

## **STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyyssey), Isabelle Ava-Pointon (AMS Elections), Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Adeline Huynh (The Commons consultant), Lilly Callender (AMS Equity & Inclusion), Lorris Leung (Senior Student Services Manager), Mitchell Prost (incoming Student Services Manager), Neal Cameron (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 6:08 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

### **B) Territorial Acknowledgement:**

The Chair:

- The AMS is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the hə́n̓q̓əmiṇ̓əm-speaking Musqueam people.
- I'm not there now, and others connecting remotely may be on other land.
- It's important we acknowledge the lands we are on and reflect on the work still to do and our role as student leaders in reconciliation in BC and across the country.

### **C) Adoption of the agenda:**

#### 1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

#### 2. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

"That the agenda be amended to change the date that the ad hoc Events Structure committee will be dissolved to May 12."

... No objections

#### 3. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"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, GSS

Goodbyes:

**E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):**

Cole Evans:

- Last meeting of the school year.
- Hope your finals are going well.
- Congratulations to those who made it through the year and to those going on to grad school.

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

**G) Consent Agenda Items**

4. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

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

|   |             |
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| Advocacy Committee minutes dated March 8, 2021        | [SCD473-21] |
| Advocacy Committee minutes dated March 22, 2021       | [SCD474-21] |
| Executive Committee minutes dated March 31, 2021      | [SCD475-21] |
| Executive Committee minutes dated April 7, 2021       | [SCD476-21] |
| Student Life Committee minutes dated March 24, 2021   | [SCD477-21] |
| Grad Class Sub Committee minutes dated April 12, 2021 | [SCD478-21] |
| AMS Council minutes dated February 11, 2021           | [SCD479-21] |
| Governance Committee minutes dated April 1, 2021      | [SCD480-21] |
| Student Life Committee minutes dated April 21, 2021   | [SCD481-21] |
| Shape Committee minutes dated April 23, 2021          | [SCD482-21] |
| Advisory Board minutes dated March 8, 2021            | [SCD483-21] |
| Steering Committee minutes dated March 26, 2021       | [SCD484-21] |

... Carried

**For (20): Mathew Ho, James Chen, Kristian Oppenheim, Varada Saha, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin, Alex Gonzalez (proxy for Nadir Nurali)**

5. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

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

That the Student Life Committee's Terms of Reference  
be amended as presented. [SCD485-21]

That Council direct the Student Life Committee to evaluate its membership and determine how to expand representation on it and report back to Council by the first meeting in August.

That Council approve Policy I-6: [SCD486-21], [SCD487-21]  
Responsible Computer Use as presented.

That on the recommendation of [SCD488-21], [SCD489-21]  
Advocacy Committee, Council amend the Policy on Tuition and  
Mandatory Fee Consultations from the University (I-11) as presented.

That, on the recommendation of the [SCD490-21], [SCD491-21]  
SHAPE Committee and the Operations Committee, Council dissolve  
SHAPE (the Sale of Hatch Art Planning and Execution Committee).

That Council extend the suspension of Code Section V, [SCD492-21]  
Article 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, 2021, or until the President notifies Council that the  
suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner.

That on the recommendation of the [SCD493-21], [SCD494-21]  
Governance Committee, Council adopt the following two [SCD495-21], [SCD496-21]  
reports: 'Code Changes 2021: Agenda Timing' and 'Code  
Changes 2021: Chair of Steering Committee' and thus amend the Code as  
recommended.

That Council adopt the report of the [SCD497-21], [SCD498-21]  
Ethics & Accountability Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2021:  
Ethics & Accountability Amendment' and thus amend the Code as recommended.

That Council suspend Code Section VI, Article 1, Sections (5) and (6)(a), which relate to  
the keeping of Executive office hours, until August 31, 2021, or until the President notifies  
Council the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner."

Katherine Feng:

- Why can't we make the Executive office hours online?

Cole Evans:

- This Code suspension is just continuing what we've been doing.
- The offices are not open for drop-in.
- We've talked about virtual rooms, but it would be weird having open office hours online.

Katherine Feng:

- How are students being informed that they can book office hours?

Cole Evans:

- I think it's on the website.

Georgia Yee:

- On the website it says office hours are by appointment.
- I've used Calendly; it could be helpful.

Katherine Feng:

- Let's remove this item from the Consent Agenda and discuss it later.

6. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

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That the Student Life Committee's Terms of Reference be amended as presented.

That Council direct the Student Life Committee to evaluate its membership and determine how to expand representation on it and report back to Council by the first meeting in August.

That Council approve Policy I-6: Responsible Computer Use as presented.

That on the recommendation of Advocacy Committee, Council amend the Policy on Tuition and Mandatory Fee Consultations from the University (I-11) as presented.

