to have successfully launched the system.
    o Expecting the numbers to skyrocket.
    o Lots of interest from the University: groups wanting to use the platform.

Questions
Ryan Wong:
• Can you clarify?
• According to the article, when you search for someone their email comes up.
• Have you consulted privacy people?
• Are we in violation?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
• We have made changes so as not to be in violation.
• You now have to request to join a group, and there is a disclaimer to say your email address will be shared with the group leaders if you consent to join.
• In the long run we want to use the functionality of the platform.

Cole Evans:
• Sylvester did a lot of great work to modify the system to suit privacy needs and make it PIPA-compliant.

VP External – Kalith Nanayakkara
• See my written submission.
• Not in there was the latest about transit: the U-Pass is being reinstated.
  o Even though classes are online, a lot of students use transit for other needs, and the pass provides heavily subsidized transit.
  o There are exemption forms for those outside the Lower Mainland: we’ve already received applications.
  o There’s also a U-Pass subsidy for those in the Lower Mainland: we’ve always had that.
• Federal advocacy:
  o About the student experience program.
  o UCRU formalization. Passed first draft of bylaws. Will bring to Council.
• Provincial advocacy:
  o SEEDS sustainability initiative.
  o Sexual violence discrepancies project.

Questions
Alex Gonzalez:
• U-Pass exemption: If you live in Vancouver but are away for long periods, can you get the exemption?
Kalith Nanayakkara:
- The exemption is for the whole term if you live outside Vancouver.

Alex Gonzalez:
- But what if you live in Vancouver but are planning to be away?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- It’s self-reported, based on the address the student provides.
- Not asking for proof, but will be doing audits.

Rachel Chan:
- Is anyone in the Lower Mainland eligible?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- It’s for everyone outside the Lower Mainland.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee**

- Update about the concerns raised about Zoom for students in Hong Kong and China.
  - Question of how to protect students at risk.
  - To be considered through an equity lens.
  - There will be a privacy impact assessment.
  - Something will be sent to faculty about teaching politically sensitive topics.
- AES and COVID-19 surveys will come next time.
- Textbook Broke launching in September.
  - No longer booting in front of the bookstore.
  - Want to reach out to you: have conversations with faculty members about using OER’s.
- Housing contract:
  - You may have heard of a clause in the UBC Residence contract that could have led to students becoming homeless because of termination in case a residence had to close because of COVID.
  - We successfully fought for an amendment to that clause so that no student will go homeless: in the event of a closure, residents will be connected with appropriate resources.
- Collaborating with the Undergraduate Research Opportunities office (URO).
- Anti-racism campaign.
- Accessibility of courses.
- Climate Emergency Task Force.
- Mapping out culturally appropriate mental health resources.

**Questions**
Jackson Schumacher:
- How will you advertise the URO database?
Georgia Yee:
- In faculty profiles.

Alex Gonzalez:
- Last year the AES came out in the summer.
- Where is it this year?

Georgia Yee:
- We are still working on it.
- Delayed by COVID-19.
- Also trying to evaluate the data, given that the pandemic hit at a certain point: are the results still accurate?

Mathew Ho:
- Re Textbook Broke campaign: If there is no boothing, what will be happening?
- What about recognition of professors using OER’s?

Georgia Yee:
- Probably more on this at next Council.
- Thinking of a Zoom gathering to nominate professors.
- There was an OER champion event last year

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**
- Safewalk is operating now.
  - Slow during summer anyway. Expect it to pick up.
  - About to sign with a new dispatch software provider.
- eHub working to go online.
- Tutoring:
  - Nimbus promotional video.
  - Working with Constituencies (AUS, SUS, EUS).
- Food Bank very busy.
  - Already surpassing use from last year.
  - Food Mesh partnership.
- Peer Support training going well.
- Advocacy dealing with online tests and accusations of cheating.
- Housing:
  - Not a service yet, but the coordinator (Mitchell Prost) is working at it.
- Overall hoping to create a better volunteer and staff experience, including the interview process:
  - Want to make it more fun.
- Hiring an assistant.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
- Auditors still here.
- Working on Health & Dental subsidy.
- Cole, HR, and I are working on a wages review.
Go to You Tube to check out the AMS Events videos.

Nest COVID update:
  - In September opening up two more outlets: Porch and Pie R.
  - Depending on circumstances will open Grand Noodle and Iwana Taco (or whatever we decide to call it) in October.
  - The Pit will reopen in January.
  - Looking at increasing student study space in the Nest.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper [SCD135-21]
  - Policy I-21 on committee appointments.
  - Disciplinary action policy.
  - Should Senate and BoG reps sit on AMS committees?

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu [SCD136-21]
  - Approved JD for Assistant Manager at Hatch.
  - Looking into pay for President and Treasurer of the Indigenous Committee: have to consult with Finance Committee and Governance: may need to review Code.

Advocacy Committee – Joshua Kim [SCD137-21]
  - Reviewing Policy I-11.
  - Campaign to combat racism.

Operations Committee – Sylvester Mensah Jr. [SCD138-21]
  - New club applications:
    - Approved only seven new clubs.
    - More critical this year, realizing there are numerous overlapping clubs.
    - Want to make sure our clubs are distinct.
  - Video conference grant for clubs to subsidize their activities:
    - Expect all our clubs to remain operational.
  - Publicized Fall engagement survey.
  - Created an alternative event resource document to provide alternative avenues for operating.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
  - Budget discussion, but no motion yet.
  - New expense management system.
  - Working with Get Thrifty on their budget.
  - Recommendations for Clubs Benefits Fund.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans
  - Sylvester working on Hatch strategic plan.
  - Getting Department of Art History involved
  - Haven’t met yet.
Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Met today, but not all could attend.
- If anyone has suggestions about how the Steering Committee can be used, let me know.
- Sometimes I’m at a loss for what to put on the agenda.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
- New treasurer.
- Working on new Terms of Reference.
- Preparing for September.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
- No update.

Student Life – Sylvester Mensah Jr. for Chrissa Rassias
- Working on fostering a closer relationship with the Affiliated colleges.

Cole Evans:
- You can see the report that’s been submitted from Chrissa and Lawrence about elections and diversity.
- I have heard concerns:
  - Is the report too extreme?
  - Does it fit with our elections?
- These are just recommendations, not set in stone.
- I encourage Councillors to take a look and let us know.

Laura Beaudry:
- Want to connect with Indigenous students at the Affiliated colleges.

Cole Evans:
- The Affiliates have the only Indigenous graduate degree programs.

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
- The Board has not met.

Senate – Alex Gonzalez
- Senate doesn’t meet until September.
Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- With the U-Pass in the news, I thought I’d mention that it began after a referendum in 2003.
- It passed easily, but not by as much of a landslide as later U-Pass referendums after people realized how beneficial it is.
- The immediate result was a 57% increase in transit ridership and crowded buses.
- This used to be a campus dominated by cars.
- [Shows photos of cars on campus.]
- The U-Pass originally cost $20 a month.

Questions

Laura Beaudry:

- Am I the first Indigenous person on Council?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- No. In fact in 2003, the same year as the U-Pass, we not only had an Indigenous Councillor, but the AMS President was Indigenous (Kristen Harvey).

Mathew Ho:

- [Looking at 2003 issue of the Ubyssey announcing the U-Pass] Was there a Ubyssey logo in 2003?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Well, that was their logo then.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

From the Finance Committee – Q1 Report delay  [SCD140-21]

“That Council suspend Code Section V, Article 10(3)(g) in order to delay submission of the August financial report from the Finance Committee until the first Council meeting in September.”

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From the Finance Committee – Services Wages Report delay

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From the President – Advisory Board delay
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Sebastian Cooper:
- I wanted to separate these to discuss them.
- The rationale is not sufficient for the Q1 delay.
- The document should be properly filled out.
- The other delays didn’t have rationale documents.

Cole Evans:
- Yes, the rationales should be more robust.
- For the Q1 report, we are working on a new quarterly template and need more time for that.
- For the wage review, we are still having conversations about wage tiers system and equity.
  - Have to bring it to the Finance Committee.
  - Finishing the proposal: hopefully for next Council meeting.
- For the Advisory Board, we have been suspending this for a while.
- Been rethinking the Advisory Board.
- Initially thought it would be chaired by an AB member who would present quarterly reports.
- Now looking at not having a chair.
- Looking at producing more standard reports.
- It just met for its first real meeting in early August.
- May need more robust Code changes.
- Looking at modifying how the Advisory Board runs: make it more sustainable.

Sebastian Cooper:
- That all seems justified.
- My objection was to the lack of explanation.

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Abstained: Laura Beaudry

9. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD141-21], [SCD142-21], [SCD143-21]

From the Governance Committee
“That Council approve the new Policy on Committee Appointments (I-21), along with the accompanying Code change entitled „Code Changes 2020: Committee Appointments‟.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sebastian Cooper:
• Everyone remembers the committee appointment process in May; it was long.
• Some Councillors thought it was not accessible or equitable.
• We’ve worked with Cole and his assistant Justin to put in one place everything about appointments.
• They will be done online now; not at a six-hour Council meeting.
• The committee is happy with this.

Cole Evans:
• Coming up with a solution was more complicated than it sounds.
• There are a lot of different timelines, and we didn’t want appointments to drag on till the second meeting of the semester.
• So the new process moves away from Council meetings.
• It’s mostly digital, but still the final results go to Council for a vote.
• This will make it easier to fill committees.
Justin Zheng:
- It was a long process to figure out the timeline.
- I believe the Governance Committee approved this unanimously.

Sebastian Cooper:
- It was unanimous among all those present at the meeting.

Mathew Ho:
- Why does the President get to preside over committees?

Sebastian Cooper:
- The only reason for the President to preside at a committee meeting is if there is no chair appointed yet.
- The President will then oversee the appointment of a chair from among the committee members.
- It’s temporary: solely for the purpose of finding a chair if one has not already been elected.

Cole Evans:
- Once a permanent chair is chosen, the President will no longer chair.
- If nobody wanted to chair the Finance Committee, the President would preside and the first order of business would be to appoint a chair.
- The committee would then nominate that chair to be confirmed by Council later on.
- The chair has to be a Councillor on the committee.
- If still no one wanted to chair, it would come back to Council.

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11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR.: [SCD144-21], [SCD145-21], [SCD146-21]

From the Executive and Operations Committee
"That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the Operations Committee, $153,390.56 be allocated from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund for the Eastside Furniture Replacement Project."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:
- This has come to Council before and was tabled.
- Bringing it back.
- It’s a good time, with the school year starting up.
- Hearing that study space is a major concern, given social distancing requirements.
- One of the top recommendations from the Nest Experience Survey was that students wanted more seating in the Nest, and this project addresses that.
- Also, students had problems with noise levels, so we’re excited to put this on the east side, a quieter side of the building.
- One side of the building will be livelier; the other will be quieter.

Laura Beaudry:
- What will you do with the old red chairs?

Cole Evans:
- Undergraduate societies have expressed interest: SUS, Music, Kin.
- We’re more than happy to give them away. Being sustainable.
- They’re not all in great shape, which is why we’re replacing them.

Emma Dodyk:
- This is similar to what the EUS is doing.

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

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T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

AMS Services Updates

13. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED MATHEW HO, THIRDED EMMA DODYK:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 8:31 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at approximately 10 pm and adjourned soon after.

V) Submissions:

AMS Budget Q1 Re-forecast [SCD147-21]
Elections Diversity and Barrier Reduction Report [SCD148-21]
Finance Committee Goals [SCD149-21]
HR Committee Goals [SCD150-21]
Operations Committee Goals [SCD151-21]
Student Life Committee Goals [SCD152-21]
Governance Committee Goals [SCD153-21]
Advocacy Committee Goals [SCD154-21]
VP Admin Fall Engagement Survey Report [SCD155-21]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: September 16, 2020

X) Social Activity:
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# August 26, 2020 Roster

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

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Lalaine Alindogan (Ubyssey), Pawan Minhas (Ubyssey), 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)

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.”


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

“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.”


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)

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

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:
  o 46% say they will continue their education.
  o 63% say they are meeting their academic goals.
  o 58% of undergraduates and 77% of grad students say they expect to feel prepared to enter the workforce.
  o Over the past two years both undergraduates and graduates have shown greater awareness of the career supports available (advising, workshops, etc.).

• Student Finances:
  o 47% say they are facing financial hardship due to housing costs.
  o Just under half say they live farther from campus than they would like due to housing costs.
  o More than 2 in 5 have felt food insecurity in the past year, and one in five say they have felt this monthly.
  o Book hardship was reported by 23% of graduate students and 34% of undergrads.
  o 90% of respondents said they had at least one textbook they rarely use.
  o 52% said they participated in activities to avoid purchasing books.
  o 33% said they spent $600 or more on textbooks, and 20% said they spent over $1,000.

• Discrimination and Belonging:
  o One in ten of respondents said they often experience discrimination.
  o Most of these were women, non-binary, LGBTQ+, South Asians, and students over 25.
  o 59% of undergraduates and 57% of grad students said they felt a sense of belonging on campus.
  o 84% feel safe at night, men more so than women.

• Mental Health:
  o This is the most reported disability (19%).

• Sexual Assault and Misconduct:
  o 40% of graduate students and half of undergraduates are concerned about sexual assault and other misconduct on campus.
  o 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.
  o More respondents disagree than agree with the statement that students know how to act appropriately if they witness an assault.
  o More disagree than agree that UBC does a good job of providing support for survivors of sexual assault.

• The AMS:
  o 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.
  o 27% of undergraduates and 35% of grad students say the AMS does a good job representing them on financial issues.
  o Similar numbers say the AMS spends their money wisely.

• Commuting:
  o Almost half of undergraduate students report commute times of 30 minutes or more, and 20% take more than an hour.
• Next steps:
  o 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.
    o Some Councillors never saw the email for voting; it went to spam.
    o We will continue to look for a good method of voting and communicating.
    o 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

- 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

- 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, Examplify.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang

- 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.

- 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

- 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
- 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
- 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:
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.

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SYLVESTER MANSAH JR.:

   From the Executive Committee
   “That Council approve Policy I-7A (Mandatory Face Coverings and Other COVID-19 Measures) as presented."

   Note: Requires 2/3rds
   ... Carried

   For (27): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, 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, Nevena Rebic, Laura Beaudry, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Rio Picollo, Elsabe Fourie, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Winnie Kan (proxy for Danny Liu), Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

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 Ubyssey.
• 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 Ubyssey 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.

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Ben Du (student), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Sarah Zhao (Ubyssey), Erin Co (AMS External Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- We’re on stolen Musqueam territory.
- We need to acknowledge the violence we are doing by being here.
- We need better relationships with the host nations.
- They’ve been here longer than we have.
- Think how these thoughts can impact your work.
- Today is Orange Shirt Day about the residential schools.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   … No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Alison St. Pierre (Education)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, Social Work, GSS (1)

Goodbyes: Dela Shojaei (GSS)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- If there are issues with accessing the meeting, use the Raise Hand or Chat functions in Zoom or, for longer term issues, send me an email.

F) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):
G) Consent Agenda Items

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

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

Steering Committee minutes dated August 26, 2020 [SCD181-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 26, 2020 [SCD182-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 2, 2020 [SCD183-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 9, 2020 [SCD184-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated July 21, 2020 [SCD185-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated August 4, 2020 [SCD196-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated August 18, 2020 [SCD187-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated September 1, 2020 [SCD188-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated July 27, 2020 [SCD189-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated August 17, 2020 [SCD190-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated August 31, 2020 [SCD191-21]

… Carried

For (26): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Lawrence Liu, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Ryan Wong, Alison St. Pierre, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Laura Beaudry, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Danny Liu, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

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

From the Governance Committee [SCD192-21], [SCD193-21]
“That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2020: Committee Vote Tallies’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

From the Executive Committee [SCD194-21]
“That Council approve the expenditure of $7,000 from the Provincial Elections Fund for campaigns and projects relating to the upcoming provincial election.”

Note: There is approximately $16,900 in the Fund.

… Carried

For (24): Cole Evans, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Carter MacLean, Ryan Wong, Alison St. Pierre, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Laura Beaudry, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Danny Liu, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin
H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

**Get Out the Vote – Erin Co (AMS External Affairs Office) [SCD195-21]**
- We’re part of the student “Take it Over” campaign for the snap BC election that was just recently called.
- We have less than 30 days to get out the vote while making sure all is safe.
- There will be a polling station in the Nest. That has happened before, but this year it’s a bit different because of COVID.
  - It will be for advance voting and on general election day.
- We are working with the BCFS, the ABCS, and student unions at UBCO, UVic, BCIT, etc.
- We want to hold a candidates’ debate for Vancouver-Point Grey with David Eby (the NDP candidate) and Mark Bowen (running for the Liberals).
  - We’re asking the Ubyssey to moderate.
  - Livestreaming either from the candidates’ homes or the Nest.
- Planning a watch party in the Gallery for the results; also to be livestreamed.
- Doing marketing to get students out to vote.
  - Social media.
  - Button on AMS website leading to the Take It Over campaign site.
  - Collaborating with club presidents and undergraduate societies.

**Questions**

Mathew Ho:
- Are there plans to encourage people on campus to vote at the on campus station?

Erin Co:
- Yes, the plan is for students on campus to vote in the Nest.
- Aside from social media messaging about that, we will also have a booth in the Nest.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- We’re working with UBC and our building ops team to see how we can safely go ahead with planning for the polling station.
- Other marketing: we’re also reaching out to the residences to get the word out to the students there.
- Finalizing this with Student Housing.

I) Consultation Period

**Bylaw Changes – Sebastian Cooper and Cole Evans [SCD196-21]**

Sebastian Cooper:
- The actual vote on the proposed bylaw amendments will be next week at the special Council meeting.
- This is a preliminary consultation.
- The plan is to send the amendments to the AGM rather than going to referendum.
- This is principally to ensure the changes can go forward.
- Many of these have received support at past referendums, but did not reach quorum.
- This is addressing that initial blockage.

Cole Evans:
- Three parts to the changes:
  1) Omnibused changes that have already been approved by Council and went to referendum three times, but failed to meet quorum.
     ▪ Lots of them are not substantial.
     ▪ Mostly modernizing, updating, pretty standard.
     ▪ Main highlights:
       - Removal of Student Court, since we don’t use it anymore.
       - Changing the rules for filling Executive vacancies: it can be any AMS member, not just a Council member.
       - Clarifications around referendum questions/clear wording of referendum questions.
  2) Newly proposed changes added this year:
     ▪ Mostly administrative, operational.
     ▪ Some more notable changes:
       - Transferring administrative duties from the VPAUA (who used to be just the VP and before that the Secretary);
         ▪ Their original duties included receiving petitions, keeping the seal, keeping the records.
         ▪ Mostly they don’t do that anymore, so this will move administrative duties to the VP Administration and Council stuff to the President. And there will be a new responsibilities section for the VPAUA.
       - Allowing votes by proxy at AGM’s.
         ▪ AGM’s have low turnout.
         ▪ This proposal will allow Council to designate a Council member to vote by proxy on behalf of other AMS members.
         ▪ Only the designated proxy would have to attend; others would pass on their votes to them.
         ▪ Inspired by the UNA’s procedures.
         ▪ Will let students vote without attending.
       - Giving Council the ability to remove seats from Council for Constituencies like Audiology and Population & Public Health, who never attend and who are represented by the GSS.
       - Dealing with dormant funds:
         ▪ Our bylaws restrict the use of funds to what their original purpose was.
         ▪ There’s money sitting in some of these funds that we can’t use.
         ▪ We were going to try to make an amendment to repurpose the funds.
But we recently heard from legal counsel saying we might not be able to do that.

3) Separating the Records change:
   - A big focus.
   - There’s been heightened awareness about this.
   - Concern about the AMS being transparent.
   - Also looking to clarify the language.

   • Does it make sense to go to an AGM rather than a referendum?
   • Technically, the requirements for an AGM are less than at a referendum: the quorum requirement is lower.
   • Do we think these changes are reasonable to bring?
   • The Executive is confident we can run an effective campaign focusing on these bylaws.
   • Looking for feedback tonight. Next week hope for general consent.

Discussion
Max Holmes:
   • This is the most complex bylaw package since the Governance Review.
   • It should have been given to us more in advance.
   • Most bylaw packages should go to the entire membership (by referendum).
   • I don't think this should go to the AGM.
   • No one reached out to me as a former VPAUA about the changes to the VPAUA duties: who has been consulted?
   • It's been suggested that there's a structural barrier that's prevented past bylaw amendments from passing by referendum.
   • That's not the reason: it's been a failure of engagement: the AMS ran horrible campaigns.
     o Engagement has been going down for a couple of years.
   • Going to the AGM is bypassing the usual process. I feel it's a bit unethical.
   • If this were brought to a referendum, you’d need more than 4,000 Yes votes.
   • At an AGM you need only 500.
   • This is not a small bylaw package: why is it so urgent?
   • Is there any proof you’re going to get 4,000 people at the AGM?

Cole Evans:
   • The first set of proposed amendments did get support in past referendums but didn’t hit quorum.
   • They failed not because there wasn’t enough support but because in a referendum it’s hard for students to grasp the complexity.
   • It’s not unethical. Legally we can do this under the Bylaws and the Societies Act.
   • But if people think this is too much right now, it’s not all or nothing: we can do some.
   • It’s my job to do what I can for the Society; it’s important we have an updated document.
   • Other referendums have passed, but not the bylaw ones because they’re not accessible.
   • It’s hard to understand these changes with everything else going on in an election.
• I feel this format would make them more accessible and allow a better understanding.
• People can always come to the AGM and ask questions or vote against.
• And if one or two of the Bylaw proposals are not what is wanted, we can amend the package before we take it to the AGM.

