STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Pawan Minhas (Ubyssey), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Sam Smart (Ubyssey), Jackson Dagger (Ubyssey), Natalie Cappe (student), Shivani Mehta (AMS AVP Academic), Saad Shoaib (AMS AVP External), Mary Gan (AMS AVP Finance), Ben Du (student), Mona Zilinskaite (AMS Elections), Stanley Omotor (AMS Elections), Siddharth Khandelwal (AMS Elections), Isabelle Ava-Pointon (AMS Elections), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- This is to acknowledge that we are on the traditional, unceded, ancestral lands of the həńqəmiʔən̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- This territory was here long before UBC and will continue when we’re gone.
- This is a time to reflect on whose lands we are on and on the important work that there is still to do.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   Lucia Liang:
   - Strike the UBC Budget presentation and add a Consultation on funds.

   Cole Evans:
   - We will also be reconsidering the motion from last time on child care, on a point of order.

   Max Holmes:
   - Why are we removing the UBC Budget presentation?

   Georgia Yee:
   - We’re reorienting to focus on cost mitigation.
   - We will bring something on January 27.
Max Holmes:
- Last year we had a commitment to review the budget consultation process early in the year, not later as it did last year.
- This is happening late again.
- It would be good to talk about process next time.

Georgia Yee:
- I totally agree.
- We should create an internal process or policy to provide more structure and accountability.
- The University consultation was also pushed back this year.

2. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

… No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Kiera Vandeborne (Planning), Emily Masse (Nursing)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS

Goodbyes: Elsabe Fourie (Planning)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

Cole Evans (President):
- I’m Chair tonight.
- Kareem is still technically Speaker, and is running the Ethics & Accountability Committee, but can’t attend on Wednesday evenings.
- I will chair until we get a new Speaker.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

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

AMS Council minutes dated September 30, 2020 [SCD314-21]
AMS Council minutes dated October 7, 2020 [SCD315-21]
AMS Council minutes dated October 14, 2020 [SCD316-21]
AMS Council minutes dated October 28, 2020 [SCD317-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated December 2, 2020 [SCD318-21]
Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions minutes dated Nov 6, 2020 [SCD319-21]
From the Elections Committee

“That Arjav Shah and Emmanuel Ruba be appointed as Polling Officers for the 2021 elections effective immediately and ending March 15, 2021.”

Ryan Wong:
- I thought we weren’t hiring Polling Officers.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- That was poll clerks.
- Polling Officers are part of the committee and do other duties.

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Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions minutes dated Nov 20, 2020 [SCD320-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated November 23, 2020 [SCD321-21]
Sustainability Sub-Committee minutes dated November 26, 2020 [SCD322-21]

From the Elections Committee

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... Carried


5. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented (2/3nds).”
**From the President**

"That Council suspend Section VI: Executive, Article 1, Sections (5) and (6)(a), which relate to the keeping of office hours until April 30th, 2021, or until the President notifies Council the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner."

**From the President**

“That Council extend the suspension of Code Section V, Section 1(21)(a) to allow committees to conduct email votes on items that have not been previously been discussed at an in-person meeting of that committee and suspend the provisions of Code Section III to allow Remarks and Reports to be made in written form instead of being verbally presented to Council meetings until April 30th, 2021, or until the President notifies Council that the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner.”

**From the Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions:**

"That Council amend its motion of October 7 requiring the Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions to present a report and recommendations to Council by the first meeting in January and postpone the delivery date for the report and recommendations until the first meeting in April."

Mathew Ho asked that the office hours motion be removed for separate discussion, saying there could be virtual hours.

6. **MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:**

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Abstained: Kevin Kang, Sherly Prince
H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

*Elections Timeline – Isabelle Ava-Pointon (Chief Electoral Officer)*

- I oversee all the elections that the AMS runs.
- Tonight I’m here to talk about the elections timeline.
- I will have virtual office hours:
  - By appointment until February 12 (when nominations close).
  - As of February 20, someone will always be in the office on social media.
- Changes because of the pandemic:
  - The election will be entirely online: no in-person events, no in-person campaigning, no polling booths.
  - Will look different.
  - Still permitting lawn signs.
  - Nominations have opened and for the AMS will close on February 12, and the All-Candidates Meeting and the official announcement of the candidates will take place that afternoon.
  - Senate and BoG nominations will close February 5.
  - Campaigning will begin February 20, a bit earlier than in other years.
  - Voting is March 1-5.
  - March 7: end of withdrawal period.
  - March 10: official results
  - March 12: declaration of expenses due.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- What is the withdrawal period?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- Winning candidates can withdraw before the official results are declared.

*More on the Elections – Isabelle Ava-Pointon*

- There will be two forums and the Great Debate.
- Candidate reimbursements have been reduced: there’s no food, buttons, or any physical materials to spend money on.
- Tomorrow a nominations information session on Zoom.
- Referendum process will begin only after the VPAUA has verified a petition.

Questions
Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Why are lawn signs allowed?
- My worry is that this is not fair to those outside the Lower Mainland.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- We did look at this, but in the end decided that it won’t be that big a deal because so few people will be on campus.
• We can change this if Council wants.
• We thought there should be some way for candidates to have a presence on campus.

Emma Dodyk:
• Where can we find information on Faculty Senator elections?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon
• We are talking to UBC Registrar’s Office about this.
• Sometimes these are run by the Constituencies, but sometimes there’s a mismatch between Constituency and Faculty.
• We’re in talks to see who should be in charge this year.

Max Holmes:
• Did we think about reducing the number of signatures needed for a nomination?
• It’s a high barrier in a remote environment.
• The Board of Governors and Senate require a much lower number.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
• It’s probably a lot easier to submit signatures online.
• It is a high barrier, deliberately: there were issues in the past with joke candidates.
• It’s not significantly more challenging than in previous years.

Max Holmes:
• The very first thing people will do is go online to ask others to sign their nomination form.
• There will be a lot of online engagement before the Official Campaign Period; it will destroy the limited Campaign Period.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
• That can come up any year.
• The polling officers will be keeping an eye on that.
• We don’t have control of the whole Internet.

Mathew Ho:
• What constitutes an acceptable signature?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
• Normally it’s a physical signature on a nomination form handed in to Joanne.
• We suspended that part of Code this year, and there’s no definition of signature.
• There will be a form on the website, and you will have to provide name, email address, and student number (for verification purposes).
• There will be a box to tick: that will be equivalent to a signature.
• It’s the same level of verification as before.

Georgia Yee:
• Reducing the signature requirement is in line with making elections accessible.
Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
  - I don’t object in principle.

7. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the signature requirement be reduced from 50 to 30 signatures and the accompanying Code required for that be suspended until May 1, 2021.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ryan Wong:
  - I hesitate.
  - I don’t think it needs to change.
  - I don’t see the barrier.

Max Holmes:
  - I’m in favour.
  - Some people think it’s a low barrier to get signatures, but this will lead to violations; people will start answering questions online about running; it’s different from in person.
  - I don’t think this will increase the number of joke candidates. At Senate and BoG we get very few joke candidates despite a lower number of signatures being required.
  - Our candidate pool is not diverse enough, and it’s getting smaller.
  - We need to make elections more accessible.

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Against (2): Ryan Wong, Sherly Prince

Abstained: Kalith Nanayakkara
Questions about Election presentation (continued)

Mathew Ho:
- How are nomination signature forms distributed? Qualtrics?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- Digital signing is available on the AMS website.
- Looked at options and this was the most accessible and the simplest way.

Jeanie Malone:
- What about sending forms to the UBC Registrar (for Senate nominations)?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- I’m checking with them about this.

Kalith Nanayakkara
- Back to lawn signs: there’s an advantage for the candidates who are here.
- I don’t think that’s equitable.

9. MOVED KALITH NANAYAKKARA, SECONDED JAMES CHEN:

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Mathew Ho:
- Would it be possible to look for an alternative?
- There are more first years here: need to let them know elections are ongoing.
- Could we post everyone’s material?

Max Holmes:
- On signatures: that’s to make sure the elections are accessible.
- On lawn signs, there’s a reason Council does not have direct input on things like this; we have an impartial Elections Committee for that.
- It may not be a great idea for Council to intervene.
- Maybe Isabelle could take this back to her committee.

James Chen:
- I understand having something on campus, but this year has special circumstances.
- We want a low barrier and don’t want to hurt those who are not on campus.
- Why don’t we just have more interaction online?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- To Max’s point on intervening, I just want to get my perspective across.
- I want an equitable election.
• Also, lawn signs are expensive.

Ryan Wong:
• Lawn signs have been one of the more effective ways of campaigning and they also let students know the elections are happening.
• They raise awareness and can increase turnout.
• But if you or your volunteers are not living in Vancouver, you're at a disadvantage.

Mathew Ho:
• Election visibility is important.
• The lack of it will diminish participation.
• People visit the elections website after they become aware the elections are happening.

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Against (7): Alison St. Pierre, Daniel Martin, Emily Masse, Joshua Kim, Kevin Kang, Kristian Oppenheim, Lawrence Liu,

Abstained: Emma Dodyk, Mathew Ho

Questions about Election presentation (continued)

Max Holmes:
• The idea of extending the campaign period into Reading Break: Was this discussed with previous candidates?
• Two weeks of campaigning is extremely stressful; it has an impact on mental health, and how much engagement will you get in Reading Break?
• Why not extend to the weekend after?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
• This was included in the lower the barriers conversation.
• We wanted to make sure everyone has a fair chance.
• So we are extending the time, but candidates don’t have to run around campus making classroom announcements; everything is online.
• It’s going to be harder to get visibility; incumbents will have an unfair advantage, so we wanted to provide more time to build up visibility.
• We want new candidates to have a fighting chance.

Daniel Martin:
• Affiliate school links didn’t work last year; it would be good to test that before the election.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
• I’m already in touch with the Affiliates.

I) Consultation Period

Funds Reserve – Lucia Liang

• Operational deficit of $720,849.
• Delayed hiring, reduced events, want to use fund reserves.
• The three funds with the most money in them are:
  o Sustainability Projects Fund (just under $393,000)
  o Childcare Bursary Fund (just under $240,000)
  o Clubs Benefit Fund (just under $534,000).
• The 2011 fee referendum question established these funds.
• The issue is in what way we can use this money.

Cole Evans:
• The referendum question itself did not specify how each of these funds should be used.
• The only thing that binds us is AMS Code.

Max Holmes:
• Have we asked the lawyers about this?

Cole Evans:
• Good suggestion, but as we see it, our procedures allow us to be flexible.

Max Holmes:
• This is extremely interesting.
• Students thought they knew where the fees were going when they voted.
• If we want to do this, and change where the fee goes, even if it’s legally acceptable, it seems disingenuous that we advertised about them a certain way.
• Also, why didn’t the current Speaker rule on this?
• The President has an interest in the budget.
• What past precedent did you look at?

Cole Evans:
• I’m chair of the meeting.
• I didn’t come to make a case.
• As chair, that would be my interpretation.
Max Holmes:
- Was the Clerk of Council consulted?
- It may not be the best idea to decide this tonight.

Cole Evans:
- The Clerk of Council was involved.
- I agree that tonight is not the night to decide.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- I looked at the referendum from 2011.
- The ballot included a table listing the fees, but not explaining them.
- There was another document, part of the promotional material for the referendum, that explained them.
- In the past we used the Clubs Benefit Fund for a purpose beyond what was stated in that explanatory document.

Jackson Schumacher:
- I think it is sketchy to divert funds on a technicality.
- What is the Childcare Bursary Fund currently being used for?

Lucia Liang:
- Currently nothing.
- It used to go to UBC to support childcare bursaries.
- The December motion authorized spending on food and supplies for children from this fund, but we have not spent the money: we’ve brought the motion back again. The money is still sitting in the account.

Jackson Schumacher:
- We should try to spend this on childcare-related issues.
- Students are struggling with childcare.
- It’s a huge problem and what our constituents voted for.

Max Holmes:
- If there is a large surplus, perhaps we need to look at how we can expand the criteria for childcare rather than using it to pay off the deficit – and is the deficit that high?
- Council should be seeing what the deficit repayment plan is.
- We need more information.
- Climate Justice is asking for money from UBC; I don’t know why the Sustainability Projects Fund cannot be opened to the climate emergency rather than being used to pay off the deficit.
- Use fees for what they are for.

Lucia Liang:
- For Clubs Benefit and Sustainability Projects, we have tried to reduce barriers, and we’re going to do more: open up the fund, increase the cap.
But we get so much money each year; that’s why we thought of using it to pay off our deficit. 
But that’s why we’re consulting.

