

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubysey), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Jason Pang (AMS Sustainability), Claire Ewing (AMS Sustainability), Lorris Leung (AMS Senior Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, with Kalith Nanayakkara in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- Many of us are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded lands of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- Others are calling from other locations.
- I hear land acknowledgements all the time, but I encourage you to reflect on the land that you're on and the role we play as settlers.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED JOSHUA KIM:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That the agenda be amended to add a budget reforecast presentation and motion.”

... No objections

3. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED JOSHUA 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: Library-Archival, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x2

Goodbyes: Rio Picollo (Library-Archival)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

Kalith Nanayakkara:

- I'm subbing in for Cole.
- He's at the election debates and should be here soon.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED NADIR NURALI:

"That the following consent agenda items be accepted as presented (simple majority)."

Executive Committee minutes dated February 3, 2021	[SCD371-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 10, 2021	[SCD372-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated January 18, 2021	[SCD373-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated February 2, 2021	[SCD374-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated January 27, 2021	[SCD375-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated February 10, 2021	[SCD376-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated January 27, 2021	[SCD377-21]
Clubs and Societies Working Group minutes dated October 7, 2020	[SCD378-21]
Clubs and Societies Working Group minutes dated October 9, 2020	[SCD379-21]
Clubs and Societies Working Group minutes dated October 23, 2020	[SCD380-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated January 25, 2021	[SCD381-21]
AMS Council minutes dated December 2, 2020	[SCD382-21]
Ethics & Accountability Committee minutes dated January 14, 2021	[SCD383-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated December 4, 2020	[SCD384-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated January 21, 2021	[SCD385-21]

... No objections

5. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR., SECONDED ANISSA MEGHJI:

"That the following consent agenda items be accepted as presented (2/3^{rds})."

"That AMS Council correct the error from the November 12, 2020 minutes of Council and correctly label the date of Operations Committee minutes as being from October 28, 2020 and not August 28, 2020."

... No objections

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

Budget reforecast – Lucia Liang and Keith Hester

[SCD386-21]

Lucia Liang:

- Assumptions:
 - Enrollment of 55,000 students (hopeful, based on what the University is telling us).
 - Investment contribution of \$500,000: on target from the original budget.
- Changes:
 - Delayed hiring of student staff – updated.
 - Wage increase.
 - Reduction in Events budget.
 - No All-Presidents Dinner.
 - Increased Student Services revenue, especially from Food Bank.
- Expenses down.
- Revenue down too (mostly from reduction in business contribution).
- Deficit of \$666,414 projected.
- Ancillary services expenses down, mainly because of Events.
- Overall expenses down \$200,000.

Keith Hester:

- We were predicting \$771,000 revenue from the businesses.
- We were still hopeful (in September) that there would be in person classes in January.
- We have had to revise the revenue estimate downwards (to \$92,000).

Questions

Ray Hua:

- The Sustainable Food Access fee and two others are listed twice.

Lucia Liang:

- That's a mistake. A small mistake.

Ray Hua:

- It's \$120,000. I wouldn't call that small.

Keith Hester:

- It looks like an error.

Ray Hua:

- Is this error carried through to your other projections?

Keith Hester:

- Quite possibly.

Ray Hua:

- Will this be corrected?

Keith Hester:

- Yes.

Sebastian Cooper:

- What is the plan to get us back to positive?

Keith Hester:

- The \$666,000 deficit is the reforecast.
- That's assuming all the expenditures will be made.
- Typically we don't spend quite as much as we project, so we hope the deficit will be lower.
- As to how to recover, when the pandemic is over we will hopefully see revenue go up quite rapidly.

Ray Hua:

- Was there any change in how admin and HR overhead is defined between the Q1 update and this?
- It seems these overhead lines are 50% less: a huge drop.

Keith Hester:

- We changed the way we present them.
- Previously we showed 50% borne by business and 50% by student government, but this time we wanted to show business without overhead and then overhead in total.
- That's why it looks different.