That, on the recommendation of the SHAPE Committee and the Operations Committee, Council dissolve SHAPE (the Sale of Hatch Art Planning and Execution Committee).

That Council extend the suspension of Code Section V, Article 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, 2021, or until the President notifies Council that the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner.

That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council adopt the following two reports: 'Code Changes 2021: Agenda Timing' and 'Code Changes 2021: Chair of Steering Committee' and thus amend the Code as recommended.

That Council adopt the report of the Ethics & Accountability Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2021: Ethics & Accountability Amendment' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

... Carried

**For (20): Joshua Kim, Jimmy Kim, Mathew Ho, James Chen, Kristian Oppenheim, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Danny Liu, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin**

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

***Year-End Executive Goals Presentation*** [SCD499-21]

[SCD500-21], [SCD501-21], [SCD502-21]

Cole Evans: [SCD503-21], [SCD504-21], [SCD505-21]

- Crazy year.
- Didn't expect to be manning the ship through a pandemic, but overall it was a pretty successful year.
- There's no handbook on how to manage a pandemic.

**General Executive Goals:**

- Feel we did a pretty good job adhering to provincial pandemic guidelines.
  - Keeping students safe.
  - Providing emergency support to students.
- Looking at what could be staying:
  - We found that club orientations were better online.
  - Town Halls and meetings too.
- Student Engagement:
  - Lots of significant strides.
  - Expanded the Communications Department.
  - New brand/messaging.
  - We still hear that students feel the AMS is inaccessible: students are craving for ways to engage with us.
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:
  - Workshops, advocacy initiatives.
  - Making equity a priority.

**President's Goals:**

- Engagement overhaul:
  - Rolling out new materials in the fall.
- New Housing Service:
  - AMS Housing is on its way: shout-out to Ian and Mitchell.
  - Going to be live for 2021-22.
  - See it becoming our flagship service.
- Equity Plan:
  - Almost complete.
  - Will set a solid direction moving forward.

- Action plan, recommendations.
- Annual goal-setting process.
- Expanding Equity capacity in my portfolio next year: adding a new coordinator.

Kalith Nanayakkara (VP External's Goals):

- Successful year.
- Did all our advocacy online due to COVID.
  - Typically we fly to Ottawa or Victoria.
  - Didn't this year, but nevertheless made it work.
- UCRU formalized.
- Federal advocacy:
  - Removal of student loan interest.
- Provincial advocacy:
  - Get the Vote Out campaign during the election.
  - Polling station in the Nest.
  - Successful debate.
  - Got revival of the working group on housing.
  - Conveyed message that students matter.
- Maintaining relationships with stakeholders: TransLink, UNA, Provincial and Federal Governments, other student unions and coalitions, and our very own GSS.
- Strongest relationship in years.
- It's been a fantastic year.

Lucia Liang (VP Finance goals):

- Upgraded finance systems:
  - Transitioned to online reimbursement system. This was helpful this year with students not on campus.
- Increased accessibility of fund programs as well as increasing funds:
  - More money for students.
  - Doubled U-Pass subsidy.
  - Almost tripled the Health & Dental subsidy.
  - Improved communications.
  - Secured funding for housing for WUSC refugee students for all four years of their degree.
  - Food Bank: Allocated \$60,000 to them for emergency support.
- Health & Dental Enhancement:
  - Increased the mental health benefit from \$500 to \$1,000 via the Health & Dental Committee.

Sylvester Mensah Jr. (VP Administration's goals):

- An insightful, progressive, transformational year.
- Active clubs community:
  - Ensured pandemic resilience through funding support for clubs and the introduction of the CampusBase digital system.
  - New booking system, but unfortunately no bookings this year because of the pandemic.
  - Going forward, hoping no more issues about bookings.

- Feedback from subsidiaries through surveys.
- Videoconferencing grants for clubs.
- Startup fund for new clubs.
- Hatch Art Gallery:
  - Improving accessibility online.
  - Multidisciplinary content.
  - Digitizing the permanent collection: database of 75 pieces.
  - New digital rights contract; hoping to put pieces online in the fall.
- Sustainability:
  - Ambitious and collaborative approach. More partners.
  - Net zero carbon management plan: data collection almost complete.

Georgia Yee (VP Academic's goals):

- Such a phenomenally tough year.
- COVID and Online Learning Response:
  - Did a COVID survey: lots of responses.
  - Won support for closed captioning, Zoom, and other lecture recording technology.
  - Worked towards restricting Proctorio, the facial recognition software.
  - Expanded technology bursary.
  - Amendments to housing contracts.
- Advancing an Equitable Future:
  - Affordability plan.
  - Support for Residence Advisors unionization.
  - Pushed for hiring more Centre for Accessibility advisors.
  - Supporting racialized, disabled, Indigenous students.
  - More funding for Work Learn off campus positions.
  - Equity and inclusion campaign around gender diversity and pronouns.
  - Our own campaign on anti-racism.
  - Workshops with the Black Students Union and Africa Awareness.
- Community Driven Well-Being:
  - Worked on protocol for disclosing student deaths to the community.
  - Digital meal donations.
  - Suicide prevention resources.
  - Secured funding for implementing climate emergency recommendations.
  - Following up on Policy SC-17 implementation (on sexual misconduct).

