

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubyyssey), Elif Kayali, (Ubyyssey). Ben Du (AMS AVP Administration), Lawrence Liu (AMS AVP University Affairs), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Rish Das (AMS Events), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm, in part in person in the Michael Kingsmill Forum, with others attending online via Zoom. About 15 attended in person.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- UBC and AMS are on the unceded, stolen territory of the Musqueam people.
- If you're outside UBC, check online to find out whose land you're on.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

- Katherine Feng asked to amend the agenda to add a new Consent Item agenda, but the Speaker said the Consent Items can't be added to at this time; the item could be added elsewhere.
- Eshana Bhangu asked to add a motion from the Advocacy Committee.
- Max Holmes asked for a discussion on committee minutes.
- Eshana Bhangu asked to add minutes from the Advocacy Committee, but the Speaker said those could wait till the next meeting.
- Cole Evans asked to add a consultation on the air conditioning project.

Max Holmes:

- We are adding a lot of items.
- We should at least hear motivation for adding these.

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED DANIEL MARTIN:

"That the agenda be amended to add a motion calling on UBC to do more to preserve the safety of the UBC community by mandating vaccines in residences and masks in lecture halls."

Eshana Bhangu:

- Advocacy didn't meet till Monday, so we couldn't get this motion on the agenda, but we need to get UBC to act now.

- Will also be seeking Council's approval of a letter to the UBC Executive and Board of Governors about mandating vaccines in residences.
- It's important not to delay.
- I realize it's not ideal to bring motions the day of the meeting, but August will be too late.

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... No objections

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the agenda be amended to add a consultation on the air conditioning project."

Cole Evans:

- Keith asked to add this.
- The intention is to come to Council for a CPF ask, and that means having a consultation first.
- Michael Kingsmill will be attending.

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the agenda be amended to add a consultation on the air conditioning project."

... No objections

5. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the agenda be adopted as amended."

... No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members:

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

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:

- An issue came up about whether non-voting members can object when I'm asking for unanimous consent on a motion.

- That's in effect a vote, so non-voting members cannot object and force a recorded vote.
- But if there is debate, I will of course make sure to include everyone.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

Julia Burnham asked that the July 9 HR Committee minutes be pulled.

6. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the following Consent Agenda items be accepted as presented (simple majority).”

Executive Committee minutes dated June 16, 2021	[SCD053-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 23, 2021	[SCD054-22]
AMS Council minutes dated April 14, 2021	[SCD055-22]
AMS Council minutes dated April 28, 2021	[SCD056-22]
AMS Council minutes dated May 12, 2021	[SCD057-22]
AMS Council minutes dated June 2, 2021	[SCD058-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated May 28, 2021	[SCD059-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 4, 2021	[SCD060-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 11, 2021	[SCD061-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 15, 2021	[SCD062-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 18, 2021	[SCD063-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 22, 2021	[SCD064-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 25, 2021	[SCD065-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 29, 2021	[SCD066-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated July 2, 2021	[SCD067-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated July 6, 2021	[SCD078-22]
HR Committee minutes dated July 2, 2021	[SCD069-22]
HR Committee minutes dated June 18, 2021	[SCD070-22]

“That the report from the ad hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles and Ethics be delayed until the August 4th meeting of Council.”

... Carried

For (23): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Erin Song, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Tommy Xu (proxy for Ivran Rai), Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Emily Gubski, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Anissa Meghji, Daniel Martin

7. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

From the Governance Committee

[SCD071-22]

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

Note Requires 2/3rds

From the Steering Committee

[SCD072-22] [SCD073-22]

"That the changes to the composition of the Steering Committee be accepted as presented."

... Carried

For (21): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Yang Yu, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Romina Hajizadeh, Jason Liao, Erin Song, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Emily Gubski, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Avery Chan, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji, Daniel Martin

Abstained: Tommy Xu (proxy for Ivran Rai)

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

AMS Budget – Mary Gan (VP Finance)

[SCD074-22]

- Revenue from student fees, business, investments, and government wage subsidies.
- Assumptions:
 - 55,000 students enrolled.
 - Pit reopening in January, maybe earlier.
 - SUDS occurring in October.
 - Block Party.
 - COVID restrictions lifted in September.
 - Subsidies ending.
 - Projecting positive contribution from businesses.
- Changes:
 - Included comments.
 - Increased Events budget.
 - Putting more into Student Services.
 - Increases to VPAUA budget.
- Revenue \$27.691 million.
- After non-discretionary spending, that leaves \$3.94 million.
- Expenses will be \$4.72 million, a little more than last year.
- That produces a deficit of \$784,000: less than projected in the preliminary budget.
- The deficit may be lower if the businesses do well.
- Projecting a positive business contribution of \$317,076.
- Wage subsidy until end of August.