Discussion of whether a motion is needed to accept the reforecast and whether an amendment should be added to correct the duplication error.

Decision to table until the President arrives.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans

- away

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.

[SCD388-21]

- Finalized new club constitutions last week; will go to the Operations Committee next week.
- AMS staff Canvas course, to be released to whole student body.
- Hatch Art Gallery: Finalizing new digital rights contract to send to artists.
- Sustainability symposium March 5 with Regenesi from other student unions.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee

- away

VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara

- Chairing Council for the first time.
- Equity-based grants research ongoing:
 - Hope for final report by the end of the semester.
- Advocacy on funding for postsecondary education.
- Advocacy for SkyTrain to UBC:
 - Different approach: Highlighting benefits for whole region.
- UCRU strategic plan underway:
 - Issue of graduate students.
 - Looking into advocacy for grad students within UCRU.
 - The AMS is unique in representing both undergrads and grad students.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Budget reforecast.
- Working on next year's budget.
- Mid-March kickoff for orientations for next year.
- Lorris working on update to Services Review.
- Working on a businesses presentation.

VP Finance – Lucia Liang

[SCD387-21]

- Processed 642 U-Pass subsidies.
- Also 1,960 Health & Dental Plan subsidies.
- Mental health coverage under the Plan is being increased to \$1,000, retroactive to the beginning of this school year.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone

- Services running smoothly.
- RBC Get Seeded event (the second one) will happen next month.
- Peer Support is doing harm reduction events
- Housing Service: Panel today about co-op housing.
- Not only is the Executive turning over, but my position is now open too.
- You can apply up till March 7.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang

[SCD390-21], [SCD391-21], [SCD392-21]

- Approved the budget Q3 report.

- Approved budget reforecast.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper

[SCD393-21]

- Two policies coming that we've reviewed.
- Also looking into Policy I-9 on Executive Goals.
- Faculty senator election motion.
- Referendum responsibilities: clarifying between VPAUA and Chief Electoral Officer.
- General Code clean-up.

Cole Evans arrived and took the Chair.

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng

[SCD394-21]

- Haven't met since last Council.
- Will be meeting next week.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu

- Met before Reading Week.
- Looking at Speaker applications for the rest of this year.
- Also CEO, Ombuds, and Speaker for next year: Postings will go up March 1.

Questions

Ryan Wong:

- What is holding up hiring a Speaker?

Lawrence Liu:

- Lack of appropriate candidates.
- One candidate we wanted withdrew.

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho

[SCD389-21]

- Exam hardship.
- Consulting with Governance on Faculty student senator elections.
- Drafting a statement on anti-racism.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans

- Met last week and talked about changes to the ToR for this committee.
- If they pass, the committee will be meeting more often.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill

[SCD395-21]

- Haven't met, but have a couple of projects.
 - Helping create an election section in the AMS Academic Experience Survey.
 - Grad Class Subcommittee form will circulate soon.
- Talking to the VPAUA on projects we could help with.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry

- No update.

Ethics and Accountability Committee – Katherine Feng (Vice Chair)

- Researching and consulting on guidelines.
- Working on investigation.
- Moving quite quickly.
- Hope to have results by mid to late March.

Elections Committee – Isabelle Ava-Pointon

[SCD396-21]

Advisory Board – Cole Evans

- Next meeting March 8.
- Will talk about the future of the Advisory Board.
- Technically we should be providing a report but since we haven't met there is no report.
- We can suspend Code now to allow for this, but you can expect a report in March.
- The report is coming; it's just a bit late.

Questions

Sebastian Cooper:

- What date?

Cole Evans:

- The Advisory Board meets on March 8 and can definitely get a report to Council after that, but not on the Friday before the March 10 meeting.
- By March 24 at the latest.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans

- Spoke to Sylvester and the Hatch team on how to expand the committee to do more than just sell art.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu

- No update.