Ian Stone (Student Services Manager's goals):

- Opportunities for Growth:
  - Revamping how we recruit and hire.
  - Hoping for a 70% return rate among volunteers. Currently 50%.
- Peer support:
  - Challenging year.
  - Usage low, but 2,000 followers on Instagram.
  - People are interested in mental health and well-being.
  - Reimagining over the summer: how to provide support.
- AMS Housing:
  - Mitchell (the Housing Coordinator) did a good job setting up the framework.
  - Confident it will be ready to go by August.

*Questions*

Ryan Wong:

- Is the increase to \$1,000 for mental health permanent?

Lucia Liang

- Yes, it's permanent.

Emma Dodyk:

- Re the reimbursement system upgrade:
- According to a UBC Confessions post, it's still difficult for a student to get reimbursed.
- Do you have any further recommendations to improve the process?

Lucia Liang:

- Mary (the incoming VP Finance) has great plans.
- There have been delays because of mistakes on submissions.
- Now regular students, not just club treasurers, can submit, and they're not trained the way treasurers are.
- There's going to be a Canvas course to explain.

Emma Dodyk:

- I get that training is an issue.
- But I've heard that if things are not exact, they don't go through.
- If you could simplify the process, it would help.
- This has been an issue for years.

**AMS Equity Plan Update – Adeline Huynh (Commons Consulting)** [SCD506-21]

- I was hired to create an equity plan framework.
- We have done a survey and held focus group discussions.
- Final report probably ready by the end of the week.
- We had eight focus groups, most of them identity-based; two were from the general student body.
- Total of 55 students in the focus groups.
- 468 responses to the survey.
- Focused on barriers to participation, what the AMS is doing well, and what would make the AMS more equitable and inclusive.
- AMS elections:
  - Majority agree they're equitable, but those in certain equity-seeking groups have lower agreement on this.
  - Equal numbers agree and disagree on whether the elections are transparent.
  - One theme is communication, and not just during the election cycle.
  - A majority said they felt knowledgeable enough to take part, but a large number disagreed.



- On the statement “I see myself represented in the AMS leadership,” there was ambiguity: the largest response was for neither agree nor disagree.
- Barriers:
  - Physical and cultural.
  - Lack of awareness about the AMS.
  - People said they didn’t know enough to take part.
  - Unwelcoming culture.
  - Insular.
  - If you don’t know people already involved, you wouldn’t think of running.
  - Some talk of apathy towards the AMS.
- Recommendations:
  - Listening and checking in with students.
  - Support JEDI activism (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion).
    - Empower equity-seeking communities.
  - Remove financial barriers: reimbursements.
  - Transparency of AMS decisions about spending.
  - Equitable election processes: people found it difficult to understand; should apply a JEDI lens.
  - Communication: Plain language, AMS 101 for all people who don’t understand the AMS.
  - Oppressive culture: need to work to uproot systemic oppression.
    - Take a decolonizing, anti-racism approach.
    - The AMS needs to cultivate stronger relationships with communities.
- Environmental scan:
  - Look at inequities.
  - Look at what other universities are doing.
  - Couldn’t find other equity plans at any student society in North America, so kudos to the AMS for this.
  - Had to look at university equity plans, which are different.
- One section of the plan (Goal 4) will be about how leaders act around EDI: how do they embed EDI in their actions?
- There will be KPI’s.

#### *Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- Will there be periodic reviews?

Georgia Yee:

- Can students provide feedback on the final report?

Adeline Huynh:

- Absolutely.
- Feedback from students is integrated into the plan.
- There should be a structure for how to carry out the work, including a senior leadership role in Equity and Inclusion, to address the issue of institutional memory.

- There should be a direct reporting line to the President, the Vice-Presidents, HR, and the Managing Director.
- There should be more than one student role.
- There should be more than one budget line; it should come from various budgets and operations.
- Maybe a referendum so students can have a bigger say in the budget.

Georgia Yee:

- Is there a way for students to have input at the end?

Adeline Huynh:

- The report has taken longer than expected.
- I tried to make the action plan clear.

Cole Evans:

- The report will be ready soon.
- We'll go over implementation plans before coming to Council.
- We'll need an Equity Subcommittee, probably under the Executive Committee.
- We'll touch base with Adeline about structures.
- To Council in May or June.

