

## STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Rodney Little Mustache (student at large), Haniya Syed (student at large), Emmanuel Cantiller (student at large), Lorris Leung (AMS Senior Manager, Student Services), Ben Du (AMS AVP Administration), Anisha Sandhu (Sustainability Projects Coordinator), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Karmen Leong (AMS Graphic Design), James Cabangon (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 6:04 pm.

### B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- UBC and the AMS are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded, stolen territory of the Halkomelem-speaking Musqueam people.
- I recognize that I'm a settler on lands helping to preserve this situation.

### C) Adoption of the agenda:

#### 1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Eshana Bhangu:

- I'd like to add a discussion on vaccines.

Before the meeting Max Holmes asked that the following be removed from the consent portions of the agenda:

- Advisory Board minutes dated May 19, 2021
- Executive Committee minutes dated June 2, 2021
- The Governance Committee motion to amend the Code provisions on remote attendance.

#### 2. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... Carried

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

Welcome to our new Members: Sylvia Fernandez (LFS), Julia Burnham (GSS), Adenike Adelakun (GSS)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, Engineering

Goodbyes:

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

The Speaker:

- We are here to hold the AMS to account.
- Please speak up.

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

Haniya Syed:

- I am a third year student studying international relations and want to talk about how AMS Executive members are representing themselves to UBC.
- A recent video has made the community of women at UBC extremely unhappy.
- An important member of the AMS took part.
- I hope the AMS team can hold themselves accountable for their language on social media.
- It reflects very poorly on the AMS.

Cole Evans:

- Thank you so much for coming in.
- I'm the individual in question.
- Knowing now the reception that the post I made received, I would not have made it.
- I definitely apologize for any uncomfortableness caused to your community or other communities on campus.
- My intentions were innocent, but that's not necessarily an excuse for their impact on others.
- We are receptive to this feedback and want to stand with our students.

Haniya Syed:

- Thank you for the apology.
- We actually have not heard many apologies.
- This means a lot to members of the UBC community and students at large like myself.
- The conflict of interest, the overlapping of personal and professional, can create a grey area. It makes people think you're choosing sides.

Julia Burnham:

- I think we should add a discussion item on this.

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That Council suspend Code to allow the next speaker to speak for 10 minutes instead of three.”

... No objections

Rodney Little Mustache:

- I am a guest on the Musqueam lands.
- Thanks to the AMS and President Cole Evans for allowing me to be here.
- Over the years I have learned about the residential school system.
- Recently hearing about the mass graves, I was plunged into depression.
- It felt like 215 members of my family were gone.
- Black Lives Matter has been talked of a great deal, but First Nations issues take a back seat.
- There has been racism; there has been genocide.
- Now in this meeting room people are discussing other issues, and genocide is not on the agenda.
- I hope you open your hearts and minds to 150 years of the First Nations.
- The AMS has as its motto, We've Got Your Back.
- I am here today to ask the AMS, on behalf of the 215 children, to start a student movement to speak out against oppressive governments and 154 years of genocide.

Saad Shoaib:

- Thank you very much, Rodney, for speaking up and sharing your experiences.
- It would be a dark day at the AMS when we stop taking this into account.
- We're going to continue to bring up these concerns alongside Indigenous students and communities, so that government understands that this is not okay.

Rodney Little Mustache:

- The longer they are in power the longer we have to fight.
- There should be protests.
- You're ignoring it too: as students we have to speak up.
- After what China did yesterday, someone stood up.
- Why not join a call to the United Nations to investigate?
- I lived on a reserve; I thought there was equality, but I've learned there is not.
- We've been through this so much as a people.
- My mother told me what she had to put up with.
- How would you go about calling for dismantling this system?
- It's time for these parties to go.

Mathew Ho:

- We need more conversations around this.
- We need transparency.
- Not just student government, but institutions can do a lot more on this.

## G) Consent Agenda Items

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

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

Council minutes dated March 24, 2021	[SCD031-22]
Council minutes dated April 7, 2021	[SCD032-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 9, 2021	[SCD048-22]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated June 4, 2021	[SCD034-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 9, 2021	[SCD035-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 16, 2021	[SCD036-22]
Clubs and Societies working group minutes dated May 21, 2021	[SCD037-22]

“That AMS Council confirm the Student at Large appointments of Natalie Ma and Karen Liu to the Ad Hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement,”

... Carried

**For (23): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Aryan Mishra, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Grace Lee, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Nevena Rebic, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeborne, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji, Daniel Martin**

**Abstained: Yang Yu**

### 5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That the following consent agenda item be accepted as presented (2/3rds).”

**From the Governance Committee** [SCD038-22], [SCD039-22]

“That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2021: Historical Updates’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

... Carried

**For (21): Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Aryan Mishra, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeborne, Katherine Feng, Anissa Meghji**

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

**AMS Restart Plan – Cole Evans** [SCD040-22]

- Super exciting.
- Student safety is our top priority.