Max Holmes:
• Ethics and legality are two different things.

Ryan Wong:
• I have problems with Bylaw 5(2)(k): removing seats from Council.
• I don’t see why this has to happen except for the inconvenience of saying there’s a vacancy.
• There’s no reason to remove seats that haven’t been filled.
• Why should this move forward?

Cole Evans:
• This particular change has been highlighted as one that may not make it into the final package.
• There is a problem of dormant seats.

Ryan Wong:
• Why are they a problem?

Cole Evans:
• There’s also an issue of double representation, for instance Arts and Economics.
• But some seats simply haven’t been filled.
• From a strictly governance perspective that’s an issue.
• Functionally it’s true it doesn’t matter.

Laura Beaudry:
• I don’t like the use it or lose it idea.

Mathew Ho:
• Maybe students don’t like omnibused bylaw questions.

Cole Evans:
• It depends on what the changes are.
• Last year we didn’t hear objections to omnibus in general, but we did hear about the Records bylaw change being part of the omnibused package.
• I’m hesitant to omnibus everything; planning to separate out significant ones.
• But administrative ones are good to omnibus.
• Meanwhile I’m seeing opposition (in the Zoom Chat) to the removal of Council seats, so we can just withdraw it.
Georgia Yee:
- There’s the larger issue of representation from the Schools that aren’t filling their seats.
- Maybe the GSS can speak to this.

Cole Evans:
- There are no student associations in Audiology and some of the others.
- There’s no mechanism to fill a seat where there’s no association.

Daniel Martin:
- My comment was going to be that there should be a way to get back in if you’ve been out.
- Speaking from the experience of the VST, we have sometimes been absent – and then we’d be cut?
- But it looks like it’s been decided not to bring this question.
- As to the job descriptions, it does seem that the Affiliates have to be our own advocates.
- Can we make it someone’s job to liaise with the Affiliates?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- Daniel is right on this.
- Pretty well it’s the VP Admin’s job because they’re Subsidiaries, but it’s been hard to maintain relationships with the Affiliate colleges.
- Perhaps a committee.

Daniel Martin:
- You are all doing great this year, but it would be good to see something in writing, so it’s not an uphill battle.

Laura Beaudry:
- Why do we want to get rid of Bylaw 21 and Student Court?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Essentially the Court has been dormant for ten years.
- Before that, there were five years of Council repeatedly overturning Court decisions, so it was eventually decided to stop filling the Court positions.
- It tended to be filled by Law students who were not necessarily in touch with how the AMS worked.

Laura Beaudry:
- Is this taking away student voices?
- Maybe we could limit the number of Law students on it.

Cole Evans:
- Lots of the duties of Student Court are handled elsewhere now.
- This is the Bylaw we’ve been trying the hardest to get rid of.
- This would be the fifth attempt.
• It wins majorities in referendums, but doesn’t reach quorum.

Max Holmes:
• It’s a bad idea to bring these to an AGM.
• It sets a precedent.
• There is no money for a No campaign; if it was a referendum, there’s be $1,000 for those opposed.
  o At an AGM all the resources are on the side of the organization.
• Also, the Ubyssey won’t cover this as much as they would if this were happening as part of an AMS election, and students are distracted now by many other things that are going on: a snap election, midterms.
• The proposal for proxy voting at AGM’s would create a rule that’s advantageous to the AMS but not as democratic as what exists now: if only Councillors can be proxies, that creates an advantage for Council.
• The VPAUA changes could create a conflict of interest.
• Re Affiliates, it should be all the Execs, not just the VP Administration, reaching out to them, and they are not Subsidiaries, so they don’t automatically fall under the VP Admin.
• I don’t know why we’re removing the Ubyssey from the Bylaws.
• As to putting the VP Admin in charge of referendum petitions: why not have an elections person do that, or the Elections Committee?
• In a week you’ll be asked to vote on these proposals: that’s one of the fastest turnarounds I’ve seen.
• No one has explained why these should be passed at an AGM instead of in a referendum.
• One reason Bylaw changes don’t pass is that we don’t engage enough. Need to put more resources into that.
• AGM’s are only for the uber-involved.
• I highly encourage people not to do this.

Alison St. Pierre:
• As to proxies at AGM’s, it’s an interesting idea to see how students could have their voices heard without attending the meeting.

Sebastian Cooper:
• I don’t think this is an unethical way to proceed.
• This is one of the two ways in the Bylaws that you can amend the Bylaws.
• We’re using an avenue that is before us.
• I don’t think it’s particularly undemocratic.
• As to removing the Ubyssey, this is just a change to say it can be any campus publication.
• As to the proxy proposal, it’s not correct to say only Directors would be able to vote by proxy; the Directors will pass along the proxy votes of other students, making the meeting more accessible.
• The AMS needs to be flexible and have mechanisms to make changes.
• We want to make sure the AMS Bylaws fit reality: e.g., on Student Court.
I encourage people to allow us to use this avenue to make the society more up to date and accessible.

Cole Evans:
- I’ve done a straw poll (on OnBoard) on whether people are okay with bringing Bylaw amendments to the AGM.
- It looks like people are in favour.
- We will bring the finalized proposals back to Council next week for approval to go to the AGM.
- We’ll drop the proposal to remove Council seats.
- Checking on whether people want the proxy proposal to go forward.
- If people have any concerns, please email me or Sebastian.
- Thanks for the feedback.
- We’ll proceed.

J) Appointments

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- Provincial election.
- Imagine Day: biggest event Campus Groups (parent of Campus Base) has ever held: 10,000 visitors to the site.
- Board of Governors submission.
- Eastside furniture coming.
- On UBC search committees for a Senior Director for Engagement and a Chief Health Officer in the VP Students Office.
- Climate Emergency.
- Health and Dental Plan.
- More students wearing masks in the Nest.
- Two vacancies on AMS committees (HR and Governance).
- Hope everyone is recovering from the US Presidential debate.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic - Georgia Yee
- Orange Shirt Day: to recognize the harms of residential schools, causing inter-generational trauma in Indigenous communities. Not just in the past.
- UBC Indigenous Strategic Plan: setting UBC up as leader, working to decolonize.
- Presented to Board of Governors with the GSS and the UBC SUO:
  - The Board is interested in having us come back to present again: very exciting!
- AES and COVID reports now available (in the Council docket).
- Working on Proctorio issues:
  - Developing principles for remote invigilation.
  - Support from Ombudsperson.
Goal is to completely end the use of Proctorio.
Presented to the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society on this and would be happy to present to other Constituencies.
Want to protect the academic freedom of UBC staff, such as Ian Linkletter, who has spoken out about Proctorio.

- Food insecurity resource sheet; addressing systemic problems.
- Textbook Broke: second phase of the campaign; OER Champions nominations for faculty members.
- Climate Emergency: Will likely bring a presentation as an update. Looking at Just Recovery.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**
- Hired an assistant.
- First ever Services-wide training day.
  - Brought in a former Safewalk Coordinator (Liz King) to talk about her experiences.
  - Good chance for the Services to meet each other.
- Safewalk:
  - Operating.
  - We’d been hearing some concerning reports about people feeling unsafe.
  - New software.
- eHub:
  - Almost done hiring.
  - Some events upcoming.
- Tutoring:
  - Group tutoring online.
  - Tutors in Constituencies.
- Peer Support:
  - Launching October 12 online.
- Food Bank:
  - Hearing about food insecurity.
  - Speaking to stakeholders.
  - May lead to smaller hub locations.
- Housing:
  - Feasibility study for new housing service: see the submission.
  - Potentially can help with a lot of insecurities students face.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
- Our audit has been completed. The numbers will go to the AGM.
- Traffic has been a bit up in the Nest, but not as much as we would like.
- Mandatory mask policy is getting traction: seeing more and more people wearing masks.
- Putting COVID Plan online.
- Firstweek events are now completed. Done virtually. Successful.
- New videos out on the AMS Events YouTube channel.
Thanks to Ian for the weekend training and also to Annette, the SASC Manager.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- Are we providing free masks?

Keith Hester:
- No, they are available at the outlets for 75 cents, which is the cost to us.

Max Holmes:
- Now that we know that there will be significantly more students than expected, can we not provide free masks?

Keith Hester:
- No.
- There is a decline in traffic in the Nest.
- Free masks would be an additional cost.
- It's not something we can do at this point.

Georgia Yee:
- We have been working with the VP Students on this to try to provide free masks.

VP External – Kalith Nanayakkara
See written report. [SCD198-21]

VP Finance – Lucia Liang [SCD199-21]
- Working on virtual deposit system for e-transfer.
- Reopened U-Pass subsidy.
- Health and Dental Plan:
  - Looking into the feasibility of increasing mental health coverage.
  - Also looking at the permanent opt-out policy.
- Doing audit on student numbers to make sure they're accurate; never done before.

VP Admin – Sylvester Mensah Jr. [SCD200-21]
- Today is the deadline for new club applications.
- Clubs Days:
  - Lower numbers than we wanted.
  - Various reasons: close to Imagine Day, virtual fatigue, Campus Base reduces the need for it.
- First Sustainability Symposium this Friday:
  - Great opportunity for all sorts of groups to congregate and share.
• Potentially creating an AMS Canvas course to let people know what we do:
  o May include policy documents; also modules for Services.
  o Aiming for January.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
• Orange Shirt Day: time to reflect on what UBC still needs to do on reconciliation.
• Hope to hold first meeting soon.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
• Haven’t met yet.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
• Haven’t met.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
• Focused on the Bylaw changes.
• Also the Code change on committee vote tallies.
• Reached out to previous committee chairs concerning a new policy on clear committee transitions.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• Will we be getting all the minutes to see the discussions on the bylaws?
• Who did the Committee consult on the bylaw changes?

Sebastian Cooper:
• We didn’t consult.
• We discussed in Governance Committee and talked to Cole and his officer.

Cole Evans:
• We consulted with legal counsel and the Exec team.
• Probably should have spoken to others, e.g., past VPAUA’s.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu
• Haven’t met.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
• No updates.

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng
• Haven’t met.

SHAPE – Cole Evans
• No update.
Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Going to meet soon with the new committee chairs and help orient them.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill
- Orange Shirt Day on residential schools.
- Still scheduling our first meeting.

L) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
- No update

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes
- Student societies presentation.
- Approaches to remote learning.
- UBC’s COVID-19 response:
  - Student services affected.
  - Funding.
- Academic renewal update.
- Capital projects: seismic upgrade.
- Shout-out to the GSS for their housing affordability submission.

Senate – Anisha Sandhu
- New degree in Indigenous land stewardship.
- Subcommittee reshuffle.
- Finance report.

Max Holmes:
- Pretty operational.
- Appointments to committees.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- In the news this month: former Prime Minister John Turner died.
- He got his political start on AMS Council in 1948-49.
- Was on the Executive as something called the Coordinator of Activities, a sort of Events Manager.
- Also a student athlete and sports writer, and then sports editor, for the Ubyssey.
- Much later he became Prime Minister, in 1984.
- He is one of two prime ministers to serve on AMS Council.
- The other was Kim Campbell, who got elected to a position we had then, Frosh President, running under the slogan, “Kim is cuddlier.”
- She was the first female president of the Frosh and then the first female prime minister (in 1993).
• There’s one other prime ministerial connection to AMS Council: the current prime minister’s grandfather, James Sinclair, was an AMS Councillor back in the 1920’s.
• James Sinclair’s daughter Margaret married Pierre Trudeau and from that marriage we got Justin Trudeau.
• So two prime ministers from AMS Council: it could happen to you!

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• What happened to the Frosh President position?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• It was abolished years ago.
• We tend to revamp our structures.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

R) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Email Vote Results: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the September 2020 Committee appointments as presented.” (Vote Results by email: 25 In Favour, 1 Against)

Here are the results of the Committee Appointments voting:

Councillor Appointments

Advocacy Committee: Laura Beaudry, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, Jackson Schumacher
Finance Committee: Katherine Feng, James Chen, Jimmy Kim
Operations Committee: Alexandra Arbelaez, Emma Dodyk, Katherine Feng, Lawrence Liu
Student Life Committee: Sherly Prince, Annika Szarka, Christian Bailey, Agam Gill
HR Committee: Katherine Feng, Varada Saha, Laura Beaudry, Lawrence Liu, (1 x Vacancy, Agam Gill has withdrawn)
Governance Committee: Ryan Wong, Danny Liu, Sebastian Cooper, Carter MacLean
SHAPE Committee: Joshua Kim, Katherine Feng, and Laura Beaudry

Chair Appointments

Chair, HR Committee: Lawrence Liu
Chair, Operations Committee: Katherine Feng
Chair, Student Life Committee: Agam Gill
Chair, Finance Committee: Lucia Liang
Chair, Advocacy Committee: Mathew Ho
Chair, Governance Committee: Sebastian Cooper

Student-at-Large Appointments

Advocacy Committee: Mahmoud Borno
HR Committee: Brooklyn Pala
Operations Committee: Ben Du, Ghazal Rezaei
Student Life Committee: Emmanuel Cantiller
Governance Committee: Kamil Kanji
Finance Committee: Kamil Kanji, Emma Borhi
Steering Committee: Rosaline Leung
Impact Grant Working Group: Tony Xiyutong Jiang

S) Discussion Period

T) Submissions:

AES Recommendations [SCD202-21]
COVID-19 Survey Results [SCD203-21]
Housing Service Feasibility Report [SCD204-21]
AMS/GSS Board of Governors Presentation [SCD205-21]

U) Next Meeting:

Special Meeting October 7, 2020
Next regular meeting of Council is October 14, 2020

V) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

W) Social Activity:
# Vote Records and Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Alex Gonzalez (student at large), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

This special meeting of AMS Council was called to order at 6:03 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- This meeting is taking place on unceded and stolen Musqueam lands.
- This acknowledgement is a helpful step forward.
- Consider what it means.
- It’s great to see people are trying to move towards decolonization.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

D) Statements from Students at Large

Alex Gonzalez:

- I am a previous Councillor and current Student Senator.
- I’m concerned about the proposed Bylaw changes, specifically the one that would allow proxy voting at annual general meetings (AGM’s).
- The AGM is something that engages the students directly.
- To allow someone to proxy for it would turn it into a Council meeting.
- It threatens the democracy of the Society.
- Also, how would we verify the proxies?
- How count them?
- How would they affect quorum?
- There are too many issue to make this a fair process.
- More generally, I also strongly support not bringing Bylaw changes to the AGM.
- It’s not ethical.
- It has not been widely publicized.
- It’s as if we’re doing this behind the students” backs.
- It will be only 1% of the students attending, and during the pandemic, with students in various locations around the world, some may not be able to attend.
Cole Evans:
- Alex raises very good points about the AGM proxy changes.
- Work still needs to be done to flesh that proposal out: details would be in the Code later.
- On the more general point, I don’t think bringing these to the AGM is unethical, especially the ones already brought to referendum and seen for several years: students have engaged with them a lot.
- Partly we’ve done a poor job of making the Bylaw referenda accessible: they were buried among other questions.
- We do have a plan for rolling out this Bylaw package.
- There’s a new omnibus package now: we’ve made some changes based on feedback from the last Council meeting: removed the VPAUA changes.
- The rest of the changes are mostly procedural, modernization.
- The biggest decision tonight will be on AGM proxy voting.
- I’m very confident about presenting the rest of the changes to the membership.

Alex Gonzalez:
- It’s true that most of these changes have been coming for a long time.
- I just don’t agree that they should go to an AGM.
- And I don’t think AGM proxy voting should go forward.

E) Committee Motions:

1. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD206-21]

   “Be it resolved that AMS Council in accordance with Bylaw 19 propose the package of Bylaw amendments entitled „Past Proposed Changes” for approval at the AMS Annual General Meeting on October 29th, 2020.”

The changes in summary are:

Bylaws 1, 2(2)(b), 4(3), and 21: Removal of Student Court
Bylaw 2(1)(a)(iii): Changing membership qualifications to include students ending a credit course in the fall semester
Bylaw 2(2)(a): Spelling error correction
Bylaw 3(2)(a): Updating notice requirements to comply with Societies Act and making expectations clearer.
Bylaw 4(2): Clarifying referendum question requirements
Bylaw 4(6): Requiring kept record of all successful referenda appended to Bylaws
Bylaw 5(2)(h) and 5(2)(i): Correction to refer to appropriate section.
Bylaw 5(3)(c)(iii): Prevents recalled Executive from running again in a by-election.
Bylaw 5(3)(c)(iv): Allows Council to select any member of the Society to interim replace Executive vacancy.
Bylaw 5(4)(b)(ii): Correction to refer to correct section
Bylaw 9(1)(d): Removal of university responsibilities from Ombudsperson section.
Cole Evans:
- The proposed amendments have been divided into four motions to give Council flexibility.
- The first motion is on past proposed changes, the ones brought to referendum in the past.
- They've been looked at the most.
- For the most part, they are unchanged from the way they were presented at referendum.

Jeanie Malone:
- Is the intention to vote on one package at the AGM?

Cole Evans:
- The proposed changes will appear at the AGM as they appear tonight.
- If all four packages pass here, then all four will appear separately at the AGM.

Jeanie Malone:
- Student Court sometimes raises discussion.
- It may be best to remove it from this package.

Rachel Chan:
- Why is the definition of the term “Council Senator” being removed?

Cole Evans:
- It’s a cleanup change. We no longer use the term.

James Chen:
- Student Court should be separate.

Cole Evans:
- Sometimes we get more questions if we separate something out.
- Most people understand when this is explained.
- But if people want to remove Student Court, that's fine.

Sebastian Cooper:
- On the ethics side, we have a duty to the AMS to make sure it's a well run institution.
- These changes reflect how we actually do things, bringing the Bylaws into line with how things are done.
- If we don't make the changes, then it means we won't be following our Bylaws.

Jeanie Malone:
- Having been part of the past conversations and seeing things fail in the past, my sense is that it's best to separate housekeeping from substantive changes, so I'd be happy to move to split off the Student Court proposal.
2. MOVED JEANIE MALONE, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the motion be amended to add a clause saying:

Be it further resolved that changes to Bylaws involving Student Court be separated out at the AGM.”

... No objections

3. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council in accordance with Bylaw 19 propose the package of Bylaw amendments entitled „Past Proposed Changes“ for approval at the AMS Annual General Meeting on October 29th, 2020.

Be it further resolved that changes to Bylaws involving Student Court be separated out at the AGM.”

... Carried


4. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council in accordance with Bylaw 19 propose the package of Bylaw amendments entitled „Newly Proposed Changes“ for approval at the AMS Annual General Meeting on October 29th, 2020.”

The changes in summary are:

Bylaw 1: Updated definition for AMS Offices, removal of “Council Senators” and “Ubyssey”
Bylaw 2(1)(b): updated wording
Bylaw 3(1)(a)(ii)(4): Changing MD and President AGM Report from “School Year” to “Academic Year”
Bylaw 3(1)(b)(j)(2): Adjusting SGM petition requirement to threshold that equals quorum for SGM
Bylaw 3(2)(a)(ii): Removal of the Ubyssey from Bylaws and replacing with social media and campus publication.
Bylaws 3(2)(b), 17(1): Changing signatory duties from VPAUA to President
Bylaw 5(3)(d): Reformating
Bylaw 5(3)(d)(v): Tweaks to VP External responsibilities, clarifying language.
Bylaw 5(4)(b)(i): Formatting correction
Bylaw 10(1)(iii): Change to MD responsibilities to reflect current practice.
Bylaw 11(2)(a)(ii): Removal of term “student government” from SUB R/R Fund
Bylaw 13(3)(9): Updated subsidiary submission requirement to reflect current practice.

Left unchanged:
Executive job duties EXCEPT for signatory changes and VP External tweaks
Definition of associate member.

Sebastian Cooper:
- There’s also a new clause on the duties of the VP Administration, requiring them to liaise with the Affiliates.
- But now that we are planning to create an ad hoc committee on the Affiliates, should we keep this?

Daniel Martin:
- I am pleasantly content with the ad hoc committee.
- We can come back to the Bylaws later.

Sebastian Cooper:
- Then we should remove the proposed Bylaw 5(3)(d)(iv)(4).

5. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council in accordance with Bylaw 19 propose the package of Bylaw amendments entitled ‘Newly Proposed Changes’ for approval at the AMS Annual General Meeting on October 29th, 2020.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council strike the proposed addition of Bylaw 5(3)(d)(iv)(4).”

... Carried


Against: Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali

6. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council in accordance with Bylaw 19 propose the package of Bylaw amendments entitled ‘AGM Proxy Voting’ for approval at the AMS Annual General Meeting on October 29th, 2020.”

In summary: This change would alter Bylaw 3(3)(c) and Bylaw 3(3)(d) to allow votes by proxy at AGM’s; only Directors (i.e., voting members of Council) would be able to serve as proxies.

Emma Dodyk:
- I do not think we should approve this to go to the AGM.
- Students have not really had a chance to see it.
• There’s a lower threshold to pass this at an AGM than at a referendum.
• And the AGM won’t be accessible to many students.