- Increase in cost of goods.
- Food & Beverage expected to make a \$361,289 contribution.
- Conferences & Catering has a projected loss of \$447,176:
 - This year the focus is on COVID recovery, multi-day conferences with hybrid capability.
 - Offsite events.
- Indirect overhead costs: migrating the email system to Office 365.
- Reintroducing the IT subcommittee.

Questions

Katherine Feng:

- How will the Indigenous Student Fund be administered, given that the Indigenous Committee is vacant right now.

Mary Gan:

- There are no plans to spend anything; money will stay in the fund until there is a committee.

Sylvia Fernandez:

- Are AMS clubs required to use AMS Catering for events?

Mary Gan:

- I don't believe there are any restrictions.
- They can do outside catering.

Mathew Ho:

- The budget has been made on the assumption that everything will be proceeding as normal.
- Last year we had different scenarios planned.
- How prepared is the budget for contingencies if things don't go as planned?

Mary Gan:

- Keith and I carefully adjusted the budget according to the BC Restart Plan.
- We were conservative on the numbers, as there may be a slow start.
- For any increases costing money in the budget, we made sure the Executives and others presented a clear rationale.
- We have been careful.

8. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD075-22]

“That the AMS budget be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Julia Burnham:

- The Finance Committee minutes were helpful, and I appreciate all the work that went into the budget.

- I do have some questions.
- Food Bank lists a salary for the coordinator as \$50,000, more than double what it usually is.
- There is a large amount budgeted for staff appreciation. And it's in two places.
 - I see a total of \$43,000 and \$230 per person.
- Are we sending too many people on lobby trips?

Mitchell Prost:

- Re Food Bank: That's an error. The amount is for the Coordinator and three assistant coordinators.

Cole Evans:

- There's Team Building under the Executive for staff in general, including non-Executive staff appreciation.
- And under the Executive portfolios there's \$230 per student staff member.
- The \$230 is the benchmark we've used since I was VP Admin.

Saad Shoaib:

- The increase to four lobbyists was to meet a key goal of bringing Indigenous representation on the lobby trip.
- Also we're playing a large role in UCRU and bringing an additional person there.

Mathew Ho:

- The budget for teleconferencing is higher than last year's actuals, even though we're moving into a non-Zoom year.

Cole Evans:

- We've added more licenses, and it will be less because some things are stopping in December.

Emily Gubski:

- Last year was very different from normal.
- Can we get a comparison to the last normal year?

Mary Gan:

- From the actuals last year you can see that there was a lot less spending than projected.
- We budgeted \$4.6 million, but only spent \$2.8 million.
- This year we're moving back to in person and normal in September; there will be more in person events; it will be a lot more similar to normal.
- And hopefully the businesses will perform better with people coming in person.
- We're hoping for not too big a deficit, or even a surplus.

Max Holmes:

- Thanks to Mary and the entire Finance team for the excellent job.
 - In future we could improve consultation by involving Council.
 - Maybe use the Council Consultation Period.

- The presentation slides say some of our businesses are opening in October, after the busiest month of the year.
 - Why are they not opening in September?
- For Executive staff appreciation, now we're being told that some of that is for permanent staff.
 - If so, it should go in the HR budget.
 - I thought it was for student staff.
 - Instead of increasing staff appreciation, should we review salary levels? The HR Committee could do that.
- People are not spending what they say they will spend.
 - We need a plan for this.
 - The Executive was \$100,000 to \$200,000 off what they predicted.
 - This is also true for the Services and the businesses.
 - We need to get better numbers.
 - The University requires that there be no more than 1 or 2% variance in their budget.
 - And the reforecast later needs to be an actual reforecast.

Keith Hester:

- We're planning a staggered reopening of the businesses.
- Those that are currently open will stay open.
- Others will open in October.
- We're being conservative because this is an unprecedented time, and we want to allow a little time for people's habits to change again.
- Some people will not want to line up yet.
- Going to relaunch Pie R Squared because of competition.

Cole Evans:

- Staff appreciation also includes honoraria for students at large.
- It's for both student and other staff.
- Some goes for miscellaneous gifts for permanent staff.