- We're strictly following guidelines from the provincial and federal health authorities.
- We are being considerate of the diverse accessibility and inclusivity needs of our membership.
- Phase 3 of BC Restart begins July 1.
- Of course, we're looking into a crystal ball in all this; basing ourselves on advice from the Provincial Health Office, but depending on what happens, things could change.
- Some things may seem surprising, but this is coming out of public and confidential discussions with the government and UBC.
- Focusing on vaccines rather than restrictions.
- The postsecondary sector has not been identified as high risk.
- Close personal repeating contact: you don't see that in lecture halls. They're not as high risk as elsewhere.
- Reopening can happen with confidence, but not everyone will be comfortable.
- Messaging needs to reflect changes that have happened.
- Vaccinations are the quickest way back to normal.
- Lessons have been learned from the hybrid setting.
- Have to learn to live with COVID.
- People will have different comfort levels.
- There should be rapid testing for those who feel ill.
- Masks will still be required in Phase 3 (July-August). That may be relaxed, depending on UBC.
- In Phase 4 (September) face coverings will no longer be required.
- If there are further outbreaks, we may revisit masks.
- If people want or need to wear masks, that's okay.
- We'll be increasing seating capacity in the Nest while continuing the use of plexiglass barriers.
- We're moving to more relaxed capacity limits for washrooms and elevators.
- Removing use of building flow guides.
- Partial return of AMS Council in person on July 21.
- Remote work for staff continuing through summer; full reopening in September, but some remote work will be acceptable.
- Services will continue to be primarily virtual in the summer, with SASC offering a hybrid service.
  - Resumption of in-person service, with some hybrid offerings, in Phase 4.
- Potential increase in capacity in food outlets, pending guidance.
  - Porch and Grand Noodle opening August 30.
  - Pit to open in Phase 4, perhaps October.
  - Pie R Squared and the new Test Kitchen to open in October.
- Increased room capacities for conferences this summer.
  - Return to normal booking in the fall for both clubs and external events.

6. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED GABRIELLE MATHESON:

"That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes."

... No objections

**AMS Restart Plan – Cole Evans (continued)**

- Events:
  - Virtual in the summer.
  - In person events for First Week. Not super large, 20-100 people.
  - Modified Welcome Back Barbecue in mid-September.
    - Not typical big stage.
    - More a festival, spaced-out vibe.
  - Full resumption in October.
- Societies and Clubs:
  - Constituencies and clubs to have access to bookings as of June 28.
  - Clubs Days will be virtual and in person.
  - Club and Constituency events will be back to normal in Phase 4 (in the fall).

*Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- I'm surprised Services won't be in person in Phase 3. Even in Phase 4 there are no timelines; it may be considered, that's all – whereas the Pit is definitely opening.
- It would be much better to have Services available to students.
- Also, what will be done to ensure that clubs are compliant with Provincial Health Orders?

Cole Evans:

- The Services plan came from the Services department.
- They said it's what works best.
- Food Bank and Safewalk are already in person.
- For Peer Support and Tutoring, we've seen that they work well virtually.
- There have been lessons learned: some of our Services work well in a hybrid setting.
- We will look at the most effective way to deliver our Services.
- There's been no less effort devoted to the Services than other areas.
- It's appropriate for the Services to decide; SASC said they want to wait and see.

Lauren Benson

- As we open up and welcome clubs back, we will provide sanitization and watch capacity.
- When clubs book, we will make sure events are safe and feasible; it won't be a free for all.

7. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED GRACE LEE:

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

... No objections

Max Holmes:

- Re working with Provincial Health authorities: A lot of students are concerned that Provincial Health guidance does not go far enough to protect students.
- It's mind boggling that UBC is planning to open 200-seat lecture halls.

- What has the AMS done to consult with students and staff about these plans?
- What consultation has there been with Councillors and committees?
- Can you send these documents in advance in the future?

Cole Evans:

- We are aware of student concerns.
- These concerns have been brought up in meetings with the Provincial Health Office and the Ministry of Advanced Education.
- These questions have been asked by us and by other student unions.
- The answers come from the Provincial Health Office: Bonnie Henry and her deputies.
- We have been very clear in addressing these concerns.
- We have also consulted Keith and his departments.
- We were getting eyes on the document before submitting it to Council, but we recognize that Councillors want to see all this in advance.

Grace Lee:

- Will Constituencies have access this summer?
- We've been told that we won't get access to Sauder until September.

Cole Evans:

- This comes from UBC.
- The word we got that there will be access over the summer.

Max Holmes asked to add a discussion on the Restart Plan.

***Executive and Services Annual Goals***

[SCD041-22]

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the presentation be extended by 10 minutes."

... No objections

Cole Evans

**Collective Goals**

- These are collective priorities more than goals per se:
  - COVID recovery.
  - Community engagement with our members:
    - New brand a work in progress.
    - More synergized methods of communication.
    - Electoral engagement strategies.
  - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:
    - Consultation.
    - AMS Equity plan.
    - Ensuring representation from marginalized communities.

**Cole Evans – President's Goals**

- Strategic Plan.

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:
  - Expand staff capacity.
  - New subcommittee.
- Indigenous presence:
  - New student organization.
  - Art installation.
  - Month of campaigns around Indigenous culture.

### **Eshana Bhangu – VP Academic’s Goals**

- Affordability (housing, OER’s):
  - UBC Campus Vision 2050 plan.
  - Work with UBC to lower housing costs.
  - Tuition engagement process.
    - The University asks for student feedback; 90% of the students say No to tuition increases, but the University still raises tuition.
    - Only 23% feel the University is transparent about where tuition is going.
  - Want to work with the VP Students to review procedures.
  - Work with Enrolment Services for more needs-based scholarships instead of merit-based.
  - UBC Affordability Plan.
  - \$18 million over collection of tuition: we’ve been making submissions on allocation of that money to serve students better.
- OER’s (Open Education Resources):
  - Students paying a lot for textbooks and digital materials.
  - A barrier.
  - Want to have Senate create a policy to cap costs.
  - Textbook Broke campaign.
  - OER Champions Night.
  - A lot of instructors have OER’s, but students don’t know.
  - Want to work with UBC Bookstore to make sure the information is available.
- Return to In Person:
  - Unprecedented year, and the fall will be equally so.
  - Want to keep equity to the fore.
  - Want lecture capture technology.
  - Increased vaccination access.
  - Want vaccination mandated in student housing.
  - Wanted expansion of rapid testing eligibility: that goal has been accomplished.
  - Want to ensure that students who can’t get here don’t suffer.