**2021/2022 Preliminary Budget – Lucia Liang, Keith Hester**

[SCD507-21]

Lucia Liang:

- Assumptions:
  - Enrollment 55,000, same as last year.
  - Investment contribution of \$500,000, same as last year.
  - COVID restrictions into the fall.
  - No government subsidy after June, though that may change; in June will factor that in.
  - Pit opening in January.
  - Block Party happening in the spring.
- Highlights:
  - Delaying hiring, reducing amount of student staff hired (by one position per portfolio).
  - Minimum wage increase in June.
  - Student staff step increase.
  - Reduction in Events budget.
  - Reduction in Food Bank costs because of larger donation (from tuition surplus).
  - New housing service added.
  - Reduction in business contributions.
- Stylistic:
  - Changed fonts and colours: easier to read.
  - Cleaning up account codes.
  - Shifted overhead costs (Admin, HR, and Information Systems) to Expenditures summary.
  - Moved total surplus/deficit to bottom.
- Revenue and Expenditures: \$1.3 million deficit.

Keith Hester:

- Businesses:
  - Negative \$300,000.
  - Revenue down by at least half.
  - Staggered reopening planned, but lots of unanswered questions.
  - Minimum wage increase coming.
  - Federal budget said the wage subsidy is being extended, but no details yet.
  - Cost of goods going up, leading to pressure to increase prices, but we don't want to do that.
  - Reopening Pie R in the fall, with late night deliveries.
  - Blue Chip continues to be a great success; opening a patio in the summer or fall.
  - Redesigning menus in the Honour Roll.
  - Changing the menu in the Gallery: more salads, new drinks line-up; hoping to develop a group menu.
  - Pit Pub currently closed; when restrictions lift, focus will be on in-house events.
  - Reopening Grand Noodle in the fall.
  - Iwana Taco: as of January will have rotating menus. Test kitchen to develop new ideas.
  - Conferences & Catering slowed due to COVID.
    - Focusing on film projects.
    - Acquired A/V equipment to host hybrid events.
    - Offsite catering.
  - Overhead:
    - One of our biggest costs.
    - Admin: looking after clubs and Constituencies as well as the businesses.
    - Replacing the accounting system in the fall.
    - HR focusing on employee engagement.
    - IT migrating to 365 cloud system and enhancing cyber security.

*Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- Will it cost more to run Iwana Taco on a rotating basis?

Keith Hester:

- Probably not.
- It will just be different types of cuisine.
- Will keep prices as low as possible.

Ryan Wong:

- About the plan to reduce student staff: the budgets have not gone down.

Cole Evans:

- The VPAUA and VP Finance reduced by one, but the President's Office hired an extra position.

- The VP Admin didn't reduce; they'd already cut two.
- The VP External has already cut staff.
- There will end up not being a huge change because of wage increases.

Ryan Wong:

- The VP Finance dropped a staff member, yet their budget increased.
- Is the minimum wage increase equivalent to more than the cost of a staff position?

Cole Evans:

- It's hard to compare to last year: the hiring circumstances are different.
- Last year we added late and delayed one.
- The budget assumes hiring at the start of the year.
- Overall reduction of 1.2 staff in the VP Finance portfolio.

Jackson Schumacher:

- Were positions combined and if so will the compensation change to reflect increased workload?

Cole Evans:

- In the President's office, three roles of 15 hours each were merged into two positions at 20 hours each.
- Same thing happened in AUA, I believe.
- Some positions were eliminated, and we thought we could distribute the work without increasing hours.
- There's always the option of hiring during the year.

Mathew Ho:

- If operations are moving to cloud based, what happens to the physical files?

Keith Hester:

- They won't change. It's the digital files we're moving.

Cole Evans:

- We have a \$1.3 million deficit.
- We're going through some struggles like a lot of other businesses.
- There are a limited number of things we can do to improve the bottom line.
- If the wage subsidy is extended or restrictions are lifted, that could help the bottom line.
- We won't know till late summer.
- If the numbers look scary, we're trying to mitigate that.

Ryan Wong:

- Typo on the Summary page: Welcome Back Barbecue should be Block Party.

7. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG: [SCD508-21]

“That the AMS Preliminary Budget for 2021/22 be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (20): Mathew Ho, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Danny Liu, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin, Kamil Kanji (proxy for Lawrence Liu), Alex Gonzalez (proxy for Nadir Nurali)**

***Year End Services Presentation – Ian Stone*** [SCD509-21]

Usage: 5,010 interactions (May 1 – April 23).

- Advocacy: 85 interactions, often in depth.
- eHub:
  - 930 interactions, a huge spike.
  - Holding RBC Get Seeded online was great.
  - eHub is the place for other campus organizations to work with.
- Food Bank:
  - 2400 interactions, a ridiculously high number.
  - One of the most used services during the pandemic.
  - Does not include Acadia Park food hub.
- Safewalk tanked, only 218 interactions. Usually 4,000.
- Peer Support:
  - 211 interactions.
  - Struggled with pushing it out.
  - Only started in mid-September.
  - Not that bad for a pandemic year.
- Tutoring:
  - 1266 interactions, a little lower than before.
  - Group tutoring declined, but private tutoring almost doubled.
  - Expecting higher numbers next year.
- Housing: Not operational yet.