Mathew Ho:
• This is a bit too contentious for an AGM.
• Could be done by referendum when there can be a more robust discussion.

Jeanie Malone:
• Alex raised some good points at the beginning of the meeting.
• I do wonder if we’ve considered all the logistics.
• If one person represents 27 people, I worry about duplicating Council.

Cole Evans:
• If most people are leaning to no, and not wanting to do it, we could just remove it.
• Or do a straw poll.

A straw poll showed a vote of 15-3 against bringing this to the AGM.

Cole Evans:
• It’s pretty clear.
• I recommend we strike this motion.

7. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That this motion be struck.”

Mathew Ho:
• Can we pass a motion saying we will send this to a referendum?

Cole Evans:
• Something to send to Governance.
• There are other Bylaw changes that will come to referendum.

8. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That this motion be struck.”

… No objections

9. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council in accordance with Bylaw 19 propose the package of Bylaw amendments entitled „AGM Proxy Voting” for approval at the AMS Annual General Meeting on October 29th, 2020.”

… Withdrawn
10. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council in accordance with Bylaw 19 propose the package of Bylaw amendments entitled „Records Policy“ for approval at the AMS Annual General Meeting on October 29th, 2020.”

Note: This would add the following sentence to Bylaw 18(2):

*However, Council may establish a policy to designate certain records confidential where disclosure of those records would be harmful to the financial or economic interests of the Society, the security of the Society’s buildings or its computer or communications systems, as well as where disclosure would disrupt an ongoing investigation, violate solicitor-client privilege, or reveal in camera discussions.*

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

“That the motion be amended to add the following language to the proposed amendment:

For greater certainty, records that are designated as confidential by Council due to their impact on the financial or economic interests of the Society must be related to one of these following categories;

(i) plans that relate to the management of personnel that have not yet been implemented, made public, or could result in financial harm to the Society;

(ii) information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in undue financial loss to a third party, or could violate terms of an agreement;

(iii) information the disclosure of which could harm the negotiating position of the Society; and

(iv) information that contains sensitive strategic or financial information relating to the Society’s businesses that could either reasonably inhibit the Society’s ability to be competitive or result in substantial financial harm to the Society.”

Cole Evans:
- I’m suggesting this addition because the original proposal might raise red flags.
- The additional language provides clarity about financial and economic interests.
- It’s taken from the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

“That the motion be amended to add the following language to the proposed amendment:

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(iv) information that contains sensitive strategic or financial information relating to the Society’s businesses that could either reasonably inhibit the Society’s ability to be competitive or result in substantial financial harm to the Society.”

… No objections

13. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council in accordance with Bylaw 19 propose the package of Bylaw amendments entitled ‘Records Policy’ for approval at the AMS Annual General Meeting on October 29th, 2020.

Be it further resolved that the following language be added to the proposed Bylaw change:

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James Chen:
- What’s the difference between this Bylaw change and the AMS Records Policy?

Cole Evans:
- The Bylaw was not amended before.
- We just created the Records Policy.

14. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“Be it resolved that AMS Council in accordance with Bylaw 19 propose the package of Bylaw amendments entitled ‘Records Policy’ for approval at the AMS Annual General Meeting on October 29th, 2020.

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… Carried

For (23): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Lawrence Liu, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Alison St. Pierre, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Laura Beaudry, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Elsabe Fourie, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Danny Liu, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

Against (1): Emma Dodyk

Abstained: Chris Sundby

F) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

15. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

From the President
“Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions with a membership composition as follows:

a. AMS President
b. AMS VP AUA
c. AMS VP Admin
d. VST Representative
e. Regent College Representative
f. St. Mark’s Representative
g. One (1) Other AMS Councillor

Be it further resolved that the Ad-Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions provide Council with a report with recommendations on how to better support members from Affiliate Institutions by the first Council meeting of January.”

Cole Evans:
• This comes out of conversations with the Affiliate Institutions.
• There’s been discussion about how they relate to the AMS.
- The majority of AMS members are UBC students; it's easy to forget that we represent students at other institutions as well.
- The committee can come back with recommendations for Council.
- We have to improve our relations with the student associations at these institutions.
- Need to improve our support for them.
- Proposing the VP Academic & University Affairs for the committee; they're responsible for the academic needs of the membership.
- Also the VP Administration, who's responsible for student groups.
- It's also been suggested that the chair of Governance be on it and the Archivist (for historical support).
- We'll also need a chair (who gets paid).

Laura Beaudry
- What about Carey College?

Daniel Martin:
- I believe this is a distance school.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- They are mostly distant ed, but that doesn't mean they're not AMS members.
- However, they have no student association, and they've never reached out to us, asking to join.
- The other three colleges held referendums to join the AMS.
- But our Bylaws do say the students at the Affiliated Institutions are AMS members.

Cole Evans:
- We can't make them members unless they ask.

Daniel Martin:
- I couldn't find anyone to talk to at Carey.

Laura Beaudry:
- What about Green College and St. John's?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Those are residences, not teaching colleges.

Daniel Martin:
- The same with St Andrew's Hall.

Chris Sundby:
- Re Carey: we can always try to be in a conversation with them.
Alison St. Pierre:
- Green College and St John’s College are covered by the GSS.

16. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

“That the motion be amended to replace the other Councillor with the Chair of the Governance Committee and to add the Archivist & Clerk of Council as a non-voting member.”

… No objections

17. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

**From the President**

“Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions with a membership composition as follows:

a. AMS President
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c. AMS VP Admin
d. VST Representative
e. Regent College Representative
f. St. Mark’s Representative
g. Chair of the Governance Committee
h. Archivist and Clerk of Council (non-voting).

Be it further resolved that the Ad-Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions provide Council with a report with recommendations on how to better support members from Affiliate Institutions by the first Council meeting of January.”

Daniel Martin:
- Some background on the Affiliate Colleges:
- The University Act requires BC universities to be non-sectarian, so the theological colleges had to be separate.
- We have our own Acts.
- But we’ve been trying to integrate with the AMS, so we don’t hear about surveys we didn’t get a chance to take part in.

Mathew Ho:
- No students at large on the committee?

Cole Evans:
- Ad hoc committees don’t typically have them.
- We could add one from an Affiliate, but might have difficulty finding one.
- We still need a chair.
- Shall we designate the VST rep (Daniel) as chair?
Daniel Martin:
  • Chris has agreed to chair.

18. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

“That the motion be amended to make the representative from Regent College chair of the committee.”

... No objections

19. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

**From the President**

“Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions with a membership composition as follows:

a. AMS President  
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c. AMS VP Admin  
d. VST Representative  
e. Regent College Representative  
f. St. Mark’s Representative  
g. Chair of the Governance Committee  
h. Archivist and Clerk of Council (non-voting).

Be it further resolved that the Ad-Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions provide Council with a report with recommendations on how to better support members from Affiliate Institutions by the first Council meeting of January.

Be it further resolved that the representative from Regent College be chair of the committee.”

... Carried

For (24): Cole Evans, Georgia Yee, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Ruby Barnard, Lawrence Liu, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Alison St. Pierre, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Laura Beaudry, Ryan Cheng (proxy for Annika Szarka), Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Danny Liu, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

G) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: October 14, 2020

H) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Andrew Ha and Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Ben Du (student), Michelle Marcus (Climate Justice), Colton Kasteel (Climate Hub), Grace Nosek (Climate Hub), Laura Chen (Climate Hub), Mitchell Prost (AMS Housing Service), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
    • We need to acknowledge whose land we are on.
    • We are on lands stolen from the Musqueam.
    • Keep this in mind when doing your work.
    • This is not a formality.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

    “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED LAURA BEAUDRY:

    “That the climate emergency presentation be moved ahead of the Consent Agenda items.”

    ... No objections

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

    “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

    ... No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Anissa Meghji (Social Work)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, GSS (1), Population & Public Health, Audiology,

Goodbyes:
E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):
   The Speaker:
   - Contact me to ask about issues to do with participating in the meeting.

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

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

   **UBC Climate Emergency – Grace Nosek, Colton Kasteel, Laura Chen, Michelle Marcus**

   Grace Nosek:
   - We’ve been hearing from so many students that they are worried about the pandemic and the wildfires.
   - They see a narrowing of their future.
   - Social science is clear: the antidote to anxiety is action.
   - To empower people to take action over climate justice is to empower them to take action for COVID justice and racial justice.

   Michelle Marcus:
   - There is a student-driven climate initiative arising from groups like Climate Justice (formerly UBC C350), the Climate Hub, etc.
   - Students organized the climate strike in 2019 and an open letter signed by 1600 people and endorsed by the AMS and other student organizations.
   - These actions got UBC to declare a climate emergency and commit to divesting from fossil fuels.
   - In 2014, 77% of students voted in favour of divestment (in an AMS referendum).
   - Climate change is a student issue and a huge priority for the AMS.

   Laura Chen:
   - This is a far-reaching community process.
   - It involves reflecting on how we are affected by climate change.
   - We are pursuing meaningful engagement, and aiming to include Black and Indigenous voices.
   - There have been multiple opportunities for students and staff to participate this year: survey, forum, dialogues.
   - 1,700 students engaged.
   - Justice is a foundational part of the climate response:
     - Addressing systemic racism and social justice.
     - Linking them to climate change.
   - If a virus can do this, imagine what climate change will do.
   - It disproportionately affects IBPOC communities.
   - This is an intersectional issue.
   - We want to be making sure no one is left behind in addressing climate change: in line with Just Recovery principles.
   - The aim is to give students agency to deal with climate justice.
Colton Kasteel:
- We want to operationalize UBC’s commitments to climate justice.
- Expand research, engagement, advocacy.
- We need immediate action from UBC’s Climate Emergency Task Force.
- The aim is to rally community members around a joint future, to encourage resilience.
- We want funding from UBC’s $1.5 million tuition surplus to be allocated to climate action, racial justice, and COVID recovery initiatives.
- A Climate Emergency Response Fund.
- To fund and support IBPOC climate initiatives and for the Climate Hub.
- There should also be a UBC Activist Lab to fund activist fellowships.
- Timeline:
  - October-November: secure funding.
  - December-January: launch fund, with the UBC Sustainability Initiative possibly serving as the key coordinating body.
  - January 2021: Receive applications.
  - March 2021: Release funding for projects.

Questions
Cole Evans:
- Big thanks to the Climate Emergency Team.
- We very much support this.
- Looking at how to make an impact, the work done by these students is a perfect match for use of the funds in the surplus: not just for climate justice, but for racial justice.

Mathew Ho:
- This is a short time frame.
- Do you anticipate difficulties working with the UBC Administration, the VP Students Office?

Michelle Marcus:
- Historically, things take a long time at UBC.
- But Santa Ono has expressed interest.
- It’s powerful to have students saying we have these projects.
- This will kickstart the funding.
- I think we have a good relationship with the Administration.

Grace Nosek:
- We got funding in one month at the Climate Hub.
- We have great connections.
- We just had a good meeting with the President.
- UBC could lead the world on this.

Cole Evans
- Props to Grace for working with the University.
I’ve spoken to senior members at the University: there is interest in finding matching funds beyond the $1.5 million.

H) Consent Agenda Items

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

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

- Sustainability Subcommittee minutes dated September 23, 2020 [SCD208-21]
- Executive Committee minutes dated September 23, 2021 [SCD209-21]
- Executive Committee minutes dated September 30, 2020 [SCD210-21]
- AMS Council minutes dated July 15, 2020 [SCD211-21]

... Carried


5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

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

From the Indigenous Committee [SCD212-21] [SCD213-21]

“That Council adopt the report of the Indigenous Committee entitled „Code Changes 2020: Indigenous Committee“ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sebastian Cooper:
- There was a comment in the document recommending a language change.
- Which language are we approving?

Cole Evans:
- This is the document sent by the Indigenous Committee.
- The language in the comment bubble will replace the line it is referring to.

... Carried

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

Proctorio Update – Georgia Yee (VPAUA) [SCD214-21]

Georgia Yee:
- A call to action against the usage of Proctorio.
- Already submitted an open letter.
- There are issues of academic freedom, equity, privacy.
- I’ve presented on this to a Pharmacy Undergraduate Society Town Hall.
- Some of our asks are being addressed, but UBC still has not ended its relationship with Proctorio.
- Proctorio can record students taking exams.
- It can be highly invasive.
- Some restrictions have been placed on it, but issues remain.
- Principles for appropriate use of remote invigilation tools can be found at keepteaching@ubc.ca
- It’s important to make sure faculty members are aware of these principles.
- Meanwhile a lot has happened, including a lawsuit against a UBC staff member (Ian Linkletter) for allegedly sharing confidential Proctorio information.
  - We’re speaking to the Student Legal Fund Society to see if something can be done.
- Need to demonstrate compassion for students, staff, and faculty.
- We have documentation on how much students hate Proctorio.
- There are accounts of faculty members telling students to drop their course if they don’t want to be invigilated by Proctorio: this is manipulative and coercive.
- Proctorio’s CEO has attacked students on Reddit
- There is no data showing Proctorio prevents academic misconduct.
- We should not be outsourcing academic integrity.
- There are other ways to achieve fair evaluation; perhaps we can eliminate remote invigilation.
- There are equity concerns about Proctorio and racialized students, the neurodiverse population, and those who wear religious head coverings.
- There are technological difficulties:
  - Some students have difficulty entering a session.
  - Some have difficulty getting their face recognized.
  - There’s a lack of access in China.
- There are privacy concerns, especially for female-identifying students, non-binary students, and those with young children.
- Proctorio can capture content and even modify the functionality of a student’s web browser.
- If UBC continues to fund Proctorio, what message does that send?
- Remote invigilation may be required for accreditation in some cases, and there are contract issues, but other institutions have taken action to limit remote invigilation.
- Proctorio’s contract ends in Term 2: we will push very hard to end it and not renew it.
- We’d like students to write to professors and administrators in opposition to Proctorio or sign petitions or comment on student evaluations.
- There’s an open letter from the AMS.
- We want to mobilize the Constituencies.
- We want students to mobilize others.
- Our asks:
  - End the relationship with Proctorio.
  - Give guidance telling instructors they can’t compel participation in online invigilation.
  - Provide low barrier options to opt out.
  - Support academic freedom of students and staff.

**Questions**

**Mathew Ho:**
- How is work on this being coordinated?

**Georgia Yee:**
- Been in discussions with departments that require remote proctoring.
- The accreditation guidelines do not state that they must use Proctorio.
- We need to provide options.
- We will work with these faculties to stop using Proctorio.

**Mathew Ho:**
- Another challenge might be that people are often living with others and may be distracted.

**Georgia Yee:**
- That’s a valuable comment.
- The principles for remote invigilation recognize that students come from a variety of backgrounds, have different access to technology and different living environments.
- We’re working to make faculty aware of different student situations.

**Housing Service Update – Mitchell Prost (Housing Service Coordinator)** [SCD215-21]
- Getting ready to present the Service.
- Presented a report on it last time.
- Historical Context:
  - The most notable off-campus housing support for students in the past was Rentsline, which was an AMS Service that provided postings for housing.
  - It still exists, but in 2013 we discontinued our partnership with it because it was not providing enough support.
  - In 2014 Council was told that the University had created a housing website, but it didn’t provide much support.
The AMS decided to lobby the University to provide a professional service, but UBC currently offers no service, just a web page that's not very accessible.

Last year Cole promised a new housing service, and this year the Student Services Manager has a goal to launch a service by December.

### Current Situation:
- Currently, there is no AMS housing service, though we do have Peer Support, which provides support for various needs; but it has no special resources for off-campus housing.
- The University also has many resources but none that is specifically for off-campus housing.
- Outside UBC there are many resources, but none specifically for post-secondary students.
- There are so many resources that it is challenging to know where to start.

### Other Institutions:
- The Concordia Student Union has lots of services, including a housing registry. It also runs campaigns and workshops.
- The University of Bristol has a professionally run service under its student union.
- Western has a University department offering a service (not run by the student union).

### Recent data:
- A large percentage of those answering the 2020 Nest Experience Survey said they would find a housing service helpful.
- A database of rental postings was seen as the most useful part of a potential service.

### Goals of the proposed service:
- Finding off-campus housing.
- Providing assistance with landlord negotiations.
- Helping with transitioning from on-campus to off-campus housing.
- Conflict mediation (with landlords, roommates).
- Budgeting assistance.
- Providing information about tenant rights, fair prices, etc.

### What Can We Do Now?
- Provide a housing support team and a campaigns and outreach team.
- The first can respond when students ask about housing, and can give legal information and advice.
- The second would conduct information campaigns to make students aware of tenancy rights. (But not lobbying.)

### Transitional budget of $19,417, mostly to pay the Coordinator.

### Beyond that, we can look to homelessness prevention and maybe an AMS co-op housing venture.

### Questions
Alison St. Pierre:
- International students have challenges finding housing.
• Have you thought about providing a service to them?

Mitchell Prost:
• We understand this community needs the most support.
• Those not familiar with Vancouver face the greatest challenges.
• We will consult more with them as a priority.

Mathew Ho:
• What about UBC students looking for housing outside Vancouver?
• Co-op or exchange students.
• Would that fall under the purview of the housing service?

Mitchell Prost:
• Good question.
• Have to do research on what support there is.
• If there’s not enough support, that could be part of what we offer.
• It’s not feasible to expect volunteers at an AMS housing service to know about housing resources everywhere, but perhaps we can train them to know where to refer people.

Cole Evans:
• This has potential to become one of our flagship services.

Mathew Ho:
• What would the database be like?
• Would we run it ourselves or seek a partner?

Mitchell Prost:
• Just in the planning process now.
• These are questions for next term.
• We can run our own database; it’s just a matter of cost.

J) Consultation Period

K) Appointments

L) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
• AGM news:
  o We have exceeded our expectations for advance registration.
  o On track to have a quorate AGM.
  o Doing social media campaigns.
• Equity Plan: Bi-weekly meetings.
• Bringing a third revised version of the budget:
  o We’re in a relatively good position.
  o Still a tough year for our businesses.
• Masks: Georgia and Sylvester are working on how to get complimentary masks with UBC.
• The SASC office expansion has been delayed: a sprinkler burst a couple of weeks ago, flooding the construction site and also the second floor beneath it (where the Hatch Gallery is):
  o The delay will be about six weeks.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• Was there damage to art in the Hatch?

Cole Evans:
• No art was on exhibit at the time, so there was no damage to any art pieces, just the walls.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
• Just the drywall; it’s been aired out, is drying out; will be operational.
• Looking at restarting showings next month.

M) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
• See written updates.
• Reviewing applications for subsidies.
• The RBC financial literacy workshop has been moved online.
• Internal evaluation of the Sustainable Food Access Fund.

Questions
Lawrence Liu:
• What’s happening with the ticketing service, Showpass?
• Are we renegotiating with them or moving on?

Lucia Liang:
• We are still negotiating.
• We’re happy with the rates, but there are some terms in the contract that we want to change.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
• If you know a member of the UBC community who has used OER’s, you can nominate them for an award for open learning.
  o This is an award to acknowledge the work done by faculty and administrators to move course materials online and make them free of charge.
  o Open education is a spectrum: there are lots of initiatives to acknowledge.
• Working with the Climate Hub, Climate Justice, and the Climate Emergency Task Force: Creating an advisory board for accountability and implementation.
- Policy SC-17: Consulting with SASC.
- Working with the Food Bank on food insecurity.

**VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.**

- **Sustainability:**
  - Finalizing October update.
  - Working with the Climate Hub.
  - November symposium on the Sustainability Projects Fund.
- **Clubs:**
  - Launch of startup fund for new clubs.
  - Finalizing workshop on skills, training, brand image, marketing.
- **Hatch Art Gallery exhibit October 19.**
- **Masks:** working with the VP Students.

**Questions**

Daniel Martin:
- Does the Hatch Gallery ever work with sponsors?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- It depends on the exhibitions.
- We have received grants and had sponsors.
- Zines were given out for the last exhibit: we had a grant for that.
- It's case by case..

**VP External – Kalith Nanayakkara**
- Away due to the Vancouver Point Grey provincial election debate.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**

- You saw the housing service presentation; it's one of our big projects.
- Also looking into co-op housing.
- **Safewalk:**
  - Operating, but lower usage than normal because most buildings are closing early.
- **eHub:**
  - Taking appointments.
  - RBC Get Seeded online.
- **Tutoring:**
  - Lower turnout at the moment, but expecting it to pick up closer to exams.
- **Peer Support** just launched yesterday.
- **Food Bank:**
  - Ridiculous amount of people using it.
  - Looking at ways to expand.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**

- Completed audit; will go to AGM.
Lucia and I are working on options for Health Care: we over-collected fees and have a refund to give out.

Another revision to the budget coming:
  - Businesses really suffering (down 90%).
  - Not unexpected, but it still hurts.

Staff meeting on October 22.
Repairs to SASC after sprinkler blew.
Recruitment for several positions that are vacant.

N) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Met last week.
- Half of the members are new.
- Will look at high level strategy for Events, Services.
- Been off the grid the last couple of years.
- Trying to give it some purpose this year.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
- Having trouble scheduling a meeting.
- Appointment to Funds and Grants Subcommittee.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
- Focused on bylaw amendments the last few weeks.

Operations Committee –
- Meeting on Friday.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu
- First meeting next week.
- Hiring.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill
- Had first meeting.
- Approved vice-chair.
- Goal setting:
  - Stronger ties with the affiliated colleges.
  - Connect students with services.
  - Increasing voter turnout.
  - Problem of virtual engagement.
- Discussed past challenges

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
- Ramping up student engagement.
- Finalizing budget.
Advisory Board – Cole Evans
• Meeting in November.