### **Saad Shoib – VP External’s Goals**

#### Financial Aid

- Focusing on the complete removal of interest on federal student loans; it’s already being done on a temporary basis till 2023.
- Want increased operational funding for postsecondary institutions.



- Expanding the BC Access grant: a needs-based grant for grad students.

#### Sexual Violence Prevention

- Research on discrepancies at postsecondary institutions over their policies.
- Increased government support for Sexual Violence Protection offices.

#### Housing Affordability

- New funding options for student housing.
- Increased funding for non-profit student housing initiatives like UTILE.
- Tenant rights.

### 9. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by 10 minutes.”

... No objections

#### **Mary Gan – VP Finance Goals**

##### Affordable mental health:

- Low barrier subsidy.
- Provider network.

##### AMS Treasurer Learning Hub:

- Consolidating treasurer authorizations.
- Training, workshops, etc.

##### Awareness and Transparency:

- Carried over for many years; still not satisfied.
- Increase awareness of AMS Funds, subsidies, opt in/out procedures, and the Health and Dental plan.
- Make the AMS Budget less confusing.

#### **Lauren Benson – VP Administration Goals**

##### Accessibility and Communication:

- Create fundamental understanding and involvement in the Administration portfolio.
- Brand guidelines.
- Good clear videos.
- Show our work to the student body.

##### Capital Improvements:

- Ensure the Nest is reflective of student interests and needs.
- Prayer and commuter spaces.
- Make sure the Nest is a safe space.

##### Integrated and inclusive approach to sustainability:

- Making space for conversations on this in the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
- Taking in the intersectionality of sustainability.
- More than green initiatives.
- Food security.

### **Mitchell Prost – Student Services Goals**

Opportunities for growth:

- Improve recruitment, hiring, professional development for staff.
- Make onboarding process easier.

Housing Service:

- Created this past year
- Timelines and goals.

AMS Services review:

- Implementation of the review done a couple of years ago.

### *Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- There is talk of expanding staff capacity, but isn't that the opposite of what was discussed in the budget discussions?
- I thought we were cutting staff.

Cole Evans:

- We needed to add another equity position, but we reorganized so there are the same number of staff overall: maybe five hours more.

Julia Burnham:

- Can each of you state one thing in your goals that reflects the unique needs of graduate students?
- Also, is the plan to transform the Indigenous Committee into a Constituency? Is the Indigenous community in favour of this?
- The VP Administration goals include something about closed captioning for courses: is this best in that portfolio, or should it be a general Executive goal?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We need to maintain emphasis on the fact that we represent all 56,000 students.
- The GSI award is now based on enrollment (makes faculties over enroll).
- Want to work to increase funding for graduate students: just increased to \$22,000, but still not enough.
- Grad students are forfeiting funding when taking parental leave; want to work with the University to arrange support for students taking parental leave.

Saad Shoaib:

- We've just passed an MoU with the GSS so we can continue our advocacy in a collaborative manner.
- Seeking expansion of the BC Access grant to grad students.
- Seeking expansion of grad scholarships to non-STEM disciplines.
- Have regular meetings with the GSS.

Mary Gan:

- Working on the Health and Dental plan, which is a joint AMS/GSS plan.

Lauren Benson:

- Our work is more internal, in the Nest.
- Would love to see graduate students take advantage of commuter spaces and the sensory room in the Nest.
- On the communication goal, I come from the Communications Department; I was the digital media coordinator.
  - I noticed this was lacking.
  - Maybe it's not Admin and does relate more to my role as an Executive.
  - Happy to discuss it with my fellow Executives.

Mitchell Prost:

- Implementing the new housing service will benefit grad students.

Cole Evans:

- Grad students should be specifically mentioned in the Strategic Plan.
- Re an Indigenous Constituency, yes, we have discussed this with the Indigenous leadership; we would not have brought this forward without discussion with them.
  - The Indigenous Committee is currently vacant.
  - That's why we're looking at alternatives.
  - We will continue to look at this.

Max Holmes:

- The UTILE housing co-op initiative:
  - It works in Montreal and Ontario, but maybe it's not such a great idea in Vancouver to be building off campus.
  - And should the AMS be leading this or just advocating?
- Services: Why not asking for more in the budget?
- And it's not clear how the goals will get done.

Saad Shoaib:

- On UTILE we're awaiting a feasibility study. Once we get the feasibility study, we will come back to Council
- As to why we're looking to the AMS operating this instead of just advocating for it, we're exploring a joint ownership model with all the student unions that are interested.
- The main idea is to have housing run by students for students.

Mitchell Prost:

- Re budgeting for Services and not asking for more resources, we were primarily looking at previous years.
- New growth will primarily be in the new housing service, which will mostly be run by volunteers.

Mary Gan:

- The Finance Committee is accepting feedback and budget amendments from all departments.
- We are revising the budget now.

Max Holmes:

- The new format for goals.
- I miss the detail.
- Will we see more details on how these goals will be enacted?
- Have they been mapped out?
- Do you feel the new format was a benefit?

Cole Evans:

- It was nice not to have to write ten pages of copy for the goals.
- Hopefully this format made it more accessible and understandable: going point by point.
- Hopefully more people will read them: analytics shows that most have not been.
- As to performance tracking, I-9 (the policy on goals) isn't really set up well to do that, but as far as following up on execution of goals, are you looking for a roadmap describing the next steps or performance evaluation?

Julia Burnham:

- On the issue of whether people are reading things, documents are sometimes submitted late, and I would caution against surveillance.
- Instead of scolding, maybe take responsibility for training and orientation of Councillors.