Core Activities:

- Advocacy:
  - Mainly for academic misconduct and academic standing.
  - New coordinator after two years with same one.
  - Cheating scandal this year: many came in for support.
- eHub:
  - Turbulent time.
  - In the absence of a coordinator, the Assistant Student Services Manager stepped in.
  - Online Canvas course.
  - Micro-grants.

- Renewal of contracts with e@UBC and RBC.
- Food Bank:
  - Unprecedented demand.
  - Also more donations.
  - Collaborated with Food Mesh.
  - Helping the Acadia Food Hub (not from the Child Care Bursary Fund as first planned, but from the UBC tuition surplus).
- Safewalk:
  - Low usage, but excited for next year.
  - New dispatch software.
  - Accessibility shuttles expected in May.
- Peer Support:
  - Amalgamation of Speakeasy and Vice.
  - Transition to online.
  - Reaching out through Reddit.
  - Going where students are, not where we want them to be.
  - Cool events on Zoom despite Zoom fatigue.
- Tutoring:
  - Surge in private tutoring, drop in group tutoring.
  - When students return to campus in person, expecting more group.
  - Nimbus, our app, has done a good job.
- Housing:
  - Not operational yet.
  - Excited to see it start.
  - Students have trouble finding housing.
  - Creating a housing database.
  - Will be providing 1 on 1 advice on housing issues.

#### Financial Overview

- Income from UBC tuition surplus, donations, Tutoring income (helping to subsidize other services).
- Co-op housing feasibility survey funded by UBC tuition surplus.
- Expenditures:
  - Food for Food Bank.
  - Videos to promote the Services, to let people know we're here to help them.
  - Nimbus contract.
  - Wages for Safewalk and Tutoring.

#### Cost per interaction:

- To be taken with a grain of salt.
- For Facebook, if include revenue from the tuition surplus, it's actually making money, which doesn't make sense.
- Safewalk was particularly high because so few were using it.
- During the pandemic, thankful to be able to keep afloat.
- Breakdown by Service:
  - Advocacy: \$207.51 per interaction

- eHub: \$11.44
- Food Bank: \$28.08
- Safewalk: \$441.48
- Peer Support: \$219.68
- Tutoring: \$63.90
- Housing: N/A.

*Questions*

Daniel Martin:

- Is the Advocacy Office trained to help Affiliate College students?
- Have any of them accessed the Service?

Ian Stone:

- We don't collect that information.
- We should add that to our intake form.

Daniel Martin:

- Affiliate College students are not eligible for UBC housing.
- How will you include them in the new Housing Service?

Ian Stone:

- This is for *off* campus housing, not UBC student housing.
- Affiliate students would very much be able to use this service.

Daniel Martin:

- We're trained not to expect housing help.
- We'll need conversations for next year.

Ian Stone:

- Mitchell will be made aware of this to support you.

**I) Consultation Period**

**J) Appointments**

**K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):**

**Cole Evans**

- Transitioning incoming team and my staff.
- Hectic time.
- I'm technically out of office, but I'm never really out of office.
- Working on equity plan.
- Grad class gift conversations with Campus & Community Planning.
- Closing out year end.

**L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):**

**VP Finance – Lucia Liang**

- Budget. Redoing. New format.
- Transition.
- Preparing for our auditors.
- Thanks to everyone I met in the AMS. I'm grateful for all the feedback over the past two years.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee**

- Emotional meeting for everybody.
- Especially grateful to those who took part in letter-writing campaigns etc.
- I want to recognize that lots of students in India are being adversely affected right now by the latest COVID developments.
- The pandemic has highlighted advocacy and activism and how we stay united as a community.
- Even though this has been such a bad year, we are able to look forward to a more resilient future.

**VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.**

[SCD510-21]

- Work going on quite well.
- Transitioning Lauren.
- I want to express appreciation for the past year.
- I learned a lot, experienced a lot of growth personally.
- Grateful to have been able to serve.
- Excited by what my team was able to do this year.
- Please see my submission on the Net Zero Carbon Emissions Program: a fuller report will come in May.

**VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara**

[SCD511-21]

- Last week was exciting: federal and provincial budgets were released, and there were lots of wins for the AMS, UCRU, and the GSS:
  - Removal of student loan interest till 2023.
  - \$203.5 million added to federal loan repayment assistance.
  - \$311 million for student grants.
  - Other investments (\$17 million from the provincial government) for grad scholarships etc.
- Lots more can still be done on such things as housing affordability and making education affordable and accessible.
- Transitioning the new VP External.
- Final stakeholder meetings: with David Eby, our MLA, and Joyce Murray, our MP.
- I also want to draw attention to the letter I sent to Council, offering my sincerest apology for the conflict of interest situation.
- Thanks to my staff in this difficult year, and to my fellow Executives and our permanent staff and Councillors, who are there to support us and hold us accountable. And to the Ubysey for keeping people informed.



- I've learned a lot about myself.
- It was a privilege to work for a year at the AMS.
- I'm going to miss all of this.

**Senior Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**

- It's been great working with everyone.
- I've been here since 2017.
- Bittersweet to leave.
- Hope to come back in a couple of years to see how things are getting on.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**

- The federal and provincial budgets include a lot of new grants, and there should be funding available.
- Helping incoming VP Finance.
- Year End fast approaching.
- Insurance renewal done.
- A big thank you to all on Council in this rough year.

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

**Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho**

[SCD512-21]

- Things to pass on to the future committee: UBC endowment practices and the MoU with the GSS re UCRU.

**Steering Committee – Cole Evans**

- No updates.

**Finance Committee – Lucia Liang**

- Approved budget.
- This has been a great committee.
- We reduced barriers, increased the availability of funds, put students first, and were fiscally responsible.
- Had lots of decisions to make over COVID issues.

**Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper**

[SCD513-21]

- I-9 (Executive Goals).
- Passing a few items onto my successor.
- And that's the end of this year's Governance Committee.

**Operations Committee – Katherine Feng**

- Started on conflict of interest rules for club execs.
- Working on guidelines for a clubs audit.
- Recap of the year:
  - Constituted clubs.
  - Videoconferencing grants.
  - COVID-19 procedures.

- Clubs & Societies Working Group.
- Eastside furniture project.
- New clubs process re communications.
- Changed room booking rules.
- Encouraged clubs to use CampusBase.
- Created art gallery subcommittee ToR.
- Approved expenditure from Art Fund for new art.

**HR Committee – Kamil Kanji (for Lawrence Liu)**

- Conducting interviews for Chief Electoral Officer and Speaker.
- Recommendations coming next meeting.

**Student Life Committee – Agam Gill**

[SCD514-21]

- Grad Class Subcommittee: As possible gift, it's been exploring informal outdoor learning spaces. Discussing options with Campus & Community Planning.
- Improvements to the ToR for the Grad Class Subcommittee.
- Looking at the ToR for the reporting structure for the committee.
- Discussed transition reports.
- Exploring changes related to diversity.

Georgia Yee:

- My office has been working on this.
- I will send it to the committee.

**Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry**

- No updates.
- We are opening voting for the Indigenous councillor tomorrow: you should see a new councillor soon.
- Thanks to everyone.

**Ethics and Accountability Committee – Katherine Feng** [SCD515-21], [SCD516-21]

- Update coming later tonight to wrap up previous discussion.
- Submitted guiding principles for the next committee.

**Elections Committee – Isabelle Ava-Pointon** [SCD517-21], [SCD518-21], [SCD519-21]

- No report. [SCD520-21], [SCD521-21]
- Constituency certification results attached.

**Advisory Board – Cole Evans**

- Was planning to get some Code changes done, but pushed it back.
- Hope to have first meeting in June with the new Executive.

**SHAPE Committee**

- Has been dissolved.

**Fermentation Lab Committee – Kamil Kanji (for Lawrence Liu)**

- No report.

**Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Sylvester Mensah Jr.**

- No report.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans**

- Motion coming tonight.

**N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):**

- No report.

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

**Board of Governors – Georgia Yee**

- A lot has happened; one of the longest Board meetings.
- Report and presentation on UBCO 2040.
- Update from UBC SUO.
- Tuition and Budget: Max and I voted against the tuition increases.
- Able to secure commitment on an affordability plan.
- One of the closest tuition votes ever.
- UBC's budget was approved.
- Contained a number of commitments:
  - Climate action.
  - COVID recovery.
- Still taking issue with some decisions concerning the \$18 million set aside for tuition allocation: need a review of that model.
- Gateway Health Building passed: exciting.
- School of Biomedical Engineering got Board 2 approval.
- Beatty Biodiversity Museum got Board 1 approval.
- Longhouse expansion presentation.
- Equity and Inclusion Office presentations.
- Student health and well-being discussion.
- Report on experience of racialized faculty during the pandemic.

*Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- Any more thoughts re the tuition increase and the influence of student voices?

Georgia Yee:

- It prompted a lot of questions about the point of tuition consultation if the data shows students don't want an increase and the University still brings in an increase.
- And where can tuition go?

- Not a lot of transparency. How much to faculty? How much to affordability supports?
- Need to change approach from one-time funding to a long-term affordability plan for the durations of students' careers.
- Pushing UBC about an affordability plan.

