

## **STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Peter Jiang (Ubysey), Chris Diplock (The Thingery), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design) Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

### **A) Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

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

The Speaker:

- UBC and AMS are on the traditional, ancestral land of the Musqueam people.
- What we call Vancouver is the unceded, stolen territory of the Musqueam.

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

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

“That the agenda be amended to add two HR Committee reports.”

... No objections

- Katherine Feng asked to remove the Code change from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately.

#### 2. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“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:

- Would welcome feedback on running hybrid meetings.

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

## G) Consent Agenda Items

### 3. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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

Steering Committee minutes dated June 16, 2021	[SCD086-22]
Steering Committee minutes dated July 7, 2021	[SCD087-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 30, 2021	[SCD088-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 7, 2021	[SCD089-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 21, 2021	[SCD090-22]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated June 21, 2021	[SCD091-22]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated July 19, 2021	[SCD092-22]
Advisory Board minutes dated June 24, 2021	[SCD093-22]
Operations Committee minutes dated June 11, 2021	[SCD094-22]
Operations Committee minutes dated June 25, 2021	[SCD095-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 30, 2021	[SCD096-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated July 5, 2021	[SCD097-22]
Student Life Committee minutes dated July 9, 2021	[SCD098-22]
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated June 4, 2021	[SCD099-22]
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated June 18, 2021	[SCD100-22]
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated July 12, 2021	[SCD101-22]
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated July 23, 2021	[SCD102-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated July 9, 2021	[SCD103-22]

**From the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles & Ethics** [SCD104-22]  
That the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Events Principles and Ethics be delayed until the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.

**From the Student Life Committee** [SCD105-22]  
That the report from the Student Life Committee on its membership be delayed until the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.

**From the HR Committee** [SCD106-22]  
That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, Council appoint Oscar Yu to be the Chief Electoral Officer of the AMS effective immediately and ending April 30, 2022.

... Carried

**For (17): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion**

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

***The Thingery – Chris Diplock***

[SCD107-22]

- I'm a former AMS VP Finance (from 2008-09).
- I'm the co-founder of the Vancouver Tool Library.
- Looking to set up a Thingery at UBC: a lending library of things, equipment.
- Currently we have three sites in Metro Vancouver, with 500 members.
- It's a nice affordable way to access equipment and it supports sustainability:
  - We did a survey showing that 30% of donors would have thrown their equipment away if not for the Thingery.
- This is a way to lessen the ecological footprint, a way to respond on a neighbourhood level to the global climate situation.
- In January we consulted with 69 UBC students, who demonstrated a high level of interest in sharing equipment.
- There is already some sharing going on, and we won't compete with that; we aim to fill gaps.
- Budget breakdown:
  - A lot of equipment is donated.
  - We pay for infrastructure: painting, etc.
  - We're looking for a \$5,000 contribution of equipment from the AMS Sustainability Projects Fund.
  - We've talked to the AMS Sustainability Committee.
  - We are also asking for a contribution towards creating the shell of the Thingery site and support for programming.
    - Perhaps \$25,000 for that from the Capital Projects Fund.
  - Also would seek funding from the Innovative Projects Fund and additional funding from the Sustainability Projects Fund for programming and staffing.
  - Total cost of about \$38,500.
- Next steps:
  - Already done engagement and design.
  - Will apply for permits.
  - Hoping to launch this winter (2021-22).

**Lauren Benson:**

- I support this project.
- It will benefit clubs and students.
- It's more than just tools.
- Clubs were consulted.

**Questions**

**Cole Evans:**

- How was the funding model created?
- So many pools of funding, multiple funds for one project.

**Chris Diplock:**

- The Thingery hits on a lot of different areas.
- Sustainability, but also capital infrastructure.

- I understand a lot of different committees have seen this.

Lauren Benson:

- Going with a couple of different funds seemed the best way.

Max Holmes:

- Which committee does this go to for approval?
- Sometimes projects only last a couple of years.
- What will be done to make sure the money put in isn't gone?

Lauren Benson:

- We did think about AMS turnover.
- The shell we build would still be good. It could house a new project.
- That corridor is the sustainability corridor, and the shell could be used for other sustainability projects if the Thingery goes away.
- Not that I expect it to go away.

Sylvia Fernandez:

- What other funding did you look at?

Chris Diplock:

- My understanding is that the proposal has already gone to the Operations and Sustainability committees.
- Some money would come from us (the Thingery), and we will look to the community for donations of equipment.,
- Have not yet looked at other campus sources.