Cole Evans:

- The point is not to surveil people.
- We talk in Orientations about collective responsibility, the Executive and Council together.
- Analytics don't say who read the documents (only how many did).
- There could be more engagement.
- We can encourage, but we can only do so much.
- This is a systemic issue.
- The point is not to criticize.

Julia Burnham:

- I'm wondering if people are amenable to transferring the communications goal from the VP Admin to the Executive.

Lauren Benson:

- Happy to move that.

Cole Evans:

- All good with that.

#### 10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, AMS Council approve the 2021/22 Annual Executive Goals as per Policy I-9."

... Carried

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11. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

"That the agenda be amended to add a motion to approve the sustainability goals after the sustainability presentation."

... No objections

***Auditorium Capital Upgrades – Cole Evans***

[SCD042-22], [SCD043-22]

Vision:

- Designed to be an ambitious project.
- Low risk but could have significant impact.
- To make performing and media arts more accessible to young people.
- To create a historic venue for students.

History:

- The Auditorium, later known as the Norm Theatre, was built in 1968 in the Old SUB.
- The only thing that's changed over the years is that the seats were replaced in 2006.
- It's condition has become decrepit: rotting curtains, asbestos.
- Not a lot done in 50 years.
- In 2015 when we moved to the Nest and the Old SUB became the Life Building, the theatre was closed.
- In 2018 code upgrades were begun, enough for the theatre to reopen in 2019.

Phase 2:

- That was the first phase of upgrades. Now the plan is for Phase 2.
- Want to create a multipurpose venue for the performing arts.
- There's a lot of interest; we consulted students; also the Faculty of Arts.
- We need safety upgrades to hold live theatre.
- Adding stage lighting, lecture capability (could be used for academic purposes), also audio/visual investments.
- Want accessibility upgrades.
- It's a 400-seat theatre with an old lift.
- Want to add gender-neutral washrooms and expand the lobby/foyer.

Feasibility Study:

- A six-month feasibility study looked at architecture, A/V, theatre.
- \$45,000 spent to date; \$25,000 came from the Faculty of Arts.
- The recommendation was to go forward.

- Need acoustical work because of classrooms situated above.
- Total cost estimate of \$3.287 million.
- How pay for?
- We're making a CCSF application (Canada Cultural Spaces Fund) for \$1.7 million.
- UBC will pay \$0.95 million.
- That leaves \$650,000, and we're hoping for an additional Arts contribution and a donor, with the rest from the AMS.

Next Steps:

- No request for money now, just a motion to demonstrate Board support in our CCSF application.
- In March we would come back and make decisions.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- You've given us a two-page pdf but without any details on where the AMS contribution might come from.
- And if we get funding, do we have to go forward?
- What guarantee do we have that we'll get the full \$1.7 million from the CCSF?
- With our deficit of \$4.5 million, are we in a position to contribute \$650,000?

Cole Evans:

- No financial implications currently.
- All we're asking for is a show of interest, which is a requirement of the project.
- Can't forecast the grant result. Hoping for the best.
- The only way this project works is if everything goes according to plan.
- If we get enough grant money, we can go forward.
- If not, we have to make a hard decision.
- If we did contribute, it would be from the Capital Projects Fund: it has \$2.5 million in it.
- We'd spend 20% of our reserves; it would not impact fees; it would just come from our funds.
- There's no set budget yet; we're trying to source funding.

Max Holmes:

- Why did you not send the feasibility study to Council?

Cole Evans:

- It's not finished yet.

12. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

"That the question period be extended by five minutes."

... No objections

Julia Burnham:

- The Norm Theatre is an exciting project; it could have a lasting impact.

- In relation to the applications for funds, are there any limitations pertaining to governance or timelines that Council should be aware of?
- Are there any MoU's on the funding promised by the University? Are they in the loop on the grant application?
- Will the renovation affect Get Thrifty? Was the feasibility report communicated to them?

Cole Evans:

- Nothing in the grant application requires us to change anything.
- There are no formal agreements in place with UBC; it's been solely verbal.
  - I do know that there is a written document that exists.
  - Our understanding is that they are fully in support of the project.
- Get Thrifty checks in with us regularly; this will not affect the space they've been currently allocated.
  - What is affected is their desire to expand into the same space as this project: still have to make a determination on what will happen.

Lauren Benson:

- We've been working to accommodate Get Thrifty.
- We've come up with strategies to promote their business on social media.
- Working on giving them access to outdoor space for pop-up shops.
- Working on finding them space in the Nest.

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

***From the Executive Committee***

"Whereas AMS Council gave consent for the Executive to pursue capital upgrades of the AMS Auditorium,

Whereas a feasibility study with Class C estimates was completed and full-scope execution is pending funding confirmation,

Whereas it is the Executive Committee's intention to exhaust all possible funding options before commencing work on the project,

Be it resolved that AMS Council approve in principle the continuation of work on the AMS Auditorium Renovation Project.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council express interest in the completion of the project pending the successful receipt of required additional funding.

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Charlotte Alden:

- When will the decision on Get Thrifty's expansion be made?

Cole Evans:

- Hard to say.
- Both projects are AMS capital projects.
- This is a major AMS project from before Get Thrifty asked for an expansion.
- Get Thrifty has made a proposal; it's not been formally approved by the AMS.
- We're working with all parties to balance everyone's needs, make everyone happy.

Max Holmes:

- It would be helpful for Council to see the status of Get Thrifty's project space.
  - It's a reputational issue when articles keep appearing in the press about delays around Great Thrifty's request.
- What conditions will come with UBC's involvement with the project?
  - Will they want a lecture hall?
- This used to be 100% for the AMS and students; now will UBC use the space?
- What are the strings attached? What are the effects of partnership?