Grace Lee asked about Constituency fees.

Keith Hester:

- They don't affect our totals.

Mary Gan:

- These are part of our non-discretionary allocations.
- The AMS itself doesn't use these fees; they get allocated to the Constituencies.

Cole Evans:

- About the Indigenous Committee:
 - I did just learn that the committee is somewhat active after all.
 - They are responsible for allocating from the Indigenous Student Fund.
- About clubs and catering:
 - Clubs are required to use AMS Catering while in our building.
 - Outside the Nest they can do what they want.

- It's an industry-standard rule.
- There are exceptions if they want food they can't get from us.

Max Holmes:

- Following up on the businesses, my concern is that if there are further COVID issues in the fall, and we wait for October to hire staff, there may be problems. Students may take jobs elsewhere.
- There's also confusion over the total revenues: it's not clear how they're calculated.

Keith Hester:

- We already have a plan to start recruiting now.
- Hiring a Conferences and Catering associate because we're seeing a ramp-up for that.
- We're being slightly conservative; we don't want to open all the business and discover they're not doing business.

Mathew Ho:

- The budgeted amount for the Policy Advisor needs to be adjusted because the position has sat empty for quite some time.

Keith Hester:

- We're actually interviewing candidates for that position and hopefully are close to hiring.
- As to the salary, we haven't done collective bargaining yet, so the number is not clear and we're keeping it as is.

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That Max Holmes be allowed to speak again."

... No objections

Max Holmes:

- About the businesses, to repeat my concern, I'm worried that in September there will be a lot of first and second years who have never been to campus.
- If we're talking about forming habits, is it a good idea to wait till October to open some of our businesses?
- Why wouldn't we want our businesses reopened in September?
- Things are reopening in general in September; we will lose out on a chance to form habits and we'll lose out on one of the busiest months.

Keith Hester:

- In very much unprecedented times, we are budgeting conservatively but can react quickly.

Emily Gubski:

- I think a lot of this discussion could be saved for later.
- It's not that relevant to the budget.

10. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the AMS budget be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

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Against (2): Jason Liao, Sylvia Fernandez

Abstained: Romina Hajizadeh

Services: *Strategies and Plans for the Upcoming Year – Mitchell Prost* [SCD076-22]

General strategies:

- Marketing and Outreach:
 - Want to make sure students know about our Services.
 - Looking to hire a staff member dedicated to marketing.
 - Ramping up engagement strategies for First Week, Imagine Day, Jump Start, and Residence Move-In Day.
 - Boothing, postering.
 - Engaging with the affiliated colleges, attending their orientations.
 - Transformed the Instagram account that was specific to Peer Support into an Instagram account for all AMS Services.
- Creating tracking systems for finances.
- Hiring an Assistant Student Services Manager, hopefully by mid-August.

Specific Services

- Food Bank:
 - Increased finding from the tuition surplus, expected by September.
 - Returning to grocery style system instead of hamper system.
 - Purchasing new equipment.
- Peer support:
 - Hybrid model to allow students to continue accessing the service remotely.
- Safewalk:
 - New shuttles.
- Tutoring:
 - Emphasizing tutoring in residence, since mostly the courses we tutor for are at the 100 and 200 level, and those students are largely in residence, so we want to go where they are.
- Housing:
 - Our new service.
 - Expanding the team.
 - Housing support sessions in September.

- Working on database.
 - Outreach in Term 2.
- Advocacy:
 - Providing confidential advice to students in conflict with the University.
 - Working to promote on social media.
- eHub:
 - Securing funding from e@UBC for grants to student entrepreneurs.
 - Creating spaces for students from marginalized communities.
 - RBC Get Seeded event in Term 1.

Questions

Emily Gubski:

- Can you elaborate on the hamper system in Food Bank?

Mitchell Prost:

- Students would just come to the front door and get pre-made Hampers; or they could request specific items.
- But we found students like to choose, so we're going back to the grocery store model.

Mathew Ho:

- What support will be given to volunteers and staff?

Mitchell Prost:

- We do a lot of training of team leads.
- They then train their staff.
- This is still being developed.

Sylvia Fernandez:

- Can these presentations be put on OnBoard?

Cole Evans:

- They will be put on our website.

Daniel Martin:

- Huge thank you for reaching out to the affiliate colleges.
- Re the change in the system at Food Bank, will this change how often students can use it?