Cole Evans:
- The idea is not to throw the money into the general pool.

Lucia Liang:
- Yes, Clubs Benefit, for example, would be used to pay for Campus Groups.
- That’s a $51,000 project clearly meant for clubs, even if not for an individual club.
- It wouldn’t be unrelated to the stated purpose of the fund.
- Or we could hire a researcher to do net zero carbon emissions research with money from Sustainability Projects.
- Or hire a videographer to promote the clubs.

Max Holmes:
- The AMS has argued with UBC over this exact idea.
- This is just to increase operational revenue.
- If this is what the AMS wants to do, we should get an itemized list showing every area the funds are going to.
- And for Sustainability Projects we should consult the Climate Hub.

Lucia Liang:
- I am more than happy to come back with a list.
- I wanted a conversation before bringing in the budget.

11. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED IAN STONE:

“That the AMS Child Care Bursary Fund section of Code be suspended so that the fund can be used for child-care related expenses.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans (as chair):
- Last time we passed a motion allocating $58,500 to the Community Food Hub from the Child Care Bursary Fund.
- That allocation does not fit the purposes of the fund in Code.
- We could suspend Code.
- However, we may want our lawyers to look at this.
- For now I’m ruling the original motion out of order.

Max Holmes:
- Why is this motion on the agenda?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- We passed the original motion at the past Council meeting.
- After the meeting it was questioned whether the motion was in order.
Max Holmes:
- So at this point the motion is out of order and no money will be spent.

Cole Evans:
- Correct.
- This is a chance for Council to revisit this.

Lucia Liang:
- I would like a Code suspension.
- We have money for this in the Services budget, but if we could take the money from the Child Care fund, it would help the budget.

Max Holmes:
- So this is just about where the funding is coming from.
- I would expect the Executive to make a recommendation about whether to pass this or not.

Cole Evans:
- The motion came from the Finance Committee, not the Executive Committee.

Max Holmes:
- The Executive has a fiduciary duty to make a recommendation.

Jeanie Malone:
- I looked at the referendum text.
- There’s a potential to help families suffering from food insecurity.
- The referendum limits the fund to childcare.
- It’s not a Code change; it’s a referendum issue.

Ian Stone:
- This money was intended not for food, but for diapers etc.
- It would be distributed by the Food Hub and the Food Bank, but it would be for childcare-related items, and in my mind that meets the intention of the fund.
- It will be appreciated by the families.

12. MOVED JEANIE MALONE, SECONDED LAURA BEAUDRY:

“That Council approve $58,500 from the AMS Childcare Bursary Fund to the Community Food Hub for childcare related expenses."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
This motion is contingent on a consultation with legal counsel.

... Carried

Kim, Joshua Kim, Kiera Vandeborne, Kevin Kang, Kristian Oppenheim, Laura Beaudry, Lawrence Liu, Lucia Liang, Mathew Ho, Nadir Nurali, Rachel Chan, Ruby Barnard, Ryan Wong, Sherly Prince, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Varada Saha

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- Hope you had a good break.
- Been watching US events.
  - Interested in the Georgia Senate runoff. Runoffs were meant to disenfranchise Black voters as part of institutional racism, but in this case a Black candidate won.
- Equity Plan meeting.
- Working with Services developing AMS-centric modules
- Onboarding videos.
- Met today about UBC’s new Chief Student Health Officer position.
- Will be talking to UBC about their strategic plan, the new Rec Centre, and Indigenous coordination.
- Working with the Indigenous Committee and the Musqueam about Indigenous art in the Nest.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
- Working on the budget and administering subsidies.
- Filtering the special cases and dealing with them.
- Flooded with emails.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- UBC’s SC-17 committee (for the policy on sexual misconduct): research into disclosure processes.
- Budget submission to UBC:
  - Due to COVID our focus has shifted to cost mitigation while maintaining essential funding.
  - UBC commitment to Climate Energy.
  - Work Learn.
  - Will come to the January 27 meeting.
- Concerns about the Athletics and Recreation fee: need for financial relief.
- Anti-racism programming for onboarding and new UBC students.
- Engaged in UBC’s Student Strategic Plan:
  - Want to make sure the plan is actionable.
Questions
Max Holmes:
- The focus on cost mitigation in the budget submission: Can you elaborate on how this changed this year?
- Won't there be new funding opportunities?

Georgia Yee:
- The emphasis on mitigating costs, e.g., travel costs, means we can use those cost allocations for other purposes, e.g., climate emergency projects.
- Or reducing spending on remote invigilation could mean reallocating to things like the Centre of Accessibility.
- The idea is to make sure students can get the same amount of services.
- We're also looking at inefficiencies.

Max Holmes:
- Since tuition and the budget will be more aligned this year, how will the AMS take advantage of that?

Georgia Yee:
- SFU has introduced general budget information sessions so more people can participate in the discussion; we could follow that and leverage our proposals.
- We can ask if the current numbers for tuition increases align with the services UBC will be providing.
- Then we can show what students will be getting through the budget.
- This is an opportunity we will be leveraging.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
- Working on the Student Leadership Conference:
  - The AMS contributed to the addition of the Student Caucus to replace other programming.
  - Discussion topics include community building during a pandemic, the climate emergency, anti-racism.
  - Free for all this year.
- Working with UBC orientations: providing a hybrid orientation model for September.
- New club applications live on Campus Base.
- Second Clubs Days January 25-29:
  - Looking to improve on avenues to engage with clubs: asynchronous sessions.
  - Virtual booths via Campus Groups.
  - Confident there will be no technical difficulties this time.
- Sustainability:
  - Animating the Life Building’s basement hallway through a mural contest.
  - Want to make it a sustainability hallway.
- This Friday the Executive will have a focus group led by UBC’s Indigenous Student Manager and the Director of the First Nations House of Learning:
The idea is to reflect on the role the AMS plays with the Indigenous community.

Hatch Art Gallery:
- First exhibition January 18.

VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara
- Provincial Lobby Week next week (with the Graduate Student Society):
  - Lobbying issues include housing, rental support, post-secondary funding, and support for Indigenous students and grad students.
  - This is the AMS’s lobby week. The ABCS will be doing another lobby week in February focusing on sexual violence and mental health.
- U-Pass:
  - Same exemptions as last term.
  - Better communications this term.
  - Larger number of applicant.
  - Fewer complaints.
- Campaign about a former UBC student imprisoned in Saudi Arabia: Loujain Al-Hathloul:
  - Getting media attention.
- Research into equity-based grants.
- UCRU:
  - Bylaws reviewed by lawyers.
  - Will bring to Council before we proceed with anything.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Working on the reforecast of this year’s budget.
- New Senior Manager of Student Services, Lorris Leung, starting February 1.
- Lucia and I are working on mental health coverage.
- The Events Department is creating videos on the Exec portfolios.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
- Worked with the Food Bank team to keep Food Bank running over the holidays.
- Other Services have been on a bit of a pause, but will get up and running now.
- The new SASC office is open: nice space.
- Working with Kalith on co-op housing.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
- Looking at meeting times for the upcoming term.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- No update.
Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
- Will be discussing the budget.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu
- Looking at Speaker resumés.
- Hopefully can make a recommendation at the next Council meeting.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill
- Talking with the Constituencies about improving election turnout.
- Looked at a club survey to see how we can better support clubs.
- The Events Manager talked to us about engagement strategies.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- If going to do similar campaigns to other campuses on improving election engagement, you might consider their “Nominate Her” campaigns.
- Will you be seeking to encourage women and people of colour?
- Targeted communication?

Agam Gill:
- Great point.
- Mostly so far we’ve talked about neutral infographics, but this will be good to raise at our next meeting.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
- No update.

Ethics and Accountability Committee – Cole Evans
- Meeting tomorrow.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
- No update.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans
- No update.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
- The Faculty of Land & Food Systems is proposing a new building for a new Innovation Centre.
- This is where the Fermentation Lab might go.
- Seeking approval from UBC: Exec 1 phase.
- Budget estimated to be $10 million.

Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Daniel Martin
- Met in December and looked at the issues Affiliate Institutions have.
• Looking at a Code change to make it a VP’s job to connect with Affiliated College students.
• Thanks for approving our extension.

Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans
• No update.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone
• Haven’t met since last Council meeting.
• Meeting in February.

Questions
Anisha Sandhu
• Lots of talk about the Athletics and Recreation Fee: Has this been taken to the Board?

Max Holmes:
• I made a long post about this on Reddit.
• Half the Athletics budget comes from sponsorship, tickets, etc., not fees, and this has been affected by COVID.
• Part of the budget usually comes from the $21 AMS fee, which is not being collected this year.
• There are lots of costs for buildings that can’t be eliminated. Also salaries: Athletics is one of the largest employers of students.
• Basically, it’s too late to eliminate any fee for this year; it would have had to go to a previous Board meeting.
• If the fee had been taken away, it would have created a $10 million deficit, affecting liquidity and future capital projects.
• A complete waiving is not the best idea.
• Money could be used elsewhere.
• We were frustrated by the lack of alternatives.

Anisha Sandhu:
• Is there anywhere online that describes the UBC Athletics fee?
• What is it for?
• We still have to pay fees for the Bird Coop.

Max Holmes:
• There could be more information on how UBC’s fees are spent.
• It’s important to know they pay for the facilities, or user fees would be even higher.
• This is a very good point about the University being more transparent about their budget.

Georgia Yee:
• It would be great if UBC had more comprehensive explanations, so we don’t have to use Reddit.
• Our MoU requires them to present to Council, but since we’re not giving them the $21 this year, they may not come.
• But we could ask them to come.
• We are encouraging UBC to take proactive action on financial aid.

Senate – Eshana Bhangu
• Next meeting next Wednesday.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
• Insurrections and impeachment have been in the news, so I thought I’d see what similar events we had at UBC.
• Perhaps the closest thing to an insurrection was the time in 1968 when American radical Jerry Rubin came to campus and urged people to liberate something.
• So they marched to the old Faculty Club and took it over, liberating the liquor cabinet, skinny dipping in the professors’ pool, and staying overnight. They even brought in a band. There was dancing.
• There was not much violence, just some damage to the Faculty Club, and drinking of the liquor. The University sent the AMS a bill. The AMS said, We didn’t organize that – but in the end we paid something.
• More violent was the 1997 APEC protest, when police pepper sprayed protesters.
• Then in 2008 there was the bonfire in Trek Park to protest UBC’s development plans: that led to arrests, including the arrest of an AMS Vice-President.
• As to impeachment (called recall here), there was the time a President and a VP External came near to being removed for lodging a complaint about tuition fees at the United Nations without telling Council.

Questions
Cole Evans:
• That president was Blake Frederick, wasn’t it?
• Removal from office seems a bit extreme for sending a letter.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• It was a bit of a last straw situation.
• Council was unhappy that they’d gone behind their backs, and it wasn’t the first time this had happened.
• Some also thought it was ridiculous to go to the United Nations for a protest against tuition fees, though some students agreed with them.
• The referendum to remove them failed, perhaps because it was only a couple of weeks before their terms ended anyway.
• They were stripped of some of their powers.
James Chen:
   • Would the vote to remove them have passed if it hadn’t been so close to the end of their terms?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
   • Hard to know.

Cole Evans:
   • Were there others who were recalled?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
   • Well, in 1971 the whole Executive left office.
   • They weren’t recalled, but they all resigned.
   • This was a radical Executive known as the Human Government, and they organized protests and began a Women’s Studies program before UBC had one.
   • But some were critical of them, saying they were neglecting clubs and Intramurals (the AMS ran Intramurals in those days).
   • The Exec said they’d run a referendum to see if students supported their program, a sort of confidence vote, and they said they’d resign if they lost.
   • They lost, and they all resigned, the whole Executive.

James Chen:
   • Who were the three most controversial personalities in AMS history?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
   • There was Kurt Preinsperg, the President who wrote a romance guide (“Rules for Romance”). There was talk of impeaching him for sexism, but nothing came of that, except a UBC Film School student made a mockumentary about him.

Laura Beaudry:
   • Was there a law student mishandling funds?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
   • There was a VP Finance who was accused of embezzling.
   • He resigned and paid back the money.
   • The RCMP looked into it, but Council decided not to press charges.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:
T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

13. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

From the President
"That Council suspend Section VI: Executive, Article 1, Sections (5) and (6)(a), which relate to the keeping of office hours until April 30th, 2021, or until the President notifies Council the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mathew Ho:
- With elections coming up, I feel there should be set times for students to reach the Exec, not just by appointment.
- Adds stability.

James Chen:
- Is there an alternative offered in place of office hours?