SHAPE – Cole Evans
• No update.

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
• Looking for a meeting time.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
• Confusion over who is chair. [It turns out he is still chair.]

Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliated Institutions – Daniel Martin
• Gearing up to meet soon.
• Looking to identify situations where students at the Affiliates are not integrated well into the AMS and UBC: e.g., on surveys.
• The Affiliated Colleges are Regent, St. Marks/Corpus Christi, VST. Also Carey.
• The residential colleges are separate.

O) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
Cole Evans:
• No report.

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone
• Nothing new since last Council meeting.
• The agenda will go up soon for the next meeting.

Senate – Anisha Sandhu
• Meeting next Wednesday.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
• Last time I mentioned that Justin Trudeau’s grandfather was an AMS Councillor.
• This time I want to talk about Justin’s father, Pierre Trudeau, who as prime minister fifty years ago (in October 1970) invoked the War Measures Act to respond to the FLQ crisis in Quebec.
• This was debated at AMS Council, which voted to endorse the use of the War Measures Act, with qualifications.
• I also mentioned John Turner last time, the AMS Councillor who went on to become prime minister in 1984.
• In 1971 he was at UBC giving a talk, and protesters tried to shut him down because as Justice Minister he was seen as being responsible for the War Measures Act.
• The same week as the War Measures Act in October 1970, the big news on campus was the shutting down of the nearby Jericho Youth Hostel, which led to lots of unemployed youth coming to campus and looking for a place to stay: some ended up occupying the Student Union Building.

Questions
Ubyssey reporter:
• How is it that John Turner, a Ubyssey staff member, was also an AMS Councillor?

Sheldon Goldfarb
• I think he was on the Ubyssey one year and on Council the next.
• But there was a time when the Ubyssey editor was automatically a non-voting member of Council – back when the AMS still ran the Ubyssey.

Q) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

R) Executive Committee Motions:

S) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

T) Committee Motions:

U) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

V) Discussion Period

W) Submissions:
- Elections certification report for the EUS Fall election [SCD217-21]
- Elections certification report for the ESA Fall election [SCD218-21]
- Election Certification Report for the SUS Fall election [SCD219-21]
- Elections Certification Report for the CUS Fall election [SCD220-21]
- Elections Certification Report for the PhUS Fall election [SCD221-21]
- Climate Emergency Engagement Interim Report [SCD222-21]
- AMS Proposal – CE Recommendations (Oct 2020) [SCD223-21]
- Protect Student Privacy – A call to action against the use of Proctorio [SCD224-21]

X) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: October 28, 2020

Y) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Z) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Claire Ewing (AMS Sustainability Projects Coordinator), Saad Shoaib (AMS AVP External), Ben Du (student), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- We’re on the unceded and ancestral land of the Musqueam and Squamish Nations.
- We need to recognize whose lands we are on and reflect on the role UBC plays in colonization.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.” … No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Alexa Tanner (GSS)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- Let me know how I can make these meetings more accessible for you.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR.:
   “That the following consent items be accepted as presented (simple majority):

Executive Committee minutes dated October 7, 2020
Governance Committee minutes dated September 14, 2020 [SCD226-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated September 28, 2020 [SCD227-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated October 2, 2020 [SCD228-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated August 21, 2020 [SCD229-21]
Steering Committee minutes dated August 26, 2020 [SCD230-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated October 8, 2020 [SCD231-21]
AMS Council minutes dated August 5, 2020 [SCD232-21]

... No objections

3. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED COLE EVANS (2/3rds vote)

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

That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the $153,390.56 for the Eastside Furniture Replacement Project, which Council on August 26, 2020 directed to be allocated from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund, be allocated instead from the SUB Management Fund.”

... Carried


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

Sustainability Priorities Update – Claire Ewing [SCD233-21]

- New website up, with the AMS Sustainability Action Plan on it.
- Facilities operations:
  - Revolving and Runoff Gardens under repair.
  - U-Square Mobile. SEEDS project for Term 2.
  - Supply chain audits for Term 2.
    - Audit of Nest carbon emissions and food supply chain.
  - Waste Hub to recycle hard-to-recycle material.
  - Accelerated our Net Zero Plans for 2025 to meet the Paris Climate Agreement goals.
  - Getting an external consultant.
- Business Operations:
  - Reimplementing Mugshare.
    - Discontinued after design flaw and then COVID.
    - But looking into it and hoping to broaden it to a container share program.
  - Waste display cases.
Advocacy & Leadership:
  o Monthly symposiums, began in October.
Student Services:
  o Thingery: a lending library of not often used items.
  o Interactive Sustainability Centre (ISC):
    ▪ Looking into what the programming will be and what the space will look like.
    ▪ Waste scale.
    ▪ Dashboard.
Campus coordination:
  o Partnering with Interfaculty Case Competition January 11-15.
Indigenous coordination:
  o Working with the Indigenous Committee and other Indigenous groups and the UBC Food Security Initiative.

Questions
Laura Beaudry:
  • Will the new Mugshare mugs be the same as the old ones?

Claire Ewing:
  • No, Mugshare has two potential new designs:
    o One heavier duty one and also a lighter weight one.
  • Waiting to hear their decision.

I) Consultation Period

Discipline Committee [SCD234-21], [SCD235-21]
Sebastian Cooper:
  • Governance Committee has been working on this.
  • Asked to by Council.
  • Currently, the only option Council has is to censure, which seems harsh.
  • We've looked at other measures and mechanisms.
  • Our suggestion is to create a Standing Committee, the Discipline Committee, chaired by the Ombudsperson.
  • The other members would be the non-Executive chairs of the other Standing Committees.
  • There's a whole gamut of actions this committee could recommend.
  • Council could ask the Discipline Committee to look into a case and hear from parties.

Max Holmes:
  • This is great.
  • But one question: why the Ombudsperson to chair rather than the Speaker of Council?
  • And can Senate and BoG reps chair Standing Committees? But if so, should they be on the Discipline Committee?
Sebastian Cooper:
- Looked at other student unions across the country and got the idea of the Ombudsperson chairing from that.
- And given what the Ombudsperson deals with, it seemed a good idea.
- But if Council thinks the Speaker would be a better idea, we can explore that.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- There is nothing to keep a BoG or Senate rep from becoming a chair of a Standing Committee.

Katherine Feng:
- How does this differ from existing means to discipline a Council member?

Sebastian Cooper:
- At the moment there’s censure – that’s it.
- The idea is to have a mechanism (a dedicated committee) to evaluate the issue.

Cole Evans:
- Awesome work.
- A few things:
  - I agree that the Speaker might be a better chair because they will understand context, procedures, Code.
  - Maybe call it something other than Discipline. Remediation?
  - The membership might be unfair. In the past Council has been divided. What if all the chairs were on one side?
    - Maybe make it like the Election Appeals Committee: each side names someone to the committee.

Sebastian Cooper:
- You might always end up with people on one side, but having the chairs do this means you have people with experience and a knowledge of Council.
- I note as well that the recommendations of the committee would still have to be approved by Council.

Cole Evans:
- Most of the time Council would go along with the recommendation.
- I’m trying to make sure the person on the receiving end feels like they are getting a fair decision.

Sebastian Cooper:
- There’s an advantage to having decided on the committee members ahead of time.
- Otherwise people rush to be on the committee because they have strong views on the issue.
- That’s why we wanted to create a standing committee rather than strike it from time to time as an ad hoc committee.
Jeanie Suparman:
- Discipline has been used to oppress marginalized people.
- Perhaps a different name should be used.

Max Holmes:
- A Standing Committee would meet regularly.
- Should it not be called an Extraordinary Committee?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Code doesn’t require Standing Committees to meet regularly, and there was something about the new appointment system that made it seem like this should not be an Extraordinary Committee, but we could look into this again.

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- BC election last week, US election next week.
- AGM:
  - Happy with the number of advance registrations.
  - Expecting to meet quorum.
- On search committees for the VP Students Office:
  - Senior Director of Student Engagement.
  - Chief Student Health Officer.
- Monitoring the COVID-19 situation to make sure people are kept safe:
  - Cases have risen in the province.
  - Working to get free face masks in the Nest.
  - Compliance in the building is relatively good.
  - The Health & Safety Committee is piloting an Ambassador-esque program of reminding people to wear a mask.
- SASC office construction going to be able to resume. There are insurance issues, but we will deal with those later and get back to work now.
- Still a vacancy on the HR Committee.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- Did the AMS publicize how members could add motions for the AGM?
- Did we add anything that came from student body?

Cole Evans:
- The new Societies Act actually prohibits adding motions from the floor, so we didn’t advertise that because they can’t add motions.
- They must be brought in advance.
- All the motions come from the AMS.
- The SFU student society brought motions condemning SFU for raising tuition during COVID, and we did come up with a motion on Proctorio, but it was too late.
Max Holmes:
  - There is a way members could have brought motions in advance.

Cole Evans:
  - We didn’t advertise that people could bring forward suggestions ahead of time.
  - Our ramp-up was done in only six weeks.
  - If we make the AGM more important and meaningful on a regular basis, it’s something to keep in mind.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
  - Budget reforecast.
  - Q2 report.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
  - Thrive Month coming up in November.
  - QPR sessions on suicide prevention.
  - Working with the GSS on 24 hour movement guidelines.
  - Conversation about UBC budget and tuition consultation.
  - Proctorio:
    - Best if students raise concerns with profs and if a prof is not receptive, go to the course coordinator or department head.
    - Looking at mitigating harms, cutting back the invasiveness.
  - Discovery meeting with Digital Food Hub.
  - Food security.
  - Climate Hub: looking for funding sources for them.
  - Midterm scheduling:
    - Looking at a midterm exam clash policy, like the final exam clash policy.
    - Researching the impact of Saturday and late night exams.
  - Students abroad: do we need a policy?

Questions
Jackson Schumacher:
  - If we encourage students to go to professors, are there any mechanisms to support them?
  - I’m thinking of a freshman emailing a department head.

Georgia Yee:
  - Hoping to put out a communications campaign about resources to support students, to help them write that email, a template.
  - Good point to look into lowering barriers for students who may not feel comfortable approaching professors.

Max Holmes:
  - Can you elaborate on funding for Proctorio and a timeline for alternatives?
Georgia Yee:
- Proctorio’s contract ends in early February 2021.
- UBC has an advisory group looking at remote invigilation tools.
- Looking at an RFP process.
- The problem with other remote invigilation tools is that they don’t fulfill all the requirements out of the box.
- We want to reduce the invasiveness of the tools.
- We will advocate for a seat in this process.

VP Administration - Sylvester Mensah Jr.  
- Excited about sustainability progress, but a lot more to be done.
- The second Hatch exhibit is ongoing, ending with a virtual Halloween dance party.
- Clubs: start-up fund underway for new clubs.

Kalith Nanayakkara – VP External Affairs
- Hope you all voted in the provincial election.
- My assistant Erin worked very hard on the Get Out the Vote campaign.
- Now back to advocacy efforts.
- Meeting MLA’s about rental support, the BC access grant, review of operations funding.
- UCRU (federal):
  - Fast track permanent residency program; seeking to expand it to include off-campus work.
  - UCRU bylaws finished and sent to lawyers. Will be one school, one vote.
  - UCRU incorporating this week.
  - Budget next.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- UCRU: one vote per school.
- Will there be a fee?
- How is this different from other national student organizations like CASA or CFS?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- If you know our history, proportional voting was an issue for us.
- The biggest distinction with UCRU is that it’s only for U-15 schools.
- All the schools are facing similar issues from a common ground.
- None of this is codified yet.
- Trying to see how to make a federal coalition work.

Max Holmes:
- The AMS pushed for a review of operating grants for post-secondary institutions.
- Is the aim to increase funding?
Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Yes, we are setting up meetings to push for increased funding.
- Meeting with the ABCS and the UVic student society.
- We’ll be publishing a report soon about how we’ll do the advocacy.
- Trying to understand both sides.

**Student Services Manager - Ian Stone**
- Filming this weekend for two Services: Tutoring and Peer Support.
- We want more students aware of our services.
- We also do a newsletter and handouts, but need to be more creative.
- RBC Get Seeded in November: Pitch competition for student business ideas.
- Food for Fines: With UBC, for parking tickets etc. Proceeds to the Food Bank.
- All our Services are running smoothly.
- Working on promotion and looking to next term.

**Questions**

Cole Evans:
- Can we do Food for Fines all year?

Ian Stone:
- I can pitch that to UBC Security.

Jeanie Suparman:
- How do you plan to promote to new students that have not been to campus?

Ian Stone:
- The first two weeks are crucial for promoting things on campus, and to be honest, we missed that this year.
- That’s why the videos.
- Also ads on Reddit, Facebook, Instagram.
- For first years, posters in residences for Safewalk.
- Working with first year housing on ads for Tutoring.
- Trying to go to where the First Years are.
- Looking ahead to next year.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
- Working on fourth version of the budget.
- Working on process for next year’s budget.
- First all-staff meeting last week in a number of years; well attended.
- Health and Dental Committee looking at amendments to Health and Dental plan.
- Looking at a fee restructuring in the next referendum cycle.

**Questions**

Max Holmes:
- Staff wages during the pandemic:
  - Have we cut wages for unionized members?
Keith Hester:
- We haven’t cut wages for anybody.
- There was a minimum wage increase in June which affected our overall structure.
- Did have to let go of a number of staff because outlets closed in March.

Max Holmes:
- Have we cut hours for any staff?

Keith Hester:
- For Conferences & Catering, we have cut back to three days a week because there is almost no business coming through.

Sebastian Cooper:
- Is the audit coming to Council?

Keith Hester:
- I did present it to the Executive.
- It will get presented at the AGM and then go up on the website.

Cole Evans:
- We were going to bring it to this meeting.
- We can do a presentation next time.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
- First meeting will be this Friday
- Will be talking about reviewing and revising committee goals.
- Academic Experience Survey report.
- Provincial advocacy.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Hope to meet next week or the week after.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
- Approving subsidy applications.
- Discussing the reforecast.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
- Trying to consult chairs about transition process.

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng
- Club constitutions.
• Appointed Vice-Chair: Ben Du.
• Eastside furniture discussion.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu
• Nothing to report.
• Trying to schedule a meeting.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill
• Discussed goals: engaging students, connecting students to services, increasing voter turnout.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
• Tell your Indigenous friends about the committee.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
• Meeting next week.
• Minutes will come.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• Is there a way the minutes can be approved by email, so we can see them quicker?

Cole Evans:
• Good idea. I'll try to find a way.

SHAPE – Cole Evans
• No update.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
• No update.

Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Chris Sundby
• Finding a time for a meeting.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
Cole Evans:
• No report, but scheduling a meeting in November.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes
• Workday (UBC’s new software platform) going live: stressful time for faculty and staff.
• Next meeting November 19: Audit Committee.
• November 24: other committees.
• Full Board December 3.

**Senate – Eshana Bhangu & Anisha Sandhu**

In the absence of the Senate reps, Max Holmes reported:

• Made use of SAT and ACT scores optional. And going to review whether to use them at all.
• Changes to admission requirements for Bachelor of Media Studies.
• Update on external review of Senate – report delayed.
• Annual report from the University Librarian.

**Questions**

Mathew Ho:

• Are there discussions on admission requirement changes for students from other countries?

Max Holmes:

• There are committees that are looking at this.
• If you have a question, send it to me.

Katherine Feng:

• Do you have an email contact?

Max Holmes:

• We would be happy to put our contact info on the website.

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**

• Last time Mathew wanted details about what AMS Council did in 1970 in response to the War Measures Act, so I’ve circulated the minutes.
• I got so caught up in the 50th anniversary of the War Measures Act last time that I forgot to mention that October 15 was our 105th birthday.
• We were created by a general meeting of about 350 people who passed bylaws: just like tomorrow.
• And October 28 is the 98th anniversary of the Great Trek, the march that helped get us the current campus so that we could move from the old campus, the so-called Fairview Shacks, near the VGH.
• And the recent provincial election saw the re-election of two former AMS Councillors to the BC Legislature:
  o Bowinn Ma (EUS President, 2006)
  o Mike Lee (AMS President, 1989)

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

**Q) Executive Committee Motions:**
R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the agenda be amended to add the following motion:

That Katherine Feng be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first meeting in May 2021.”

... No objections

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MATHEW HO (2/3rds vote)

“That Katherine Feng be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first meeting in May 2021.”

... No objections

U) Discussion Period:

V) Submissions:

CUS Fall Election Certification Report [SCD241-21]
LFSUS Fall Election Certification Report [SCD242-21]
LSS (Allard) Fall Election Certification Report [SCD243-21]
VSEUS Fall Election Certification Report [SCD244-21]
War Measures Act [SCD245-21]
AMS Carbon Management Proposal by Offsetters (2020) [SCD246-21]
AMS Sustainability October report [SCD247-21]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: Thursday November 12, 2020

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Kristin Smith (UCRU), Mackenzy Metcalfe (UCRU), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Cecilia Raweater (student), Saad Shoaib (AMS 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 6:03 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- We are meeting on the stolen, unceded land of the Musqueam and Squamish Nations.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   Ryan Wong:
   - Add discussion on the AMS Halloween event.

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   ... No objections

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

   Welcome to our new Members:

   Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology,

   Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

   The Speaker:
   - Let me know how I can make these meetings more accessible and ensure there are no barriers.

F) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):
G) Consent Agenda Items

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

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

Executive Committee minutes dated October 14, 2020 [SCD248-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 21 2020 [SCD249-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 28, 2020 [SCD250-21]
Sustainability Sub Committee minutes dated October 28, 2020 [SCD251-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated August 18, 2020 [SCD252-21]
AMS Council minutes dated August 26, 2020 [SCD253-21]
AMS Council minutes dated September 16, 2020 [SCD254-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated August 28, 2020 [SCD255-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated October 19, 2020 [SCD256-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated October 30, 2020 [SCD257-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated October 16, 2020 [SCD258-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated September 11, 2020 [SCD259-21]

… No objections

4. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD260-21], [SCD261-21], [SCD262-21]

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

From the Governance Committee

„Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled “Code Changes 2020: Policies and Strategic Plans” and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that Council amend Policy I-1 (the Policy on Policies) as presented.""

From the President

„That the terms of Louis Retief and Alessia Rodriguez Di Eugenio (Student Members) and Ron Gorodetsky (Professional Member) on the Advisory Board be extended from December 31, 2020 until December 31, 2021.""

… No objections

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

UCRU (Undergraduates at Canadian Research-intensive Universities) –
Kalith Nanayakkara, Mackenzy Metcalfe, and Kristin Smith [SCD263-21]
Kalith Nanayakkara:
  - I gave a UCRU presentation at a previous meeting.
  - Tonight we have two guests from UCRU to speak to us.
  - Mackenzy Metcalfe is the Chair of UCRU and is from Western.
  - Kristin Smith is the Vice-Chair, and is from the University of Manitoba.

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
  - UCRU is an informal coalition representing 250,000 students and does advocacy to the federal government.
  - We are now 10 schools, having just added the University of Ottawa.
  - Other federations include lots of smaller schools.
  - We only represent students at the U-15 schools (the large research universities).
  - UBC is a founding member.
  - Your VP Kalith is chair of the UCRU Governance Committee.
  - Other member schools include McMaster, McGill, Queen's, U of T, Western, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Waterloo.

Kristin Smith:
  - We’re an aspirational organization, looking at the long term, but we’re also pragmatic.
  - We produce evidence-based briefs, based on relevant research.
  - We’re collaborative and non-partisan: we judge policies on their merits, not on which party presents them.
  - We include an Indigenous lens and an Equitable lens.

Mackenzy Metcalf:
  - We’re informal: Joining is simple, and so is leaving.
  - As we become more formal (adopting bylaws), we intend to hold to this approach to ensure that the people who are in want to be in.
  - We have lobby weeks: nationwide campaigns.
    - These include in-person meetings with politicians (online now).
  - We do research briefs.

Kristin Smith:
  - We also cultivate relationships with MPs’ staffers and write letters to ministers.
  - Our timeline is:
    - June – new board
    - July – priorities
    - August – budget submission
    - November – lobby week

Mackenzy Metcalf:
  - Policy priorities:
    - Indigenous students.
    - Financial aid.
    - COVID aid.
    - International students/work permits.
o Summer jobs.
  o COVID advocacy.
- Moving to lobbying outside budget cycles.
- Recruiting new U-15 schools
- Current campaign: Debt-free degree: seeking a two-year grace period on loans.
- Increasing our access to media.
- Formalization to achieve consistency.
  o Working with the member schools on bylaws.
  o Consulting lawyers.
  o The finished bylaws will go to our Executive and then to your school.
- No fee now, but looking to bring one in.
- Lack of institutional memory.
- Need full-time staff.
- Want to make sure each student union has equal access to leadership positions, but right now 40% of my time is with UCRU.

Questions
Cole Evans
- What makes UCRU different from other national coalitions?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
- We have a lot in common; we advocate for similar things.
- But we have a different structure and mandate.
- We’re only the U-15 schools, which means our members are at schools of similar size, with similar needs.

Kristin Smith:
- We are more collaborative.
- Other organizations have a board meeting once or twice a year.
- We’re always discussing.