Comments

Michael Kingsmill:

- There's been some activity in the project.
- It's been with us for years, and now there's a new site beside the Health Science Parkade and near the Michael Smith Library.
- The fermentation lab is evolving.
- A meeting in March with the Dean of Land and Food Systems and the Development Office to talk about the space.
- The AMS will have 800 square feet in a larger area.
- The academic side to this has to do with fermentation sciences.
- There's possible production of an AMS brew.

Mathew Ho:

- Do you foresee any opposition to the location as with the Arts Student Centre?

Michael Kingsmill:

- This one is on very safe ground, in the academic core, and the parkade is not going to complain.
- I think zero risk.

Emma Dodyk:

- What is the timeline looking like?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Maybe four years.
- We don't have a timeline.
- There are high level hurdles to get through.
- Construction of food labs and installation of fermentation equipment.
- The Dean would love to have this going.
- He is a strong backer.

Cole Evans:

- This passed in a referendum in 2014: a fee was approved for a brewery.
- There'd been talk of such a thing as far back as 2009.
- Originally the idea was to put it in the Nest basement.
- Then the idea was to partner with the LFS on a joint facility near the UBC Farm.
- The idea was for academic activities, and a by-product would have been selling beer.
- Speed bumps along the way.
- There were ongoing negotiations with the Musqueam.
- So UBC looked at a site switch.
- Now it has gone to Executive 1.
- Old plan went through Executive 1-3, then Board 1.
- So we're back to the beginning, but with some momentum.

Max Holmes:

- Sometime capital projects take a while, but we want to get things done right.

Cole Evans:

- It's on the radar at the University level.

Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Chris Sundby

- Met two weeks ago.
- Looking at how to keep the AMS and the Affiliates communicating.
- Methods and models.

Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans

- Will be meeting March 1.
- Took a while to get to this, but we have found a time.

Questions

Katherine Feng:

- What is the timeline for the work the committee is planning to do?
- It's been a while since the committee was established.
- When will we see results?

Cole Evans:

- A couple of circumstance delayed things.
- I think it can now be wrapped up for the new budget year, by the end of April.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

- No report.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes

- Regular committee cycle and full Board.
- Discussed many matters.
 - Integrated Research Program.
 - Anti-Indigenous racism.
 - Report from Black caucus presentation: students should be advocating for all the issues to be addressed.
 - Cloud innovation centre.
 - Enrollment report and target.
 - Emergency bursaries.
 - Process towards divestment.
 - Climate Emergency Task Force report.
 - Climate Action Plan 2030.

Senate – Max Holmes

- The Board's Climate Emergency Task Force report was brought to Senate for endorsement.
- Letter from student members re Senate 2023 goals – includes advocacy relevant to the AMS.
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion action team.
- Admissions, enrollment targets.
- Curriculum committee looked at a new certificate in Equity, Diversity & Inclusion.
- Indigenous leadership program revisions.
- Extended withdrawal deadline for second term.
- The Provost gave a report on planning for 2021-22.
- Recommendation to the Board that it hire 10-15 Black academics.
- Similar motion to develop annual awards for Black international students.
- Asking Faculty of Arts to consult on anti-racism and to expand the African Studies program and Black Studies more generally.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- People were wondering how we did a Council composite during the Spanish flu.
- The flu shut UBC down for five weeks in the fall of 1918, but the University reopened in late November, and Council probably arranged a composite in early 1919.
- It was easier then: there were only 538 students and nine members of Council.
- Now we have one hundred times the number of students, though not a hundred times the number of Councillors (or we'd have 900).
- Note the members' titles [showing the composite onscreen]:
 - One was the editor of the Ubysey (that was the Ubysey's first year; it was an AMS publication, and the editor was automatically on Council).
 - The President of the Literary Department was another member. That was the body that oversaw clubs. It later became the Literary and Scientific Department, with my favourite acronym: LSD.
 - The Presidents of Women's Athletics and Men's Athletics were also automatically on (the AMS ran athletics in those days).
 - And the President of the Arts Men's Undergraduate Society.
 - There was also the president of the Women's Undergraduate Society, for women in all faculties (but they were mostly in Arts).
 - Arts in those days included what we call Science.
 - There was a Science Undergraduate Society, but that meant Applied Science, or the Engineers.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- How long has the Artona photo studio been around?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Quite a few years, but not as far back as 1919.
- Not sure which studio produced this composite.