Georgia Yee:
- I think if Council is asking for consistent times I would welcome a motion.
- This could increase contact time.
- It’s important to be flexible, though, given the time zone challenges.
- Do Councillors want a return to office hours?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- My schedule is all over the place and I work across different time zones.
- With the pandemic, it’s not 9-5.
- It would be hard for me to have set hours.
- Whenever a student reaches out to me, I schedule a meeting right away.
- I think sticking to emails and booking appointments is ideal.

James Chen:
- What is the engagement rate for office hours?

Georgia Yee:
- A lot of office hours went unused, but I appreciate those who booked appointments.
- I use calendly.
- Perhaps there are ways to reimagine office hours during COVID.

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... Carried


Abstained: Georgia Yee, Mathew Ho, Sherly Prince

U) Discussion Period

Spring 2021 referendum
Cole Evans:
• Bylaw changes, fee changes.
• Would have to start planning for referendums on these if we want them.
• Unfortunately, the Governance chair is not here.
• Maybe we will wait till next time.

V) Submissions:
Certification Report EUS Fall VP Admin By-Election 2020 [SCD325-21]
Elections Timeline [SCD326-21]
Student Life Committee December report [SCD327-21]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: January 27, 2021

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Natalie Cappe (Planning), Claire Ewing (AMS Sustainability), Laurent Lévesque (UTILE), Megan Quigley (UTILE), Emmanuel Ruba (AMS Elections), Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Jason Pang (AMS Sustainability), Matthias Leuprecht (member at large), Mitchell Prost (AMS Housing Service), Emily Pearson (AMS Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

Cole Evans:

- We are on the traditional lands of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ -speaking Musqueam people.
- It is important to recognize the lands we are on, and those who used to live here and those who still do.
- We should note the numerous ongoing conflicts where Indigenous sovereignty has not been respected, where land has been stolen.
- It is important for us as young leaders to recognize the work we still need to do.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED LAWRENCE LIU, SECONDED KRISTIAN OPPENHEIM:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED CARTER MCLEAN:

   “That a motion be added on Hong Kong.”

   … No objections

3. MOVED LAWRENCE LIU, SECONDED KRISTIAN OPPENHEIM:

   “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, GSS x2

Goodbyes: Maryam Tayyab & Alexa Tanner (GSS)
E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

Cole Evans:
- I will be chairing.
- There was a candidate selected to be Speaker, but they have withdrawn.
- The HR Committee will be looking for someone new.

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

Matthias Leuprecht:
- In the past AMS Council has spoken up about South Africa and climate change.
- Now I would like Council to condemn the deterioration of democracy in Hong Kong.
- We should join other universities like McGill and McMaster.
- The safety of some of our own AMS members is at stake.
- The Chinese Communist Party has embarked on the largest mass internment of an ethnic group since the Holocaust (the Uyghurs).

Georgia Yee:
- Thank you for speaking up about this.
- We at the AMS need to show concern for our fellow human beings.
- There has been unjust detainment of activists, unjust actions by the Chinese government.
- I encourage Councillors to bring this back to their Constituencies.
- We need to be standing for democracy.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- It’s important that we stand in solidarity with other students standing up, e.g., the McGill student union, which supported us over the UBC graduate Loujain al-Hathloul.

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

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

AMS Council minutes dated November 12, 2020 [SCD328-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated December 9, 2020 [SCD329-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 13, 2021 [SCD330-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated November 13, 2020 [SCD331-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated November 26, 2020 [SCD332-21]
Sustainability Subcommittee minutes dated January 14, 2021 [SCD334-21]

“That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and in accordance with Policy I-12 authorize a survey of the membership on the Equity Plan.”

... Carried

5. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

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

From the Health & Safety Committee

“That Council rescind the old AMS Health and Safety Policy, dated September 2011, and approve the new Health and Safety Policy (I-22) as presented.”

… Carried


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

UTILE – Ian Stone, Laurent Lévesque, and Megan Quigley

6. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED KRISTIAN OPPENHEIM:

“That the presentation be extended to 20 minutes.”

Ian Stone:
- We have been exploring co-op housing, a physical housing development to be owned by the AMS or a related organization.
- Want to extend to allow context to be presented.
- It’s a huge project, a massive undertaking.

7. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED KRISTIAN OPPENHEIM:

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… No objections

Laurent Lévesque:
- I am the Executive Director of UTILE.
- Megan is our West Coast analyst.
UTILE is a non-profit organization founded in 2012 in Montreal by urban planning students interested in affordable student housing in Quebec and across the country.

The idea was to reinvent housing by and for students.

Our members are Quebec student unions; we’re the real estate branch of the Quebec student movement.

We’ve been trying to get various levels of government to act on affordable student housing.

Looking for funding.

You know how important affordable student housing is:

It’s the first expense for students and the Number 1 driver of student debt.

There’s been little research on this. Little data. Students are invisible.

So we’ve done our own survey.

The majority of students do not live in student housing or with their parents.

60% of them are in the private market and vulnerable to landlords, increasing rents, etc.

20% of students have significant housing precarity.

There are 250,000 student tenants in Quebec.

No government has an eye on this.

Our data lets us look at which neighbourhoods students choose to live in.

In many neighbourhoods, students are paying more than the market level because of vulnerability.

Looking for alternatives: to ensure affordable housing for students now and in the future.

Looking off campus, complementary to university housing.

We have one building up: Woodnote, with 90 units (144 rooms).

It cost $18 million: paid for by the federal government, the City of Montreal, and Concordia Student Housing.

We are repeating this in three other cities in Quebec: a total of 400 units.

Hope to develop a network in Quebec.

Beyond Quebec, we’ve been working with the AMS for a couple of years.

Doing “Flash 2021”: a national survey, part of a national research project.

Want to investigate different issues, inequalities. Students are not a homogenous group.

Data is an important step.

Encouraging BC student unions to take part.

Also want to do a feasibility study to look at options.

The AMS has expressed interest in going forward.

We have shown non-profit student housing is possible.

Real estate in the Lower Mainland is different and much worse than elsewhere in the country.

We’ll look at the political context, existing models, different approaches to organizational design, a business plan – and then we will recommend next steps.

UTILE is in the business of building housing, so this study is meant to be empowering to move forward with that.

Today we’re looking for feedback on the study and on housing development.

We’re interested in listening. Not one size fits all.
Questions

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- We have spoken to Laurent’s team and have seen the potential for co-op housing in this province.
- We would also like to use the data collected for our advocacy: it’s difficult to find proper data.
- We do have some data, but the Flash Survey will be incredibly beneficial, producing data we can show to government officials.
- Concordia has done a great job with Woodnote.

Mathew Ho:
- In BC we have the Residential Tenancy Act: would you take that into account?

Laurent Lévesque:
- The survey does not cover legal issues, but problems students have as tenants.
- In the feasibility study we will look at the legal context to tie our project to the BC act.

Megan Quigley:
- This is an important issue, the relation to the Tenancy Act.

Mathew Ho:
- Student housing does not fall under the act.
- It’s unclear whether this new project would fall under it.

Laurent Lévesque:
- We followed the BC “rent with rights” campaign.
- We’re very interested in making sure we deal with issues affecting students on the West Coast.

Katherine Feng:
- Is there a timeline for collecting this data?

Laurent Lévesque:
- We are talking to the AMS about the timing of the survey.
- There’s an issue of finding time for it.
- Probably have reports by early fall.

Interactive Sustainability Centre – Claire Ewing & Sylvester Mensah Jr. [SCD336-21]

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- Ramping up this project.
- It was introduced last year.
- A SEEDS class did a research project on it, and we’ve been following up with them and other sustainability groups on campus.
Claire Ewing:

- This is for the Interactive Sustainability Centre (ISC) and the Sustainability Corridor.
- The ISC will be a small space across from UBC’s ARC fitness centre.
- It will serve four purposes:
  1) Facilitating coordination between clubs focused on sustainability.
  2) Facilitating programming, workshops, and office hours.
  3) Providing resources not just for clubs but for students passing through.
  4) Providing outreach about sustainability.
- The sustainability clubs will facilitate work on sustainability and social justice.
- Will need honoraria or a pay structure for volunteers; will need to be budgeted for.
- Building networks between the clubs.
- The AMS Sustainability team will work on programming, creating a centralized calendar for sustainability events. Hosting virtual events.
- The resources will include literature from the clubs and faculties; it will stay in the ISC, but there will also be a Little Free Library for some materials.
- The budget for the project includes money for architectural and electrical work.
- We also want to partner with Chop Value, the company that recycles chopsticks: they provide furniture.
- There’s also a Dashboard or data hub.
- The total cost will be $26,000.
- We’re also having a mural competition to find something to decorate the corridor.
- There will be a waste scale, measuring waste: reinstalling that.
- And a Thingery to lend out things.

Questions

Sebastian Cooper:

- Why do you need a physical space?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- It won’t necessarily be an event space.
- It will be a small meeting room or lounge, a welcoming area, for introducing students to sustainability.
- For creating connections.
- Necessary for AMS Sustainability: Sustainability doesn’t currently have a physical presence.
- It will be a visual space for sustainability awareness, a central spot for knowledge.

UBC Budget Submission – Georgia Yee

- This is about how we will be advocating for student priorities in the budget.
- Our themes are:
  - Affordability and alleviating student poverty.
  - Access to online learning and hybrid learning.
  - Anti-racism and equity.
  - Accessibility.
  - Climate Emergency implementation.
- COVID impacts have led us to look at opportunities to mitigate costs and funding opportunities.
- Looking at cutting remote invigilation and travel costs; also continuing the hiring chill on administrative expenses.
- Want to leverage the proximity of the budget consultation and the tuition consultation.
- Usually various groups are invited to provide input, but this has been an unusual year (reduction of revenues etc.), the timeline has been pushed back, and we were merely presented with an update and an opportunity to provide feedback.
- We want to take a proactive approach, seeking a holistic approach from the University in which they address the costs of attending university.
- We want UBC to continue its $3.2 million emergency bursary fund for online technology and to continue to waive tuition in extenuating circumstances.
- We’re investigating a cohort tuition model for four years of stable tuition (the time a student on average spends to get their degree).
- We want the University to continue funding for a senior manager of Academic Integrity.
- We’d like investment in recording technology for instructors.
- We want the University to provide funding to carry out the Indigenous Strategic Plan and to continue supporting the Anti-Racism Initiatives Fund.
- COVID has led to budget cuts in the VP Students Office: we want continued support for student services, an increase for Centre of Accessibility staff, funding for off campus Work Learn expansion, and support for students with disabilities and Indigenous students.
- Want to ensure that students are prepared to enter the work force.
- There’s news of Proctorio’s contract being extended, but we’re trying to limit it. This could save $200,000 to $800,000.
- In the Zoom world, there are travel restrictions. In line with the Climate Action Plan, it’s vital to reduce travel costs.
- We'll be meeting UBC stakeholders and publicizing our report on what we’re advocating.
- Would like to create an external policy to guide the budget consultation process.

**Questions**

Emma Dodyk:
- Do you think they’ll listen to you?

Georgia Yee:
- Some of what we are asking for (e.g., the Centre for Accessibility, tuition waiving, emergency bursary funds) are already funded initiatives, so our emphasis is on sustained funding.
- Our focus is on creating a holistic affordability plan.
- Would like the University to bring in the cohort tuition plan.

Kristian Oppenheim:
- The Proctorio saving figure is a broad range.
Georgia Yee:
- It depends on the size of the class.
- Proctorio is being used in large first year courses.
- Either way it is a significant amount of funding.
- It’s important to put pressure on.
- It’s likely Proctorio will not be renewed beyond this latest extension.

Jeanie Malone:
- How much of this is already in the budget?

Georgia Yee:
- Some is in.
- Off campus Work Learn is not.
- We’re going to push on hybrid learning and on graduate student aid.
- A lot of emphasis is on sustained funding.
- There will need to be corrections for the Climate Emergency.

Matthias Leuprecht:
- What is the Director of Academic Integrity?
- Is this a new position?
- What is its purpose?

Georgia Yee:
- It’s a new position.
- UBC already has resources for addressing academic misconduct, but that’s different from building a culture of academic integrity.
- UBC has an Academic Integrity working group.
- Academic misconduct focuses on punishment.
- Academic Integrity will focus on outreach. It will be proactive about integrity.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- Opposing tuition increases this year.
- Sat on a panel with the leader of the Green Party of Canada.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
- Working on the budget reforecast.
- Looking at Code changes to raise the limit on grants from the Clubs Benefit Fund.
- Processing applications for health and dental subsidies: 1,700 applications.
VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
- Great discussions this week.
- Review of exam hardship policy.
- Resources for overseas students.
- Talked about creating diverse mental health resources.
- Commitments around anti-racism.
- Funding for the climate emergency implementation process.
- Organizing a Micro-aggressions workshop.

