

[ALL PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MINUTES]

Date: **September 28th, 2021**

Time: **5PM-7PM PDT**

Location: **KUS Office (WAR 120)**

Name	Faculty	Attendance
Dayle Balmes	Science - Co-Chair	Present
Annika Szarka	Kinesiology - Co-Chair	Present
Nathan Chang	SUS VP Administration - Administrative Assistant	Present
Chelsea Bian (proxy, Lawrence Liu)	Arts	Present
Grace Lee	Commerce	Present
Kelvin	Dentistry	Present
Erin Song via Zoom	(Vancouver School of) Economics	Present
Simran Chalhotra	Education	
Emily Reid	Engineering	Present
Nina Andrascik	Forestry	Present
Kimani Karangu	Grad Studies	
Jason Pang	Land and Food Systems	Present
Roisin Neary	Law	
Caitlin Purdome & Megan Cohen	Library/Archival	
Parker Nann	Medicine	
Tori Rose	Music	
Angela Chen	Nursing	
Jeremy	Pharmacy	Present
Amy Deutscher	Regent	
Shadia Qubti	(Vancouver School of) Theology	

I. Call to Order (Annika)

The meeting was called to order at 5:08pm PDT

II. Land Acknowledgement (Dayle)

The SUS President acknowledged that UBC's Vancouver Point Grey campus is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ speaking, Musqueam people. The All Presidents' Council would also like to acknowledge that everyone is located in many places, near and far, and acknowledge the traditional owners and caretakers of those lands.

Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept. 30th, please read through the [94 Calls to Action](#) and think about how your constituency can do its part to fulfill these calls to action.

III. Introductions (Annika)

Name, pronouns, position and constituency, and what **Rain or Shine ice cream flavour do you get?**

IV. Adoption of the Agenda (Dayle)

MOVED BY Emily, SECONDED BY Jason.

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

...MOTION PASSES.

V. Discussion

1. Event Planning (Dayle)
 - General Q&A + Tips and tricks
 - Big events your undergrad society is doing
 - COVID and events
 - AMS Support
 - i. Contact the AVPs (recommended: Lawrence and Ben) for AMS contact
 - ii. Hoping for more support from the AMS
 - Discussion:
 - i. Q: Any initiatives for 2nd year students?
 1. FUS did a hike for 2nd years!
 2. LFS held an on-campus adaptation of annual camp, 2nd years were very engaged (would recommend hosting initiatives for 2nd years)
 3. SUS hosted RXN online this year, was effective!
 4. AUS Kickstart Week - ice cream & bbt social for all 2nd year Arts students, strong engagement
 5. CUS Spark - hosted for 1st years and 2nd years on separate days.

- Provided 2nd year Reps with budget for initiatives.
6. DUS hosted a social for 2nd year students, had to go through a lot more steps (SOL, traffic control, Faculty safety precautions, RCMP) - strong engagement and received Faculty approval for similar events.
 7. EUS initially planned an initiative on the 1st day back, APSCI planning team killed the idea. Was not able to bring the 2nd years on the FY retreat, but department clubs were able to plan small events for second years
- ii. Q: How is each undergrad society navigating the transition from COVID to in-person activity? What contacts does each US have/what did they have to go through?
1. LFS - dedicated Faculty member to book rooms. Each Faculty has a special form to be submitted to the Operations Manager. Use the Dean and Operations as contacts. Proof of vaccine check (scanned) required for events of 50+ people (or half of room capacity depending on which is larger), varies by Faculty.
 - a. Campus and Community Planning website
 - b. On initial review you will need to:
 - i. **Endorsement:** Provide a name of the person endorsing this event. UBC events must be endorsed/sponsored.
 - ii. **UBC Event Safety Plan:** Update your Covid plan using the attached UBC Event Safety Plan – COVID-19 Communicable Disease Prevention document as it relates to the outdoor space. Kindly review the [PHO](#) and ensure to include all the measures as depicted in the order. This plan most likely will need to be discussed with [ReadyUBC](#) for them to highlight any areas of concern.
 - iii. **Temporary Food Services Application:** Depending on the type of food being served, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) requires that all outdoor events with food or drink (other than pre-packaged bags of chips, canned pop etc) will need to complete a [Temporary Food Services Application](#). You can email the completed form to temporaryevents@vch.ca. They will email you your approval, and permit (if applicable). Ask that they cc the approval to outdoor.events@ubc.ca. They require 14 days to review an application.
 2. KUS - following directive from School of Kin. In contact with the Associate Director of Undergraduate affairs & Engagement

Office. Were very transparent about COVID safety protocol (ex. close proximity to students, etc.)