Returning to the tabled Budget Reforecast:

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

6. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

“Be it resolved that the AMS Budget January Reforecast 2020-2021 be approved as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

7. MOVED RAY HUA, SECONDED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR.:

“That the motion be amended to add a clause to make the necessary corrections.”

... No objections

8. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

"Be it resolved that the AMS Budget January Reforecast 2020-2021 be approved as presented.

Be it further resolved that the budget reforecast be corrected to remove duplications."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

9. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

From the Governance Committee

[SCD397-21], [SCD398-21]
[SCD399-21], [SCD400-21]

"That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council renew the Petition Privacy Policy (I-10) as presented and update the Records Policy (I-19) as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sebastian Cooper:

- I-10 is the policy for keeping signers of petitions confidential.
- There were no requests for changes.
- For Policy I-19, because of changes to the Records bylaw, it was thought that the policy should be adjusted to align with the changes, including the greater clarity in the new bylaw.
- Not much consultation since it follows the bylaw changes passed at the AGM.

10. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

From the Governance Committee

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... Carried

For (28): Agam Gill, Alexandra Arbelaez, Alison St. Pierre, Annika Szarka, Anissa Meghji, Carter MacLean, Chris Sundby, Christian Bailey, Daniel Martin, Danny Liu, Emily Masse, Emma Dodyk, Georgia Yee, Jackson Schumacher, James Chen, Jimmy Kim, Joshua Kim, Katherine Feng, Kristian Oppenheim, Laura Beaudry, Lawrence Liu, Lucia Liang, Mathew Ho, Nadir Nurali, Rachel Chan, Ruby Barnard, Sebastian Cooper, Sylvester Mensah Jr.

Abstained: Ray Hua

11. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG: [SCD401-21]

From the Finance Committee

"That AMS Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee approve up to \$26,133.12 in funding out of the Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of constructing the Interactive Sustainability Centre."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- I wasn't able to attend last time, but am happy to speak today.
- This project has been underway for the past year and a half.
- It's meant to give a visual identity to AMS Sustainability.
- It will be a central channel for sustainability on campus.
- This year we've taken a University-wide approach to sustainability, and this will help with those efforts, especially the efforts around Net Zero 2025.
- It will also provide resources to students to ensure we're sustainable for years to come.

Sebastian Cooper:

- Generally, I and other Councillors are wondering what the point of having this room is.
- If we want a focal point, this room is not big enough; it's just a small room with leaflets.
- And why is that going to cost \$26,000?
- If we want to spend \$26,000 on sustainability, isn't there a better way to do it?
- And if we want a room, we could build a bigger room.
- What is actually going to be provided that couldn't be provided online?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- This is not a space for events, but a connection point, a place for knowledge sharing.
- It's a pilot project, and we think the current space will address our needs.
- The budget is that big because of the Chop Value furniture purchase.
- They're a sustainable company we donate our chopsticks to.
- But we can leave that out and still be successful. Get less expensive furniture.
- The room will house information for students to get updated on sustainability.

- It will be a free flowing lounge area for education; not a daunting space.
- If we need event space, there are numerous places to house events.
- This will also be a place for our sustainability team, which has been displaced from the Clubs Resource Centre.
- The Dashboard is the most important part of the project: tracking our emissions.
- This is very much needed as part of the fight to address the climate emergency.
- We want to ensure that all students can engage and contribute.