Questions
Ryan Wong:
- Re the Senate and the exam hardship policy: is it not already a policy?

Georgia Yee:
- It’s not currently a policy; we’re seeking to make it a policy.
- Currently, students are to report to the course coordinator and escalate if necessary, but there’s a power imbalance.

Mathew Ho:
- There are stories of profs holding classes on Remembrance Day.
- We need rules for exam times and to avoid students having to take classes at weird times of day.

Jackson Schumacher:
- Is there room for us to advocate for students?
- They could contact us.

Georgia Yee:
- That points to the need to promote our Advocacy service and the UBC Ombudsperson.

Jeanie Malone:
- Isn’t it academic concession?

Georgia Yee:
- We want to set a precedent that this is not a concession or accommodation, but a guarantee of equitable access.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
- Last weekend my team was involved in the caucus portion of the Student Leadership Conference.
  o There were discussions on anti-racism, Indigeneity, climate justice, the pandemic.
  o About 330 people attended virtually.
- Clubs Days this week.
  o A club exposition.
30-minute presentations.
- Three clubs present a day.
- Zoom turnout was not good, but the videos have been put on YouTube.
- Friday is the Live Fair.

- Creating an outline for an AMS Canvas course: for orientations.
  - Canvas is a great tool to interact with our membership.

- Sustainability:
  - Will work with Carbon Offsetters re a net zero 2025 framework.

**Questions**

Jeanie Malone:
- What is the difference between the Sustainability mural contest and the Grad Class gift mural.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- Same idea. Different approaches.

**VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara**

- Finishing Lobby Week:
  - Met with over 40 MLA’s with the GSS.
  - Received support from the NDP and the Liberals.
- Research project on the decrease in government operating grants to postsecondary education: used to cover 80-90% of the operating budget; now it's only 36%.
- UCRU:
  - Bylaws confirmed by lawyers.
  - Working on membership agreements.
  - Will bring another presentation to Council.
- U-Pass exemptions are in place.
- Equity-based grant research continuing:
  - Looking at barriers in post-secondary education.
- The Geography 371 project is going well.
  - This class research will be useful in our advocacy.
  - Met with the Student Housing Working Group.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**

- Been acting as Senior Manager of Student Services, but we will have a new senior manager come Monday.
- Our eHub coordinator is leaving; the Assistant Student Services Manager will take over.
- Safewalk operating as normal.
- Tutoring: Expanded the Nimbus app to include group tutoring.
- Advocacy Coordinator finishing soon; transitioning a little early.
- Peer Support operating as normal.
  - Encouraging good mental health.
  - Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
• Food Bank:
  o Working to support the Acadia Food Hub.

• Housing:
  o Focusing on getting database up.
  o Thinking of broader housing strategy.

• SASC:
  o Settling into new office.
  o New sign.
  o Events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
• Working on 2021/22 budget.
• Helping Lucia with reforecast of 2020/21 budget.
• Recruiting for SASC manager.
• The new Senior Manager of Student Services will be starting next Monday.
  Thanks to Ian for filling that role on an interim basis.
• All-Staff meeting yesterday.
• Working on improving mental health coverage for students.
• Events Department transitioning to working on videos.
• Communications is busy with elections.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
• First meeting last Monday.
• Focused on unfinished items from last meeting.
• Review of Policy I-11 (tuition consultation) – will send to Governance.
• Received consultation results from the AVP Sustainability. Hope to submit report next meeting.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
• No update.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
• Reviewing funding applications for club projects.
• Funds and Fees report for next Council.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper [SCD338-21]
• Looking at cleaning up Code.
• Working on Policy I-22 (on committee chair transitions).
• Policy I-9 (on Executive goal-setting) up for review: reviewing the issue of KPI’s.

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng
• Updates from VP Admin.
• Discussed video conferencing grant.
• Naming of clubs.
HR Committee – Lawrence Liu  
- Discussed the Speaker position, did make a recommendation, but the candidate removed himself from consideration.

Student Life Committee – Maria Therese Dela Rosa for Agam Gill  
- Discussed responses to club support survey.  
- Discussed Sustainability mural competition.  
- Discussed replies from Constituencies re posting elections info graphic.  
- Looking into enhancing outreach.  
- Creating Grad Class Subcommittee to discuss this year's grad gift.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry, Ceilidh Smith, Chalaya Moonias  
- No report.

Ethics and Accountability Committee – Katherine Feng  
- Met once to discuss the committee direction.  
- Also working on a timeline and Terms of Reference for the committee.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans  
- Meeting soon.  
- The Council-mandated report will be coming soon.

Shape Committee – Cole Evans  
- No update.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu  
- No update.

Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Daniel Martin  
- Will meet again this week.

Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans  
- Still researching some issues.  
- Will meet soon.

Questions  
Ryan Wong:  
- Before the next Council meeting?

Cole Evans:  
- I’ll try but am not hopeful.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
O) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone
- February Board cycle is upon us.
- Issues include student financial aid and the Climate Emergency Task Force Report.

Senate – Anisha Sandhu
- No major updates.

Questions
Emma Dodyk:
- Any updates on the Faculty senator elections?
- Dates, deadlines, and procedures?

Anisha Sandhu:
- I will try to find these details for you and get back to you by the end of the week.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Last time when I discussed insurrections and impeachment, I mentioned AMS President Blake Frederick: there was a referendum that, if it had passed, would have removed him from office.
- This was in response to his submitting a complaint about tuition fees to the UN.
- The vote was 3542 to remove and 1400 not to remove; that fell short of quorum and also of the 75% majority required.
- I was also asked about other Presidents.
- There was Bijan Ahmadian, the year after Blake. He was controversial, and there was a motion to censure him, but it failed.
- Back in 2004-05, Amina Rai and her Executive fired the General Manager (something like the current Managing Director) without consulting Council.
- Council restored the General Manager and asked Amina to resign.
- She declined, so Council voted on a motion to remove her, but it failed.
- Council did pass a motion to censure her and her whole Executive.
- Councillor Dave Tompkins led the opposition against Amina.
- He later went on to become Speaker.
- We didn’t use to have a Speaker: the President would chair, and if they wanted to participate in debate, they would relinquish the chair on that motion.
- In the 90’s, to avoid that, we introduced the Speaker position.
- The first Speaker was Mark MacLean in 1995-96.
- Later there was former President Janice Boyle, 1998-2003, and:
  - Jason Loxton, 2003-05
  - Dave Tompkins, 2005-11
  - Michael Begg, 2011-14.
- And more recently Abdul Alnaar, Mohamed Shaaban, and Kareem.
Questions
Lawrence Liu
• Does the Speaker of Council have to be a student?

Cole Evans:
• No.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

8. MOVED MATHEW HO:

“Be it resolved that the AMS condemns the deterioration of Hong Kong’s civil liberties and civil rights, including the suppression of activists and student leaders as a result of the National Security Law imposed on Hong Kong.

Be it further resolved that the AMS advocate for the release of Hong Kong activists who have been unjustly detained and trialed.”

Mathew Ho:
• I’d like to amend.

9. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED BY JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“Be it resolved that the AMS condemns the deterioration of respect for civil liberties and human rights in Hong Kong.

Be it further resolved that the AMS condemns the imposition of the National Security Law on Hong Kong, and its use to suppress activists and student leaders who are exercising their freedoms of expression and peaceful demonstration.

Be it further resolved that the AMS calls and advocates for the release of Hong Kong activists and student leaders who have been unjustly detained for politically-motivated reasons.

Be it further resolved that the AMS stands in solidarity with students in Hong Kong who have the right to demonstrate and advocate for political freedom.”
Mathew Ho:
- I’m bringing this on behalf of UBC EHK Association and others who are concerned.
- They are raising awareness about the loss of democracy in Hong Kong
- The National Security Law has been used broadly to silence dissent.
- Members of the media and activists have been charged.
- Twelve Hong Kongers have been detained, and deprived of their rights.
- It’s been 150 days of detainment.
- Attacks have been targeted at student union executives.
- UBC shares exchange links with universities in Hong Kong.
- There have been previous statements made in Council, the Lennon Wall, etc.
- Student unions at McGill and McMaster have released statements.
- Statements are being prepared at U of T and Waterloo.
- The AMS has a history of taking stands: divestment from apartheid South Africa, divestment because of climate change, etc.
- This is about academic freedom, freedom of speech, and human rights: things we think the AMS stands for.
- Taking a stand is symbolic, but it will empower our VPAUA, and is important.

Sebastian Cooper:
- If this gets passed can it go on the AMS News website?

Cole Evans:
- Yes, we can do that.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- I expressed support earlier.
- I did have a student reach out to me during this meeting who expressed concern about Chinese students on campus: the possibility of them being antagonized or alienated.

Georgia Yee:
- I’d like to express my support for this motion.
- When it comes to issues like Mainland China and Hong Kong, one of the things to be mindful of is the need to make sure that we are not issuing a condemnation of Chinese students but of the Chinese government and its complicity in the deterioration of democracy.
- We are standing for peaceful protest, students using their voices, student activism.
- If we are making a media release, it would also be great to refer to the work we are doing to improve conditions related to democracy.
- The conversation needs to be nuanced as well.

Ryan Wong:
- What is the tangible outcome we want to see?
- What do we believe is possible?
Mathew Ho:
- Several things could be done.
- This could be used for external advocacy in conjunction with UCRU.
- Also, the National Security Law is applicable to people regardless of citizenship or where they are.
- This raises concerns about the safety of UBC students.
- We should be looking at that.
- Meanwhile UBC’s Policy SC-12 (about students abroad) is up for review.
- We need to make sure students are safe even when abroad.
- There are questions to ask about the Hong Kong police force.
- We want to see whether UBC is going to pay more attention to the values it treasures.
- We can be looking at UBC’s relations with other universities.

Joshua Kim:
- I commend Mathew for bringing this.
- Will show that the AMS stands with Hong Kong.
- There’s a Goddess of Democracy on campus which the AMS supported because students had been killed.
- We need to show a united front supporting democratic values.

Mathew Ho:
- UBC and the AMS have been pretty sympathetic to democratic movements, as shown by the Goddess of Democracy.

Emma Dodyk:
- If we pass this, who writes the statement?
- Will we see it again at Council?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Putting out the statement is the first thing.
- Georgia and I, and Mathew and others, would draft a statement to use in support of our advocacy.
- We could bring it to Council before we put it out.

Sebastian Cooper:
- I’d like to see the motion passed by Council as the statement from Council.
- Then you could go further.

Georgia Yee:
- That’s doable.
- I’m more than happy to draft something off the motion and send out an email draft.
- Can also provide suggestions for actions: writing your MP etc.
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… No objections

U) Discussion Period

Referenda 2021

Cole Evans passed the chair to Matthias Leuprecht.

Georgia Yee:
- I want to see if there are any referendum questions.

Cole Evans:
- We brought this last time, but we needed Sebastian.
- Wanted to see if there is any desire for Council to pursue any sort of referenda this year.
- Time is getting tight, and there’s nothing super-urgent: just Bylaw changes that didn’t make the cut in October.
- If we are not running any AMS referendum questions, I won’t post for a Referendum Coordinator.
- From the Executive’s perspective, there’s nothing we feel is needed, and it will be difficult to hit quorum this year. It’s like running with lead.

Emma Dodyk:
- It’s been a long year for everyone.
- I think it’s okay if we don’t run a referendum this year.
- There may be some concerns about election turnout, but there’s a strong chance that we would put in effort and still not meet quorum for a referendum.
- It would be money spent without result.

Jeanie Malone:
- Have there been questions submitted from students at large?
Georgia Yee:
- There have been, but they don’t have enough signatures so far.

Jeanie Malone:
- I’d hate for us not to be able to support a referendum that students bring if we think it’s something we’d like to endorse.
- We’d have no resources for them.

Cole Evans:
- Not necessarily.
- We could hire a Referendum Coordinator late if Council wanted to endorse something.
- But right now we’re not really seeing questions submitted with the momentum needed to get on the ballot.

