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
VIII. Consent Items

A. Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

1. Elections Committee Appointments

    BE IT RESOLVED 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)