AMS Council - September 15, 2021
Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver
Sep 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM PDT to Sep 15, 2021 at 11:00 PM PDT
Michael Kingsmill Forum (Room 4301, Councillors + Media Only),
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81533251806

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Agenda

I. Call to Order 6:00 PM
II. Territorial Acknowledgement 6:05 PM
III. Approval of the Agenda 6:08 PM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is adopted as presented.

IV. Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies 6:13 PM

A. New Members
Cole Quist (Architecture), Sophie Penniman (LASSA), Noah Collins (Regent), Shadia Qubti (VST), Sajedeh Zaki (Social Work)

B. Vacancies:
Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, Education, Engineering, GSS x 2

C. Goodbyes
Anissa Meghji (Social Work), Adenike Adelakun (GSS)

V. Speaker's Business 6:14 PM

VI. Statements from Students-at-Large

VII. Consent Agenda Items - simple majority 6:19 PM

A. "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented:
Executive Committee minutes dated August 25, 2021
Operations Committee minutes dated August 30, 2021
Human Resources Committee minutes dated August 20, 2021
Governance Committee minutes dated August 18, 2021
Finance Committee minutes dated August 17, 2021
Finance Committee minutes dated August 27, 2021

B. 2021 Annual General Meeting Date
BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council set the date of the 2021 Annual General Meeting for October 28th, 2021 at 6pm.

From the Executive Committee

C. Restoration of Regular Chief Electoral Officer Hours

BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council restore the original working hours/terms of the Chief Electoral Officer’s employment contract, from 5 hours per week to 15 hours per week from the dates of September 1st to October 12th.

From the Human Resources Committee

VIII. Consent Agenda items - 2/3rds Vote

A. VPAUA Budget Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that a $5,000 increase is approved for the Academic Projects budget line under the VP Academic and University Affairs portfolio.

From the Finance Committee

IX. Presentations to Council

A. AMS Strategic Plan

Presenters: Cole Evans, Nicolas Romualdi

B. Overturning the Results of the 2014 AMS Fee Referendum on the Establishment of a Microbrewery

Presenter: Cole Evans

WHEREAS a referendum was conducted and passed in January 2014 to establish a student fee to construct a Microbrewery on campus, or hereafter referred to as “The Project”.
WHEREAS it has been determined that the proposed project, in all forms, carries significant financial, structural, and reputational risk to the Society.
WHEREAS it is the opinion of AMS Council that the project, in all forms, is no longer able to be executed in the best interests of the Society or its membership.
WHEREAS the Society does not intend to sign a financing agreement to facilitate the construction of the project.
WHEREAS the cancellation of the project will save the Society's membership at least $1 million in student fees over a period of five (5) years.
WHEREAS as per Bylaw 5(1) all powers concerning the management, administration, control of property, revenue, and business affairs of the Society are vested in the Council subject to the Bylaws.
WHEREAS pursuant to Bylaw 4(4) the Society has fulfilled its referendum obligations by acting upon the passed referendum question.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS Student Council overturn the results of the 2014 Fee Referendum to Establish a Microbrewery and direct the Society to pursue no further action on the issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ad Hoc Committee on the Fermentation Lab is dissolved.

From the President

X. Consultation Period
A. Mandatory Vaccinations Update

XI. Appointments

XII. President’s Remarks 6:55 PM
Presenter: Cole Evans

XIII. Executive Remarks

A. VP Finance 7:00 PM
Presenter: Mary Gan

B. VP Academic and University Affairs 7:03 PM
Presenter: Eshana Bhangu

C. VP Administration 7:06 PM
Presenter: Lauren Benson

D. VP External 7:09 PM
Presenter: Saad Shoai ib

E. Manager, Student Services 7:12 PM
Presenter: Mitchell Prost

F. Managing Director 7:15 PM
Presenter: Keith Hester

XIV. Committee Reports 7:18 PM

A. Advocacy Committee
Presenter: Eshana Bhangu

B. Steering Committee
Presenter: Cole Evans

C. Finance Committee
Presenter: Mary Gan

D. Governance Committee
Presenter: Katherine Feng

E. Operations Committee
Presenter: Katherine Feng

F. Human Resources Committee
Presenter: Romina Hajizadeh

G. Student Life Committee
Presenter: Emily Gubski

H. Indigenous Committee

I. Ethics and Accountability Committee

J. Elections Committee

K. Advisory Board
Presenter: Cole Evans

L. Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions
Presenter: Lauren Benson

M. Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles and Ethics
Presenter: Lauren Benson
N. Ad Hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement
Presenter: Max Holmes

XV. Report from Presidents Council
Presenter: Cole Evans

XVI. Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports

A. Board of Governors Report 7:38 PM
Presenters: Max Holmes, Georgia Yee

B. Senate Report 7:41 PM
Presenters: Kanika Khosla, Keanna Yu

C. Ombudsperson Report
Presenter: Oluwakemi Oke

D. Historical Update 7:44 PM
Presenter: Sheldon Goldfarb

XVII. Minutes of Council and Committees of Council

XVIII. Executive Committee Motions

A. Request for Additional Federal Election Funding 7:54 PM
BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council approve an increase on the federal Get Out The Vote campaign from $10,000 to $12,000.
Note: This motion will allow for an additional $2,000 to be withdrawn from the Federal Elections Reserve, which has a balance of approx. $20,000.
From the Vice-President External Affairs

XIX. Constituency and Affiliate Motions

XX. Committee Motions

XXI. Other Business and Notice of Motions

XXII. Discussions

A. Topics for the AGM 7:59 PM

XXIII. Submissions

XXIV. Adjournment

Next meeting of Council: September 29th, 2021
(in-person attendance required)

XXV. Council Welcome and Introduction Activity 8:29 PM