Ryan Wong:
- How are you paying your lawyers?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
- All costs we have are split.
- Small things are absorbed by whoever is chair, so Western this year.
- The bigger items are split between the student unions: each one puts it through whatever budget line seems appropriate.

I) Consultation Period

Draft Policy I-23 Committee Chair Transition

Sebastian Cooper:
- Consulted previously on the Ethics & Accountability Committee.
- This time on a new internal policy on committee transitions.
• Currently, there’s a requirement that outgoing chairs provide transitions, but this has not been successful; there’s a lack of guidance.
  • Hoping a new internal policy will help.
  • A draft policy has been circulated.
  • Are there any gaps?
  • Should there be an honorarium?

Emma Dodyk:  
  • How much would an honorarium be?

Sebastian Cooper:  
  • Previously, it was one week's pay for four months work, up to two weeks.

A straw poll showed 18 Councillors supporting the idea of honorariums, with none against.

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans  
  • The newly approved Bylaws have been sent to the BC Registry.
  • Next Council will bring summary.
  • COVID-19:
    • Making some operational changes to adjust to the second wave.
    • Suspended all in-person events.
    • Following guidelines from the provincial health office.
    • Reduced seating. Halved in the Gallery.
  • Tuition and budget consultation with UBC. Later than usual: will be next term.
  • Our budget not great: Business revenue down 90%. Not much we can do about it.
  • Services continue to function.
  • Equity Plan: launching discussion sessions in a couple of weeks; my Equity Associate, Lily, is working on it.
  • Working on policies with my assistant Justin.
  • Working with Eric, the Communications Manager, on revising the AMS brand: will conduct an RFP to do more robust brand work (logo, colour scheme).

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang  
  • Three items not in my written report.
    • Square Reader program has started:
      • Excited to launch it.
      • Clubs can borrow the Square readers.
    • Treasurers” survey: mostly about clubs doing 90% of their reimbursements online.
Asking Constituencies about their spending to see how we can help them with their finances for the rest of the year.

Questions
Rachel Chan:
- What can you tell us about the Health and Dental surplus?
- How did it come about?

Lucia Liang:
- The fee was decided the year before.
- For 2019-20 we decided to increase the fee to pay for additional mental health coverage.
- Expected higher intake, but because of COVID that didn’t happen.
- The surplus is the result of there being fewer claims.
- We’ll likely to do a survey to consult on what to spend the surplus on.
- There are lots of options. Want to make sure they’re feasible.
- Working with Studentcare on what they can do for us.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
- Proctorio, the saga that never ends.
- Increasing Mental Health Resources around UBC.
  - Communications brief. QPR suicide prevention.
- Climate Hub: seeking funds for the climate emergency.
- Midterm scheduling:
  - Research.
  - Concerns about exams being scheduled for 3 am for students in another time zone.
  - Mechanisms to provide alternative options.
- Respondent resource specialist:
  - New UBC position for people accused of causing harm under the sexual misconduct policy.
  - Trying to provide survivor-centric support as well.
- Naming Policy under review:
  - People in activist circles have spoken up about the naming of some of our buildings.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
- My team is working closely with the Student Leadership Conference.
  - The AMS will have a greater presence this year.
  - Not just providing a venue (the Great Hall in past years).
  - This year the event will be online.
  - Workshops on the future of education and takeaways from COVID-19.
  - Also it will be free: the first free SLC.
- Clubs:
  - New club applications have been completed; they should be hearing back from us soon.
• Reintroducing the grant for videoconferencing for Term 2.
  
  - Sustainability:
    • Runoff garden being repaired and will be fully operational tomorrow.
    • Moving forward with Net Zero 2025 plans.
  
- Hatch Art Gallery:
  • Latest exhibit just ended.
  • External collaborations from outside the art scene.
  • Had to cancel the scheduled November 16 exhibit due to personal reasons. Hope to reschedule it next year.

Questions

Mathew Ho:
• Any additional grants to encourage online club activities besides the ones for videoconferencing?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
• We’ve created alternative resource documents referring to companies that can help with online activities.
• We stopped room bookings. Videoconferencing is the main thing.
• Continually looking for new ways to support our clubs.
• We introduced the $500 start-up grant for newly constituted clubs.

VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara
• Wrapping up the strategic plan for advocacy: at consultation stage, for instance with the Indigenous Committee.
• Paying attention to who’s picked for cabinet (in BC).
• Before the end of the month, will be releasing document on what we’ll advocate on at the provincial level.
• One thing we’re focusing on is operational funding for the postsecondary sector.
  • This is a new approach: not just for AMS members.
  • Working with other student unions, maybe faculty associations, administrations: a sectoral approach.
• Also looking at discrepancies in sexual misconduct policies: advocating for minimum standards.
• Equity-based grants: grad students will be researching this for us in a course.
• UCRU federal lobbying week at the end of November.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
• I’m the acting Senior Manager of Student Services now.
• Working on communications and promotions: videos.
• We did take shots of people without masks, but any people you see close together are in each other’s bubbles. We took COVID precautions.

  Ian showed a video about Tutoring.
Questions

Emma Dodyk:
- Is there a safety plan for people in the Nest?
- Room limits?
- A return to campus plan?
- We did one for the Engineering Student Centre (ESC).

Cole Evans:
- Yes, we had to work with the University.
- We’re a bit different because we’re the sole leaseholder of the building: not like the ESC.
- We developed plans about cleaning and room capacity. A lot of those are still in effect.
- Question about the main concourse: the Nest is a semi-public building; it’s hard to regulate without shutting down or bringing in extra staff.
- We’re like a mall. We can control seating, but it’s hard to control user behaviour.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- We are discouraging clubs from having events in the Nest.
- We ended bothing, reduced seating; now we’ve stopped room bookings.
- We ask groups that have their own space to provide a safety plan which goes to our Health & Safety Committee. (Bike Kitchen, Pottery Club, etc.)

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- No report.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
- Met October 30.
- Looked at committee goals.
- Updates from VP External and VPAUA on the Academic Experience Survey, the provincial elections, and housing and financial support.
- Meeting this Friday to discuss the Sustainability Symposium.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Meeting at the end of the month.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
- Reviewing fund applications.
- Will meet next week to discuss Q2.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
- Discussed the body formerly known as the Discipline Committee.
  - In response to the discussion here, will be removing the word “discipline.”
  - The committee will now be the Ethics and Accountability Committee.
Will bring this back to Council.

- Working on updates to Code that are required because of the Bylaw amendments.
- Working on a new Policy I-23 on committee chair transitions.

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng

- Constituted eight clubs.
- Approved an ecard reader request.
- Reviewed goals.
- May be working on different ways to support club events.
- Reviewing COVID-19 policies for clubs

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu

- Discussed goals.
- Did review of Ombudsoffice.
- Reviewed Executive salaries.
- Will be working on hiring of Election Committee members and a new Speaker of Council (sad to see you go, Kareem).

The Speaker (Kareem Ibrahim):

- Me too, but Council meeting times will be conflicting with a law clinic I have to attend next term.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill

- Narrowing down our goals.
- Reaching out to clubs.
- Getting in touch with Constituencies about voter turnout and student life
- Brainstorming engagement strategies needed because of remote learning.

Indigenous Committee –

- No update.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans

- Met Tuesday.
- Will send minutes to next Council.

SHAPE – Cole Evans

- No updates.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu

- No real updates, but reached out to the Land & Food reps.
  - Hoping to coordinate a meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Chris Sundby

- We met last Friday and got the conversation going.
• Discussed what issues Affiliate students face with the AMS and UBC and also with advocacy at our own institutions, which we hope can be done better with AMS support.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
Cole Evans:
• Having a meeting this month.

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone & Max Holmes

The November Board cycle is upon us soon – materials will be posted online before the meeting. Committees are meeting on Nov 20th and Nov 24th, and full Board is on Dec 3rd. Of note, the normal tuition increase is not being discussed this cycle and will be delayed until the spring. As always, you can contact us at jeanie.malone@ubc.ca and max.holmes@ubc.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Senate –
Cole Evans:
• Meeting next week.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

• There was a question a while back from Laura on whether she was the first Indigenous person on Council, and I said we’d had an Indigenous President, Kristen Harvey, back in 2002-03.
• This made me think about Council diversity in general.
• When Caroline Wong became President in 2013, she asked if she was the first Asian President.
• I said we had Amina Rai (South Asian) in 2004-05, but Caroline said, No, East Asian, Chinese.
• But Caroline wasn’t the first Chinese President; that honour went to Mike Lee (now an MLA) in 1989.
• And Caroline wasn’t the first female President (we had six women presidents in the 1995-2004 period), but she was the first female Chinese president.
• In 2004-05 Brenda Ogembo, the VP Academic, asked if she was the first African Council member, but she wasn’t; that was Jairus Mutambikwa in 1958-59.
• And the first person of colour to serve as AMS President was Raghbir Basi, from India, in 1952-53.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:
S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

**AMS Events Halloween Event**

Ryan Wong:
- Can we get a brief overview of the governance structure of AMS Events?
- Whose responsibility was it to run the Halloween event and to follow health protocols?
- What steps are being taken to ensure this doesn't happen again?

Cole Evans:
- AMS Events is a department that functions like our business departments.
- There's a non-student manager who reports to the Managing Director, who reports to the Executive.
- It's like Food & Beverage or Conferences & Catering.
- It's not like our Services, which are under our Student Services Manager, a Council member who works closely with the Executive, even sometimes considered a sixth quasi-Executive.
- But the majority of staff in the Events Department are student staff.
- As to responsibility for following COVID-19 guidelines, I can't answer fully. I wasn't privy to the discussions.
- It was the event promoter.
- AMS Events helped with promotion, but didn't organize the event. AMS Events played a third party role.
- How ensure ample oversight?
- That's the golden question.
- This is not the first time there's been an issue with the Events Department, with them not aligning with AMS values.
- The Executive was not pleased at all.
- There will have to be changes made.
- We're still trying to decide on the best structure.
- Important points:
  - We want to ensure that the Executive is kept up to date.
  - We want to keep Council updated.
  - We want to ensure better accountability.
  - For Services, the Student Services Manager presents to Council and reports three times a year, but that doesn't happen for Events.
- These are the key areas we're looking at.

Emma Dodyk:
- In the docket there were no details about what we're discussing: what happened with this event?
Cole Evans:
- There was an event that AMS Events partnered on: a Halloween Bar Crawl.
- The event promoter sold tickets; said there would be social distance.
- There was an article in the Ubyssey covering it.
- Photos were posted by the AMS Events page.
- These were of moments that didn’t occur during the main part of the event, but they show people with no masks partying in a bar.
- They appeared on the AMS Events page: it’s as if we were advertising it afterwards.
- We shouldn’t be promoting bar crawls.

Nevena Rebic:
- What was the role of The Plug Vancouver?

Cole Evans:
- They weren’t the event promoter.
- I think they were a promotional partner like AMS Events.

Jackson Schumacher:
- It’s awesome that the Execs are talking about these issues, but is there a plan to bring a report to Council with policy changes to implement?
- Essentially, the AMS was a promoter. Are you discussing how we should be vetting the partners we promote for?
- My understanding is that there have also been maskless events besides the pub crawl: how will you prevent that inside the Nest?

Cole Evans:
- It is our full intention to change the structure in the Events Department.
- It’s not working.
- Conversations about this have been had for two years at least.
- It looked like we were turning a new leaf this year, but there are still issues.
- This reflects poorly on the organization; it’s a PR hit. People are talking about it on Reddit and UBC Confessions.
- At some point a report will come to Council: there have been too many incidents like this.
- We’ve taken the step of suspending any sort of in-person events indefinitely.
- In September and October large numbers of individuals from the Greek system were congregating in the Gallery on Fridays.
- We closed the Gallery earlier on Fridays and encouraged Tuesdays and Thursdays, but then these people switched to Thursdays.
- Food & Beverage decided to stop promoting any day of the week even before this fiasco.
- It’s frustrating for me: headlines are powerful swayers of public opinion.

Nevena Rebic:
- It was incredibly frustrating to see this online.
• From a public health and accountability perspective.
• We need to act more preventively.
• It’s not just the number of people at an event but the number in the Nest after the event.
• If you allow people the space, they’ll use it. They’re seeking social connection.
• We should be preventing this instead of having conversations afterwards.
• Can we limit the number of people in the Nest?
• We should limit the opportunities for people to gather.
• I’d like to see my Executive act compassionately: not blaming students but taking action.

Georgia Yee:
• We need to be conducive to responsible COVID behaviour.
• Working on a long overdue communications program to help people make smarter choices.
• One problem is isolation: from a public health and mental health perspective, students need to connect.
• More than ever we need COVID harm reduction: reaching out to Greek Life to have a shared campaign about how to socialize safely, like campaigns for safe sex or responsible drinking.
• The message can be that it’s preferred that people stay home, but recognizing that if they’re going to be in a social gathering, this is how you can be safe.
• Being compassionate to students.

Emma Dodyk:
• How have we gotten to a place where AMS Events can run an event like this – not following public health guidelines, not following AMS recommendations – and the Execs don’t know.
• Why is it that way?
• Is the Events department set up in a unique way?
• A lot of their events come with risks. Block Party, Welcome Back Barbecue. Drinking. The potential for things to go wrong.
• We assume the Execs are aware of the logistical decisions.
• Why is that not the case?
• The AMS should be setting an example.
• AMS Events said it’s okay to go to a bar and party.
• At the EUS we’re under a lot of pressure from the Faculty to hold events online.

Cole Evans:
• Golden question. It’s a frustrating thing.
• As you say, any event can have a potential for risk, but no Executive directly oversees the Events department.
• After the 2015-16 Block Party lost a lot of money, the Events Department was restructured to ensure better fiscal responsibility and we lost some oversight.
• Jackson asked how we decide who we align with: I’d be happy if this is the catalyst to bring changes to this department.
• I’ve been having discussions about this for years.

Rachel Chan:
• Should we mandate an Exec to oversee Events?

Emma Dodyk:
• I would like to see AMS Events follow a similar model to AMS Services.
• Is there a possibility to have that same model?
• A manager like Ian (the Student Services Manager) coming to Council and the Executive.
• I know a lot more about Services than about AMS Events.

Cole Evans:
• That model is one the Executive is looking at as ideal.
• No action yet, but that looks like the most effective way to solve these issues.

Ryan Wong:
• Can Keith comment?

Keith Hester:
• I disagree that Events aren’t under a portfolio.
• All departments are under Executive oversight.
• The Student Life Committee is supposed to oversee Events.
• The mechanisms are already there.
• We can have Events come to Council regularly so people can hear and comment.

5. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to strike an ad hoc committee to report back to Council on AMS Events structure and audit.”

Ryan Wong:
• I don’t think this is an Executive Committee thing.

Cole Evans:
• Need to talk about structure.
• Let’s table this and come back to it.

Jackson Schumacher:
• Not a good idea to direct blame.
• Keep in mind that it’s an extraordinary thing to ask students coming to college to follow COVID guidelines perfectly.
• Also need to think about Events after COVID restrictions relax.

Rachel Chan:
• Kalith is the founder and CEO of the Plug.
Shouldn’t the Executive had have some awareness of this happening?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- I am the founder and CEO, but at the office I keep The Plug out of conversations.
- It’s not in my portfolio.

Nevena Rebic:
- I can appreciate keeping lines drawn, but that doesn’t put the needs of our students first.
- I want to express my dissatisfaction with that answer.
- It’s frustrating if bureaucracy gets in the way of action.

6. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

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… No objections

7. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That Council strike an ad hoc committee to report back to Council on AMS Events structure and audit with the following composition:

- President
- Chair of Student Life Committee
- 4 x Councillors
- Chair of Governance Committee
- AMS Events Manager.”

Ryan Wong:
- Student Life is supposed to review Events.
- Governance could make Code recommendations.
- Maybe add the Managing Director.

Cole Evans:
- I like having seven members: take away the Events Manager.
- Considering that we may need to make structural changes, it’s best not to have personnel involved.

Jackson Schumacher:
- I was thinking we should add the VP Operations (i.e., Administration).

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- As VP Admin, I could replace the Events Manager.
Keith Hester:
- I really think the Managing Director should be on there as a non-voting member.
- I obviously have been involved for a number of years.
- If there’s going to be a structural change for a department under my purview, I should be involved.

Ryan Wong:
- New composition:
  - President
  - Chair of Student Life Committee
  - 4 x Councillors
  - Chair of Governance Committee
  - VP Administration
  - Managing Director (non-voting).

Cole Evans:
- That makes eight voting members.
- Usually you want an odd number.
- Could add a Councillor.

Ryan Wong:
- Five Councillors.

Mathew Ho:
- Student at Large?

Ryan Wong:
- This committee will require institutional knowledge, so it's best with just Councillors.

8. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

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- Managing Director (non-voting).”

... No objections
9. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

“Be it resolved that Ryan Wong, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Katherine Feng, and Emma Dodyk (5 x Councillors) be appointed to the ad hoc AMS Events Structure & Audit Committee effective immediately.

“Be it further resolved that Cole Evans chair the ad hoc AMS Events Structure & Audit Committee.”

… No objections

V) Submissions:

Certification report LFSUS Fall FRE Representative 2020 [SCD270-21]
Certification report MUSA Fall Elections [SCD271-21]
Certification report PhUS by-election Fall 2020 [SCD272-21]
Certification Report AUS Fall Elections [SCD273-21]
Insights West Draft AES Questions [SCD274-21]
Advocacy Committee Goals [SCD275-21]
Operations Committee Report - October 2020 [SCD276-21]
Student Life Committee October Report [SCD277-21]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: November 25, 2020

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Kristin Smith (UCRU), Mackenzy Metcalfe (UCRU), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Cecilia Raweater (student), Saad Shoaib (AMS 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 6:03 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- We are meeting on the stolen, unceded land of the Musqueam and Squamish Nations.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   Ryan Wong:
   - Add discussion on the AMS Halloween event.

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   … No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members:

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology,

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- Let me know how I can make these meetings more accessible and ensure there are no barriers.

F) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):
G) Consent Agenda Items

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

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

- Executive Committee minutes dated October 14, 2020
- Executive Committee minutes dated October 21, 2020
- Executive Committee minutes dated October 28, 2020
- Sustainability Sub Committee minutes dated October 28, 2020
- Advocacy Committee minutes dated August 18, 2020
- AMS Council minutes dated August 26, 2020
- AMS Council minutes dated September 16, 2020
- Operations Committee minutes dated August 28, 2020
- Governance Committee minutes dated October 19, 2020
- Finance Committee minutes dated October 30, 2020
- Finance Committee minutes dated October 16, 2020
- Finance Committee minutes dated September 11, 2020

... No objections

4. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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

- From the Governance Committee
  "Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled "Code Changes 2020: Policies and Strategic Plans" and thus amend the Code as recommended.

  Be it further resolved that Council amend Policy I-1 (the Policy on Policies) as presented."

- From the President
  "That the terms of Louis Retief and Alessia Rodriguez Di Eugenio (Student Members) and Ron Gorodetsky (Professional Member) on the Advisory Board be extended from December 31, 2020 until December 31, 2021."

... No objections

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

UCRU (Undergraduates at Canadian Research-intensive Universities) – Kalith Nanayakkara, Mackenzy Metcalfe, and Kristin Smith
Kalith Nanayakkara:
- I gave a UCRU presentation at a previous meeting.
- Tonight we have two guests from UCRU to speak to us.
- Mackenzy Metcalfe is the Chair of UCRU and is from Western.
- Kristin Smith is the Vice-Chair, and is from the University of Manitoba.

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
- UCRU is an informal coalition representing 250,000 students and does advocacy to the federal government.
- We are now 10 schools, having just added the University of Ottawa.
- Other federations include lots of smaller schools.
- We only represent students at the U-15 schools (the large research universities).
- UBC is a founding member.
- Your VP Kalith is chair of the UCRU Governance Committee.
- Other member schools include McMaster, McGill, Queen's, U of T, Western, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Waterloo.

Kristin Smith:
- We're an aspirational organization, looking at the long term, but we're also pragmatic.
- We produce evidence-based briefs, based on relevant research.
- We're collaborative and non-partisan: we judge policies on their merits, not on which party presents them.
- We include an Indigenous lens and an Equitable lens.

Mackenzy Metcalf:
- We're informal: Joining is simple, and so is leaving.
- As we become more formal (adopting bylaws), we intend to hold to this approach to ensure that the people who are in want to be in.
- We have lobby weeks: nationwide campaigns.
  - These include in-person meetings with politicians (online now).
- We do research briefs.

Kristin Smith:
- We also cultivate relationships with MPs' staffers and write letters to ministers.
- Our timeline is:
  - June – new board
  - July – priorities
  - August – budget submission
  - November – lobby week

Mackenzy Metcalf:
- Policy priorities:
  - Indigenous students.
  - Financial aid.
  - COVID aid.
  - International students/work permits.
- Summer jobs.
- COVID advocacy.
- Moving to lobbying outside budget cycles.
- Recruiting new U-15 schools
- Current campaign: Debt-free degree: seeking a two-year grace period on loans.
- Increasing our access to media.
- Formalization to achieve consistency.
  - Working with the member schools on bylaws.
  - Consulting lawyers.
  - The finished bylaws will go to our Executive and then to your school.
- No fee now, but looking to bring one in.
- Lack of institutional memory.
- Need full-time staff.
- Want to make sure each student union has equal access to leadership positions, but right now 40% of my time is with UCRU.