Cole Evans:

- No strings attached.
- They talked of a lecture hall; it was a very preliminary conversation with the Faculty of Arts.
- It would only be used during off-time: 9 am to noon, for example.
- Obviously, if the Faculty of Arts contributes, they will want to know the benefits.

Kamil Kanji:

- What is the backup plan if we don't get the grant?
- Abandon the project?

Cole Evans:

- There are a couple of options.
- We could reduce the scope of the project (not ideal).
- Of if it's too expensive to continue, it could be shelved.

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**AMS Sustainability Priorities – Anisha Sandhu (Sustainability Projects Coordinator)**  
[SCD044-22], [SCD045-22]

- SEEDS projects.
- AMS Net Zero 2025 targets.
- Soapstand refill stations.
- AMS Waste Hub (recycling hard to dispose of materials).
- Interactive Sustainability Centre: still under construction; hoping to open in September.
- AMS Thingery: free “library” of things.
- Food security projects.

15. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JASON LIAO:

“That the presentation be extended by three minutes.”

... No objections

Anisha Sandhu (continued):

- Indigenous Coordination: working towards creating an Indigenous Strategic Plan.

16. MOVED LAUREN BENSON, SECONDED MARY GAN:

“That the AMS sustainability goals be accepted as presented.”

... Carried

**For (18): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Jason Liao, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Julia Burnham, Nevena Rebic, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O'Donnell, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji**

**I) Consultation Period**

**J) Appointments**

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

[SCD046-22]

**Cole Evans**

- UBC menstrual map from Free Periods Canada: we're supporting them.
- Working on restart plan.
- Advisory Board meeting tomorrow.

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

**VP Finance – Mary Gan**

- Working on budget with Finance Committee. Hope to bring to July Council.
- Helping clubs with finances.
- Authorizing treasurers.
- Health & Dental Plan.
- New RBC credit card program.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu**

- Eligibility for rapid testing has been expanded.
- Seeking a mandate of at least one vaccine dose for students in residence, as has been done elsewhere.
- Creating a return to campus survey.
- Advocacy for lecture capture.
- Seeking increased funding for the UBC Meal Share program.
- Advocating the creation of a needs-based scholarship for international students rather than a hybrid merit/need one.
- Data coming in for Academic Experience Survey: creating report for next Council.

**VP Administration – Lauren Benson**

- Primary focus is on reopening spaces for clubs and student groups.
- By June 28 clubs will be able to return.
- Of course, we will be following Provincial Health Orders.
- Registration is open for Jump Start. Collaborating with the University.
- Researching capital projects such as prayer spaces.
- Working on Interactive Sustainability Centre: obtaining furniture, murals, the dashboard.

**VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib**

- Working with UCRU on removal of interest on federal student loans, providing Indigenous student support, and student employment.
- Working with the Affiliated colleges about post-graduate work permits.
- BC Budget 2022 consultation presentation:
  - Focusing on sexual violence.
  - Working with SASC
- Climate Action Strategic Plan: mission to partner with Indigenous groups and communities.

**Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost**

- Finalizing individual Service goals.
- Brainstorming hybrid service plan.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**

- Hiring for Policy Advisor: unfortunately the person we offered it to declined.
- Started hiring for test kitchen.
- Repairs in the Great Hall and Atrium.
- Auditors started in the office today.
- Budget.
- Working with Events on Fall events, First Week.
- Planning the restart.
- Pilot phase of credit card system.

Max Holmes:

- Re the Policy Advisor:
  - It's been a long time.
  - Why not approach the union to increase the salary?
  - Having this position vacant is a danger to the Society.

Keith Hester:

- Starting collective bargaining next month: will discuss it.
- The union wanted to wait till then, or if we wanted to raise the salary now, they wanted to raise all salaries.

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

**Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu**

- Mandating vaccines in residences.
- Considering mandating masks.

**Steering Committee – Cole Evans**

- Talking about the agenda.
- Looking at removing the student at large from this committee.
- This is mostly a Council agenda committee, a coordinating committee, not the most stimulating committee for a student at large.

Max Holmes:

- Why does this committee not have minutes submitted?

Cole Evans:

- We've only met twice.

**Finance Committee – Mary Gan**

- Working on budget.
- Lots of groups involved.

- Working on budget amendments.
- Will bring minutes to July meeting.

#### **Governance Committee – Katherine Feng**

- Historical update motion coming to expand the time for the update to better reflect practice.
- Looked at attendance and remote attendance rules for Council.
- Reviewing internal policies.
- Minutes coming this meeting.

#### **Operations Committee – Katherine Feng**

- Only met once and has not yet approved those minutes.
- Made changes to the Sustainability Subcommittee's ToR to reflect that there is not a funds coordinator.
- Appointed vice-chair.
- Looking at Policy Manual changes.

#### **HR Committee – Romina Hajizadeh**

- Narrowing down goals.
- Focusing on hiring the CEO. Job posting going up tomorrow.
- Looking to create better transitions.
- Looking at Executive salaries.

#### **Student Life Committee – Emily Gubski**

- Haven't met yet.
- Time zone and work schedule issues.
- Waiting on materials from the past chair.
- No minutes to submit.

#### **Advisory Board – Cole Evans**

- Transition meeting in May.
- Substantive meeting tomorrow.

Max Holmes:

- No mention of the Advisory Board in the Executive goals.
- What are their goals?
- We spend money on this, but last year they didn't provide any advice to Council.

Cole Evans:

- It's been trial and error this past year.
- Tried a system we put in Code, but it didn't work so well.
- We reported in March on changes we'd like to make.
- My assistant is working on Code changes.
- Hoping to increase its meeting schedule.
- Partnering with specific Executives.
- Will be bringing Code changes.

- Looking at how it reports to Council.