## **I) Consultation Period**

## **J) Appointments**

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

Cole Evans:

- Things picking up.
- Working with the Events Department on Frosh Week and the Pep Rally.
- Eshana and I have been in the trenches with the University about COVID guidelines and the return to campus:
  - Putting pressure on the University.
  - Getting some movement going.
  - Media attention.
- Working on the AMS Auditorium project.
- Working with Get Thrifty: think we've come to a happy resolution on that.
- Reviewing Policies I-17 and I-18 (sexual violence and respectful community):
  - Not bad before, but hoping to make improvements.
- Working with Keith on goal-setting.

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

**VP Finance – Mary Gan**

- Working on the budget report, to make it simpler.
- Hiring staff.
- Helping Constituencies.
- Troubleshooting financial issues.
- Looking at a new accounting system.
- Preparing club treasurers for the return to campus.

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

- Continuing advocacy about the return to campus.
  - Last time Council authorized us to send a letter about masks and vaccines.
  - We did, received an inadequate response, so we responded to that.
  - Today President Ono responded, saying the University was deferring to the Provincial Health Office.
  - This is a blatant disregard for student concerns.
  - It demonstrates a lack of leadership.
- Advocating for more lecture capture technology in classrooms.

**VP Administration – Lauren Benson**

- Interactive Sustainability Centre:
  - Furniture arrived.
  - Preparing for opening.
  - Working on murals
- Completed the audit of clubs.
- Approving new clubs.
- Communications about CampusBase: really going to push CampusBase this year.
- New prayer space.

*Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- Some people are saying the criteria for approving new clubs could be clearer.

Lauren Benson:

- We're just starting the process this week.
- What you're hearing is about last year's applications.
- There are set criteria to get considered as a club:
  - Signatures, not being in conflict with an existing club, benefiting students on campus.
- There are ways we can make this more transparent; can do that in the clubs newsletter.

Mathew Ho:

- For clubs that get rejected, is there any recourse?

Lauren Benson:

- We try to provide as much clarification as possible.
- We can email and talk to them and say why they were not approved.
- They can apply again; it's not their only chance.
- Happy to work with potential clubs.
- We might recommend that they join a similar club.
- We try to provide opportunities; we don't want to turn people away.
- They might do great things outside the AMS too.

**VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib**

- Making a federal pre-budget submission asking for:
  - Removal of interest rates on student loans.
  - Increase in student grants.
  - Mental health initiatives.
  - Indigenous student support.
- Provincial budget submission about:
  - Sexual violence.
  - Mental Health.
  - Indigenous languages.
- U-Pass going ahead as normal.
- Probably a federal election coming: meeting with the chairs of UCRU to discuss.
- Equity-based grants research into the barriers faced by marginalized students.

*Questions*

Max Holmes:

- Is the AMS going to advocate to the government to change its guidelines on vaccines and masks?

Saad Shoaib:

- That is absolutely something we will be bringing up.
- The AMS was a key player in the Go Forward program to keep students safe.
- Definitely going to work on that with Eshana.

**Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost**

Peer Support:

- Training.
- Virtual and in person sessions in September.

Tutoring:

- Training tutors
- Agreement with Chapman Learning Commons for the tutoring sessions held there. Done every year.

Housing:

- Training and hiring.

eHub:

- MoU with e@UBC.
- Event timeline done for Term 1.

Safewalk:

- Fleet insurance for vehicles.
- AMS branding on them.

Food Bank:

- New food ordering system.
- New fridge and freezer.

Other things:

- Student engagement plans for September.
- Hiring an Assistant Student Services Manager.

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

**Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu**

- We haven't met since last Council.

**Steering Committee – Cole Evans**

- Asked chairs to finalize their goals.
- Hope to bring them to the next meeting.

**Finance Committee – Mary Gan**

[SCD108-22]

- Check out the July report.
- Finishing the budget.
- Working on the A/C project.

**Governance Committee – Katherine Feng**

[SCD109-22]

- Waiting for drafts from the President's office on Code change proposals.
- I will work with the new CEO on student Senate elections and referendum proposals, but not till they've been in office longer.

**Operations Committee – Katherine Feng**

[SCD110-22]

- Clubs and Societies Working Group is working on the clubs audit and new club applications.
- Sustainability Subcommittee won't meet until September.

**HR Committee – Romina Hajzadeh**

[SCD111-22], [SCD112-22]

- Hiring CEO – motion at this meeting.
- Finalizing committee goals.
- Salary reviews for Executive and staff.

- Streamlining the transition process.

**Advisory Board – Cole Evans**

- Code change for a new model of the Advisory Board is going to Governance Committee.
- Fairly large changes.
- Done a lot of research on Advisory Boards to come up with something that works.

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

- Important meetings coming up.

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

- Haven't met.
- Working with Regent on an MoU on data collection.

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

- Meeting on Friday.

**Ad hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement – Cole Evans**

- Trying to schedule a meeting, but the members' schedules have not aligned.
- Also, there's no chair: no one has volunteered.