V) Submissions:
AMS/GSS Advocacy Brief [SCD340-21]
November Advocacy Committee Report to Council [SCD341-21]
December Advocacy Committee Report to Council [SCD342-21]
President’s Office External Policy Manual Recommendations [SCD343-21]
UCRU Advocacy Brief [SCD344-21]
VP External Provincial Lobbying Strategic Plan – draft [SCD345-21]
Interactive Sustainability Centre write up [SCD346-21]
AMS-UTILE Collaboration Agreement V04 [SCD347-21]

W) Next Meeting:
Next Meeting: February 11, 2021, a Thursday instead of the usual Wednesday.

X) Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Tina Yong (Ubyssey), Dante Agosti-Moro (UBC Student Senator), Isabelle Ava-Pointon (AMS Elections), Mona Zilinskaite (AMS Elections), Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Shivani Mehta (AMS AVP Academic), Saad Shoaib (AMS AVP External), Jason Pang (AMS Sustainability), Lorris Leung (AMS Senior Student Services Manager), Mackenzy Metcalfe (UCRU), Katherine Westerlund (former Governance Chair), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) **Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) **Territorial Acknowledgement:**

The Chair:

- This is to acknowledge that we are on the traditional, unceded, ancestral lands of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- It’s important to do these acknowledgements to recognize that there is work still to do, especially in leadership, to advance the principles of reconciliation.
- It’s imperative that we support the Indigenous cause.

C) **Adoption of the agenda:**

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED JAMES CHEN:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   ... No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Ray Hua (Science)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x2

Goodbyes: Shovon Das (Science)

E) **Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):**

The Chair:

- There are a few proxies tonight: message me your votes in Zoom Chat.
- I’ve organized the submissions to indicate where they’re coming from to make things clearer.

F) **Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):**
G) Consent Agenda Items

2. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

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   Minutes from the Presidents Council dated November 26, 2020 [SCD356-21]
   Governance Committee minutes dated November 26, 2020 [SCD357-21]

Max Holmes:
   • Why don’t we have more up-to-date minutes from committees?

The Chair:
   • Good question. Maybe ask the specific committee chairs when they report.
   • Maybe they haven’t met to approve recent minutes.

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   … Carried

For (25): Agam Gill, Annika Szarka, Anissa Meghji, Abigail Stocker (proxy for Chris Sundby), Christian Bailey, Danny Liu, Emily Masse, Alex Gonzalez (proxy for Emma Dodyk), Georgia Yee, Jackson Schumacher, James Chen, Jeremy Zuo, Jimmy Kim, Kalith Nanayakkara, Katherine Feng, Kiera Vandeborne, Kristian Oppenheim, Mathew Ho, Nadir Nurali, Julia Burnham (proxy for Nevena Rebic), Rachel Chan, Ray Hua, Ryan Wong, Sebastian Cooper, Varada Saha
H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

UCRU Updates – Mackenzy Metcalfe & Kalith Nanayakkara

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Working on bylaws for UCRU (Undergraduates of Canadian Research-intensive Universities).
- Lawyers have been consulted.
- The latest draft is a submission tonight.
- Mackenzy will talk about the process.

Mackenzy Metcalfe (VPX Western and UCRU Chair):
- A lot of great things have been happening.
- We had our Lobby Week and met 70 Members of Parliament.
- Did a climate survey, with the most responses coming from UBC.
- Also our Debt Free Degree campaign.
- But we’re stretched really thin.
- We want to do better research and advocate on more topics.
- We need to formalize as an organization to become more permanent and sustainable, so we’ve drafted bylaws.
- Under the bylaws, leaving UCRU will be easy, and that section of the bylaws is never to be changed without unanimous support, so no one will be stuck in UCRU.
- It will be one school, one vote.
- We’re only for U-15 schools, the larger schools.
- Won’t be including the smaller schools.
- Still lots of work to do on the bylaws; they have nothing in them on policies or on electing the chair.
- This is intentional; we are solidifying and complying with the law.
- Feedback deadline is February 25.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- The AMS is meant to represent both graduate and undergraduate students.
- These bylaws say Undergraduates.
- Why limiting like this?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
- 90% of our advocacy is for graduate students too.
- It’s just semantics, but it’s regrettable that the name is limiting.
- But our advocacy is on such things as financial aid, Indigenous students, international students: these are all applicable to graduate students.
- Your graduate students get to vote for your VP External, who can advocate for graduate issues such as research grants at UCRU.

Max Holmes:
- Do you include the graduate student societies of other universities?
Mackenzy Metcalfe:
  - Only undergrads, but this is not an intentional exclusion.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
  - We have been supporting the GSS in creating their own version, GCRU.
  - We are trying to support grad students.

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
  - No reason we couldn't in the future have a graduate student wing.

Jackson Schumacher:
  - Do you see yourselves making graduate student asks?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
  - We can explore that.
  - The problem now is we don't have standing policy.
  - Hope to build out.
  - You do have an advocate (your VP External) who can bring issues to us.
  - Our advocacy on loans and grants and on international visas does benefit graduate students.

Max Holmes:
  - What will the membership dues be?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
  - There are no membership dues in the bylaws, but UCRU wants to work towards this.
  - Currently, our individual researchers do the work, which is a burden on them.
  - Ideally, we should have a centralized system.
  - Once we move on with that we can decide on a fee structure.

Max Holmes:
  - Ten of the 15 U-15 schools are on the east coast.
  - How will you ensure good regional representation?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
  - Right now we are tackling big issues that affect students across the country.
  - For instance, financial aid: and we refer to UBC as an inspiration because in BC you pay no interest on provincial student loans.

Mathew Ho:
  - This is a one vote, one school structure?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
  - We are looking at the bicameral structure of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.
- One body in their two-body structure is one school, one vote; the other is proportional.
- This is when you have vastly different-sized schools.
- But we’re moving slowly.
- Scheduling a policy conference.
- Hold your VP External accountable for what goes in the bylaws.

Mathew Ho:
- How will you review policies?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
- We will have AGM’s to review policies.

Max Holmes:
- What fee model will you adopt?

Mackenzy Metcalfe:
- That is for next year to work out.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President's Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans:
- Election nomination forms are due tomorrow.
- Meeting with the University on career services and Linked-In Learning: been in the works for a while.
- Creating Canvas modules to onboard staff and also provide information for the general student population.
- AMS Auditorium feasibility study being done.
- Monitoring the pandemic and adapting accordingly.
- The Exec are working on their projects.
- We have a new Senior Student Services Manager, Lorris Leung: Welcome.
- Thanks to Ian for filling in.

Questions
Max Holmes
- Have the AMS Executives been following the past practice of encouraging candidates to run in AMS elections?

Cole Evans:
- You would have to ask the other Execs. I hope yes.
- As far as I know, our team has been supporting candidates who wish to run for their position.
L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – [Lucia Liang] [SCD358-21], [SCD359-21]
- Lucia is away for Chinese New Year, but has sent reports: an update and a funds and fees report.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee [SCD360-21], [SCD361-21], [SCD362-21]
- Exciting updates.
- In response to our Work Learn submission, there’s going to be $600,000 for off-campus Work Learn opportunities, primarily for Indigenous students and students with disabilities: populations that often don’t have much support.
- Rolling out more information on the SC-17 (sexual misconduct) implementation committee.
- Submission on health and well-being for marginalized communities.
- Awesome workshop on microaggressions: building up framework for anti-racist education.
- Starting to organize campaign around tuition increases: connecting with student groups (GSS, UBCSUO).
- Athletics & Recreation financial relief: data gathering.
- Transition to face-to-face.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- Is the $600,000 for Work Learn going to be new funding? Or from existing Work Learn positions? Is it in addition to the off-campus pilot?

Georgia Yee:
- This is additional on top of the previous allocation.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
- Sylvester is away.

VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara [SCD363-21] [SCD364-21]
- Good news: Loujain al-Hathloul has been released, something we’ve been advocating for over the last few months.
- Thank you all for sharing and supporting the campaign.
- Web series on co-ops and how they can help solve problems, especially housing co-ops: helping with affordable housing.
- Ended our provincial Lobby Week yesterday.
  - Met with the Minister of Advanced Education, Anne Kang.
  - Great conversation.
  - Talked about operational funding.
  - Emphasized housing priorities.
Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Now that Lobby Week is over, how will you follow up?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Lobby Week is just the first step of a long process.
- There are many new MLA’s, so much of the time was spent on introductions.
- There will be follow-up conversations. Have arranged recurring meetings.
- Met with staffers.

Max Holmes:
- Funding for housing? Can that come from the provincial grant?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Looking into housing and the grant process.

Mathew Ho:
- Would a Policy Advisor help with exploring how the grant process works?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- A Policy Advisor would help.
- Our team has been doing research and laying the foundation for the next VP External.

Max Holmes:
- Have we considered increasing the salary of the Policy Advisor since we’re having trouble recruiting?

Keith Hester:
- The problem is that this position is on a unionized scale; we are restricted in how much we can pay.
- We'll be negotiating in May and can look at increasing it then.

Mathew Ho:
- How many other student unions have policy advisors?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Ten of the U-15 schools have one.
- I understand it has played a useful role.
- I don’t have experts to support me and this is a gap.

4. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That Council extend the question period until the speakers list is exhausted.”

… No objections
Katherine Feng:
- What is the union issue for the Policy Advisor?

Keith Hester:
- A lot of the other schools are in a different union.
- Our union here is different.

Cole Evans:
- Each bargaining unit has unique traits.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**
- Looking at getting volunteers for our Housing Service:
  - Focusing on a database.
  - Appointments to answer housing questions.
- Safewalk running the same.
- Food Bank:
  - May-December 2020: 1404 visits, a 67% increase over same period in 2019.
  - Looks like we’ll surpass 2,000 visits by May.
  - The huge jump is due to COVID.
  - Received 20,000 pounds of food from Food Mesh.
- Peer Support:
  - Event during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
  - Naloxone kits.
  - Doing targeted outreach on Reddit.
- Advocacy: New coordinator.
  - Thanks to Angus for his work over the past years.
- Tutoring:
  - Training tutors on new software. Nimbus.
  - Collaborating with faculties for promo and review sessions
- eHub: No coordinator; my assistant is working to keep things going.
- Passing on information to Lorris, the new Senior Manager of Student Services.
- Getting back to my goals, which I had to put on the back burner while I acted as interim SMSS.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
- Helping Lucia with this year’s budget reforecast.
- Working on next year’s budgets.
- Successful all-staff meeting January 26. Next one in March.
- Lorris is interviewing candidates for SASC Manager.
- Q3 report due at next meeting.
- The Health & Dental Committee increased psychological health coverage to $1,000 and approved mental health subsidies.

Lorris Leung:
- Excited to work with the UBC student community.
• It’s only my second week.
• Hoping to provide guidance.

Questions
Julia Burnham:
• I see there’s going to be a Valentine’s Day event with $5 drink specials in the Gallery.
• This is in contrast to our past discussions about large gatherings sponsored by the fraternities in the Gallery.
• I’m concerned about health and safety.
• How was this decision made?
• And the ad hoc Events Committee has not met yet.

Keith Hester:
• The health and safety of all our members is uppermost in our minds.
• We do follow all COVID protocols.
• Seating capacity in the Gallery has been reduced to 40, with the seats quite distanced.
• There are extra security guards ensuring mask wearing.
• Tables have been distanced
• Extra security on the weekend

Julia Burnham:
• I don’t understand the process of deciding to limit these things and then continuing to host events.

Keith Hester:
• The events we discussed before were under the AMS Events Department.
• This is under Food & Beverage, a separate entity.
• All our procedures make it COVID-safe.

Jackson Schumacher:
• Will there be extra security at this event?

Keith Hester:
• It’s this Friday; we have extra security on Fridays.

Jackson Schumacher
• In lieu of the ad hoc committee meeting, I’d like to see more involvement of Executives in the Gallery.
• I don’t like the optics of this.
• Even if it’s COVID-safe, I don’t feel it’s wise to be hosting this.
• We need Executives regulating this better.

Cole Evans:
• The ad hoc committee will meet to discuss scope.
• That’s going to be for our Events Department.
• This is Food & Beverage, but we can look for avenues to be involved.

Sebastian Cooper:
• In terms of this event, are all public health orders being followed?

Keith Hester:
• Yes, and exceeded.

Sebastian Cooper:
• There is a Public Health organization issuing recommendations, and Keith has reassured us that we are following them.
• I don’t think we should look to optics.
• It’s hard for individual students to be part of the larger community.
• We shouldn’t stop that for fear of optics.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• I thought it’s just drink specials and not an event. It seems pretty similar to the happy hour menu.

Max Holmes:
• It seems very different than basic drink specials when this is a social event with drink specials too.
• This is basically like AMS Events except its just being done by F&B.