Mitchell Prost:

- Currently, students can use it 16 times a term.
- I see no reason to change that, but we will reassess.

Mathew Ho:

- Initiatives like Acadia Park: will there be anything similar this year from Food Bank?

Mitchell Prost:

- We're continuing the Acadia baby hamper program till at least December.
- I don't anticipate anything of the same calibre because we will be doing many smaller scale projects, e.g., a farmer's market program and a gift card program.

AMS Firstweek – Rish Das (AMS Events Manager)

[SCD077-22]

- Western Canada's biggest orientation week celebration.
- Used to be two weeks, but now it's all September.
- More than 30 unique in-person events; less than 5 are virtual this year.
- Meanwhile AMS Events is using Instagram, Tik Tok, YouTube, and Facebook to tell students things they can do in Vancouver.
- Outdoor activities will start September 9.
- We are partnering with various companies who will have tents.
- Providing free Firstweek kits.
 - In the past we charged, but that was when the kit gave you access to Welcome Back Barbecue and other events.
 - This year it's not the same Welcome Back, so not the same value.
 - We're producing 750 free kits.
 - We have approached companies to put items in the kit; the companies will pay a fee.
 - They will only be for first year students, first come/first served.

Questions

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Will there be online and hybrid events?
- For Welcome Back, how will you handle the capacity?

Rish Das:

- Last year 80% of the events were online, but they were not super well received.
- It just doesn't provide the same experience.
- But we will add an online component where possible.
- As for Welcome Back Barbecue, it will be either outside the Nest where it's been every year or on MacInnes Field.
 - We're not spending on big talent this year; it will be local talent.
 - It will be free this year.
 - We're legally allowed to have up to 5,000 people, but I don't expect more than 1,000.
 - There won't be a fence like there was when it was a paid event.
 - There will be food trucks.

11. MOVED ERIN SONG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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

... No objections

Erin Song:

- Do you have a contingency plan for in-person events because of COVID?

Rish Das:

- If anything happens, we can transform to virtual.
- We will be tracking names for contact tracing.
- Our venues have a fixed capacity.
- Each venue will have its own contingency plan.
- We have secured a partnership with UBC Jump Start to host 6-8 events.

Erin Song:

- Is there a set of guidelines that you are using that you can pass on to the Constituencies?

Rish Das:

- We are following Public Health Orders.
- I can share that.

12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the question period be extended by 2½ minutes.”

... No objections

Max Holmes:

- There has been an increase in fentanyl overdoses.
- In past years we had medical help and Naloxone at events.
- What are we doing this year?

Rish Das:

- That concern applies mostly to Welcome Back. The other events are much smaller.
- We've had a First Aid tent in the past.
- We do plan to work with an outside organization on this, and we're working with UBC to establish protocols on big events in the future.

I) Consultation Period

Air Conditioning – Michael Kingsmill

[SCD078-22]

- Started this project in 2019.
- Because of climate change, temperatures are likely to rise.
- The Nest is a LEED Platinum building, and sustainability was a big driver.
- Air conditioning was deferred, but provisions were made for adding it.
- It is needed on the second and third floors.
- The Lower and Main floors have natural air conditioning via air exchange, and the fourth floor has low occupancy.
- We have had complaints about the heat from staff and conference organizers and building users, especially on the second floor.
- The Nest uses passive cooling, but that's not enough.
- We don't want to compromise our LEED Platinum status, and we can use District Energy to reduce our footprint.
- We also hope to end the use of temporary fans and rented air conditioning units.

- We spent \$16,000 to hire AME Mechanical Consultants.
- Moving forward, to produce more detailed designs, we need \$39,000.
- The capital cost of the whole project will be \$250,000-plus.
- We should act now because temperatures are rising, and costs are too.
- If we wait three years, costs could go up by \$107,000.
- We are exploring two opportunities for funding assistance.

Questions

Max Holmes

- What will the committee consultation look like?
- Finance Committee? Operations?

Michael Kingsmill:

- This is an information update.
- Pre-COVID we did our first presentation.
- Now going to the Finance Committee.
- Then a Council ask.

Nathan Bawaan– Ubysey:

- Is \$250,000 the final cost?

Michael Kingsmill:

- There will be another costing exercise.
- The \$16,000 was separate.

Mathew Ho:

- How much is it costing us to rent air conditioning units and fans?

Michael Kingsmill:

- It's not a significant number at the moment because we haven't had occupancy.
- But as we return to normal, that will come, and it would be nice not to have to resort to that.