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

- Met yesterday. Good meeting with new Presidents.
- Team building.
- Return to Campus discussion.
- Talked of plan going forward to rotate so that a different Constituency hosts every month: to promote engagement and foster a friendly collaborative environment.

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

**Board of Governors – Max Holmes**

- Committee meetings will happen on September 8 & 9.
- September 21 full Board.
- The Board is acutely aware of AMS communication on masks and vaccines.
  - The President has released a blog post.
- New Dean of Law.

*Questions*

Eshana Bhangu:

- Read the blog post.
- It's not enough that the Board is "acutely aware" of what students are saying.
- Why have we not received any response from the Board of Governors, and what are you doing about that?



Max Holmes:

- I'm not authorized to speak on behalf of the Board.
- I think the Board should be responding to AMS correspondence.
- I can't speak about conversations at the Board: I direct people to the Board office.
- As for me, I've been raising this question.
- In the days to come I hope there are more public answers from the Board.

Cole Evans:

- We've sent multiple submissions to the University seeking open dialogue and apparently, as the UBC President confirms, there have been closed door conversations at the Board.
- That's the opposite of what we are asking for.
- There are a lot of outspoken members of the Board: why is there still no public process?
- The University is not taking these concerns seriously.

Max Holmes:

- I hope a public meeting happens.
- Conversations are ongoing with the President.
- The questions are being raised.
- The AMS is doing an admirable job.
- Hoping there will be some movement in the next few days or weeks.
- I can't comment further.

Eshana Bhangu:

- We hear that the President has been working with the Board chair.
- How is that sufficient? That's their job.
- They have not given an appropriate response to student concerns.
- I am shocked at the lack of transparency.

Max Holmes:

- I've heard your concerns and will communicate them to the Board.
- Everyone understands the anxiety about the return to campus.
- I do hope there is some public conversation.
- I've advocated to the Board to be more public – as an individual governor, but I'm not in a leadership position.

#### 4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That Council suspend Code to allow Councillors to ask as many questions as they want on this issue."

... No objections

Saad Shoaib:

- School starts soon.
- Is it not too late for this conversation to happen?

Max Holmes:

- Conversations have been happening.
- I've been making requests for months.
- The student governors have been making requests.

The Speaker reminded Councillors that they are supposed to express unity and goodwill.

Eshana Bhangu:

- We asked and assumed that the University had conducted a risk analysis.
- The President's response suggests it hasn't.
- Why not?
- What will you do to advocate for one?

Max Holmes:

- I feel unity and goodwill.
- The AMS has raised acute issues.
- I think it is necessary for the University to have a risk analysis.
- I can't speak on behalf of the University or the Board of Governors.
- I hope I can get information and relay it. I will follow up.

Nathan Bawaan:

- I have questions about the appointment process.

Max Holmes:

- I do like to be transparent, but I can't speak on behalf of the Board, and especially on this question because of privacy and employment law.

### **Senate – Eshana Bhangu**

- As co-chair I can say there are no updates.

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

History of Indigenous Presence

- Last time when I gave the historical update on sustainability, Sylvia asked in the Chat if I could do one on Indigenous presence.
- This got me thinking about who was the first Indigenous student at UBC, and it seems it was someone named Frank Calder.
- He was at UBC in 1942 (you can see him in the 1942 Totem annual) and then transferred to the Anglican Theological College on campus (which is now the VST).
- He had a distinguished political career, becoming the first Indigenous member of the BC legislature and the first Indigenous cabinet minister in BC.
- Later he was the leading figure in what became known as the Calder case, which established land rights for the Nisga'a.
- Not long after Frank Calder (still in the 1940's), UBC was attended by Alfred Scow, who was another pioneer: he became the first Indigenous lawyer and first

Indigenous judge in British Columbia, and the AMS gave him the Great Trekker award in 1995.

- Interestingly, Judge Scow's father was a hereditary chief, William Scow, who had a different sort of presence at UBC. He attended the 1948 UBC Homecoming football game, and at that point granted permission to the AMS to use the nickname Thunderbird for UBC's sports teams (which we'd actually been using since 1933).
- Chief Scow also donated a totem pole to the AMS which used to stand in front of Brock Hall; there's a replica there now.
- Even before that, in 1927, the Musqueam donated two carvings to UBC, and the AMS held a tea to mark the occasion.
- Much later a group of Indigenous students created an AMS club called the Native Indian Students Union (NISU).
- They were active from the mid-1970's to the 1990's, and did such things as hosting Native Awareness Days in 1988.
- In 1990 the AMS created a non-voting seat on Council for NISU, but it faded away.
- In this century we created a voting seat for Indigenous students and also created various staff positions focused on Indigenous matters, as well as the Indigenous Committee.
- Meanwhile the University created the Longhouse and the First Nations House of Learning and, more recently, the Residential School History and Dialogue Centre.

#### *Questions*

Mathew Ho:

- When did the Totem go away?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- The Totem was the AMS annual from 1916 to 1966.
- It got too expensive, so was discontinued, which is a shame because it's a great source of archival information.

The Speaker:

- Could we have a history of AMS archivists next?

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

#### **Q) Executive Committee Motions:**

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU: [SCD113-22]

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Feng:

- I have a couple of concerns.

- I understand why this is being brought up (to avoid having people work outside regular working hours).
- But if we only have committee meetings between 9 and 5 we'll be excluding large groups of students.
- This includes Councillors and also at large students on co-op or working at jobs.
- It's not reasonable to ask students at large to take hours off during the day.
- We want the at large students for consultation purposes.
- I recommend that the Executive look at this again.
- The solution proposed comes at the cost of excluding a lot of students.

Cole Evans:

- I agree with everything you say, but I think you're reading the amendment incorrectly.
- It just says no committee meetings on weekends; it doesn't ban meetings on week nights, except Friday night.

Max Holmes:

- Yes, weekends are not reasonable, especially for permanent staff.
- Why don't AMS committees just meet on non-Council Wednesdays?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Some committee members are on Senate and have Wednesday night Senate meetings.
- I agree that the Number 1 priority is to allow students to participate.
- I don't think it's unreasonable to not include weekends.
- This would be a fair system.

Katherine Feng:

- Thank you for the clarifications.
- I did not read correctly, so that clears up my concerns.

Lauren Benson:

- This may cause a minor inconvenience in scheduling committee meetings, but I don't want my staff to meet on the weekend.
- I want my team to prioritize their mental health.

Katherine Feng:

- Apologies again for misreading.

The Speaker:

- No need to apologize.
- It is fair to ask questions.

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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... Carried

**For (21): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Grace Lee, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Nevena Rebic, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion**

Cole Evans

- I'd like to add an in camera discussion item on Council conflict of interest.

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

**Student Life Committee – Cole Evans for Emily Gubski**

- Meeting to hear Student Services report.
- Discussing structure and membership of the committee.

**R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:**

**S) Committee Motions:**

7. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS

[SCD114-22]

**From the Finance Committee**

"That Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee approve the funding request of \$47,867.69 for the Nest Air Conditioning conversion project from the Capital Projects Fund."

Note: The current balance in the fund is \$2,489,680  
Available funds to spend \$231,739.20

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

**For (17): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion**

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

**U) Discussion Period**

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB, THIRDED MATHEW HO:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

*The meeting entered an in camera session at 8:00 pm.*

*The meeting left the in camera session at 9:07 pm.*

**V) Submissions:**

Summary of Clubs Audit

[SCD115-22]

Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated June 16, 2021

[SCD116-22]

**W) Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: August 25, 2021

**X) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

**Y) Social Activity:**

### Votes and Attendance

Name	Constituency	Present	Consent	Code Changes: Committee meeting times	Air Conditioning Conversion
Neal Cameron	Speaker	Y			
Cole Evans	President	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eshana Bhangu	VP Academic	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lauren Benson	VP Admin	Y		Y	
Saad Shoaib	VP External	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mary Gan	VP Finance	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mitchell Prost	SSM	Y			
Yang Yu	Architecture	Y	Y	Y	Y
Aryan Mishra	Arts				
Kamil Kanji	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y
Romina Hajizadeh	Arts	Y			
Sanjana Bedi	Arts				
	Audiology				
Georgia Yee	BoG				
Max Holmes	BoG	Y			
Grace Lee	Commerce	Y		Y	
Jason Liao	Commerce	Y			
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry				
Erin Song	Economics	Y			
	Education				
Emily Reid	Engineering				
	Engineering				
Joey Yang	Forestry	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adenike Adelakun	GSS	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jackson Schumacher	GSS				
Julia Burnham	GSS				
Nevena Rebic	GSS	Y		Y	
	Indigenous Seat				
	Journalism				
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gabrielle Matheson	Law	Y	Y	Y	Y

Sylvia Fernandez	LFS	Y		Y	
Emily Gubski	Medicine				
Teddy O'Donnell	Music	Y	Y	Y	Y
Emily Masse	Nursing	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grace Li	Pharmacy				
Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne)	Planning	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning				
Chris Sundby	Regent				
Avery Chan	Science	Y	Y	Y	Y
Katherine Feng	Science	Y	Y	Y	Y
Katsy Concepcion	Science	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rebecca Liu	Science	Y			
Kanika Khosla	Senate				
Keanna Yu	Senate				
Anissa Meghji	Social Work				
Daniel Martin	VST				
Oluwakemi Oke	Ombuds				