Jeanie Malone:
• Regardless of who is running it, the risk analysis is the piece I think we are missing.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
• Lots of student employees rely on the income they make from their jobs at the Gallery and other AMS businesses.
• It’s important to keep our businesses alive while not worsening our deficit.

Laura Beaudry:
• The biggest concern is that people from different households will be meeting up.
• You can’t ensure people are staying in their bubbles.

Max Holmes:
• I’m worried about the amalgamation of things. The combination.
• The Gallery being open and offering drinks at a discount on a day when people go out.
• We’re not trying to shut the Gallery down and take away people’s jobs, but we need to think what is best for our society.
• I’m hoping there’s enough oversight coming from our Executives.
Georgia Yee:
- We are hearing that Councillors think there are very important decisions to be made concerning public safety guidelines.
- We need risk analysis.

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

**Steering Committee – Cole Evans**
- Meeting next week about how to make the committee more useful.
- May lead to a Code change.

**Finance Committee – Lucia Liang**
- Away.
- Written update submitted.

**Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper**
- Working on Policy I-22 (committee chair transitions).
- Code clean-up.
- Updating the internal Records Policy to bring it in line with the amended Bylaws.
- Policy I-21 (committee appointments): a small change about candidates for committee chair positions.
- Policy I-9 (Executive Goals) review.

**Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho**
- Hybrid learning updates: more budget allocations for alternative learning models for accessibility and accommodation, especially for Indigenous students in rural communities.
- Shortcomings of technology.
- Funding for infrastructure for online and hybrid learning.
- Maybe technology grants.
- Fall 2021 consultation on student learning spaces.
- More hand sanitizers.
- Smaller classes.

**Questions**
Max Holmes:
- Could each chair please state the last monthly report you submitted and the last minutes?

Cole:
- Maybe the chairs could just put that in the Zoom Chat.

**Operations Committee – Katherine Feng**
- Clubs naming discussion.
- Looking at changes to the ToR for the Clubs and Societies subcommittee.
• Sylvester updated us on the AMS Canvas Module: will be a pilot project. Eventually will provide information on the AMS to all students.

HR Committee – Emmanuel Cantiller for Lawrence Liu
[SCD367-21]
• Discussed the Speaker position and agreed to leave the posting up.
• Recommendation re the Elections Appeal chair change.
• Policy I-22 will be brought to the committee for review.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill
[SCD368-21]
• Discussed enhancing outreach for elections to improve total voter turnout and diversity.
• Discussed adding questions to the Academic Experience Survey to find out what students want for elections.
• Discussed ways to diversify our social media to attract more students.
• Working on the formation of the Grad Class Subcommittee.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
• Working on Town Hall for self-identification system for students.
• Want to ask Indigenous students if they’re okay with letting people self-identify.
• Working with the Chief Electoral Officer on election to fill the Indigenous seat: want a system under which only Indigenous students can vote for that seat.
• Permanent Indigenous cultural installation in the Nest.

Ethics & Accountability Committee – Katherine Feng (Vice-Chair)
• Hope to meet next week and then more often.
• Will discuss terms of reference.

Elections Committee – Isabelle Ava-Pointon
[SCD369-21]
• Busy time.
• Nominations for AMS exec and SLFS close tomorrow.
• Working with the Indigenous Committee to come up with an electoral system for the Indigenous seat.
• Training Constituency Election Administrators to run elections.
• Faculty student senator election conversation coming later

Questions
Max Holmes:
• Is the Elections Committee making any more major rule changes?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
• Nothing has changed since the last time.
• The election is all online, no lawn signs, no posters, no in person campaigning.
• Lower spending limits.

Ray Hua:
• Any referendum questions coming?
Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
  • That is a question for Georgia:

Georgia Yee:
  • None of the referendum questions have met the threshold yet.
  • The deadline is February 22.

Mathew Ho
  • Do you think that COVID is affecting the signatures?

Georgia Yee:
  • Yes, but to deal with that this year it was permitted to post on social media to enable students to get signatures.
  • Some are close to 1,000, which is what they need.

Cole Evans:
  • Why February 22?

Georgia Yee:
  • This follows last year.

Cole Evans:
  • Technically the 22nd is too late.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
  • Bylaws require 10 days from the receipt of the petition before the referendum can be held, so if you want the referendum at the same time as the elections on March 1, the deadline should be February 19.

Cole Evans:
  • There is discussion in the Chat on whether a referendum petition has to come to Council.

Jeanie Malone:
  • I thought it only needs to go to Council if we want to endorse it.

Sebastian Cooper:
  • Council can determine that a referendum doesn’t meet certain requirements. But that doesn’t mean it has to go to Council.

Max Holmes:
  • The referendum guide page on the website doesn’t have much information.
  • It just says the referendum guide is coming soon.

Georgia Yee:
  • The guide is similar to last year’s.
• It should be uploaded soon.
• It needs to be in line with COVID restrictions, so no in person campaigning.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
• No update.
• Meeting in March.
• Will bring an update to Council on the direction the Board wants to go.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans
• No update.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Emmanuel Cantiller for Lawrence Liu
• No update.

Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Abigail Stocker for Chris Sundby
• Meeting tomorrow.

Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans
• Meeting in the next couple of weeks to determine the direction of the committee.

Jeanie Malone asked that a Discussion Period topic be added on the referendum.

From the Chat:

Govcomm (Sebastian Cooper): Last report: January 27 (checked and it's online). Last minutes: November 30.

Emmanuel Cantiller (for Lawrence Liu): HR last met last Friday (February 5th).

Advocomm submissions (Mathew Ho): Last minutes: November 26. Last report: December report.

Agam Gill:
The Student Life Committee's last report was the January report, submitted on February 5th. The committee’s last meeting minutes are from December 7th, as the meeting minutes from our January meeting (which was held later due to the lengthened winter break) were approved at our first February meeting, which was yesterday! Thank you!

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

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

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone & Max Holmes
Jeanie Malone:
• Board committees met last week.
• Full board February 16.
• A huge range of topics.

Questions
Jackson Schumacher:
• When will BoG consider the Senate motion about hiring Black faculty?

Max Holmes:
• It hasn’t gone to the Board yet; it was just passed at Senate last night.
• Funding plans may come from the Anti-Racism Task Force.
• Hopefully there will be a discussion on the April agenda.

Jeanie Malone;
• The Academic Excellence Fund might be considered.

Mathew Ho:
• Judging by student reaction on social media, the tuition consultation is not having a positive effect.

Jeanie Malone:
• Having no consultation would be worse.
• I do hear from students saying they don’t want tuition to increase, and it’s hard when that message doesn’t seem to be heard.

Max Holmes:
• If we didn’t have the consultation, that would be a loss.
• Tuition consultation has been a priority of the AMS for a long time.
• If that’s changing, I’d like to know.
• Students don’t get the result they want, but at least there is a discussion.
• You can watch the first day of the BoG meeting on the webcast: look for the questions.
• A larger consultation package will be coming.

Senate – Dante Agosti-Moro (Student Senate Caucus co-chair)
• Really busy meeting.
• Climate Emergency Task Force report.
• The Student Senate Caucus presented goals.
• Senate approved an extension to withdrawal deadlines until April 14.
• Report from the Provost on winter 2021 session.
• Plans for return to school in the fall or January.
• Three motions on race:
  o Hire at least 10-15 Black academics.
  o Expand the awards available to Black students.
  o Consult with the Task Force on Anti-Racism about expanding the African Studies curriculum
Questions
Mathew Ho:
- What’s happening with Proctorio?

Dante Agosti-Moro:
- There’s a motion working its way through the committee process which will set guidelines for its use.
- It’s not up to Senate ultimately. It’s a business decision by the Administration and the Board of Governors.

Max Holmes:
- I was on the committee considering this.
- We were looking at all remote invigilation, not just one tool.
- Conversation is happening.
- The AMS and the GSS have been invited to take part.
- I highly encourage the AMS to take advantage of this opportunity for consultation.

Georgia Yee:
- I’m more than happy to talk about the next steps for Proctorio.
- Emphasizing ethics and the integrity framework.
- There are race, equity, and privacy concerns.

Mathew Ho:
- Is there work being done about the weird exam hours?

Georgia Yee:
- We are working on putting this in the exam hardship policy.
- Want to make sure students are not required to write exams at odd hours.

Dante Agosti-Moro:
- Students can ask for an academic concession if they have to write an exam in the middle of the night.
- Take advantage of the accommodation that is available.
- Reach out to your student senator if you are having issues.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Given the arrival of UCRU, I thought I’d survey some of the past student associations.
- 1926 National Federation of Canadian University Students (NFCUS).
- In 1964, to broaden to include college students, this became the Canadian Union of Students (CUS)
- Finding it too radical, the AMS withdrew from the CUS in 1969, but we joined a service organization called the Association of Student Councils (AOSC).
- Then came the National Union of Students (NUS) in 1972 and in 1981, out of a merger of NUS and AOSC, the CFS (the Canadian Federation of Students).
- We didn’t join the NUS, finding it too radical too.
• We were a provisional member of the CFS, but when it went to a referendum here it was defeated in the largest No vote in AMS history.
• We then helped found the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) in the mid-90’s, but left it in 2011.
• And now there’s UCRU, formerly known as ADVOCAN.
• Lots of acronyms, which reminds me of the acronym song I wrote long ago about all the acronyms associated with the AMS.
• Set to the tune of “The Modern Major-General” from Gilbert & Sullivan, and inspired by Tom Lehrer’s elements song, which used the same tune.
• [Sheldon sang his acronym song to much applause.]
• This dates from 2013, and 40 of the 50 still exist.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• I feel like we need a session on the ones that no longer exist.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• I’ll look into that.

Mathew Ho:
• What did you mean by saying the CUS and NUS were seen as too radical?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• They pushed for progressive policies in militant ways and went beyond education issues. I think perhaps on the Vietnam War, that sort of thing.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR., SECONDED LUCIA LIANG: [SCD370-21]

From the Finance Committee
“That AMS Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee approve up to $26,133.12 in funding out of the Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of constructing the Interactive Sustainability Centre.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jason Pang:
• Claire presented last Council.
• Today we’re asking for funding for construction.
Max Holmes:
  • We had better change the Mover and Seconder, since neither is here tonight.

_It was agreed to make the change:_

6. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

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Sebastian Cooper:
  • I still don’t understand why we need a physical centre costing $26,000.
  • Last time there was talk of this being an interactive space, but this is a small office.
  • Still don’t see why this can’t just be online.

Jason Pang:
  • We did consultation with clubs, the Climate Hub, the Student Environment Centre, Constituencies, other environmental groups.
  • The idea of the space is for it to be a resource where people can come together.
  • Hosting the dashboard showing emission calculations, showing a calendar of events.
  • This was not successful digitally; hopefully better physically.

Max Holmes:
  • Was Climate Justice UBC consulted?

Jason Pang
  • Yes, they attended focus groups.
  • They wanted to use it as an activist lab.

Max Holmes:
  • The project would use Chop Value as a sustainable furniture provider.
  • Have we looked into this to see if it would actually lower carbon emissions?

Jason Pang:
  • They were started by UBC students.
  • Their website shows how sustainable they are.
  • I’m confident they are very sustainable.
  • They make furniture out of recycled chopsticks.
  • We decided to pay a little extra to work with Chop Value.
  • Hope to be able to promote Chop Value.
Julia Burnham:
- I do feel a bit uncomfortable with staff having to answer because the VP’s are absent.
- The VP’s should be here.
- As to the issue here, the sustainability project, I do wonder.
- It’s one thing to consult after the fact.
- To propose to build a $26,000 centre and then consult instead of this organically coming from the groups makes me wonder.
- Is this centre not really in the community but hoping to become the community?

Jason Pang:
- I also had questions when I started, but it was really good to have clubs and other groups attend consultation sessions and express their interest.
- After all the consultation I feel these groups will build a community and programming around the space.

Ryan Wong:
- I am also concerned that we do not need a physical space.
- Can you explain the need for this in person centre in one sentence?

Jason Pang:
- It will provide a physical resource to safely engage about sustainability and learn about sustainability.

Alex Gonzalez:
- I am confused about the execution of this.
- Last year I thought this was a place to showcase sustainability projects.
- Now it seems just making a wall look pretty.
- How does this benefit the groups on campus doing this work?

Jason Pang:
- Claire made the presentation last time explaining the use of the centre:
  - Office hours for clubs, a place for events, tiny table talks, sustainability consulting.

Jeanie Malone:
- How does this fit into the goals in the report from the Climate Emergency Task Force.

Georgia Yee:
- This aligns with the report.
- An activist lab was a recommendation.