J) Appointments

K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans:

- Equity Plan wrapping up: hoping to have it for the next Council meeting.
- Strategic Plan:
 - Talked to the Advisory Board about it.
 - Touched base with the Executive and Keith.
- Indigenous engagement:
 - Looking into the idea of creating an Indigenous student society to improve Indigenous representation on campus.
 - This would be a community driven project.
 - Not necessarily something we'll push.
 - Planning for an Indigenous Cultural Month in October.

- Return to campus: a lot of our conversations are on that.
- Maybe rethinking the hybrid Council meeting idea: this one is going relatively smoothly, I think.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Re the Strategic Plan and the Advisory Board.
- That would be for the business side.
- What about Council consultation and committees?

Cole Evans:

- There will be a number of phases.
- It may take a lot to do a full plan.
- May have to take it down a few notches.
- Reaching out to marginalized communities, will hold focus groups.
- Probably will hire someone to lead the project.
- My office doesn't have the capacity to do it on its own.
- Or we could work with an outside organization, but there's not a lot of interest in contracting out to a consultant.
- Mostly focusing on something internal.

Max Holmes:

- We've been talking of a strategic plan for the past few years, but it keeps eluding us.
- Can we make Council the main consultative body on this project? We need a diverse body.
- When can we expect Council to be asked for feedback?

Cole Evans:

- We have not started work on it. That's why Council hasn't seen anything.
- When we've nailed it down, you can expect a presentation.
- The problem is that if we start it, there's no guarantee that next year will continue it.
- We either get it all done in one year or hand it to someone continuing like Keith, or pay someone outside to do it.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Mary Gan

- Budget done. Thanks for approving it.
- Closed fee subsidies and opt-ins and opt-outs.
- U-Pass subsidy still open.
- Looking at expense management systems.
- Troubleshooting for Constituencies.
- Credit cards for those clubs that need/request them.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu

- Very nice to see people in person.
- We conducted a return to campus survey and got 7,933 responses.
 - Will give us data for advocacy.
- Ongoing work for mandating vaccines in residences and masks in lecture halls.
- A lot of students are uncomfortable with the idea of packed lecture halls.
- Sent a letter to the VP Students and the President's Office. No response yet.
- Working on tuition consultation process with UBC.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson

- Launched new Pride cookie at Blue Chip: Proceeds will go to the Pride Collective.
- Getting Clubs Days in motion:
 - Surveying clubs to tailor it to their wants and needs.
- Sustainability team collecting metrics to send to Carbon Offsetters.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoab

- Working on submission for BC budget consultation, in collaboration with the ABCS and the UVic student society:
 - Recommendations on mental health, sexual violence, Indigenous student support.
- Working with UCRU on federal budget submission:
 - Removal of interest on student loans, Indigenous support.
- Federal election probably coming.
 - Working with UCRU to make sure we're prepared.
 - Focusing on interest on loans, student employment, climate action.
- Safe drug use campaign.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Great to hear about the safe drug use campaign.
- What will the AMS be advocating for on it?
- What are we doing to ensure a safe supply on campus?

Saad Shoab:

- The campaign will include an in person aspect.
- We will supply Naloxone kits and some drug use information.
- Going to bring this up with government.

Max Holmes:

- What opportunity will there be at Council or Advocacy Committee to help shape the advocacy?
- Is safe supply the focus?

Saad Shoab:

- Definitely something we would be bringing to Advocacy Committee.
- Have to time it around the submission on the budget.

- Could be a lobby week ask.

Mathew Ho:

- Given the possibility of a federal election, what will we do?
- What will be our priorities?

Saad Shoab:

- We are working with UCRU on this.
- Social media, outreach.
- Students to have the ability to reach out to candidates.
- Always providing advocacy around interest rates, climate.
- Get Out The Vote Campaign.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

- Hiring Assistant Student Service Manager.
- Safewalk: new jackets and ID cards.
- Working on the MoU between eHub and e@UBC.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Middle of our external audit, to be completed by late August.
- Was knee deep in the budget.
- Info kiosk on main floor: will make this a central ordering app for our outlets.
- Moving the touch screen to outside the business office.
- Hiring for the return in September and October.
- Interviewing for the Policy Advisor.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu

- Productive meetings.
- Discussed mandating masks and vaccine.