Questions
Cole Evans
- What makes UCRU different from other national coalitions?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
- We have a lot in common; we advocate for similar things.
- But we have a different structure and mandate.
- We’re only the U-15 schools, which means our members are at schools of similar size, with similar needs.

Kristin Smith:
- We are more collaborative.
- Other organizations have a board meeting once or twice a year.
- We’re always discussing.

Ryan Wong:
- How are you paying your lawyers?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
- All costs we have are split.
- Small things are absorbed by whoever is chair, so Western this year.
- The bigger items are split between the student unions: each one puts it through whatever budget line seems appropriate.

I) Consultation Period

Draft Policy I-23 Committee Chair Transition

Sebastian Cooper:
- Consulted previously on the Ethics & Accountability Committee.
- This time on a new internal policy on committee transitions.
• Currently, there’s a requirement that outgoing chairs provide transitions, but this has not been successful; there’s a lack of guidance.
• Hoping a new internal policy will help.
• A draft policy has been circulated.
• Are there any gaps?
• Should there be an honorarium?

Emma Dodyk:
• How much would an honorarium be?

Sebastian Cooper:
• Previously, it was one week’s pay for four months work, up to two weeks.

A straw poll showed 18 Councillors supporting the idea of honorariums, with none against.

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
• The newly approved Bylaws have been sent to the BC Registry.
• Next Council will bring summary.
• COVID-19:
  o Making some operational changes to adjust to the second wave.
  o Suspended all in-person events.
  o Following guidelines from the provincial health office.
  o Reduced seating. Halved in the Gallery.
• Tuition and budget consultation with UBC. Later than usual: will be next term.
• Our budget not great: Business revenue down 90%. Not much we can do about it.
• Services continue to function.
• Equity Plan: launching discussion sessions in a couple of weeks; my Equity Associate, Lily, is working on it.
• Working on policies with my assistant Justin.
• Working with Eric, the Communications Manager, on revising the AMS brand: will conduct an RFP to do more robust brand work (logo, colour scheme).

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
• Three items not in my written report.
  o Square Reader program has started:
    ▪ Excited to launch it.
    ▪ Clubs can borrow the Square readers.
  o Treasurers” survey: mostly about clubs doing 90% of their reimbursements online.
Asking Constituencies about their spending to see how we can help them with their finances for the rest of the year.

Questions
Rachel Chan:
- What can you tell us about the Health and Dental surplus?
- How did it come about?

Lucia Liang:
- The fee was decided the year before.
- For 2019-20 we decided to increase the fee to pay for additional mental health coverage.
- Expected higher intake, but because of COVID that didn’t happen.
- The surplus is the result of there being fewer claims.
- We’ll likely to do a survey to consult on what to spend the surplus on.
- There are lots of options. Want to make sure they’re feasible.
- Working with Studentcare on what they can do for us.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
- Proctorio, the saga that never ends.
- Increasing Mental Health Resources around UBC.
  - Communications brief. QPR suicide prevention.
- Climate Hub: seeking funds for the climate emergency.
- Midterm scheduling:
  - Research.
  - Concerns about exams being scheduled for 3 am for students in another time zone.
  - Mechanisms to provide alternative options.
- Respondent resource specialist:
  - New UBC position for people accused of causing harm under the sexual misconduct policy.
  - Trying to provide survivor-centric support as well.
- Naming Policy under review:
  - People in activist circles have spoken up about the naming of some of our buildings.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
- My team is working closely with the Student Leadership Conference.
  - The AMS will have a greater presence this year.
  - Not just providing a venue (the Great Hall in past years).
  - This year the event will be online.
  - Workshops on the future of education and takeaways from COVID-19.
  - Also it will be free: the first free SLC.
- Clubs:
  - New club applications have been completed; they should be hearing back from us soon.
• Reintroducing the grant for videoconferencing for Term 2.

• Sustainability:
  • Runoff garden being repaired and will be fully operational tomorrow.
  • Moving forward with Net Zero 2025 plans.

• Hatch Art Gallery:
  • Latest exhibit just ended.
  • External collaborations from outside the art scene.
  • Had to cancel the scheduled November 16 exhibit due to personal reasons. Hope to reschedule it next year.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• Any additional grants to encourage online club activities besides the ones for videoconferencing?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
• We’ve created alternative resource documents referring to companies that can help with online activities.
• We stopped room bookings. Videoconferencing is the main thing.
• Continually looking for new ways to support our clubs.
• We introduced the $500 start-up grant for newly constituted clubs.

VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara
• Wrapping up the strategic plan for advocacy: at consultation stage, for instance with the Indigenous Committee.
• Paying attention to who’s picked for cabinet (in BC).
• Before the end of the month, will be releasing document on what we’ll advocate on at the provincial level.
• One thing we’re focusing on is operational funding for the postsecondary sector.
  • This is a new approach: not just for AMS members.
  • Working with other student unions, maybe faculty associations, administrations: a sectoral approach.
• Also looking at discrepancies in sexual misconduct policies: advocating for minimum standards.
• Equity-based grants: grad students will be researching this for us in a course.
• UCRU federal lobbying week at the end of November.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone [SCD267-21]
• I’m the acting Senior Manager of Student Services now.
• Working on communications and promotions: videos.
• We did take shots of people without masks, but any people you see close together are in each other’s bubbles. We took COVID precautions.

  Ian showed a video about Tutoring.
Questions

Emma Dodyk:
- Is there a safety plan for people in the Nest?
- Room limits?
- A return to campus plan?
- We did one for the Engineering Student Centre (ESC).

Cole Evans:
- Yes, we had to work with the University.
- We’re a bit different because we’re the sole leaseholder of the building: not like the ESC.
- We developed plans about cleaning and room capacity. A lot of those are still in effect.
- Question about the main concourse: the Nest is a semi-public building; it’s hard to regulate without shutting down or bringing in extra staff.
- We’re like a mall. We can control seating, but it’s hard to control user behaviour.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- We are discouraging clubs from having events in the Nest.
- We ended bothing, reduced seating; now we’ve stopped room bookings.
- We ask groups that have their own space to provide a safety plan which goes to our Health & Safety Committee. (Bike Kitchen, Pottery Club, etc.)

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- No report.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
- Met October 30.
- Looked at committee goals.
- Updates from VP External and VPAUA on the Academic Experience Survey, the provincial elections, and housing and financial support.
- Meeting this Friday to discuss the Sustainability Symposium.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Meeting at the end of the month.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang [SCD268-21], [SCD269-21]
- Reviewing fund applications.
- Will meet next week to discuss Q2.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
- Discussed the body formerly known as the Discipline Committee.
  - In response to the discussion here, will be removing the word “discipline.”
  - The committee will now be the Ethics and Accountability Committee.
Will bring this back to Council.

- Working on updates to Code that are required because of the Bylaw amendments.
- Working on a new Policy I-23 on committee chair transitions.

**Operations Committee – Katherine Feng**

- Constituted eight clubs.
- Approved an ecard reader request.
- Reviewed goals.
- May be working on different ways to support club events.
- Reviewing COVID-19 policies for clubs

**HR Committee – Lawrence Liu**

- Discussed goals.
- Did review of Ombudsoffice.
- Reviewed Executive salaries.
- Will be working on hiring of Election Committee members and a new Speaker of Council (sad to see you go, Kareem).

The Speaker (Kareem Ibrahim):

- Me too, but Council meeting times will be conflicting with a law clinic I have to attend next term.

**Student Life Committee – Agam Gill**

- Narrowing down our goals.
- Reaching out to clubs.
- Getting in touch with Constituencies about voter turnout and student life
- Brainstorming engagement strategies needed because of remote learning.

**Indigenous Committee** –

- No update.

**Advisory Board – Cole Evans**

- Met Tuesday.
- Will send minutes to next Council.

**SHAPE – Cole Evans**

- No updates.

**Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu**

- No real updates, but reached out to the Land & Food reps.
  - Hoping to coordinate a meeting.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Chris Sundby**

- We met last Friday and got the conversation going.
- Discussed what issues Affiliate students face with the AMS and UBC and also with advocacy at our own institutions, which we hope can be done better with AMS support.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
Cole Evans:
- Having a meeting this month.

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone & Max Holmes

The November Board cycle is upon us soon – materials will be posted online before the meeting. Committees are meeting on Nov 20th and Nov 24th, and full Board is on Dec 3rd. Of note, the normal tuition increase is not being discussed this cycle and will be delayed until the spring. As always, you can contact us at jeanie.malone@ubc.ca and max.holmes@ubc.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Senate –
Cole Evans:
- Meeting next week.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- There was a question a while back from Laura on whether she was the first Indigenous person on Council, and I said we'd had an Indigenous President, Kristen Harvey, back in 2002-03.
- This made me think about Council diversity in general.
- When Caroline Wong became President in 2013, she asked if she was the first Asian President.
- I said we had Amina Rai (South Asian) in 2004-05, but Caroline said, No, East Asian, Chinese.
- But Caroline wasn't the first Chinese President; that honour went to Mike Lee (now an MLA) in 1989.
- And Caroline wasn't the first female President (we had six women presidents in the 1995-2004 period), but she was the first female Chinese president.
- In 2004-05 Brenda Ogembo, the VP Academic, asked if she was the first African Council member, but she wasn't; that was Jairus Mutambikwa in 1958-59.
- And the first person of colour to serve as AMS President was Raghbir Basi, from India, in 1952-53.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:
S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

**AMS Events Halloween Event**

Ryan Wong:
- Can we get a brief overview of the governance structure of AMS Events?
- Whose responsibility was it to run the Halloween event and to follow health protocols?
- What steps are being taken to ensure this doesn’t happen again?

Cole Evans:
- AMS Events is a department that functions like our business departments.
- There’s a non-student manager who reports to the Managing Director, who reports to the Executive.
- It’s like Food & Beverage or Conferences & Catering.
- It’s not like our Services, which are under our Student Services Manager, a Council member who works closely with the Executive, even sometimes considered a sixth quasi-Executive.
- But the majority of staff in the Events Department are student staff.
- As to responsibility for following COVID-19 guidelines, I can’t answer fully. I wasn’t privy to the discussions.
- It was the event promoter.
- AMS Events helped with promotion, but didn’t organize the event. AMS Events played a third party role.
- How ensure ample oversight?
- That’s the golden question.
- This is not the first time there’s been an issue with the Events Department, with them not aligning with AMS values.
- The Executive was not pleased at all.
- There will have to be changes made.
- We’re still trying to decide on the best structure.
- Important points:
  - We want to ensure that the Executive is kept up to date.
  - We want to keep Council updated.
  - We want to ensure better accountability
  - For Services, the Student Services Manager presents to Council and reports three times a year, but that doesn’t happen for Events.
- These are the key areas we’re looking at.

Emma Dodyk:
- In the docket there were no details about what we’re discussing: what happened with this event?
Cole Evans:
- There was an event that AMS Events partnered on: a Halloween Bar Crawl.
- The event promoter sold tickets; said there would be social distance.
- There was an article in the Ubyssey covering it.
- Photos were posted by the AMS Events page.
- These were of moments that didn’t occur during the main part of the event, but they show people with no masks partying in a bar.
- They appeared on the AMS Events page: it’s as if we were advertising it afterwards.
- We shouldn’t be promoting bar crawls.

Nevena Rebic:
- What was the role of The Plug Vancouver?

Cole Evans:
- They weren’t the event promoter.
- I think they were a promotional partner like AMS Events.

Jackson Schumacher:
- It’s awesome that the Execs are talking about these issues, but is there a plan to bring a report to Council with policy changes to implement?
- Essentially, the AMS was a promoter. Are you discussing how we should be vetting the partners we promote for?
- My understanding is that there have also been maskless events besides the pub crawl: how will you prevent that inside the Nest?

Cole Evans:
- It is our full intention to change the structure in the Events Department.
- It’s not working.
- Conversations about this have been had for two years at least.
- It looked like we were turning a new leaf this year, but there are still issues.
- This reflects poorly on the organization; it’s a PR hit. People are talking about it on Reddit and UBC Confessions.
- At some point a report will come to Council: there have been too many incidents like this.
- We’ve taken the step of suspending any sort of in-person events indefinitely.
- In September and October large numbers of individuals from the Greek system were congregating in the Gallery on Fridays.
- We closed the Gallery earlier on Fridays and encouraged Tuesdays and Thursdays, but then these people switched to Thursdays.
- Food & Beverage decided to stop promoting any day of the week even before this fiasco.
- It’s frustrating for me: headlines are powerful swayers of public opinion.

Nevena Rebic:
- It was incredibly frustrating to see this online.
• From a public health and accountability perspective.
• We need to act more preventively.
• It’s not just the number of people at an event but the number in the Nest after the event.
• If you allow people the space, they’ll use it. They’re seeking social connection.
• We should be preventing this instead of having conversations afterwards.
• Can we limit the number of people in the Nest?
• We should limit the opportunities for people to gather.
• I’d like to see my Executive act compassionately: not blaming students but taking action.

Georgia Yee:
• We need to be conducive to responsible COVID behaviour.
• Working on a long overdue communications program to help people make smarter choices.
• One problem is isolation: from a public health and mental health perspective, students need to connect.
• More than ever we need COVID harm reduction: reaching out to Greek Life to have a shared campaign about how to socialize safely, like campaigns for safe sex or responsible drinking.
• The message can be that it’s preferred that people stay home, but recognizing that if they’re going to be in a social gathering, this is how you can be safe.
• Being compassionate to students.

Emma Dodyk:
• How have we gotten to a place where AMS Events can run an event like this – not following public health guidelines, not following AMS recommendations – and the Execs don’t know.
• Why is it that way?
• Is the Events department set up in a unique way?
• A lot of their events come with risks. Block Party, Welcome Back Barbecue. Drinking. The potential for things to go wrong.
• We assume the Execs are aware of the logistical decisions.
• Why is that not the case?
• The AMS should be setting an example.
• AMS Events said it’s okay to go to a bar and party.
• At the EUS we’re under a lot of pressure from the Faculty to hold events online.

Cole Evans:
• Golden question. It’s a frustrating thing.
• As you say, any event can have a potential for risk, but no Executive directly oversees the Events department.
• After the 2015-16 Block Party lost a lot of money, the Events Department was restructured to ensure better fiscal responsibility and we lost some oversight.
• Jackson asked how we decide who we align with: I’d be happy if this is the catalyst to bring changes to this department.
• I've been having discussions about this for years.

Rachel Chan:
• Should we mandate an Exec to oversee Events?

Emma Dodyk:
• I would like to see AMS Events follow a similar model to AMS Services.
• Is there a possibility to have that same model?
• A manager like Ian (the Student Services Manager) coming to Council and the Executive.
• I know a lot more about Services than about AMS Events.

Cole Evans:
• That model is one the Executive is looking at as ideal.
• No action yet, but that looks like the most effective way to solve these issues.

Ryan Wong:
• Can Keith comment?

Keith Hester:
• I disagree that Events aren’t under a portfolio.
• All departments are under Executive oversight.
• The Student Life Committee is supposed to oversee Events.
• The mechanisms are already there.
• We can have Events come to Council regularly so people can hear and comment.

5. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to strike an ad hoc committee to report back to Council on AMS Events structure and audit.”

Ryan Wong:
• I don’t think this is an Executive Committee thing.

Cole Evans:
• Need to talk about structure.
• Let’s table this and come back to it.

Jackson Schumacher:
• Not a good idea to direct blame.
• Keep in mind that it’s an extraordinary thing to ask students coming to college to follow COVID guidelines perfectly.
• Also need to think about Events after COVID restrictions relax.

Rachel Chan:
• Kalith is the founder and CEO of the Plug.
• Shouldn’t the Executive had have some awareness of this happening?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• I am the founder and CEO, but at the office I keep The Plug out of conversations.
• It’s not in my portfolio.

Nevena Rebic:
• I can appreciate keeping lines drawn, but that doesn’t put the needs of our students first.
• I want to express my dissatisfaction with that answer.
• It’s frustrating if bureaucracy gets in the way of action.

6. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to strike an ad hoc committee to report back to Council on AMS Events structure and audit.”

… No objections

7. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That Council strike an ad hoc committee to report back to Council on AMS Events structure and audit with the following composition:

• President
• Chair of Student Life Committee
• 4 x Councillors
• Chair of Governance Committee
• AMS Events Manager.”

Ryan Wong:
• Student Life is supposed to review Events.
• Governance could make Code recommendations.
• Maybe add the Managing Director.

Cole Evans:
• I like having seven members: take away the Events Manager.
• Considering that we may need to make structural changes, it’s best not to have personnel involved.

Jackson Schumacher:
• I was thinking we should add the VP Operations (i.e., Administration).

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
• As VP Admin, I could replace the Events Manager.
Keith Hester:
  • I really think the Managing Director should be on there as a non-voting member.
  • I obviously have been involved for a number of years.
  • If there’s going to be a structural change for a department under my purview, I should be involved.

Ryan Wong:
  • New composition:
    o President
    o Chair of Student Life Committee
    o 4 x Councillors
    o Chair of Governance Committee
    o VP Administration
    o Managing Director (non-voting).

Cole Evans:
  • That makes eight voting members.
  • Usually you want an odd number.
  • Could add a Councillor.

Ryan Wong:
  • Five Councillors.

Mathew Ho:
  • Student at Large?

Ryan Wong:
  • This committee will require institutional knowledge, so it’s best with just Councillors.

8. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

  “That Council strike an ad hoc committee to report back to Council on AMS Events structure and audit with the following composition:

  • President
  • Chair of Student Life Committee
  • 5 x Councillors
  • Chair of Governance Committee
  • VP Administration
  • Managing Director (non-voting).”

... No objections
9. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

“Be it resolved that Ryan Wong, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Katherine Feng, and Emma Dodyk (5 x Councillors) be appointed to the ad hoc AMS Events Structure & Audit Committee effective immediately.

“Be it further resolved that Cole Evans chair the ad hoc AMS Events Structure & Audit Committee.”

… No objections

V) Submissions:

Certification report LFSUS Fall FRE Representative 2020 [SCD270-21]
Certification report MUSA Fall Elections [SCD271-21]
Certification report PhUS by-election Fall 2020 [SCD272-21]
Certification Report AUS Fall Elections [SCD273-21]
Insights West Draft AES Questions [SCD274-21]
Advocacy Committee Goals [SCD275-21]
Operations Committee Report - October 2020 [SCD276-21]
Student Life Committee October Report [SCD277-21]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: November 25, 2020

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
All motions carried with unanimous consent

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Jackson Dagger (Ubyssey), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Pawan Minhas (Ubyssey), Emmanuel Cantiller (student), Ben Du (student), Isabelle Ava-Pointon (AMS Chief Electoral Officer), Nicolas Williams (AMS AVP Administration), Saad Shoaib (AMS 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 6:07 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- We are meeting on stolen Musqueam land.
- It’s Indigenous Solidarity Week across the country.
- This is a time of land claims, police brutality, and pipeline issues.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   The agenda was amended by removing an Elections Committee motion.

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   ... No objections

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

   Welcome to our new Members:

   Vacancies on Council: Nursing, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology

   Goodbyes: Jake Reznik (Nursing)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

F) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):
G) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

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

Advisory Board minutes dated August 11, 2020 [SCD278-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated October 20, 2020 [SCD279-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated November 2, 2020 [SCD280-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated October 30, 2020 [SCD281-21]
HR Committee minutes dated November 6, 2020 [SCD282-21]

... Carried


4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

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

From the Governance Committee [SCD283-21], [SCD284-21]

“That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2020: Updates Resulting from Bylaw Amendments’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

From the President

“That Council suspend Section VII: Advisory Board, Article 9(2) from the Code of Procedure, effective immediately and lasting until April 30, 2021.”

“That Council suspend paragraph 15 of Policy I-9 (Executive Goal-Setting and Reporting Policy) to allow the Executive to present its progress report on goals at the next meeting of Council.”

Sebastian Cooper:
- Why are we suspending Code for the Advisory Board?

Cole Evans:
- This is the regular Code suspension we’ve done for the last two years.
- We’re still working out how the Advisory Board will work.
- For the Executive Goals suspension, the Executive is hoping it’s okay if we submit next week.
• We’ve been very occupied the last few weeks dealing with a lot of issues; the goals update has not been our focus.

Max Holmes:
• Is continually doing Code suspensions for the Advisory Board the best idea?
• Shouldn’t we be amending Code instead?
• If it’s an advisory board, it’s not fulfilling its purpose, which is to advise us.
• The minutes we received do not really fulfill that purpose.
• As to the goals postponement, is there a December Council meeting?

Cole Evans:
• Council is meeting next week.
• As to the Advisory Board, we’ve talked to them.
• For them it makes more sense to determine how it should be working going forward.
• So the advice of the Advisory Board is to wait.
• We could make Code changes, but we can’t provide direction now on what they should look like.

Max Holmes:
• I would like to remove the Advisory Board motion and put it in Other Business.