7. MOVED LAURA BEAUDRY, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

“That this motion be tabled until the next meeting when the responsible executive is present.”
Jeanie Malone:
  • Does this need to be approved tonight?

Jason Pang:
  • My goal is to have this project completed by September 2021.
  • Delaying this would delay construction.

Cole Evans:
  • Are there any critical time considerations?

Jason Pang:
  • To my knowledge, no.

8. MOVED LAURA BEAUDRY, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

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10. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

From the Elections Committee
  “Be it resolved that Council suspend the section of Code designating the Speaker as the Chair of the Election Appeals Committees [Section IX A, Article 8(4) and (5)] in order to allow the Ombudsperson to serve as Chair for the February-March 2021 elections.”

  Note: Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes:
  • Is Governance or the Elections Committee planning to review the composition of this committee? It has an odd structure.
  • Will we make sure that for UBC elections (Senate and BoG) candidates know that they can appeal to the Senate Elections Committee?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
  • Good point on UBC elections. I will advertise that.
• The Ombudsperson is the closest parallel to the Speaker, so that’s why we’re suggesting them in the absence of a Speaker.
• As to committee structure, I will look into Code.

Sebastian Cooper:
• Do we need a further resolved clause appointing them?

11. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

“That the motion be amended to add the following:

‘Be it further resolved that the Ombudsperson be appointed interim chair of the Election Appeals Committees.’ ”

… No objections

12. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes:
• The Ombudsperson has given their consent for this change.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
• Should they get extra compensation?

Cole Evans:
• If their job description includes a line about other duties, then we’re not adding duties.

Jeanie Malone:
• Should this go to the HR Committee?

Max Holmes:
• Many years there are no appeals, so the appeals committee would not have to meet.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• The Code does say “other duties as assigned by Council.”
Max Holmes:
- Point of order
- If people are running in the upcoming elections they should abstain as they are in a conflict of interest.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

For (16): Agam Gill, Annika Szarka, Anissa Meghji, Christian Bailey, Danny Liu, Alex Gonzalez (proxy for Emma Dodyk), Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Kiera Vandeborne, Kevin Kang, Kristian Oppenheim, Laura Beaudry, Nadir Nurali, Rachel Chan, Ray Hua, Ryan Wong

Abstained: Carter MacLean, Emily Masse, Georgia Yee, Jackson Schumacher, Mathew Ho, Julia Burnham (proxy for Nevena Rebic), Sebastian Cooper

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

Faculty Student Senator Elections

14. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JULIA BURNHAM:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on Faculty Student Senate elections.”

Max Holmes:
- Isabelle and I have had long email discussions about this.
- I understand the decision made by AMS Elections this year, but student elections are student elections.
- There was a change this year.
- There were issues with following provincial law and with UBC Faculties not always aligning with AMS Constituencies (a longstanding problem).
- The AMS can still run these elections.
- The point of this motion is to best ensure that the AMS runs student Senate elections.
• UBC technically runs these elections, and if they decide to run them themselves, we can’t stop them.
• But student societies have been fighting to run these elections; SFU has been trying.
• There’s a benefit when we can run the Senator elections with Constituency elections.
• If not on the Constituency ballot, people won’t know about it.
• This year the student Senate elections are on UBC WebVote: not connected to the AMS election system.
• It’s more work for the Constituencies to promote this second election.
• Not every student hears about these positions; it can hurt turnout.
• In future these should be run by the AMS and its Constituencies.
• It’s a forward-looking motion; it can’t change anything for the current year.

15. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JULIA BURNHAM:

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… No objections

16. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JULIA BURNHAM:

“Whereas the decision made by the Elections Committee about elections for UBC-Vancouver faculty-student senators cannot be reversed for the 2021 Elections; and

Whereas Council continues to believe that all student elections at UBC should be run by students as has been the practice for decades,

Be it resolved that AMS Council direct the Governance Committee to report back with Code amendments to best ensure the following:

That AMS Elections, along with Constituencies, continues to run student elections for UBC-Vancouver faculty-student senators;

That AMS Elections must meaningfully consult UBC-Vancouver Student Senators and Governors for any changes related to their respective elections;

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That AMS Elections must seek Council approval if they plan on not running a UBC-Vancouver Student Senator or Governor election.”

Sebastian Cooper
• I echo what Max said.
• Law is a small school.
• A separate election will hurt turnout.
• We get turnout because of the AMS.

Ryan Wong:
• VSEUS (the Vancouver School of Economics Undergraduate Society) is part of Arts, but our members have not been included in Arts student senator elections.
• Same for students in the School of Music.
• Can we make the language more specific?

Max Holmes:
• You should be consulted, but I have kept the language broad for a reason.
• Simply Voting (the AMS elections system) allows segmentation to separate the Arts Undergraduate Society elections and the Faculty of Arts student Senate election.
• Ideally, plans will have to be made with the Constituencies.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon
• It’s going to take some negotiating with UBC to convince them this can work.

Ray Hua:
• What was the specific issue UBC had with how the AMS ran the elections?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
• MBA students would vote in the wrong elections or were not allowed to vote.
• Also they didn’t think the Constituencies were the best bodies to run these elections, even with segmentation.
• Concerned about outreach.

Jeanie Malone:
• Students being classified in the wrong bucket?
• Katherine Westerlund can talk to us about that. She was chair of Governance last year.

Katherine Westerlund:
• We were planning to solve this last year on Governance Committee, but didn’t finish.
• Would recommend that the current Governance Committee look into it.
• This is a UBC problem.

Georgia Yee:
• I’m strongly supportive of this motion.
• Senate elections are sometimes relegated to one Constituency.
• Maybe ensure the Constituencies connect: Nursing with Engineering, etc.

Max Holmes:
• I am a member of the Council of Senates Election Committee.
• In the past we’ve been able to communicate that students running the elections is in the best interest of the University and the students.
• There’s been some disagreement over how to do that.
• I hope we can get to a point where Constituencies run the elections.
• I think we can get to a good place through negotiation.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
• This year we adopted a temporary solution after the timeline got changed.

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Max Holmes:
• We’re not done yet.
• We still need to promote this year’s elections.

AMS Referendum Timeline
Jeanie Malone:
• We need clear information on our website.
• It should say petitions need to be submitted by February 19.
• Who should be in charge of this, of publicizing referendum information?
• Would it violate the Bylaws if someone other than the VPAUA did it?
• Why can’t the Elections Committee do this?
• And do the petitions have to go to Council?
• There’s also the question of having to wait 30 days for the call of a referendum.
Isabelle Ava Pointon:
- I feel it would be easier for the Elections Committee to run the referendum question process right from the start.

Cole Evans:
- The VPAUA is responsible for receiving the petitions, but the Bylaws don’t say they’re the ones to coordinate publicity.

Sheldon Goldfarb
- There is nothing in Code or Bylaws that says the VPAUA does the publicity.
- As to 30 days, that’s just the maximum. Referendums can go to a vote within 10 days of being submitted.

Georgia Yee:
- Once petitions are submitted, Council can step in if it thinks a question is unclear, but the petitions don’t have to go to Council. That’s not part of the process.
- The goal has been to reduce barriers.
- I take responsibility for the date mix-up; will correct that.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon
- I think we should look at whether this should be under the purview of the Elections Committee.

Cole Evans:
- It doesn’t really fit under the VPAUA.

Danny Liu
- Is there anywhere in Code saying the VPAUA coordinates promotion?

Cole Evans
- I don’t believe so.
- Bylaws simply specify that they receive the petition.
- My reading of Code is that nothing prevents the Elections Committee from doing the publicity.

Jeanie Malone:
- I respectfully request that Isabelle put information up on the website or send out an email.
- And we should say the deadline is February 19.

Cole Evans:
- That’s only the date to get on the March 1 ballot.

Jeanie Malone:
- They could go on a separate ballot but you would lose turnout.
- We could push the election back to March 3.
A straw poll showed support for keeping the election date as March 1 and advertising February 19 as the deadline to submit referendum petitions in order to get on the March 1 ballot.

Julia Burnham:
- Groups organize their referendums at the same time as our elections for a reason.
- Hopefully this won't have a negative effect on those trying to launch a referendum.

Jeanie Malone:
- So Georgia can change the announced deadline on the website.
- The Elections Committee can help with publicity.
- The Governance Committee should review this.

Council Composite
Cole Evans:
- Usually we get pictures taken before a Council meeting, but this year we’re not meeting in person.
- So two options are:
  - Set up a time in the Nest for socially distanced photo taking.
  - Go individually to Artona Studio.

Laura Beaudry:
- Is everyone in Canada? Vancouver?

Cole Evans:
- That’s going to be one of the issues no matter how we get the photos taken.

Nadir Nurali:
- I’m doing the Engineering yearbook this year.
- Grad photos are a big challenge.
- For those outside of Vancouver we’ve asked them to submit their own headshot.

Ryan Wong:
- Does the AMS have a contract with Artona?

Joanne Pickford:
- We don’t have a contract.
- Artona does this for us for free, for exposure to UBC.

Jeanie Malone:
- Maybe we should use Zoom screenshots.

A straw poll showed:
55% in favour of a day for photos at the Nest
60% for sending their own photo
5% for going individually to Artona.

Cole Evans:
- We can do a day at the Nest.
- Those not comfortable with coming in can send in a headshot.

V) Submissions:

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: February 24, 2021

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Jason Pang (AMS Sustainability), Claire Ewing (AMS Sustainability), Lorris Leung (AMS Senior Student Services Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, with Kalith Nanayakkara in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- Many of us are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded lands of the hənq̓əmin̓əm-speaking Musqueam people.
- Others are calling from other locations.
- I hear land acknowledgements all the time, but I encourage you to reflect on the land that you’re on and the role we play as settlers.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED JOSHUA KIM:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

   “That the agenda be amended to add a budget reforecast presentation and motion.”

   ... No objections

3. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED JOSHUA KIM:

   “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: Library-Archival, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x2

Goodbyes: Rio Picollo (Library-Archival)
E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- I'm subbing in for Cole.
- He's at the election debates and should be here soon.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED NADIR NURALI:

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

Executive Committee minutes dated February 3, 2021 [SCD371-20]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 10, 2021 [SCD372-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated January 18, 2021 [SCD373-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated February 2, 2021 [SCD374-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated January 27, 2021 [SCD375-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated February 10, 2021 [SCD376-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated January 27, 2021 [SCD377-21]
Clubs and Societies Working Group minutes dated October 7, 2020 [SCD378-21]
Clubs and Societies Working Group minutes dated October 9, 2020 [SCD379-21]
Clubs and Societies Working Group minutes dated October 23, 2020 [SCD380-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated January 25, 2021 [SCD381-21]
AMS Council minutes dated December 2, 2020 [SCD382-21]
Ethics & Accountability Committee minutes dated January 14, 2021 [SCD383-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated December 4, 2020 [SCD384-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated January 21, 2021 [SCD385-21]

... No objections

5. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR., SECONDED ANISSA MEGHJI:

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

“That AMS Council correct the error from the November 12, 2020 minutes of Council and correctly label the date of Operations Committee minutes as being from October 28, 2020 and not August 28, 2020.”

... No objections
H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute period):

**Budget reforecast – Lucia Liang and Keith Hester**

Lucia Liang:
- Assumptions:
  - Enrollment of 55,000 students (hopeful, based on what the University is telling us).
  - Investment contribution of $500,000: on target from the original budget.
- Changes:
  - Delayed hiring of student staff – updated.
  - Wage increase.
  - Reduction in Events budget.
  - No All-Presidents Dinner.
  - Increased Student Services revenue, especially from Food Bank.
- Expenses down.
- Revenue down too (mostly from reduction in business contribution).
- Deficit of $666,414 projected.
- Ancillary services expenses down, mainly because of Events.
- Overall expenses down $200,000.

Keith Hester:
- We were predicting $771,000 revenue from the businesses.
- We were still hopeful (in September) that there would be in person classes in January.
- We have had to revise the revenue estimate downwards (to $92,000).

**Questions**

Ray Hua:
- The Sustainable Food Access fee and two others are listed twice.

Lucia Liang:
- That’s a mistake. A small mistake.

Ray Hua:
- It’s $120,000. I wouldn’t call that small.

Keith Hester:
- It looks like an error.

Ray Hua:
- Is this error carried through to your other projections?

Keith Hester:
- Quite possibly.
Ray Hua:
- Will this be corrected?

Keith Hester:
- Yes.

Sebastian Cooper:
- What is the plan to get us back to positive?