Ryan Wong:

- I echo Sebastian's concerns.
- I'm still not clear on the need for something in person, a physical space.
- A lot could be done online.
- And why now? We're in a pandemic.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- The funding is coming from the Capital Projects Fund; money from that can only be used for capital projects; it could not be spent on other sustainability needs.
- Those needs are being addressed through other funding sources.
- We're in an online environment now, but once we're back in person, this space will be an indicator of the AMS's commitment to sustainability.
- And it will be a place students can go and get resources.

Emma Dodyk:

- I'm split on this.
- You shouldn't need a special room, but allocating physical space and resources does show a commitment.
- I'd like to see some more defined methods of interaction. More than research reports. Who's going to read a 20-page report in a little room by themselves?
- Maybe we're not quite there with the reality of how students interact.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- It would also be a point of contact to set up events for all the sustainability groups.
- There are numerous groups, but they're not all aware of what others are doing.
- We need more collaboration.

Ryan Wong:

- Emma makes a great point.
- I agree that we are not mapping onto the true nature of how students would interact with the centre.
- What about students who are not in sustainability groups?
- And as to the sustainability groups, I'm not sure that need is not already met.
- Why not use existing AMS conference and meeting rooms?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- Those groups are in full support of a space like this.

Ryan Wong:

- Why is current space not adequate?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- Because we don't have a physical presence.
- Sustainability is an important department of the AMS.

Georgia Yee:

- I think creation of the Interactive Sustainability Centre aligns very nicely with the Climate Emergency Task Force.
- It especially aligns with groups concerned with climate action.
- The Sustainability Team has done a great job in consulting on this.

Sebastian Cooper:

- Councillors have raised concerns about what this space brings.
- I don't feel answers have been provided.
- If the centre is to help students learn, then the location is not prominent enough.
- If it's going to be a bunch of reports on a table, I don't think that's very useful.
- If it's so other groups can come together, why not set up an online portal?
- If we want people to meet, the space is not big enough.
- If it were a free project, fine, but for \$26,000 more rationale is needed.
- I suggest taking it away and thinking more about the rationale, or reduce the expenditure – rather than asking us to take a leap of faith.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- I think we've been able to speak on the value of the space.
- It will be part of a new Sustainability Corridor linking the Nest basement to the UBC Life Building.

Laura Beaudry:

- What is someone going to see if they are just randomly walking by?
- What will they get more than pamphlets?
- Maybe seeds?
- And what about ongoing funding?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- The Dashboard will show Nest emissions in five key categories.
- It's right across from the centre.
- The Dashboard will attract people who will then be drawn to the centre.

Michael Kingsmill:

- The budget is made up of one-fifth for the Dashboard and a substantial portion for furniture, recycled from chopsticks.
- The actual architectural work is small: painting, modification of a door, a substantial window.
- The actual capital project part is small.

- Maybe you could rethink the furniture allowance.

Emma Dodyk:

- I think we're stuck on the fact that this is a very small space with limitations on how it can be used.
- You say it's part of a Sustainability Corridor.
- It might help Councillors understand if we knew what was in the rest of the corridor.
- I don't think we're seeing the total vision for the whole project.
- I'd like to know where we're going.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- We have presented multiple times at Council.
- Showed the whole hallway twice.
- Renderings have shown the space and the Dashboard.
- There are already sustainability groups in this area.
- The spaces would complement each other.

Mathew Ho:

- I want to support this, but can we find some middle ground?
- Is it just Yes or No?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- Definitely not a Yes or No situation.
- If people want amendments, I'd like to hear about it.
- I'm open to hearing what Council would like to do.

Emma Dodyk:

- I propose that we table this vote to our next Council meeting and in the meantime I would ask Councillors to reach out to Sylvester and the Sustainability Team to let them know what additional details we would like to see.

Jason Pang:

- All the questions being asked we have already answered.
- We did a presentation on January 25.
- What else would Councillors like to see?
- We're frustrated.
- We're presenting the facts, but it's not getting passed.