Max Holmes:

- It seems the focus is on how you can make the Advisory Board useful to the Executive, but ultimately Council is supposed to benefit and we aren't really.
- This massive capital project (on the Auditorium), for instance: the Advisory Board might have advice on that and on our budget actuals being so far off projections.

17. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented:  
Advisory Board minutes dated May 19, 2021."

[SCD047-22]

... Carried

**For (18): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Grace Lee, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Emily Gubski, Teddy O'Donnell, Grace Li, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji, Daniel Martin**

**Abstained: Yang Yu**

18. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED MITCHELL PROST:

"That Council take a 10 min break."

... No objections

19. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

"That Council be extended by one hour."

... No objections

**Ad Hoc Fermentation Lab Committee – Cole Evans**

- No update.
- Having monthly meetings with Land & Food.

**Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Lauren Benson**

- Haven't had a formal meeting since last time.
- Some smaller meetings.

**Ad hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles and Ethics – Lauren Benson**

- Haven't met yet.
- Once the First Week Coordinator is hired, we will discuss.

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

- No update.

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

**Board of Governors – Max Holmes**

- Upcoming Board meeting this Thursday.
- Mandate letter about return to campus.
- Truth and Reconciliation, Indigenous Strategic Plan.
- Integrated renewal program to replace the SSC (\$284 million).
- 5-year capital plan.
- Brock Commons Phase 2.
- Recreation Centre: Board 2 approval.
- UNA Liaison Committee.
- Amendments to deans and principals appointment policy.
- Discussion on allocation of incremental tuition revenue.

Julia Burnham:

- Why is there no agenda item around the return to campus plan for the University?

Max Holmes:

- Great question.
- It was discussed at the Learning and Research Committee.
- I would support an open agenda item to discuss this at the full Board.
- The Board is very interested in the UBC Executive's plan.
- Good to see that the AMS has submitted something on this; it will be good to hear AMS priorities at the meeting, e.g., on mandating vaccinations in residences.

**Senate – Kanika Khosla**

- No report as Senate is not meeting this summer.
- There was an issue at the Tribute Committee, but I can't discuss it.

Eshana Bhangu

- Can you talk about what student senators are doing to push for a full-fledged audit of honorary degrees?

Kanika Khosla:

- During committee meetings, we're going to push for ways to do this.
- No concrete plans.

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**

- I asked Council for questions, and Kamil wanted to know about AMS presidents who were in conflict with UBC presidents.
- Actually we tend to collaborate with the University.
- For instance, in our biggest protest, the Great Trek of 1922, we worked with the University to get the government to provide the funding needed to build the campus.
- Recently, someone in the Ubyyssey objected when the University used the name Great Trek Festival to recall the Great Trek.

- It wasn't a festival, said the person objecting, but if you look at the accounts from the time, maybe it was.
  - At the time it was described as a parade, also a pilgrimage, and the idea was to get to the Promised Land in West Point Grey.
- Anyway, that was the AMS and the University working together, which happened again in 1962 in the "Third Trek," also known as the "Back Mac" campaign.
  - "Mac" was UBC President John B. Macdonald, who wanted more funding for postsecondary education.
  - The students backed him on that, and our campaign led to the creation of SFU and the colleges.
- It's true that the next year Mac increased tuition; this annoyed the AMS president (Malcolm Scott). The notion was, "We backed you, and then you did this."
- But the next year's president, Roger McAfee, pushed to improve relations with UBC, though in later years he developed a reputation as a bit of a militant.
- In 2012 he showed up to urge then AMS President Matt Parson to mount a protest against the University for absorbing the Alumni Association.
- A few years before that Kristin Harvey, our first Indigenous president, got in trouble with some radical students for *not* fighting the University over tuition.
- Then in 2004 the AMS Executive protested against tuition hikes by creating a poster in which they photoshopped then UBC President Martha Piper to look like Marie Antoinette saying "Let them eat cake."
- In 2009 AMS President Blake Frederick annoyed UBC President Stephen Toope by issuing a press release condemning the University's plans for an underground bus loop.
- Blake later lodged a complaint against UBC and the government at the United Nations over tuition. (But Council censured him for that.)

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

**Q) Executive Committee Motions:**

**20. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:**

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented:  
Executive Committee minutes dated June 2, 2021."

[SCD033-22]

Max Holmes:

- I pulled these to discuss the branding guidelines that are discussed in them.
- Concerned about the emphasis in that discussion.
- We are a student union involved in advocacy, but I'm concerned that advocacy might not be getting the prominence it should.
- We are supposed to be in solidarity with other student unions on issues.
- The branding discussion at Exec seemed to suggest that the AMS is more of a lifestyle brand.
- I thought we could discuss this.

Julia Burnham:

- I echo Max.
- According to the minutes, it sounds like the idea is to become a lifestyle brand, not a service brand.
- But that does not reflect what the AMS is.
- Maybe this can be brought to Council for consultation.

Cole Evans:

- The minutes don't accurately reflect the full content of the discussions we've had.
- The previous Executive was given the branding proposal in April.
- We gave feedback on the lifestyle idea.
- We said services are at our core; advocacy too.
- Those presenting the proposal were receptive to that, but then we received the same presentation as in April.
- The Executive has not yet seen a revised version of the proposed guidelines.
- Once we do, the intention is to bring them to Council.
- Partner & Hawes (the consultant working on this) and our Communications Department are very much aware of our student union roots.
- Their push was to be bolder, but what Max and Julia have just been saying is the sort of thing we've communicated.

Georgia Yee:

- Is there an opportunity for broader student consultation?

Cole Evans:

- Brand guidelines are more for internal use.
- Last year our Communications Department did host a panel and we did an initial consultation with 140 students: that has guided discussions.