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

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

AGM Summary and Report – Cole Evans

- Super successful AGM (on Zoom). Super proud of it.
- Advance registration was 3052.
- The number who actually attended was 1625.
- When we called to order, we had 1490 present, so that was quorum.
- The meeting lasted three hours, and there were 100-plus questions.
- The results were overwhelmingly favourable, with three of the four Bylaw questions passing with more than 80% majorities.
  - The majority to pass the Records amendment was slimmer, but still 71%.
- The virtual format was very successful.
  - Feedback indicated that students enjoyed the convenience of a virtual meeting and not having to show up in person.
- The pre-registration far exceeded expectations (1500 registered in the first few hours), and over 50% of those registered actually showed up.
- Lots of positive feedback:
  - Students said they learned a lot about the AMS.
  - They liked the Town Hall portion.
- High level of interaction: 90% of those present cast votes, and there was lots of engagement in the Chat.
  - Almost too much engagement: we underestimated the time to discuss motions; we thought there’d be a couple of questions, but there were a lot more, verbally and through the Zoom Q&A feature.
  - Next time maybe we should not have so many motions on the agenda: maybe just one or two on top of the housekeeping ones.
- Handling a meeting of 1500 people was a fun challenge.
  - Have to look more at how to do that.
  - People used the Q&A function, and it was difficult to keep a speakers’ list.
- In person we don’t have a facility that could accommodate that many people, not in the Nest: we’d have to rent out the Chan Centre or the Thunderbird Arena.
- Issue with people calling the questions:
  - Of course, people have the right to do that, but they were doing it a lot.
  - Once people discovered it, it was used a number of times, even after the prize draw, as if the point was simply to get through the meeting.
  - Not sure how to handle that.
  - It meant we didn’t answer all the questions.
  - Each call the question motion got about 90% votes in favour of calling the question.
- Working on a new template for the new bylaws.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Who was doing the moderating and answering questions? Execs? Staff?

Cole Evans:
• It was a mix of Execs, my staff, Sebastian, Sheldon.

Sebastian Cooper:
• Cole and his team did a great job of providing rationales for the motions beforehand.
• Have the prize winners been announced?

Cole Evans:
• Emails have been sent out to the winners; they were asked if it’s okay to release their names.

Max Holmes:
• It was amazing to see that we were able to get a quorate AGM.
• I do have a question about the prize draw:
  o Do we really think it’s a good idea to give out prizes for democratic engagement?
  o It sets a dangerous precedent.
  o What are we going to do if we continue to offer prizes and if it becomes clear that the vast majority who attend are only there for the prizes?
  o They will try to get through the meeting quickly, calling the question ...

Cole Evans
• It’s just an assumption that the vast majority were only there for the prizes.
• It discredits why people attend.
• There were definitely people there who wanted to get a prize.
• They still voted. They didn’t have to vote.
• The Simon Fraser Student Society did this too, incentivizing with prize draws.
• You have to give students a reason to show up and vote.
• We could have adopted other approaches, for instance putting forward a motion taking a hard stance on Proctorio or against UBC charging the $230 athletic fee.
• We need to explore other ways to incentivize other than throwing money at people.
• In the past we used free food.
• It’s something to look at.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):
Cole Evans:
• The past few weeks have not been good for the Society from a PR standpoint.
• We have had a rough time in the news, on Reddit, Facebook, etc.
• It’s been tough on the organization.
• But there’s still great work happening:
  o Equity dialogue groups.
o Working with Communications on brand identity.
o Working on policy (my assistant Justin and the Governance Committee).
o Among the Executive, Kalith is talking to federal MP’s as part of UCRU’s lobbying week.
o Georgia is doing heavy lifting with the University about the climate emergency.
o Lucia is working to communicate information about our funds to students.
  ▪ The Health & Dental surplus turns out not to be from over-collection, but from under-utilization because of COVID-19, which is good to know.
o Sylvester is working on the annual Student Leadership Conference.
  • Things are going well despite the PR problems.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang

• Health & Dental survey to see how the plan can be improved. 500 responses in the first hour.
• Q2 submission in tonight’s docket.
• Finance minutes will come to the next meeting.
• Ian and his Student Services team working on collaboration with Finance for $50,000 for Food Bank, mainly for items beyond food, such as diapers, gloves, and Christmas hampers.

Questions
Sebastian Cooper:
• Will you speak about Q2 next time?

Lucia Liang:
• Q2 was a submission.
• If Council wants a presentation, I’m more than happy to give a presentation.
• The main general thing was under-spending.
• A lot of the numbers are comparing to the first June budget, but they have to be adjusted in the reforecast.
• Didn’t use September: it’s not official.

Max Holmes:
• Really helpful information.
• Curious about where the greatest revenue uncertainty is.
• How much of the decrease in business revenue is from COVID?
• How much recovery do you expect, given all the new businesses around us?

Lucia Liang:
• The main uncertainty is from the businesses.
• They’ve broken even, but usually they contribute.
- Net contribution is going to paying off building operations.
- The business budget looks like it will contain an $800,000 deficit.

Keith Hester:
- The business decline is entirely COVID-related; business down 80% from last year.
- Our competitors are actually starting to fall away; they are not as financially strong as we are.
- I’m confident we’ll come out of this stronger and recover quickly.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee**
- Indigenous Week of Action.
- Looking into a QPR suicide prevention session.
- Submitted a letter about Food Bank stats to the Board of Governors:
  - Food insecurity a trend exacerbated by COVID.
- Also a submission on affordable housing, urging wrap-up of the Stadium Neighbourhood Plan.
- Tuition consultation postponed this year.
- Will likely bring a presentation about UBC’s budget.
- Advocating for low barrier COVID support.
- Climate Emergency Fund.
- Work Learn programs.
- Centre for Accessibility.
- Collegia Program – but who knows what commuter students and collegia are going to look like?
- Proctorio:
  - Presenting to the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee.
  - Students overwhelmed this semester – proposal to undergrad societies about student workloads.
- Celebrating instructors using OER’s.
- Math 100 cheating scandal:
  - Pushing for a more compassionate approach.
  - Academic misconduct is the result of stress.
- Talk of extension of winter break: tradeoffs.
- Survey on Campus Security especially in relation to racialized students.
- Mid-term scheduling.
- Heard from the community about increased transparency around advocacy.
- Will be doing a campaign based on data obtained from the AES and the COVID survey.

**Questions**
Mathew Ho:
- Is your office doing anything about the Math 100 situation?
Georgia Yee:
- We want to be very clear that the approach should be foregrounding student well-being.
- The students should not have been receiving the sort of email they did from the instructor.
- There’s a larger issue of how UBC approaches academic misconduct: very much in a punishment way instead of building out academic integrity.
- It’s vital to understand the causes: desperation and stress.
- Had conversation earlier today with the Associate Provost.

Ryan Wong:
- Have we heard if that professor will be facing any consequences for his way of handling the Math 100 situation?
- Is someone going to tell him that’s not a professional way to act?

Georgia Yee
- We are not privy to information about the consequences.
- We want procedural fairness for the professor as well, just as we want it for the students.

Alison St. Pierre:
- Re the extension of winter break, this discussion has come up quite a bit in Education.
- Will this be at the Faculty level? How will it affect practicums? It’s different for different faculties.

Georgia Yee:
- This is one of the reasons why it’s been so difficult to schedule this extension.
- Discussions about whether this will have to be a faculty by faculty approach.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
- Despite how challenging this term has been, my team has been able to develop connections with the clubs and other subsidiaries.
- We did a Fall Engagement Survey to gauge the needs of the clubs.
- The information gathered has been instrumental in helping us navigate the situation.
- Looking into skills workshops, training modules, something on Canvas for Term 2.
- Hatch Term 2 programming.
- Sustainability: Next symposium will be the first Friday in December on recovery with a consultation lens, a just recovery.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Will the speakers for the December symposium come from diverse perspectives?
Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- With a topic like this, we’ll be setting precedents, shedding light on various barriers concerning the Climate Emergency.
- There will be a guest speaker plus Q&A.
- Working with the Climate Hub and the VPAUA team.

Sebastian Cooper:
- Re Campus Base privacy issues.
- Do we know who the people are who gained access to the site?
- Will you be implementing the recommendations in the Privacy Officer’s report?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- Yes, we are looking at implementing what Sheldon recommended.
- This was a group effort: we had a Privacy Impact Assessment committee, including Sheldon, Hong from IT, Nicolas (the AVP Administration), and myself.
- The recommendations are a consensus reached, based on the ongoing evaluation of the programs.
- They are very important; we are making sure to preserve the security of the personal information of our members.
- As to who was involved, the bug in the system was reported to us by an individual.
- We did speak to this individual, and a forensic audit showed that they downloaded the data, but we retrieved it from them.
- The data was also seen by a second individual, the reporter who wrote the article about this.
- Both have been communicated with to make sure the information has been destroyed, and we are certain that it is no longer in wrongful hands.

Ryan Wong:
- Re the Campus Culture and Performance Fund: Any updates on the selection process for adding new clubs?

Lucia Liang:
- The selection process is up to the group.
- The Finance Committee just rubber stamps.

VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara
- There’s lots going on within the AMS and for me on a personal and professional level, but here is an update for the External portfolio.
- Finished developing post-election advocacy strategy.
- Will be lobbying for increased government funding to postsecondary institutions, which could lead to a stabilization of tuition levels.
- Speaking about this with David Eby, the MLA for this area.
- Also spoke to him about the rent freeze and applying it to student housing. He said he would fight for that.
- Working to get access to grants for graduate students.
• In the middle of federal lobbying week with UCRU: advocating to federal MP’s, making solid progress.
• Then provincial lobbying in January.
  o Trying to involve other student unions.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
• Re the Math 100 situation, the Advocacy Office is aware. I expect large use of the AMS Advocacy services.
• Community food hub in Acadia Park: privately funded. Food, diapers, etc.
  o Lucia and I are working on taking money from the Child Care Bursary Fund to help pay for this.
  o Coming to Council next week.
• eHub: RBC Get Seeded event: 44 teams applied, thousands of dollars in prizes.
• I’ve taken on the role of interim Senior Manager of Student Services.
• Working with SASC.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
• Closing the Nest earlier than usual this year: December 18.
  o The campus population will go down dramatically by then.
• Recruiting for permanent Senior Manager of Student Services and a new SASC Manager.
• Masks in the Nest: Got a contact for a supplier. Paid for by the Health & Dental surplus.
• COVID safety will be an issue for the January staff meeting.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
• Just Recovery Symposium.
• Academic Experience Survey.
• Tuition.
• Provincial government lobbying.
• External Policy/Code changes.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
• Meeting next week.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
• Quarterly report.
• Loan application for $32,000.
• Request from Services/Food Bank to use the Child Care Bursary Fund.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
• Ethics and Accountability Committee.
• Draft policy on committee chair transitions.
Operations Committee – Katherine Feng
- COVID-19 club policy.
- Reviewing committee goals.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu
- Helped with hiring of Elections Committee.
- Next step is to approve at the HR Committee.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- How has hiring been affected by COVID, given that duties may change for Elections Committee members?

Lawrence Liu:
- We have updated interview questions to deal with virtual events.
- Our interviews themselves have been done over Zoom.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill
- Planned goals.
- Promoting voter turnout.
- Survey to clubs on how Student Life can support them.
- Providing input to the Sustainability team on what to do with their space.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
- No update.

Elections Committee – Isabelle Ava-Pointon
- No report.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
- Met in early November before the last Council meeting.
- Getting more concreteness on how the Advisory Board will work.
- Will meet again at the end of January.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans
- No report.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
- No report.

Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate institutions – Chris Sundby
- Met Friday.
- Wonderful conversation.
- Participation from Georgia and Sheldon.
• The GSS showed up.
• Progress on sorting out our annoyances and problems as Affiliates.

Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans
• No update.
• Hope to meet once before the winter break.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
Cole Evans:
• Meeting tomorrow.
• Good forum for Constituency presidents to share what’s going on.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes
• We’ve met a lot.
• Investment portfolio review.
• Mid-year financial review.
• Tracking well on enrollment: numbers are better than predicted.
• UBC is moving from 90’s Internet to the 2000’s.
• Recommendation to shift from five meetings to four a year, but there’s been pushback: would this limit community engagement?
• Indigenous Engagement Committee: presentations.
• Community planning presentation.
• Presentation from SUO on COVID.
• Report on workload by gender.
• Teaching and Learning update
• Well-being annual report.
• Food insecurity update: very concerning. The AMS made a submission.
• Gateway Health building.
• Amendments to Campus Plan: mostly updates.
• Sustainability report
• Full Board meets next week, December 3.

Senate – Anisha Sandhu
• At November Senate there was an attempt to include a motion on an extended course withdrawal date and an extended deadline for Credit/D/Fail, but this failed: it was sent to the Teaching and Learning Committee instead.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
• We’ll be talking about the new committee on ethics and accountability, and this reminded me of past versions of this.
• Back in the 1920’s Council set up a Vigilance Committee to spy on people doing improper things on campus (smoking, littering, loitering).
There were objections, but a general meeting upheld the plan (it didn't last long, though).

In those days the focus was not on misconduct by the Executive or Councillors, but on students at large.

One of the oddest examples of discipline involved a student named Louis Chodat in the 1930’s.

The AMS ran athletics then, and decided that Louis was not eligible to play on the rugby team (not clear why: academic standing?).

So he joined a non-UBC team.

But AMS Council said no, no, no; UBC students can't play for non-UBC teams. (But they wouldn’t let him play for the UBC team: oh, well).

When Louis ignored Council, they fined him $5, and when he refused to pay, they went to the University Administration and asked them to suspend him, which they did!

And the Ubyssey applauded, saying this demonstrated the power of student government (though conceding that it was a bit tough on poor Louis).

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD290-21], [SCD291-21]

“That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2020: Ethics and Accountability’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sebastian Cooper:

- One of the results of the consultation last time is a renaming of the committee.
- Instead of the Discipline Committee, it will be the Ethics and Accountability Committee.
- Also, after the recommendations from Councillors and checking with Kareem (the current Speaker), we’re recommending that the chair be the Speaker rather than the Ombudsperson.

Max Holmes:

- I hate to give opposite feedback to what I gave last time, but one worry I have is about the Speaker being chair: how will it work if the Speaker as chair of the committee is reporting to a Council meeting chaired by the Speaker?
- And should they be a voting member of the committee?
Sebastian Cooper:
- Great points.
- If they'd been brought up before, it would have been even better.
- The idea of having the Speaker be the chair came from their being non-partisan and having a knowledge of the rules.
- They could step aside from chairing Council while presenting a report.

Cole Evans:
- Good point from Max: It will be hard for the Speaker of Council to deliver the results of a report.
- A member of the committee could represent the committee to Council.
- We do get reports from the Speaker as the chair of Election Appeals committees.

Mathew Ho:
- Do transparency measures have to be put in Code?
- Will the committee submit a regular committee report?

Sebastian Cooper:
- These are issues for the committee to decide.
- It can determine its own rules and procedures.
- If something is confidential, they can go in camera, but the default is an open committee.
- They are very much operating as a unit of Council.

Max Holmes:
- For potential members of the committee, what’s missing is HR expertise.
- It should be made clear what resources the committee can access.
- Can it get legal advice?

Mathew Ho:
- Will the meetings be open?

Cole Evans:
- Probably this committee will go in camera a lot.
- It will depend on the case and be up to the committee.

7. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

Carried

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

From the President
“That Council suspend Section VII: Advisory Board, Article 9(2) from the Code of Procedure, effective immediately and lasting until April 30, 2021.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

9. MOVED MAX HOLMES:

“That the motion be amended to have the suspension last only until February 15.”

... No objections

10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

From the President
“That Council suspend Section VII: Advisory Board, Article 9(2) from the Code of Procedure, effective immediately and lasting until February 15, 2021.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes:
- I don’t want to keep suspending the Code.
- I want to examine the value we get from this body.

Sebastian Cooper:
- When this is brought back, maybe we can get a formal report from the Advisory Board saying why this has been delayed, explaining the rationale and also the long-range plan.

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

From the President
“That Council suspend Section VII: Advisory Board, Article 9(2) from the Code of Procedure, effective immediately and lasting until February 15, 2021.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds


Abstained: Laura Beaudry

12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

“That AMS Council refer the case of the Vice-President External Affairs and his apparent conflict of interest to the Ethics and Accountability Committee for review.”

Cole Evans:
- This is fairly straightforward.
- There is lots of supporting material.
- We could go in camera to discuss in detail.

Nevena Rebic:
- There is new information behind this motion, raising new questions about the Halloween pub crawl, the conflict of interest involving the VP External and the Plug, the health impact on students, and the fact that leaders need to think about the impact of their actions.
- I’d like to see a clear evaluation of what we know now and how it pertains to the Halloween event.
- This doesn’t sit right with me.
- There are procedural issues to address.

Cole Evans:
- Procedurally, it was inappropriate for me to state things about a perceived conflict of interest.
- I kept things factual.
- It’s up to the committee to decide what to focus on, if it wants to expand its scope.
- I’m not in a position to recommend what the committee should or should not do.
- It’s important that I not make assumptions on things that I’m not 100% sure about.
- The committee can look at anything it wants.

Max Holmes:
- The Code for this committee doesn’t give it that sort of leeway.
- It’s to review issues referred to it by Council.
• The language is broad about procedures: the committee can set procedures for how to handle an issue, but not for what is sent to it.
• Nothing prevents Council from sending something new to it.

Cole Evans:
• My bad. Max is correct. The committee can’t just look at anything.

13. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER:
“That the motion be amended to replace ‘his’ with ‘the’.” … No objections

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

“That AMS Council refer the case of the Vice-President External Affairs and the apparent conflict of interest to the Ethics and Accountability Committee for review.”

Mathew Ho:
• Will the work of this committee affect the Ad Hoc Committee on Events?

Cole Evans:
• It’s hard to tell what the committee will do.

Nevena Rebic:
• Can we task this committee to come up with rules on conflict of interest?

Sebastian Cooper:
• There are rules on that in the Code already.

Max Holmes:
• I have never seen a proactive report of conflicts of interest.
• The AMS may need to update its procedures.
• May need to make a staff member responsible for this.
• Could send to the Governance Committee.

Cole Evans:
• Another thing for Governance.
• AMS conflict of interest rules are almost entirely self-governing.
• It’s up to Directors to declare.
• There’s no structure in place, no centralized system.
• A system similar to what we have for elections might work:
  o At the beginning of your term as Director, you declare any conflicts of interest.
  o For instance, if you’re on the board of the TD Bank, you would have to declare a conflict of interest on all issues of banking.
Nevena Rebic:
- Can we also think about proactive actions about student health?
- Look at the lack of action that may have put students at risk.
- It’s not just about appropriate actions to avoid conflict of interest.

15. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

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... Carried


Abstained: Elsabe Fourie, Kalith Nanayakkara, Sherly Prince

U) Discussion Period

AMS-Wide Managerial Updates (in camera discussion for Directors only)

The meeting went in camera at 8:48 pm and came out of camera at approximately 11:30 pm.

V) Submissions:

- AMS Sustainability December Symposium Outline [SCD293-21]
- Finance Committee Q2 Report [SCD294-21], [SCD295-21]
- Campus Base Update [SCD296-21]
- NOVALSYS Privacy update [SCD297-21]

Email vote:

The following motion passed without objection in an email vote held before the meeting.

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

“That Kristian Oppenheim be appointed to the HR Committee for a period effective immediately and ending a Council meeting in May 2021.”

... No objections

W) Next Meeting: December 2, 2020

X) Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Emily Pearson (Assistant Student Services Manager), Emmanuel Ruba, Bahareh Jokar (Studentcare), Kristin Foster (Studentcare), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Ben Du (student), Shivani Mehta (AVP Academic), Julia Burnham (Senator), Isabelle Ava-Pointon (Chief Electoral Officer), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- We are on stolen Musqueam lands, which is something you should reflect on in your work.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKARRA:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:
   - Add a Health and Dental Plan presentation.
   … No objections

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKARRA:
   “That the agenda be amended to add two motions: one on Food Bank funding, the other on the Arts Student Centre.”
   … No objections

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKARRA:
   “That the agenda be accepted as amended.”
   … No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Shovon Das (Science)
- Science has 9,000+ students, so is entitled to another seat.
- Shovon, the SUS President, will fill it until an election can be held in January.

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS

Goodbyes: Maryam Tayyab (GSS)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

_The Speaker reminded Councillors how to get in touch with him and his soon to be named successor._

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

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

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented (simple majority).”

SLC minutes dated November 9, 2020 [SCD298-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 4, 2020 (corrected) [SCD299-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 18, 2020 [SCD300-21]

From the HR Committee

“Be it resolved that Stanley Ormotor be appointed to the position of Chief Returning Officer for a period effective December 1, 2020, and lasting until March 15, 2021.”

“Be it further resolved that Mona Zilinskaite be appointed to the position of Events Officer for a period effective December 1, 2020 and lasting until March 15, 2021.”

“Be it further resolved that Siddharth Khandelwal be appointed to the position of Communications Officer for a period effective December 1, 2020, and lasting until March 15, 2021.”

... Carried


6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LAWRENCE LIU:

“That the following consent item be accepted as presented (2/3s).

[SCD301-21], [SCD302-21], [SCD303-21]
That Council execute the Arts Student Centre building use agreement as recommended by AUS Council.”