Cole Evans:

- I think it's important to remember that Councillors have the right to speak their thoughts.
- It's important to take feedback from our Board.

Sebastian Cooper:

- It's the responsibility of Council to make sure funds are well used.
- It's worth us asking these questions to ensure that.

- I hope no one is taking this personally; we are just fulfilling our fiduciary duty.
- If you find the same questions being asked, that suggests there's a problem with the answers.
- I find it frustrating that a presentation has been made to us with no changes.
- Everyone here works for what is best for students, but we shouldn't lose sight of our responsibilities as members of the Board.

Emma Dodyk

- We should speak to Sylvester and his team before March 10 and bring this back to Council on March 10.

12. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED LAURA BEAUDRY:

"Be it resolved that this motion be tabled to a later meeting.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council refer the Interactive Sustainability Centre Project to the Sustainability Subcommittee for further consideration, which shall provide direction to the Finance Committee to bring back to Council for approval or discussion at a later meeting."

Chris Sundby

- I think we should just put the main motion to a vote.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- I do appreciate all the comments.

Ryan Wong:

- I will echo Chris: let's vote on the original motion.

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... Defeated

For (11): Carter MacLean, Christian Bailey, Danny Liu, Emma Dodyk, Jackson Schumacher, James Chen, Kristian Oppenheim, Laura Beaudry, Mathew Ho, Nadir Nurali, Ray Hua

Against (13): Agam Gill, Alexandra Arbelaez, Ruby Barnard, Sebastian Cooper, Lucia Liang, Lawrence Liu, Daniel Martin, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Varada Saha, Chris Sundby, Annika Szarka, Ryan Wong, Georgia Yee

Abstained: Rachel Chan, Katherine Feng, Jimmy Kim, Joshua Kim, Emily Masse, Alison St. Pierre

14. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

From the Finance Committee

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For (17): Agam Gill, Alexandra Arbelaez, Alison St. Pierre, Annika Szarka, Chris Sundby, Christian Bailey, Daniel Martin, Georgia Yee, Jackson Schumacher, Joshua Kim, Laura Beaudry, Lawrence Liu, Lucia Liang, Rachel Chan, Ruby Barnard, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Varada Saha

Against (8): Sebastian Cooper, Emma Dodyk, Ray Hua, Danny Liu, Carter MacLean, Anissa Meghji, Nadir Nurali, Ryan Wong,

Abstained: James Chen, Katherine Feng, Mathew Ho, Jimmy Kim, Emily Masse, Kristian Oppenheim

15. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR.: [SCD402-21]

From the Steering Committee

"That Council approve the changes to the AMS Code of Procedure, Section V, Article 7: Steering Committee, as presented."

Note: Motion was approved unanimously in Steering Committee.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- The question is how to get Steering Committee more engaged, and the answer we decided is to expand its duties so that it will set agendas and keep track of the work done by committees.
- The idea is to give Steering Committee more of a purpose.
- It's struggled to get off the ground.
- If can't, then the future of Steering Committee may be in jeopardy.
- Have received positive feedback from committee chairs (that's who sits on this committee).

Ryan Wong:

- I think some of my concern is that it feels like Steering Committee should be coordinating goals and doing long-term planning.

- My concern is that by adding these additional duties, there will be a shift from it being a strategic planning committee to an operational check-in committee.

Cole Evans:

- That is the goal: to shift away from being a strategic committee.
- The committee doesn't have the capacity to do that, especially since we don't have a strategic plan.
- All the conversations have been hypothetical instead of dealing with execution of strategy.
- The goal would be to shift away from that, leave that to the Executive, and focus more on Council affairs.

Laura Beaudry:

- This would add chairs of the Extraordinary Committees to the membership of the Steering Committee.
- What other Extraordinary Committees are there besides the Indigenous Committee?

Cole Evans:

- Elections, Ethics and Accountability, potentially a committee on affiliate institutions.

Emma Dodyk:

- For long-term strategy, a committee of chairs is a good population.
- This proposal is good in giving the committee regular actionable things to do, but also keeping the people in the room for strategy.