Max Holmes:

- Could the Advocacy Committee comment on safe supply?
- What are we doing in September?
- We will have people from all over the world coming back to campus.
- People in first year tend to experiment with drugs.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Definitely on the agenda for next time.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans

- No updates
- Code change came to this meeting.
- Looking forward to Steering having more of a purpose.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan

[SCD079-22] [SCD080-22]

- Budget work.

Governance Committee – Katherine Feng

- Remote Council attendance and email voting: discussions based on feedback from Council.
- Fees in Code: fixing Code that is inaccurate and out of date.
- The VP Finance will now announce fees.
- External Policy guidelines.
- Internal Policy on reviewing committees.
- Next meeting will discuss the Advisory Board.

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng

- Approved funding for the Soapstand sustainability project.
- Discussed “club strike” system.
- Discussed a Fincom motion about clubs catering.
- Sustainability Subcommittee terms have been amended.

HR Committee – Romina Hajizadeh

- Apologies for July 9th minutes.
- Corrected ones will come to next Council.
- CEO hiring.
- Speaking to VP AUA about increasing hours for the AVP.

Student Life Committee – Emily Gubski

- Planning fun stuff.
- Looking at what we need to do over the next few meetings.
- Planning for September.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans

- Met on Monday.
- Assigned partners to each Executive: each will have a mentor.
- There’s a nice diverse Advisory Board.
- Working on Code changes to go to Governance Committee.
- Did research on best practices for Advisory Boards.
- Hope to make it work better as an advisory body.

Ad Hoc Fermentation Lab Committee – Cole Evans

- Met this week for the first time.
- Gave committee members an overview of the project (for a brewery on campus).
- Looking at the logistics of the project and how to make it work.
- Might do an RFI to local breweries to see if they are interested in an RFP process.
- UBC passed it through Exec 3, so it’s well on its way.
- Targeting the November Board Cycle.

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

- Looking at setting up a model of different Constituencies hosting every month.
- Want to make it more valuable than just a quarterly therapy session for Constituency presidents.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes

- Received the AMS submission on vaccines and masks.
 - Hope it will be responded to.
 - It laid out some good arguments.

Questions

Cole Evans:

- What work are the student members of Board of Governors doing, and what can the AMS do, to put pressure on the Board to have more of its meetings in open session?

Max Holmes:

- Still more closed than open at the Board.
- Not a good trend.
- May need pressure from the outside.
- There was no discussion of the campus reopening on the open agenda.

Senate – Eshana Bhangu

- Not meeting over the summer.
- Honorary degree review process has started.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Is there any work going on at the committee level?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Nothing really significant yet.
- Can expect a lot in the fall about recorded lectures and academic concerns.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

History of Sustainability at the AMS

- Environmentalism in the 1960's was mostly about pollution, not climate change.
- There was also a push to protect fossil fuels, because the fear was that they would run out, not that they would cause damage.
- In 1989 the Student Environment Centre was created as an AMS Resource Group; it focused on eliminating styrofoam and encouraging car pooling.
- In the late 1990's the AMS created the Impacts Committee to look at how our businesses were affecting the environment: now there was talk of climate change.

- One thing that got done was to stop printing Council agendas and documents on paper.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

HR Committee minutes dated July 9th

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the July 9th HR minutes be referred back to the HR Committee.”

... No objections

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

14. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB: [SCD081-22], [SCD082-22]

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2021: Council Attendance Modification and Digital Voting’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Feng:

- Amending the previously approved Code changes about Council attendance.
- Mostly about email voting.

15. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2021: Council Attendance Modification and Digital Voting’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (19): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Erin Song, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Grace Li, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Daniel Martin

16. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SEONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee, Council call on the University of British Columbia to do more to ensure the safety and security of the UBC community by mandating vaccines in student residences and mandating masks in lecture halls.”

Daniel Martin:

- Can you copy the Affiliates on this?
- We’re going to be advocating on the same issue.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Absolutely I can.

Cole Evans:

- We also have a letter on this.
- We could pass this now and vote on the letter later by digital vote.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Council could approve this motion and direct me to send a letter.

Cole Evans:

- It has to be a Council-approved letter if it’s from Council.

Julia Burnham:

- Let’s compel Eshana to send a letter rather than have the letter approved.

Max Holmes:

- The expectation would be that the Executive write a letter explaining this position.
- Don’t need Council to approve the actual letter.

Cole Evans:

- Eshana and I have already sent a letter on this topic.
- This is supposed to be from the whole organization.