Julia Burnham:

- If Council is not provided this information, we won't know.
- It's great to be kept in the loop, and I hear your commitment to that.

21. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented:  
Executive Committee minutes dated June 2, 2021."

... Carried

**For (15): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Ivran Rai, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O'Donnell, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion**

**Abstained: Anissa Meghji**



**R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:**

22. MOVED IVRAN RAI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD049-22]

**From the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society**

“That Council suspend the relevant provisions of Code Section IX A, Article 9, to allow the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society to conduct a by-election this summer without the presence of the AMS Chief Electoral Officer or the AMS Elections Committee.

Note: The relevant provisions in Article 9 are the following paragraphs in Article 9(1)(d: Training by the CEO). Also, Article 9(3), allowing appeals to the AMS Elections Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ivran Rai:

- The Code suspension will allow us to run a by-election this summer.
- We have a six-member Executive, and it’s become a bit of a strain; we need another Executive (a VP External).
- The current AMS Code says an AMS CEO has to be in place to train Constituency election officials, but there is no CEO now and we want to run our election as soon as possible.
- Our timeline is to have the election in July.

Max Holmes:

- You will still be using Simply Voting software?
- Who will train you?

Ivran Rai:

- Yes, Simply Voting.
- Training from UBC IT.

23. MOVED IVRAN RAI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (20): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Saad Shoaib, Yang Yu, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Julia Burnham, Nevena Rebic, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji**

24. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB: [SCD050-22], [SCD051-22]

**From the Governance Committee**

"That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee 'Code Changes 2021: Council Attendance' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Feng:

- This is about remote attendance.
- Once we're primarily meeting again in person, remote attendance will still be allowed at the discretion of the Chair.
- The remote attendees would count towards quorum.
- A benefit of this is that it makes it easier for members at large to participate.

Max Holmes:

- Some parts of this I object to.
- Non-voting members have been able to object to motions, but over the past year non-voting members have been pushed aside.
- Last year there was a proposal that they not be allowed to sit on committees.
- I'm particularly against the last three parts of the package (about digital voting); they're another slight to non-voting members because they only allow voting members to object to holding a digital vote.
- Also, there's no limit in the proposal on what can be done by a digital vote.
- Are we going to allow Code changes and expenditures to be decided that way?
- There should be more limitations on this.
- And 48 hours is a short time for a digital vote.

Katherine Feng:

- I don't want non-voting members to feel pushed to the side.
- Maybe the call for an electronic vote should go to non-voting members too, so they can raise objections.
- The second point relates to the threshold in the proposal: if any one person objects, the motion has to go to a meeting.
- I do understand that we don't want major changes to be made by email votes.
- Is 48 hours too short? What would be more appropriate? Three or four days?

Max Holmes:

- Yeah, maybe three or four days.
- Some organizations stipulate business days.

- We could pass the package without paragraphs 43, 44, and 45 (about digital voting), then bring those back later.

The Speaker:

- Or it might be easier to send the whole thing back to committee.

Katherine Feng:

- I believe the next meeting might be hybrid, so we need the new rules on remote attendance.
- I think it would be good to pass the parts that don't need an amendment.

Julia Burnham:

- There are assumptions here about the benefits of in person attendance.
- This framing of the issue is a problem for those with disability needs who may need to attend online.
- I'm hoping the Chair will enthusiastically accept everyone's attendance online.
- This is an opportunity to think about who we welcome: e.g., someone in Burnaby who is commuting all the time.
- And Zoom could allow captioning.
- People have their own circumstances that affect whether they can attend in person.
- We have the opportunity to have a great hybrid model, though it can be difficult to moderate a hybrid meeting.

Katherine Feng:

- I'm glad we're thinking about accessibility: students with long commutes or other needs.
- I do have faith in the Chair to identify that as a good reason to attend remotely.
- One concern at committee was over broadening remote attendance:
  - Engagement from Councillors can sometimes be quite low online.
  - They can walk away from their computer.
  - They may be less inclined to speak up.
  - That's another concern to balance with the need to make Council more accessible.
- I'm open to amendments.

Saad Shoaib:

- I sit on Governance.
- When we discussed this, the intention was around accessibility.
- We're leaving this to the Chair's discretion.
- I'm sure the Chair will be understanding.
- Maybe that could be better reflected in that clause.

Max Holmes:

- I do agree that engagement over Zoom is a lot less.
- How do we put in things to keep remote attendees engaged?

- I don't think it should be a free for all, allowing anyone who chooses to attend remotely.
- But accessibility.
- We have paid in the past for travel expenses when meetings run late.
- I do know we want to have hybrid meetings.

25. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the package be amended to remove sections 43, 44, and 45."

Max Holmes:

- Then Governance could come back with updates on these sections that incorporate these discussions.

26. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the package be amended to remove sections 43, 44, and 45."

... No objections

27. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

**From the Governance Committee**

"That Council adopt the amended version of the report from the Governance Committee, 'Code Changes 2021: Council Attendance,' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (16): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Mary Gan, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Avery Chan, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji**

**S) Committee Motions:**

28. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD052-22]

**From the Finance Committee**

"That Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 8(2) to allow the budget to be approved no later than July 21 this year."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mary Gan:

- We were seeing consistent under-spending in past years, so we took time to reflect on the budget process.
- The result is that we think it best to delay till July.

- We want to avoid projecting a huge deficit if that is not accurate.
- We want time for more consultation.
- Two or three weeks in June was not enough.
- We may want to look at appointing the Finance Committee earlier in future.