### **Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**

- In the Executive meeting today, Cole asked if this had been our worst year.
- Georgia said maybe 1918 was as bad or worse.
- So I decided to look at other bad years:

1918:

- The Spanish flu: UBC shut down for five weeks and three students died.
- World War I was also underway; 78 UBC students died during the course of the war.
- The first UBC President (Wesbrook) died this year too while still in office.

The Depression:

- Funding was affected, and there was talk the University might have to shut down or that certain faculties would have to be combined.
- Then in 1935 a giant flood on campus created a chasm.

World War II:

- Somehow that doesn't come across as such a bad time in the records.

1983:

- Cutbacks as part of a provincial austerity program.
- The government got rid of grants for students.
- The Ubyyssey ran a cartoon about starving students.

But not to end on such a gloomy note, here's something upbeat to explain the origins of Robert's Rules (which we use at these meetings):

- Robert's Rules is named after General Henry Martin Robert.
- He wrote them long before he was a general, when he was a young lieutenant and a member of a Baptist church that wanted him to chair one of its meetings.
- The meeting was a disaster because there were no rules to guide it, so young Robert (only in his 20's) wrote a series of rules that became Robert's Rules

### *Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- On the same page as that Ubyyssey cartoon, there's a headline about phallic bastions. What's that about?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- The Ubyyssey is here tonight: maybe they can explain.
- If not, I'll look into it.

**P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

**Q) Executive Committee Motions:**

**R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:**

**S) Committee Motions:**

8. MOVED SEBASTIAN COPPER, SECONDED RYAN WONG: [SCD522-21], [SCD523-21]

**From the Governance Committee**

“That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council update the Policy on Goal Setting and Reporting for Executives and Managing Director (I-9) as presented.”

Sebastian Cooper:

- Been working on this for a while.
- It’s the policy on Executive goals.
- One thing added is that quantitative measures should be used where possible.
- There’s a new section on the Managing Director and senior management goal-setting, including the Executives’ role in that.

9. MOVED SEBASTIAN COPPER, SECONDED RYAN WONG: [SCD522-21], [SCD523-21]

**From the Governance Committee**

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... Carried

**For (19): Mathew Ho, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Alexandra Arbelaez, Ashni Gill, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Chris Sundby, Danny Liu, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin, Kamil Kanji (proxy for Lawrence Liu)**

10. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG: [SCD524-21]

“Be it resolved that Council dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit, effective May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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Chair of the Student Life Committee  
Chair of the Operations Committee  
Three (3) Councillors, one of whom shall be a graduate student  
One (1) student-at-large

Managing Director (non-voting)  
Events Manager (non-voting)  
Equity and Inclusion Lead (non-voting)

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Be it further resolved that this Ad Hoc Committee evaluate the applicability of such a document to the Society's subsidiaries, other departments and other events held in the Nest.

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Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee present a finalized document by the last meeting of November."

Cole Evans:

- The old committee discussed various proposals, such as creating a working group in which the Executive can liaise with managers to know about events like the Halloween party.
- The old committee addressed several issues, but others still need to be addressed.
- Creating a new committee will allow it to move forward on the nitty gritty.
- The final report from this new committee will come in November.
- It should deal with accountability, risk management, communications, etc.

Mathew Ho:

- Is there a plan to make sure things are enforced after the first committee is disbanded?

Cole Evans:

- That's why we're creating the new committee.
- Additional things in Code will be added.
- Details will be fleshed out.
- Will give updates to Council.

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**For (19): Mathew Ho, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Alex Gonzalez (proxy for Nadir Nurali), Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Emily Masse, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Anissa Meghji, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin, Kamil Kanji (proxy for Lawrence Liu)**

12. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

"Be it resolved that Council suspend Code Section VI, Article 1, Sections (5) and (6)(a), which relate to the keeping of Executive office hours, until August 31, 2021, or until the President notifies Council the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner."

Katherine Feng:

- I'm in support of removing the requirement for office hours, but can there be communication on how to contact the Executive?
- I'd like to refer this to the Executive Committee to have them create a consistent system of how to better inform people about booking appointments.

13. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

"That the motion be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee investigate standardization of the process for booking office hour appointments with Executives and advertising of that process to the student body by May 31, 2021."

... No objections

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Mathew Ho:

- Should we state that Council must be informed?

Cole Evans:

- That's implied by the motion.

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... No objections



16. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the meeting be extended by 30 minutes.”