Sylvia Fernandez:

- Is the idea to get the University to offer vaccines?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We are not asking the University to provide vaccines.
- UBC is adhering to the bare minimum of the PHO guidelines, and students are not happy.
- It is a blatant disregard of student needs.

Mathew Ho:

- Can Council just pass a motion to sign on to the letter?

17. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SEONDED SAAD SHOAB:

"That on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee, Council call on the University of British Columbia to do more to ensure the safety and security of the UBC community by mandating vaccines in student residences and mandating masks in lecture halls."

... No objections

18. MOVED KATHERINE FENG SEONDED GRACE LEE

"That Council be extended by 30 minutes."

... No objections

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Remote Vote AVPAUA Hours increase

[SCD083-22], [SCD084-22]

The following motion was approved digitally before the meeting:

"That on the recommendation of the Human Resource Committee, AMS Council approve an increase in the AVPAUA's Working Hours from 20/week to 40/week, from the date of approval to August 27, 2021."

Vote Results: Yes 17 No 0

19. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SEONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the digital motion be amended to correct the dates in the motion to read from July 9 to August 27."

Katherine Feng:

- Has this been implemented?

Romina Hajizadeh:

- I believe the moment it passes it takes effect.
- The revised version will accurately reflect the accompanying letter.

20. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SEONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the digital motion be amended to correct the dates in the motion to read from July 9 to August 27."

... No objections

The revised motion therefore reads:

"That on the recommendation of the Human Resource Committee, AMS Council approve an increase in the AVPAUA's Working Hours from 20/week to 40/week, from July 9 to August 27, 2021."

21. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SEONDED COLE EVANS:

“That Council assign the President and the VPAUA to write a letter on its behalf concerning masks and vaccines and submit it to the University.”

... No objections

U) Discussion Period

Masks in the Nest

Cole Evans:

- We were planning on maintaining the mask mandate through the summer and then lift it in September.
- Should we be enforcing it or doing what everyone else is doing and just say masks are recommended?
- The Executive had decided to continue requiring masks in the Nest till the fall.
- But more and more people have not been wearing masks, and UBC took down our signs requiring them: there are no signs up anymore.
- We’ve been discussing what enforcement might look like: we don’t really have the capacity to enforce.
- PHO guidance: masks are only recommended.
- UBC is following the same rule and is telling us that the Nest is the only building requiring masks.
- Do we continue to require masks? Or should we shift to saying they’re just recommended?
- The Advisory Board recommended that we move to recommended, but have clear communication recommending them.
- The Executive is now thinking that makes sense, but we thought we’d ask Council.
- The Nest is different from lecture halls; it’s easier to distance in it.

Katherine Feng:

- Can we go beyond PHO guidelines?
- Are there legal issues around this?

Cole Evans:

- There are no legal issues.
- WorkSafe says businesses can enforce mask mandates if they want to.

Mathew Ho:

- I don’t mind the policy going either way.
- If we’re telling UBC to require masks, then perhaps we should be requiring them, but with passive enforcement.
- Does this also apply to AMS businesses and the tenants?

Cole Evans:

- Our businesses have to follow our rules, and the tenants would have to as well.

Julia Burnham:

- Have we had conversations with staff in Services and the food outlets, the ones who will be working closely with the public, to get their thoughts on safety?
- Would a mask mandate help them?
- It's ironic that Councillors are not wearing masks in this room right now.

Max Holmes:

- If the AMS wants to ask others to require masks, then the AMS should be requiring it themselves.
- Over the summer, okay, the Nest has not been busy.
- But if everyone is returning in the fall and not all are vaccinated, there should be a mask requirement.
- As to enforcement, can you really enforce this? No, but if you say it's required, you will increase mask usage.
- If you are going to require it, then do it early, maybe ease up later.
- There are crowded places in the Nest.

Cole Evans:

- There was a concern: if we advocate for a requirement and yet we're only saying it's recommended in our building, then that's not consistent.
- But there's an enforcement issue: how are our staff expected to enforce this?

Joanne Pickford:

- I was one of the mask enforcers.
- When you could say it's a PHO mandate, that made it easier.
- But now people will say why should I wear a mask if it's not a government mandate?

Grace Lee:

- A lot has to do with consistency.
- And there will be confusion if this is a rule in the Nest, but not elsewhere.
- We need to take an empathetic approach and also provide masks.

Julia Burnham:

- One suggestion is that we have this conversation at every Council meeting.
- We're going to have to constantly evaluate this.
- Consistency is an issue. How can we advocate to UBC that it require masks if we don't require them ourselves?