... Carried


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

Election Changes – Isabelle Ava-Pointon (Chief Electoral Officer)

- Because of the pandemic, we’re making changes in order to run a fully virtual election while still following the Code.
- Given the public health guidelines, using polling stations does not seem safe.
- We don’t want any gathering indoors.
- Without polling stations, we won’t need poll clerks.
- We’re going to have nomination forms obtained and submitted electronically, so no one is made uncomfortable.
- Also don’t want to disadvantage people with immunity issues.
- Also suspending in person campaigning.
  - Don’t want some people feeling pressured to do this because others are doing it.
- Want to protect candidates, voters, and election administrators.
- Hardly anyone votes at the polling stations anymore; they’re mostly for publicity, but no one will be in the Nest anyway.
- Will still put up posters and digital ads in the Nest as reminders, just not human reminders.
- Ramping up a social media campaign.
- If someone circulates campaign buttons, that will be an election offence, and the Elections Committee will have to decide on remedies.
  - I’d consider that a severe breach of the rules if people put their political career ahead of people’s health.
- We’ll respond to complaints from other candidates or the general public.
- Not surveilling everywhere, as we don’t any year.
- My priority is to run a safe election.

7. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG: [SCD304-21], [SCD305-21]

“Be it resolved that until the end of the AMS Executive election period in March 2021 Council suspend the provision of Code requiring that candidates submit their nomination forms in person [Section IX A, Article 2(2)(c)] and also the provisions of Code requiring there to be polling stations and poll clerks [Section IX A, Article 1B(2)(i) and (j), Article
"Be it further resolved that until the end of the AMS Executive election period in March 2021 Council suspend the provisions of Code permitting in-person campaigning [Section IX A, Article 2(6)(f)(i), (ii), (v), and (vi).]."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (22): Agam Gill, Anissa Meghji, Chris Sundby, Christian Bailey, Cole Evans, Daniel Martin, Elsabe Fourie, Jackson Schumacher, James Chen, Jimmy Kim, Joshua Kim, Katherine Feng, Kevin Kang, Laura Beaudry, Lucia Liang, Mathew Ho, Nadir Nurali, Nevena Rebic, Rachel Chan, Ryan Wong, Sebastian Cooper, Shovon Das

Abstained: Kalith Nanayakkara, Kristian Oppenheim, Rio Picollo

Services Update – Ian Stone (Student Services Manager) and Emily Pearson (Assistant Student Services Manager)

Emily Pearson:
- We have seven services, including the new one in development (Housing).

Ian Stone:
- Our aim for all our Services is to be Supportive, In Demand, and Accessible.
- Advocacy Service:
  - For things like the Math 100 cheating scandal.
  - 105 interactions this year through October 31.
  - Running smoothly.
  - Half the cases are about academic misconduct, half about non-academic misconduct.
  - Discussing systemic issues with the UBC Ombudsperson and the VP Academic & University Affairs.

Emily Pearson:
- eHub:
  - RBC Get Seeded event held virtually, went well.
  - Usage: about 400.
  - Working with VP Finance to provide monetary support.
  - $13 per interaction, our smallest cost.

Ian Stone:
- Food Bank:
  - Our most used service right now.
  - Over 1,000 people through November 27. Wild.
  - So many people coming out to get food.
It’s unfortunate, but it’s exciting to be able to help. COVID-19 has been so devastating.

Emily Pearson:
- Peer Support: first year of the restructuring (combining the old Speakeasy and Vice services).
- Automated the process for appointments.
- Focusing on outreach.
- Hoping to do something with art.
- Instagram account.
- $449 per interaction. Looking to get that down a bit.

Ian Stone:
- Definitely not ideal. We were late launching.
- Working on videos for Term 2: reaching out to people who are struggling.
- Anticipating the cost going down.

8. MOVED IAN STONE, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That the presentation be extended by seven minutes.”

… No objections

Ian Stone:
- Safewalk:
  - A bit lower because fewer people on campus.
  - 147 uses as of November 27.
  - For safety, we’re not operating the car.
  - A lot who might have used transportation are not here.
  - Going to be more on campus soon.
  - New shuttles are coming.
  - New dispatch system.

Emily Pearson:
- Tutoring:
  - Signed a new contract with Nimbus.
  - 612 interactions.
  - Outreach: micro-targeting has led to an uptick in usage.
  - One of the first promotional videos was for Tutoring.
  - Stock photos.
  - $62 per interaction. Likely to go down as outreach continues.

Ian Stone:
- Housing:
  - Not quite launched yet.
  - Developing an operations manual.
  - Looking to develop a housing database.
- Financial Overview:
  - Huge increases in donations to Food Bank.
  - Increase in private tutoring, which brings in money.
o Less wages on Safewalk.
o More spent on Food Bank supplies.
o More on advertising.
o In the next two quarters expecting more Food Bank donations, normal funding from partners.
o Looking to hire through Work Learn; looking for external funding – to help in these difficult times.
o Looking at alumni donations.

9. MOVED IAN STONE, SECONDED NADIR NURALI:

“That the presentation be extended for 10 more minutes.”

... No objections

Ian Stone:
- Strategic Initiatives:
  - Data Collection:
    - New software for Safewalk, tracking where people are, targeting where people go.
    - Integrating our platforms.
    - See who we serve and who we don’t: need to do a better job targeting the latter.
  - Lots of people work in Services:
    - Want to make them feel valued so we get the best people.
    - Restructured the hiring process to make it more engaging and fun.
    - Group interviews to see how people interact.

Emily Pearson:
- Investing in our People.
  - Not just for Services.
  - Opportunity to standardize.
  - Have had interest from Executives and Clubs.
  - Partnering with the Equity Associate.
  - Reaching out to diverse groups.
  - Working with the Centre for Student Involvement and Careers.
  - Staff opportunities, volunteer opportunities.
  - Doing a survey on previous training.
  - Hosted on Canvas.
- Marketing and Outreach:
  - Especially important on a virtual campus.
  - Held a branding workshop for all Services.
  - Commercials, photos, reaching students to make them aware of what we offer.
  - Art Wall installation: a creative way to engage the student body.

Questions

James Chen:
- What is Safewalk’s historical average cost per interaction?
Ian Stone:
- I don’t have that information on hand.
- Last year we had 4500 walks, so there was a low cost per interaction then.

Mathew Ho:
- Will you be expanding Tutoring?

Emily Pearson:
- We are looking to expand the courses we cover.
- Need to determine areas of interest.
- Been recruiting.

Mathew Ho:
- What about the mental health of volunteers?

Ian Stone:
- One of our Services is Peer Support.

Nadir Nurali:
- How has usage been changing due to the virtual environment?

Emily Pearson:
- It varies.
- Up for Tutoring and Advocacy because of the virtualization of those services.

Ian Stone:
- Group tutoring is down; private is up.
- Pretty confident changes like these are COVID-related.

Mathew Ho:
- Can we hear more about the outreach campaigns?

Emily Pearson:
- Not yet launched, but we will be reaching out.

Nadir Nurali:
- Is all the confidential data protected?

Ian Stone:
- No information is shared on platforms that are not vetted properly.
- The idea is not to collect information we don’t need.
- Peer Support can be done with people using fake names.

Laura Beaudry
- Will you be consulting with the Musqueam about artwork and design?
Emily Pearson:
- We will definitely be working with the Musqueam and other communities about our art installation.

**Financial Statements – Lucia Liang**

- Total assets: $126 million.
  - Mostly property: the Nest (81.6%).
  - Investments: 15.2%.
  - Cash, Art collection, Inventories (food).
- Liability: $94 million.
  - Mostly debt (loan on Nest): 62.5%
  - Deferred capital contribution to UBC: 24.4%
  - Accounts payable: 13.1%.
- Net Assets: $31.4 million.
- Revenues: $24.6 million.
  - 47.7% student fees
  - 45.7% Health & Dental Plan fees
  - 4.5% Student activities
  - Business contribution: negative (deficit): -1.7%
  - 1.9% fossil fuel free investments.
  - Health and dental premiums: 45.3%.
  - Funds: 35.9%.
  - Property investment (amortization of debt): 9.6%.
  - Interest on debt: 9.2%.
- Revenue over expenses: $2.2 million: mostly from H&D plan.
- AMS deficit: $4.24 million.
  - From paying for the Lower Level of the Life Building and from COVID-19.
- AMS debt was $65 million (to pay off the building over 35 years through a loan from UBC).
- Refinanced the loan through RBC at a lower interest rate.
- Borrowed an additional $5 million, raising the debt to $70 million.
- Now have reduced the payment time to 19 years, saving $70 million.
- Higher payments per year.
- Current debt is $58.8 million (for the building).

**Questions**

Laura Beaudry:
- What about defunding from RBC?
- They fund fossil fuel companies.

Keith Hester:
- We changed our investment policy in 2018.
- We no longer invest in fossil fuel companies.
- But we have not divested from companies that fund fossil fuel companies.
- Could have a discussion on that.
Executive Goals Update – Executive Team

Cole Evans:
- We are required to do a presentation on our midterm update.
- Most is in the report.
- Georgia is away; when she returns she will send in her content.
- Collective goals:
  - Adapt and respond to COVID: business, building, advocacy, services. Relatively effective.
  - Student engagement: Lots of progress, reinvigorating the Communications Department; working on a new brand package; going beyond “We’ve Got Your Back.”
  - Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: More work than any other year. Anti-racism programming. In response to calls to be proactive.
- President’s Goals:
  - Branding. With Communications.
  - AMS Equity Plan: working with our consultant Adeline to make our systems more equitable for students.

Kalith Nanayakkara, VP External’s Goals:
- Financial aid:
  - Successful removal of interest from federal student loans for a couple of years.
  - Researching equity-based grants.
  - Advocating for more postsecondary operational funding.
- Provincial election work:
  - Polling station in the Nest.
  - Get Out the Vote campaign.
  - Hosted an all-candidates debate.
- External relations:
  - Collaboration and collective advocacy.
  - Building new relationships.
  - Developing existing ones.
  - UCRU, BCFS, ABCS.

Lucia Liang, VP Finance’s Goals:
- Upgrading financial systems:
  - Cloud-based financial management platform: currently entirely online.
  - Working on an app.
  - Economical ticket provider: negotiated costs down.
  - Money transfers by event rather than by month.
- Increased accessibility of funds:
  - Reducing barriers to access.
  - Grants instead of reimbursements.
  - More newsletters.
  - Rubric structure.
  - Increasing money available.
Increasing the U-Pass subsidy.

Creating Financial Analyst position:
  o For advice.
  o Developing JD to make sure they're well integrated into the Society.

Sylvester Mensah Jr., VP Administration’s Goals:
  • Supporting clubs:
    o CampusBase: over 17,000 have joined, and subsidiaries are on the platform.
    o Clubs survey: 118 respondents, providing information to let us support the clubs. A second survey will come in second term to see the use of CampusBase.
  • Dynamic Hatch Art Gallery presence:
    o Adapting offerings to virtual environment.
    o Three exhibitions, diverse range of content.
    o Collaborating with the Black Student Union.
    o More progress on digitization of the permanent collection, putting more online.
    o Commitments from two professors to include our art in their curriculum.
  • Ambitious and Collaborative Sustainability approach:
    o Sustainability symposiums: December’s on Just Recovery.
    o Progress on the Interactive Sustainability Centre.

Questions
Kristian Oppenheim:
  • Do you know how many daily users there are on CampusBase?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
  • No, but’s an interesting statistic that CampusGroups would be happy to introduce.

AMS Health & Dental Plan – Bahareh Jokar & Kristin Foster (Studentcare)  [SCD310-21]

10. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED JAMES CHEN:

  “That the presentation be extended by 10 minutes to be 20 minutes long.”

  … No objections

Bahareh Jokar:
  • Studentcare goes back to 1996.
  • We’re Canada’s largest provider of student health services.
  • Rooted in student governance; most of us have experience in student government.
  • 120 staff: a robust team.
  • Core functionalities:
    o Work with the Health & Dental Plan Committee to help negotiate with insurers.
    o Back end administration.
    o Manage the Health and Dental plan student experience.
• With the AMS since 2000.
• Been re-selected over and over by the AMS.
• Serve 43,000 UBC students.
• $7 million in claims in 2019-20.
• Integrated with Pharmacare and other public programs.
• Group insurance is cheaper than individual insurance plans and is non-discriminatory re sex or pre-existing conditions.

Kristin Foster:
• We provide networks of service providers (dentists, pharmacies, etc.) with whom we negotiate lower rates, so you get more than what you pay for.
• This means money never leaves your pocket: better than getting a reimbursement.
• Discounts from dentists and pharmacies, and not just for drugs, but other items sold at pharmacies.
• There are different insurance models; the AMS plan uses refund accounting, which is medium risk.
• This works for well-established student associations with the resources to absorb risk.
• Fees are paid by the students, premiums are paid by the AMS to the insurer, claims are paid by the insurer.
• Can be shortfall or surplus. AMS reserves can cover shortfall.
• If claims are lower than usual, there’s a surplus.
• In March-June 2020 COVID restrictions meant students couldn’t use the plan as much as normal; couldn’t go to a physiotherapist or eyeglass store: that’s where the surplus came from for this year.
• 90% of costs are from claims. The rest goes to administration, taxes, etc.

Bahareh Jokar:
• 2019-20 medical claims: Despite COVID, still paid out $3.55 million: 43% for drugs, 25% for paramedical services, 20% for vision.
  o Enhancement of benefits for 2019-20: increased the psychological benefit from $300 to $500.
  o That increased the number of claims by more than 100%, from 240,000 to 488,000.
• Dental data:
  o $4.2 million in claims.
  o That took the biggest hit in 2019-20 because dental experiences changed the most; people could still get drugs, but had to reschedule dentist visits.
• Removal of permanent opt-outs:
  o Something we’re recommending.
  o Implemented a long time ago but doesn’t serve any purpose anymore.
  o Most choose to opt out annually anyway.
  o If a person opts out permanently, they have to pay a fee to come back in.
• More support for international students: Want to make it easy for international students to remove themselves from the plan.
• Looking at legal services: would like to do a survey to evaluate student need for legal support.
• Looking at managing the surplus.
- These are restricted funds that can only be used for health-related expenditures.

**Questions**

Ryan Wong:
- How expensive is it to re-enroll if you've permanently opted out?

Bahareh Jokar
- 50% of the plan fee.

Kristin Foster:
- This is one of the last plans to still have a permanent opt-out.
- The AMS was one of the first plans.
- Technology has evolved; opting out (annually) is easier to do now.
- This is an unnecessary old clause

I) Consultation Period

**Extended Winter Break, Credit/D/Fail, Withdrawal Extension**

Cole Evans:
- UBC is discussing an extension of the withdrawal deadline, which will probably happen.
- They're also discussing extending the Credit/D/Fail deadline; that's probably not going to happen.
- The big topic is the extension of the winter break.
  - Senate is discussing whether to extend the break from January 4 to January 11.
  - I'm confident that will pass.
  - This will mean changes on the back end: a pushing back of when classes end by a few days.
  - Will also mean having exams on Sundays.

**Questions**

Sebastian Cooper:
- Will the AMS take a public position on the winter break?

Cole Evans:
- I don't think so. Letting Student Senate Caucus take the lead.
- And we don't need to: it's going to happen.

Ryan Wong:
- Has the Student Senate Caucus taken a side?

Cole Evans:
- They voted in favour, but have not issued a public statement.
Jeanie Malone:
- Did we advocate?

Cole Evans:
- Yes, we spoke in favour of an extended winter break and deadline extensions for Credit/D/Fail and Withdrawals.

Varada Saha:
- Can faculties decide not to extend the break?
- In Dentistry, we don’t have a reading break.

Julia Burnham:
- Dentistry has its own academic calendar, so it won’t be affected.
- A lot of the health sciences will not be able to take part in the break.

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- Thanks to Kareem for their service to AMS Council.
  - Kareem is going to be doing a criminal law clinic on Wednesday nights, so will not be able to continue as Speaker.
- Athletics and Rec Fee:
  - The $200 fee the University charges is separate from the $21 AMS fee.
  - Been talking with the University administration about the importance of not charging that fee next semester; it’s dependent on the Board of Governors meeting.
- Uber Eats coupons for Councillors had issues.
- Hope everyone has a good break.
- Here’s hoping 2021 will be the rebound year we so desperately need.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
- Working on budget.
- Wrapping up loose ends on funds.
- Preparing for subsidies and Term 2 opt-outs.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
- Sustainability symposium on Just Recovery this Friday: look forward to seeing you then.
- Art installation project in hallway of Life basement: murals depicting sustainability efforts.

VP External – Kalith Nanayakkara
- UCRU federal lobby week.
Speaking to 60 MP’s.
- Happy to hear that there will be elimination of federal student loan interest for two years. Going to push for permanent removal.
- Investment in Canada Summer Jobs program.
- It’s encouraging to see advocacy come to fruition.

- SkyTrain: Sent a letter to support a national transportation plan.
- Arrest and detainment of Loujain al-Hathloul, a former UBC student, in Saudi Arabia.
  - Drafting a letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, with the GSS and UBC SUO.
- Provincial advocacy issues:
  - Housing affordability
  - Accessibility for Indigenous students
  - Funding for postsecondary institutions.
- Meeting MLA’s in January. Meeting Bowinn Ma, a former AMS Councillor, who’s the government minister responsible for SkyTrain. Also meeting Anne Kang, the Minister of Advanced Education.

Questions
Sebastian Cooper:
- Will you send the letter about Loujain al-Hathloul to the Saudi embassy?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Good idea. I think we will.

Nevena Rebic:
- Any U-Pass updates?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Not much can be said now.
- This issue involves more that just the AMS.
- But there will be news on Friday.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
- I’ve already spoken.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Working on next version of the budget.
- COVID safety plans are on the website.
- Congratulations to Kareem.
- Happy holidays to everyone.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
- Provincial lobbying.
• UCRU.
• Credit/D/Fail and winter break extension.
• Tuition consultation.
• External Policy Manual: not updated for years. Have created a working group to look at our external policies.

**Steering Committee – Cole Evans**
• No update.

**Finance Committee – Lucia Liang**
• Meeting this Friday for funds approval.

**Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper**
• Working on Policy I-22.

**Operations Committee – Katherine Feng**
• Constituted the Biochem Club.
• Eastside furniture consultation.
• Policy Manual amendments.

**HR Committee – Cole Evans for Lawrence Liu**
• Approved Elections Committee appointees.
• Will work on Speaker of Council next.

**Student Life Committee – Agam Gill**
• Communications with Constituencies re elections.
• New club survey on how we can better support them.

**Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry**
• No report.

**Ethics & Accountability Committee – Kareem Ibrahim**
• Will convene first meeting soon.

**Advisory Board – Cole Evans**
• No update.

**SHAPE – Cole Evans**
• No update.

**Fermentation Lab Committee – Cole Evans**
• Got word from UBC that a new Food and Beverage Inn Centre has received Executive 1 approval.
• Originally the Lab was going to be at the UBC Farm.
• That looks like it will be changed to this new location near the Engineering Student Centre on the north side of the Health Sciences Parkade.
• It’s an open plot that has been identified as a good spot.
• Aiming for Fall 2023 completion date.

Affiliate Institutions – Chris Sundby
• No update.

Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans
• No update.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Cole Evans
• Met last week.
• Good chat, updates.
• Talked about successes and struggles.
• Opportunity to hear what each of us is doing, sharing the experience of being a student leader. Sort of a therapy session.

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone
• Meeting tomorrow.
• Have met a lot lately.
• Campus Plan changes.
• Aligning pieces to bring things in line with Green Action Plans etc.
• Tuition discussion delayed.

Senate – Anisha Sandhu
• Will hear soon about withdrawal deadline and winter break extension.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
• Last time I talked about the sad case of Louis Chodat, fined and suspended for playing on a non-UBC rugby team after being ruled ineligible to play on the UBC team.
• Somebody asked what happened to him, so I did some digging.
• First of all, his $5 fine would be about $95 in today’s money.
• Secondly, it turns out that the rugby he played was “Canadian rugby,” i.e., football.
• His father was a professor of French at UBC, and his sister took a nursing degree, but it looks like Louis never graduated.
• He seems to have left UBC after the fine and suspension (I should note the suspension was only for one day), and he appears in the Ubyssey in later years playing for non-UBC teams against UBC – but there were no penalties, presumably because he was no longer a UBC student.
• He got married in 1940, served in the war, was on the electoral roll in Vancouver Quadra in 1963 as a “plant super,” and died in 1978.
P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD311-21], [SCD 312-21]

From the Finance Committee
“That the AMS Council approve $58,500 for the Community Food Hub from the AMS Childcare Bursary Fund.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Lucia Liang:
- We have a childcare bursary fund that is underspending.
- We’ve looked for what initiatives might be available to be funded, and Ian provided one.

Ian Stone:
- There’s a professor at UBC who is providing food and childcare supplies (formula, diapers) to families in need.
- The professor has been spending $1500 a week, so we’re requesting $58,500 to have the AMS Food Bank carry this on until next year.
- We see this as an opportunity to reach out into the community.

Emma Dodyk:
- Is this professor doing this out of the goodness of their heart?
- Are they being reimbursed?

Ian Stone:
- Out of her own pocket.
- Bewildering but awesome.
- That’s why we want to take it over.
- It’s Dr. Jennifer Katz: she’s featured in a Ubyssey article.
- There’s a question of whether we have the capacity: will we end up spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on families in need?
- Should UBC take this over?
- We’re just part-time students.
- But very open to making this as successful as possible.
- Happy to consider ways of serving the greater UBC community.
12. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee

“That the AMS Council approve $58,500 for the Community Food Hub from the AMS Childcare Bursary Fund.”

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T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

V) Submissions:

NUS Fall election certification report [SCD313-21]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: January 13, 2021

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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