- a. Tickets were \$125 for Kin Camp - ran at a deficit
 3. SUS - 1 staff advisor at the engagement office, severely short staffed. Had to submit online & in-person event proposals, if stage 4 passes can use in-person proposals. Ladha Science Student Centre, FoS has a say in what we do in a lot of areas in SUS such as the building, finances, mortgages etc. We're doing a phased reopening for ALSSC (1. Study only, 2. Event bookable spaces and study). 4 building requests were sent and none of them followed through.
 4. CUS - we pay hundreds of dollars to maintain our building but we don't get maintenance... have been waiting months to change 1 plug for coffee. Relationship with UGO & Dean's Office is much stronger (regular updates & meetings). Ran into some trouble with international vaccinations (must receive canadian designation).
2. Fall elections (Annika)
 - o Discussion:
 - i. CUS - running a referendum. Tons of typos in constitution & updated materials.
 - ii. SUS - our departmental/major representatives + First Year reps and one AMS Representative are being elected right now. For small typos, VP Admin (or person in charge of constitution) can declare a typo, then present a quick update on what was fixed.
 - iii. EUS - typos only have 1 reading through Council!
 - iv. LFS - campaigning has begun. Program rep elections occur at the same time as VPs, has shown positive results. President gets to hire an interim if needed.
 3. How to improve meeting quality (Emily)
 - o EUS Council used to be 2 meetings per week, was now converted to a single long meeting
 - i. Hoping to find alternative structuring
 - o Discussion:
 - i. Q: How do we ensure Constituency Council meetings do not go overtime?
 1. SUS - [Council agenda template](#), similar processes to CUS. Presentations defaulted to 5 mins. Moderated caucus for longer discussions. Popcorn-style updates for Departmental Reps. scheduled for 2 hours, but usually done in 1-1.5 hours. Twice a month.
 2. CUS - uses agenda template for accountability & enforces people not double-speaking. Motion voting is fairly fast, hyperlinked documents & pre-reading. Updates have a time cap.
 3. DUS - sends agenda the week prior (including voting

- information). Cognisant of timing at all times.
- ii. Q: How to improve meeting quality in terms of fun?
 1. LFS - Council meetings for non-hired members are optional. Planned icebreakers & encourage Councilor participation over Exec participation. FREE food.
 2. KUS - be sure to plan initiatives outside of meetings (ex. grab ice cream after a meeting). Once a month, Exec meeting is open (and supplies food for students).
 3. SUS - Always invites Councilors & AMS Reps to internal socials. Also allows Councilors & Reps to take on other roles within SUS.
 - iii. Q: Do councillors tend to vote no or yes for everything? @ CUS?
 1. CUS - they usually say yes to everything.
 2. SUS - last year's Council was very engaged. Their level of experience with SUS seemed to influence the types of questions asked - more experienced Councilors focused on logistics while less experienced members focused on inclusivity and accessibility.
4. Round table updates (All)
- Science
 - i. First Week + RXN
 - ii. Ladha opening this Thursday
 1. Phase 1: study space only, walk in only
 2. Phase 2: study space and bookable event and study space
 - iii. Record number of Science Clubs!
 - iv. Club Applications for Newbies
 - v. Mentorship Program
 - vi. Back2School Survey released soon
 - vii. BIPOC Farmer's Market
 - Kinesiology
 - i. Kin Camp was a success!
 1. Someone tested positive for COVID, however, no one in their tent tested positive as well
 - ii. Hosted Welcome Back Kinners - had over 100 attendees
 - iii. Academic workshops coming us later this month
 - iv. Hosted a social media contest
 - Arts
 - i. Arts Student Centre opening soon!
 1. Meeting in a classroom
 - Commerce
 - i. A lot of event logistical details were hard to figure out
 - ii. Building maintenance issues have been frustrating
 - iii. Interviewed by Global Mail & Ubysey
 1. Global asked about equity in business, ran into some conflicts when responding (must maintain relationships with Faculty)
 - iv. New website!

- Dentistry
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Is anyone running a skiing event this year?
 - a. CUS used to have a lodge. Has gone to Revelstoke and the US in the past - tickets are ~\$180. Ran a deficit of ~\$20k. Ski pass for the ride there.
 - b. KUS has a contract with a hotel ~\$10k for 60 students. Ran on a \$2k deficit.
 - c. AUS is using Manning Park for a retreat, alcohol is allowed
- Forestry
 - i. Hosted a successful return-to-campus event!
 - ii. Struggling with preparing a budget, particularly with regards to drawing from the previous operating surplus
- Engineering
 - i. Cairn painting can now be approved by Execs!
 - 1. The APSC Faculty wanted to repaint the Cairn for Truth and Reconciliation Day
 - a. No response from Faculty when prompted for follow-up
 - b. Faculty refused to send information, then called for an emergency vote and meeting with Prez.
 - c. Currently in a standoff where special exceptions can't be made because that's what got the EUS in trouble historically.
- VSE (Economics)
 - i. Fall elections, struggling with getting people to run
 - 1. May resort to by-elections
 - ii. Found a startup company that can cater events (specializes in plant-based individually wrapped meals)
 - 1. Contact Erin if you would like their contact!
 - 2. Contact: Vasu, hello@beemyguest.ca**
- Land and Food Systems
 - i. Ran a separate 2nd Year & Transfer Student Welcome on September 6th
 - 1. Gave out free ice cream and did a human bingo activity
 - ii. LFS Welcome Week ran from September 20th to September 24th, concluding with LFS Firsts Camp on September 25th for second years and 26th for first years
 - iii. Released Grants & Funding program
 - 1. Textbook Subsidy
 - 2. Conference and Case Competition Grant
 - 3. Feeding the Future Meal Program
 - 4. Certification Course Reimbursements (Food Safe, First Aid, Serving It Right, QPR)
 - iv. Going through fall elections and hiring
 - 1. Elections:

- a. First Year Representative, Food Resource Economics Representative, and AMS Representative
- 2. Hiring
 - a. First Year Committee, Sustainability Subcommittee, and EDI Subcommittee
- v. External Team is running an Interfaculty Case Competition based off our annual competition called Feeding 9 Billion
- vi. External Team is hoping to change the name of the "Color Card" student benefits program due to issues in regards to EDI

VI. Adjournment

MOVED BY Dayle, SECONDED BY Lawrence.

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:00pm PDT."

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