Mitchell Prost:

- How would we passively enforce a mask mandate?

Cole Evans

- We would put new signs up and tell UBC not to touch them.

- I don't think UBC removed them maliciously; probably staff were told to take down signs in all buildings.

Max Holmes:

- I don't think we should be asking staff to enforce.
- We should passively enforce.
- That was UBC's approach when they required masks.

22. MOVED COLE EVANS, SEONDED MATHEW HO:

"That Council be extended by 15 minutes."

... No objections

Cole Evans:

- What I hear is keep I-7A in place for now.
- Then at the end of Phase 3, re-evaluate.
- Get new signs up and let staff know they're not expected to enforce the mask requirement.

Committee Chair duties

Max Holmes

- I brought this up last time: that multiple committees have not sent minutes.
- Several have sent no minutes, and only the Finance Committee has send all its monthly reports.
- The chairs have paid roles with few expectations:
 - Call meetings, submit minutes and reports.
- What are we going to do to enforce this?
- This is the worst start since I've been here.
- The AMS asks Senate to do better minutes.
- If we ask them, how can we not do our own?

Julia Burnham:

- For the Equity Subcommittee, there are supposed to be Councillor seats.
- They have not been filled.
- What's the timeline?
- Have members been notified?
- Has there been consultation with Resource Groups and the UBC Equity and Inclusion Office?

Cole Evans:

- Councillors were appointed earlier: Nevena and Saad and two others.
- My assistant Maia has been reaching out to groups .
- They will be invited to attend.
- Maia has been making sure the seats are filled to get the subcommittee up and running.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Sorry for not submitting a report.

Cole Evans:

- There have been questions about the report system.
- Maybe we should be tweaking it.
- Going to take a look at that.
- And I've been hearing concerns about committee attendance.
- Maybe we should develop a one-pager template for committees to fill out to go to each Council meeting.
- I've never seen all committees submit their monthly reports on time.
- Obviously, something needs to change.

Mathew Ho:

- How have the committee chair transition reports been going?

Cole Evans:

- A transition policy passed last year, with honorariums for chairs who do their transition reports.
- I know some chairs have received transition reports.

V) Submissions:

May 19, 2021 AMS GSS Health and Dental Plan minutes

[SCD085-22]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: August 4, 2021

X) Adjournment:

23. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the meeting be adjourned."

... No objections

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 pm.

Y) Social Activity:

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Present	Consent	Consent 2/3rds	Budget	Remote Attendance
Neal Cameron	Speaker	Y				
Cole Evans	President	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eshana Bhangu	VP Academic	Y		Y	Y	Y
Lauren Benson	VP Admin	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Saad Shoaib	VP External	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mary Gan	VP Finance	Y	Y		Y	Y
Mitchell Prost	SSM	Y				
Yang Yu	Architecture	Y	Y	Y		
Aryan Mishra	Arts	Y		Y	Y	Y
Kamil Kanji	Arts	Y		Y	Y	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	Y	Y		Y	Y
Romina Hajizadeh	Arts	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Sanjana Bedi	Arts					
	Audiology					
Georgia Yee	BoG					
Max Holmes	BoG	Y				
Grace Lee	Commerce	Y	Y		Y	
Jason Liao	Commerce	Y	Y	Y	N	
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry					
Erin Song	Economics	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Education					
Emily Reid	Engineering					
	Engineering					
Joey Yang	Forestry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adenike Adelakun	GSS					
Jackson Schumacher	GSS					
Julia Burnham	GSS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nevena Rebic	GSS					
Kizih Kinew	Indigenous Seat					
	Journalism					
Tommy Xu (proxy for Ivran Rai)	Kinesiology	Y	Y	A	Y	
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology					
Gabrielle Matheson	Law	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sylvia Fernandez	LFS	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Emily Gubski	Medicine	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Teddy O'Donnell	Music	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Emily Masse	Nursing	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grace Li	Pharmacy	Y			Y	Y

Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne)	Planning	Y	Y		Y	
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning					
	Population & Public Health					
Chris Sundby	Regent					
Avery Chan	Science	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Katherine Feng	Science	Y	Y		Y	Y
Katsy Concepcion	Science	Y		Y		
Rebecca Liu	Science	Y				
Kanika Khosla	Senate					
Keanna Yu	Senate					
Anissa Meghji	Social Work	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Daniel Martin	VST	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y