... No objections

**T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:**

**U) Discussion Period**

***Ethics and Accountability Committee Update***

17. MOVED RAY HUA, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG, THIRDED ANISSA MEGHJI:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

*The meeting entered the in camera session at 9:44 pm.*

*The meeting left the in camera session at 10:07 pm.*

***Councillor of the Year awards***

Cole Evans:

- Over 30 people voted.
- A lot of people got nominated.
- Here are the results:
  - Councillor of the Year: Katherine Feng
  - Most Involved Councillor: Ryan Wong
  - Hardest Working Councillor: Sebastian Cooper
  - Most Improved Councillor: Mathew Ho
  - Most Positive Councillor: Agam Gill.
- There was a pretty overwhelming consensus for Katherine.

Katherine Feng:

- This is a surprise.
- I learned a ton through Council.
- Lots of encouraging people.
- At first I was really scared to speak at Council.

Ryan Wong:

- Thank you.
- It's a little shocking.
- It's been a pleasure working with all of you.

Agam Gill:

- It's been really fun.
- I'm going to miss it.

Cole Evans:

- And that's it.
- The Council appreciation gift is still to be arranged.
- Maybe gift cards.

**V) Submissions:**

**W) Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: May 12, 2021

**X) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.

**Y) Social Activity:**

**VOTES AND ATTENDANCE  
 APRIL 28, 2021**

| Name                                   | Constituency    | Present | Consent | Consent 2/3rds | Prelim Budget | Policy 1-9 | Ad Hoc Events & Audit |
|--|-----------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|
|  | Speaker         |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Cole Evans                             | President       | X       |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Georgia Yee                            | VP Academic     | X       |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Sylvester Mensah Jr.                   | VP Admin        |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Kalith Nanayakkara                     | VP External     | X       |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Lucia Liang                            | VP Finance      | X       |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Ian Stone                              | SSM             |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Ruby Barnard                           | Architecture    |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Carter MacLean                         | Arts            |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Joshua Kim                             | Arts            | X       |         | Y              |               |            |                       |
| Lawrence Liu                           | Arts            |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Kamil Kanji (proxy for Lawrence Liu)   | Arts            | X       |         |                |               | Y          | Y                     |
| Mathew Ho                              | Arts            | X       | Y       | Y              | Y             | Y          | Y                     |
| Sherly Prince                          | Arts            |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
|  | Audiology       |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Georgia Yee                            | BoG             | X       |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Max Holmes                             | BoG             |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| James Chen                             | Commerce        |         | Y       | Y              | Y             | Y          | Y                     |
| Kristian Oppenheim                     | Commerce        | X       | Y       | Y              |               |            |                       |
| Varada Saha                            | Dentistry       | X       | Y       |                |               |            |                       |
| Ryan Wong                              | Economics       | X       | Y       | Y              | Y             | Y          | Y                     |
| Alison St. Pierre                      | Education       |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Emma Dodyk                             | Engineering     | X       | Y       | Y              | Y             |            | Y                     |
| Nadir Nurali                           | Engineering     |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Alex Gonzalez (proxy for Nadir Nurali) | Engineering     | X       | Y       |                | Y             | Y          | Y                     |
| Alexandra Arbelaez                     | Forestry        | X       | Y       | Y              | Y             | Y          | Y                     |
| Ashni Gill                             | GSS             | X       |         |                |               | Y          |                       |
| Jackson Schumacher                     | GSS             | X       | Y       | Y              | Y             | Y          | Y                     |
| Nevena Rebic                           | GSS             | X       |         |                |               | Y          | Y                     |
|  | GSS             |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Laura Beaudry                          | Indigenous Seat | X       |         |                |               |            |                       |
|  | Journalism      |         |         |                |               |            |                       |
| Annika Szarka                          | Kinesiology     |         | Y       | Y              | Y             | Y          | Y                     |
| Sebastian Cooper                       | Law             | X       | Y       | Y              | Y             | Y          | Y                     |

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|---|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rachel Chan                                   | LFS                           | X | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Jeremy Zuo                                    | Medicine                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Christian Bailey                              | Music                         | X | Y | Y | Y | Y |   |
| Emily Masse                                   | Nursing                       | X |   |   |   |   | Y |
| Kevin Kang                                    | Pharmacy                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Kiera Vandeborne                              | Planning                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Natalie Cappe (proxy<br>for Kiera Vandeborne) | Planning                      | X | Y | Y | Y |   |   |
|   | Population &<br>Public Health |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Chris Sundby                                  | Regent                        | X | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Danny Liu                                     | Science                       | X |   | Y | Y | Y |   |
| Jimmy Kim                                     | Science                       | X | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Katherine Feng                                | Science                       | X | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Ray Hua                                       | Science                       | X | Y | Y | Y | Y |   |
| Anisha Sandhu                                 | Senate                        | X |   |   |   |   |   |
| Eshana Bhangu                                 | Senate                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Anissa Meghji                                 | Social Work                   | X |   |   |   |   | Y |
| Agam Gill                                     | St Mark's                     | X | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Daniel Martin                                 | VST                           | X | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Oluwakemi Oke                                 | Ombudsperson                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |