



## AMS Council - November 24, 2021

Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver

Nov 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM PST to Nov 24, 2021 at 10:00 PM PST

Michael Kingsmill Forum (Room 4301, Councillors + Media Only),

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85862282209>

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### Agenda

**I. Call to Order** **6:00 PM**

**II. Territorial Acknowledgement** **6:05 PM**

**III. Approval of the Agenda** **6:08 PM**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

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

**A. New Members**

Sabrina Moshenko (Indigenous Seat), Jonathan De Souza (St. Mark's)

**B. Vacancies:**

Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2, Regent

**C. Goodbyes**

**V. Speaker's Business and Remarks (5 minutes)** **6:14 PM**

**VI. Statements from Students-at-Large (3 minutes each)**

**VII. Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees** **6:19 PM**

**A. Minutes of Council and Committees**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following minutes be accepted as presented:

AMS Council minutes dated September 15, 2021

Human Resources Committee minutes dated November 1, 2021

Steering Committee minutes dated September 8, 2022

Finance Committee minutes dated October 28, 2021

Finance Committee minutes dated November 1, 2021

Finance Committee minutes dated November 8, 2021

AMS Council minutes dated September 29, 2021

Executive Committee minutes dated November 3, 2021

Executive Committee minutes dated November 9, 2021

**A. Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority**

**1. Elections Committee Appointments**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, **Varsha Gangadharan** be appointed to the position of Chief Returning Officer for a period effective December 1, 2021, and lasting until March 15, 2022.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, **Zoya Singh** be appointed to the position of Events Officer for a period effective December 1, 2021, and lasting until March 15, 2022.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, **Erin Wong** be appointed to the position of Communications Officer for a period effective December 1, 2021, and lasting until March 15, 2022.

*From the Human Resources Committee*

**B. Consent Items Requiring a Two-Thirds (2/3rds) Majority**

**1. International Projects Fund Approval**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve an expenditure of \$2,500 from the International Projects Fund for a proposed SASC event with an international focus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve an expenditure of \$2,500 from the International Projects Fund to buy culturally diverse food items for the Food Bank.”

*From the Executive Committee*

*Note: The current balance of the fund is \$37,611. The annual intake is approximately \$16,000.*

*Note: Requires 2/3rds*

**2. End of November Items Delay**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council suspends the relevant section of the Code of Procedure to allow the Q2 Financial Report to be submitted on December 1st rather than the last meeting of November.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council suspends the relevant section of the Code of Procedure to allow the Presentation and Report from the Student Services Manager to be submitted on December 1st rather than the last meeting of November.

*From the President*

*Note: Requires 2/3rds*

**3. VP External Budget Increase**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee approve the increase to the VP External's budget line for Campaigns and Research by \$7,400.

*From the Finance Committee*

*Note: Requires 2/3rds*

#### **4. VP Academic and University Affairs Budget Increase**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a \$3,500 budget increase is approved for the Academic Projects line in the VP Academic and University Affairs portfolio.

*From the Finance Committee*

*Note: Requires 2/3rds*

### **IX. Presentations and Accompanying Motions**

#### **A. Midterm Executive Goals Update**

**6:27 PM**

Presenters: Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mitchell Prost

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council suspend Policy I-9, allowing the Executive Committee to submit its written update at the December 1st meeting of Council instead of the last meeting of November.

*From the President*

*Note: Requires 2/3rds*

#### **B. Annual AMS GSS Health & Dental Plan Presentation**

**6:42 PM**

Presenter: Sophia Haque

### **X. Executive and Committee Motions**

#### **A. Get Thrifty/AMS Auditorium Lobby Expansion Approval**

**6:52 PM**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Finance Committee recommend to AMS Council the approval of up to \$337,000 from the Capital Projects Fund for the construction of the Get Thrifty/AMS Auditorium Lobby Expansion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Finance Committee recommend to AMS Council the suspension of Section IX, Article 6(a)(iii) of the AMS Code of Procedure to allow for an expenditure greater than 50% of the annual intake of the fund.

*From the Finance Committee*

*Requires 2/3rds*

*Note: The current balance of the CPF is approx. \$2.7 million*

*Note: Part of the \$337,000 will be paid back by the Permanent Thrift Store Fund at a rate to be determined by the Finance Committee and Get Thrifty.*

#### **B. Nomination Forms & Referendum Petitions Code Changes**

**7:02 PM**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the following report: Code Changes 2021: Nomination Forms and Referendum Petitions and thus amend the Code as recommended.

*From the President on behalf of the Chief Electoral Officer*

### **C. Election Posters Code Changes**

**7:22 PM**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the following report: Code Changes 2021: Election Posters and thus amend the Code as recommended.

## **XI. Constituency and Affiliate Motions**

### **A. 2022/23 NUS Fee Introduction**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(6) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to introduce a special fee levy of \$60 a year for students in the School of Nursing to go towards the new School of Nursing building, the levy to begin in Winter Session 2022-23.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.

*From the Nursing Undergraduate Society*

## **XII. Discussions and Consultation**

### **XIII. President's Business and Remarks (5 minutes)**

Presenter: Cole Evans

### **XIV. Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)**

**7:42 PM**

#### **A. VP Finance**

Presenter: Mary Gan

#### **B. VP Academic and University Affairs**

Presenter: Eshana Bhangu

#### **C. VP Administration**

Presenter: Lauren Benson

#### **D. VP External Affairs**

Presenter: Saad Shoaib

#### **E. Manager, Student Services**

Presenter: Mitchell Prost

#### **F. Managing Director**

Presenter: Keith Hester

## **XV. Committee Reports (3 minutes each)**

### **A. Advocacy Committee**

Presenter: Eshana Bhangu

### **B. Steering Committee**

Presenter: Cole Evans

### **C. Finance Committee**

Presenter: Mary Gan

### **D. Governance Committee**

Presenter: Kamil Kanji

### **E. Operations Committee**

Presenter: Lauren Benson

### **F. Human Resources Committee**

Presenter: Romina Hajizadeh

**G. Student Life Committee**

Presenter: Aryan Mishra

**H. Indigenous Committee**

**I. Ethics and Accountability Committee**

**J. Elections Committee**

Presenter: Olivia Yu

**K. Advisory Board**

Presenter: Cole Evans

**L. Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions**

**M. Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles and Ethics**

**N. Fermentation Lab Committee**

Presenter: Cole Evans

**XVI. Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes)**

Presenter: Cole Evans

**XVII. Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports (3 minutes each)**

**A. Board of Governors**

Presenters: Max Holmes, Georgia Yee

**B. Senate**

Presenters: Keanna Yu, Julia Burnham

**C. Ombudsperson**

Presenter: Oluwakemi Oke

**XVIII. Historical Update (10 minutes)**

Presenter: Sheldon Goldfarb

**XIX. Other Business, Including In Camera Discussions, Notices of Motions and Submissions**

**A. Employee Conduct (in camera session planned)**

**XX. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

Special Meeting of Council on December 1, 2021 + Council Social!  
(in-person attendance required)