Max Holmes:

- This is a warning about previous Councils.
- If you look at the budgets closely, you will see variances of as much as 50% between what we project and what we actually spend.
- It's a failing of fiduciary duty.
- One of the most important things you need to do is attend to the budget.
- I fully support this delay as a way to look at the budget more closely.
- When the budget arrives, you may see "cuts" that aren't really cuts; they're just reducing line items to what we're more likely to spend.
- Our spending in the past has been off 20-30% from what we say it will be. We need to improve on that so we can better spend our money.
- Closely read the budget.

Ivran Rai:

- Does this budget delay also apply to Constituencies?

Mary Gan:

- No that's a separate thing.

29. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That Council be extended by 30 minutes."

... No objections

30. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

**From the Finance Committee**

"That Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 8(2) to allow the budget to be approved no later than July 21 this year."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (15): Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Nevena Rebic, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji**

**Abstained: Yang Yu**

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

## U) Discussion Period

### ***Vaccination requirements on Campus***

Eshana Bhangu:

- Other universities in the States and on the East Coast are requiring at least one dose of vaccines to live in student residences – of course with exceptions.
- We feel a vaccination mandate is in the best interest of the safety of students.

Mathew Ho:

- What are the Residential Hall Association and the Residence Advisors saying?

Eshana Bhangu:

- They could not comment, but this is what we've heard from students, on email, Reddit, Twitter, the Advocacy Committee.
- I'm also conducting a return to campus survey, which will include this question.

Anissa Meghji:

- Can you legally make someone prove they've had a vaccine?
- Is there a way to enforce that?
- I don't think employers can force employees.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Our job is to advocate for what students want.
- It will be up to UBC to figure out the logistics etc.

Kamil Kanji:

- There is concern about safety moving forward.
- We should provide clarity and as much protection as we can for students.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Making sure people feel safe is key.
- Which vaccines would be approved?
- Would it only be Canadian approved vaccines?
- If someone got a vaccine elsewhere that's not approved in Canada, what happens then?
- There should be no discrimination against international students or making them racialized.
- And what about religious issues?

Julia Burnham (in the Chat):

- UBC has a pretty extensive and updated policy on religious/cultural/spiritual observances re absences in class.
- That would be a framework to look to re this.

Teddy O'Donnell:

- Canada has one of the best vaccine rollouts in the world, but a lot of international students will not have vaccinations.
- They may not be able to get a vaccine in their home country.
- They will have to get it here and wait three weeks.

Eshana Bhangu:

- UBC says it will arrange for the first dose.
- I'm not slowing down my advocacy for more vaccination clinics on campus: we want increased access.
- We want international students to be able to get vaccinated on campus.

Julia Burnham:

- RA's have to break up gatherings in residences; it would be good to have this added security of vaccination mandates.

Eshana Bhangu:

- UBC is taking a bare minimum approach.
- We need to engage students on this and make sure they are comfortable.

Max Holmes:

- There is a sense of urgency on this matter.
- It's June 23.
- If you're looking for a change in UBC policy, it's not going to happen after July or August.
- Have to act quickly.
- At some universities there has been a compromise: vaccinated floors. On some floors everyone is vaccinated; on others, not.
- We can also advocate about ventilation systems and lecture halls: ask that masks be required in large lecture halls, though it may be hard for profs to communicate if they have to wear masks.
- The immunocompromised may not want to live in residence.

Eshana Bhangu:

- This is huge.
- The time is now.
- We will go hard on this.
- We're doing an environmental scan to see what other universities are doing.

Jason Liao:

- A lot of this is about students living in residences.
- But lots of students live elsewhere and commute.
- Will there be any policy on vaccinations for those sorts of students?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The Provincial Health Office told UBC not to mandate vaccinations UBC-wide.

- The best bet is to advocate for areas UBC can control.

Jason Liao:

- Some students have concerns about returning to campus.

Eshana Bhangu:

- I absolutely agree.
- We will be launching a full-fledged campaign to encourage vaccination.

Sylvia Fernandez:

- Concerning vaccines not approved by Canada:
- Recently there was an email listing the approved vaccines.
- What about international students who got a vaccine that is not on the list?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Not sure I am equipped to answer on what vaccines will be accepted.
- But we will ensure UBC is aware of the issue.
- I'm glad you're bringing up these concerns.
- They will be included in our advocacy.
- Mandating this would help the University as well

31. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

"That Council be extended by 30 minutes."

... No objections

Nevena Rebic:

- We have had few data points come out about the UBC campus.
- Would love to see numbers on the prevalence of cases.
- Can we get UBC to publish numbers?
- Could we also advocate for the University or the PHO to provide us with more UBC-focused data?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We can advocate.
- I have asked the University why they have not been transparent and they say the PHO won't allow it.
- But if we're getting specific numbers for BC, we can for UBC.

Julia Burnham:

- There's a danger of xenophobia and racism around vaccines, depending on the policy adopted.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Xenophobia is real; people may draw conclusions based on others' skin colour.



- That's why we need to make sure the policy says everyone in residence must be vaccinated.

Mathew Ho:

- It's important to look at what other universities are doing.
- Keep in mind, UBC's population in residences is one of the biggest.
- What about RA's working on vaccinated or unvaccinated floors?
- What are the logistics on quarantine housing?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We will go in prepared and not let students down
- Our job is to advocate for this.
- Let's not let UBC put the burden of logistics on the student union.
- UBC Housing is huge. UBC is huge.
- They have a \$3 billion budget.
- There's lots in place.
- All that's needed is the will to act.

### ***Executive Conduct***

32. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI, THIRDED MATHEW HO:

"That the meeting go in camera."

*The meeting went in camera at 11:41 pm.*

*The meeting left the in camera session at 12:02 am.*

### **U) Submissions:**

### **V) Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: July 21, 2021

### **W) Adjournment:**

33. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

"That the meeting be adjourned."

... No objections

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 am.

### **X) Social Activity:**