Jackson Schumacher:

- We tried an all chairs committee at the GSS, doing operational reports, and it's been very effective.
- However, we tabled our strategic plan.
- Is there any serious intention to restart work on an AMS strategic plan?

Cole Evans:

- If I'm sticking around, I would absolutely be interested in pursuing a strategic plan.

16. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR.:

From the Steering Committee

"That Council approve the changes to the AMS Code of Procedure, Section V, Article 7: Steering Committee, as presented."

Note: Motion was approved unanimously in Steering Committee.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (28): Alexandra Arbelaez, Christian Bailey, Ruby Barnard, Laura Beaudry, Rachel Chan, James Chen, Sebastian Cooper, Emma Dodyk, Katherine Feng, Agam

Gill, Mathew Ho, Ray Hua, Jimmy Kim, Joshua Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Lawrence Liu, Carter MacLean, Daniel Martin, Anissa Meghji, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Nadir Nurali, Kristian Oppenheim, Jackson Schumacher, Alison St. Pierre, Chris Sundby, Annika Szarka, Ryan Wong

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

V) Submissions:

Statement on #Save12HKYouths

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W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: March 10, 2021

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Y) Social Activity:

Attendance & Vote Records

Name	Constituency	Attending	Policies	Sustainability Centre Tabling	Sustainability Centre	Steering Committee
	Speaker					
Cole Evans	President	X				
Georgia Yee	VP Academic	X	Y	N	Y	
Lucia Liang	VP Finance	X	Y	N	Y	Y
Sylvester Mensah Jr.	VP Admin	X	Y	N	Y	Y
Kalith Nanayakkara	VP External	X				
Ian Stone	Student Services	X				
Oluwakemi Oke	Ombudsperson					
Agam Gill	St Mark's	X	Y	N	Y	Y
Alexandra Arbelaez	Forestry	X	Y	N	Y	Y
Alison St. Pierre	Education	X	Y	A	Y	Y
Anisha Sandhu	Senate	X				
Annika Szarka	Kinesiology	X	Y	N	Y	Y
Anissa Meghji	Social Work	X	Y		N	Y
Carter MacLean	Arts	X	Y	Y	N	Y
Chris Sundby	Regent	X	Y	N	Y	Y
Christian Bailey	Music	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Daniel Martin	VST	X	Y	N	Y	Y
Danny Liu	Science	X	Y	Y	N	Y
Emily Masse	Nursing	X	Y	A	A	
Emma Dodyk	Engineering	X	Y	Y	N	Y
Eshana Bhangu	Senate					
Jackson Schumacher	GSS	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Chen	Commerce	X	Y	Y	A	Y
Jeanie Malone	BoG					
Jeremy Zuo	Medicine					
Jimmy Kim	Science	X	Y	A	A	Y
Joshua Kim	Arts	X	Y	A	Y	Y
Katherine Feng	Science	X	Y	A	A	Y
Kevin Kang	Pharmacy					
Natalie Cappe (Proxy for Kiera Vandeborne)	Planning	X				

Kiera Vandeborne	Planning					
Kristian Oppenheim	Commerce	X	Y	Y	A	Y
Laura Beaudry	Indigenous Seat	X		Y	Y	Y
Lawrence Liu	Arts	X	Y	N	Y	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	Y	Y	A	Y
Max Holmes	BoG	X				
Nadir Nurali	Engineering	X	Y	Y	N	Y
Nevena Rebic	GSS					
Rachel Chan	LFS	X	Y	A	Y	Y
Ray Hua	Science	X	A	Y	N	Y
	Library/Archival					
Ruby Barnard	Architecture	X	Y	N	Y	Y
Ryan Wong	Economics	X	Y	N	N	Y
Sebastian Cooper	Law	X	Y	N	N	Y
Sherly Prince	Arts	X				
Varada Saha	Dentistry	X		N	Y	