Keith Hester:
- The $666,000 deficit is the reforecast.
- That’s assuming all the expenditures will be made.
- Typically we don’t spend quite as much as we project, so we hope the deficit will be lower.
- As to how to recover, when the pandemic is over we will hopefully see revenue go up quite rapidly.

Ray Hua:
- Was there any change in how admin and HR overhead is defined between the Q1 update and this?
- It seems these overhead lines are 50% less: a huge drop.

Keith Hester:
- We changed the way we present them.
- Previously we showed 50% borne by business and 50% by student government, but this time we wanted to show business without overhead and then overhead in total.
- That’s why it looks different.

Discussion of whether a motion is needed to accept the reforecast and whether an amendment should be added to correct the duplication error.

Decision to table until the President arrives.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- away

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
Finalized new club constitutions last week; will go to the Operations Committee next week.
- AMS staff Canvas course, to be released to whole student body.
- Hatch Art Gallery: Finalizing new digital rights contract to send to artists.
- Sustainability symposium March 5 with Regenesis from other student unions.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee**
- away

**VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara**
- Chairing Council for the first time.
- Equity-based grants research ongoing:
  - Hope for final report by the end of the semester.
- Advocacy on funding for postsecondary education.
- Advocacy for SkyTrain to UBC:
  - Different approach: Highlighting benefits for whole region.
- UCRU strategic plan underway:
  - Issue of graduate students.
  - Looking into advocacy for grad students within UCRU.
  - The AMS is unique in representing both undergrads and grad students.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
- Budget reforecast.
- Working on next year’s budget.
- Mid-March kickoff for orientations for next year.
- Lorris working on update to Services Review.
- Working on a businesses presentation.

**VP Finance – Lucia Liang**
- Processed 642 U-Pass subsidies.
- Also 1,960 Health & Dental Plan subsidies.
- Mental health coverage under the Plan is being increased to $1,000, retroactive to the beginning of this school year.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**
- Services running smoothly.
- RBC Get Seeded event (the second one) will happen next month.
- Peer Support is doing harm reduction events
- Housing Service: Panel today about co-op housing.
- Not only is the Executive turning over, but my position is now open too.
- You can apply up till March 7.

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

**Finance Committee – Lucia Liang**
- Approved the budget Q3 report.
• Approved budget reforecast.

**Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper**  
[SCD393-21]  
• Two policies coming that we’ve reviewed.  
• Also looking into Policy I-9 on Executive Goals.  
• Faculty senator election motion.  
• Referendum responsibilities: clarifying between VPAUA and Chief Electoral Officer.  
• General Code clean-up.

*Cole Evans arrived and took the Chair.*

**Operations Committee – Katherine Feng**  
[SCD394-21]  
• Haven’t met since last Council.  
• Will be meeting next week.

**HR Committee – Lawrence Liu**  
• Met before Reading Week.  
• Looking at Speaker applications for the rest of this year.  
• Also CEO, Ombuds, and Speaker for next year: Postings will go up March 1.

**Questions**

Ryan Wong:  
• What is holding up hiring a Speaker?

Lawrence Liu:  
• Lack of appropriate candidates.  
• One candidate we wanted withdrew.

**Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho**  
[SCD389-21]  
• Exam hardship.  
• Consulting with Governance on Faculty student senator elections.  
• Drafting a statement on anti-racism.

**Steering Committee – Cole Evans**  
• Met last week and talked about changes to the ToR for this committee.  
• If they pass, the committee will be meeting more often.

**Student Life Committee – Agam Gill**  
[SCD395-21]  
• Haven’t met, but have a couple of projects.  
  • Helping create an election section in the AMS Academic Experience Survey.  
  • Grad Class Subcommittee form will circulate soon.  
• Talking to the VPAUA on projects we could help with.

**Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry**  
• No update.
Ethics and Accountability Committee – Katherine Feng (Vice Chair)
- Researching and consulting on guidelines.
- Working on investigation.
- Moving quite quickly.
- Hope to have results by mid to late March.

Elections Committee – Isabelle Ava-Pointon

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
- Next meeting March 8.
- Will talk about the future of the Advisory Board.
- Technically we should be providing a report but since we haven’t met there is no report.
- We can suspend Code now to allow for this, but you can expect a report in March.
- The report is coming; it’s just a bit late.

Questions
Sebastian Cooper:
- What date?

Cole Evans:
- The Advisory Board meets on March 8 and can definitely get a report to Council after that, but not on the Friday before the March 10 meeting.
- By March 24 at the latest.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans
- Spoke to Sylvester and the Hatch team on how to expand the committee to do more than just sell art.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
- No update.

Comments
Michael Kingsmill:
- There’s been some activity in the project.
- It’s been with us for years, and now there’s a new site beside the Health Science Parkade and near the Michael Smith Library.
- The fermentation lab is evolving.
- A meeting in March with the Dean of Land and Food Systems and the Development Office to talk about the space.
- The AMS will have 800 square feet in a larger area.
- The academic side to this has to do with fermentation sciences.
- There’s possible production of an AMS brew.

Mathew Ho:
- Do you foresee any opposition to the location as with the Arts Student Centre?
Michael Kingsmill:
- This one is on very safe ground, in the academic core, and the parkade is not going to complain.
- I think zero risk.

Emma Dodyk:
- What is the timeline looking like?

Michael Kingsmill:
- Maybe four years.
- We don’t have a timeline.
- There are high level hurdles to get through.
- Construction of food labs and installation of fermentation equipment.
- The Dean would love to have this going.
- He is a strong backer.

Cole Evans:
- This passed in a referendum in 2014: a fee was approved for a brewery.
- There’d been talk of such a thing as far back as 2009.
- Originally the idea was to put it in the Nest basement.
- Then the idea was to partner with the LFS on a joint facility near the UBC Farm.
- The idea was for academic activities, and a by-product would have been selling beer.
- Speed bumps along the way.
- There were ongoing negotiations with the Musqueam.
- So UBC looked at a site switch.
- Now it has gone to Executive 1.
- Old plan went through Executive 1-3, then Board 1.
- So we’re back to the beginning, but with some momentum.

Max Holmes:
- Sometime capital projects take a while, but we want to get things done right.

Cole Evans:
- It’s on the radar at the University level.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Chris Sundby**
- Met two weeks ago.
- Looking at how to keep the AMS and the Affiliates communicating.
- Methods and models.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans**
- Will be meeting March 1.
- Took a while to get to this, but we have found a time.
Questions
Katherine Feng:
- What is the timeline for the work the committee is planning to do?
- It’s been a while since the committee was established.
- When will we see results?

Cole Evans:
- A couple of circumstance delayed things.
- I think it can now be wrapped up for the new budget year, by the end of April.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
- No report.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes
- Regular committee cycle and full Board.
- Discussed many matters.
  - Integrated Research Program.
  - Anti-Indigenous racism.
  - Report from Black caucus presentation: students should be advocating for all the issues to be addressed.
  - Cloud innovation centre.
  - Enrollment report and target.
  - Emergency bursaries.
  - Process towards divestment.
  - Climate Emergency Task Force report.
  - Climate Action Plan 2030.

Senate – Max Holmes
- The Board’s Climate Emergency Task Force report was brought to Senate for endorsement.
- Letter from student members re Senate 2023 goals – includes advocacy relevant to the AMS.
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion action team.
- Admissions, enrollment targets.
- Curriculum committee looked at a new certificate in Equity, Diversity & Inclusion.
- Indigenous leadership program revisions.
- Extended withdrawal deadline for second term.
- The Provost gave a report on planning for 2021-22.
- Recommendation to the Board that it hire 10-15 Black academics.
- Similar motion to develop annual awards for Black international students.
- Asking Faculty of Arts to consult on anti-racism and to expand the African Studies program and Black Studies more generally.
Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- People were wondering how we did a Council composite during the Spanish flu.
- The flu shut UBC down for five weeks in the fall of 1918, but the University reopened in late November, and Council probably arranged a composite in early 1919.
- It was easier then: there were only 538 students and nine members of Council.
- Now we have one hundred times the number of students, though not a hundred times the number of Councillors (or we’d have 900).
- Note the members’ titles [showing the composite onscreen]:
  - One was the editor of the Ubyssey (that was the Ubyssey’s first year; it was an AMS publication, and the editor was automatically on Council).
  - The President of the Literary Department was another member. That was the body that oversaw clubs. It later became the Literary and Scientific Department, with my favourite acronym: LSD.
  - The Presidents of Women’s Athletics and Men’s Athletics were also automatically on (the AMS ran athletics in those days).
  - And the President of the Arts Men’s Undergraduate Society.
  - There was also the president of the Women’s Undergraduate Society, for women in all faculties (but they were mostly in Arts).
  - Arts in those days included what we call Science.
  - There was a Science Undergraduate Society, but that meant Applied Science, or the Engineers.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- How long has the Artona photo studio been around?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Quite a few years, but not as far back as 1919.
- Not sure which studio produced this composite.

Returning to the tabled Budget Reforecast:

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

6. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

“Be it resolved that the AMS Budget January Reforecast 2020-2021 be approved as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

7. MOVED RAY HUA, SECONDED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR.:

“That the motion be amended to add a clause to make the necessary corrections.”

... No objections
8. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

“Be it resolved that the AMS Budget January Reforecast 2020-2021 be approved as presented.

Be it further resolved that the budget reforecast be corrected to remove duplications.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

9. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

From the Governance Committee [SCD397-21], [SCD398-21]
[SCD399-21], [SCD400-21]

“That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council renew the Petition Privacy Policy (I-10) as presented and update the Records Policy (I-19) as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sebastian Cooper:

- I-10 is the policy for keeping signers of petitions confidential.
- There were no requests for changes.
- For Policy I-19, because of changes to the Records bylaw, it was thought that the policy should be adjusted to align with the changes, including the greater clarity in the new bylaw.
- Not much consultation since it follows the bylaw changes passed at the AGM.

10. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

From the Governance Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council renew the Petition Privacy Policy (I-10) as presented and update the Records Policy (I-19) as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

Abstained: Ray Hua

11. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG: [SCD401-21]

From the Finance Committee

"That AMS Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee approve up to $26,133.12 in funding out of the Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of constructing the Interactive Sustainability Centre."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- I wasn’t able to attend last time, but am happy to speak today.
- This project has been underway for the past year and a half.
- It’s meant to give a visual identity to AMS Sustainability.
- It will be a central channel for sustainability on campus.
- This year we’ve taken a University-wide approach to sustainability, and this will help with those efforts, especially the efforts around Net Zero 2025.
- It will also provide resources to students to ensure we’re sustainable for years to come.

Sebastian Cooper:

- Generally, I and other Councillors are wondering what the point of having this room is.
- If we want a focal point, this room is not big enough; it’s just a small room with leaflets.
- And why is that going to cost $26,000?
- If we want to spend $26,000 on sustainability, isn’t there a better way to do it?
- And if we want a room, we could build a bigger room.
- What is actually going to be provided that couldn't be provided online?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:

- This is not a space for events, but a connection point, a place for knowledge sharing.
- It’s a pilot project, and we think the current space will address our needs.
- The budget is that big because of the Chop Value furniture purchase.
- They’re a sustainable company we donate our chopsticks to.
- But we can leave that out and still be successful. Get less expensive furniture.
- The room will house information for students to get updated on sustainability.
- It will be a free flowing lounge area for education; not a daunting space.
- If we need event space, there are numerous places to house events.
- This will also be a place for our sustainability team, which has been displaced from the Clubs Resource Centre.
- The Dashboard is the most important part of the project: tracking our emissions.
- This is very much needed as part of the fight to address the climate emergency.
- We want to ensure that all students can engage and contribute.

Ryan Wong:
- I echo Sebastian’s concerns.
- I’m still not clear on the need for something in person, a physical space.
- A lot could be done online.
- And why now? We’re in a pandemic.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- The funding is coming from the Capital Projects Fund; money from that can only be used for capital projects; it could not be spent on other sustainability needs.
- Those needs are being addressed through other funding sources.
- We’re in an online environment now, but once we’re back in person, this space will be an indicator of the AMS’s commitment to sustainability.
- And it will be a place students can go and get resources.

Emma Dodyk:
- I’m split on this.
- You shouldn’t need a special room, but allocating physical space and resources does show a commitment.
- I’d like to see some more defined methods of interaction. More than research reports. Who’s going to read a 20-page report in a little room by themselves?
- Maybe we’re not quite there with the reality of how students interact.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- It would also be a point of contact to set up events for all the sustainability groups.
- There are numerous groups, but they’re not all aware of what others are doing.
- We need more collaboration.

Ryan Wong:
- Emma makes a great point.
- I agree that we are not mapping onto the true nature of how students would interact with the centre.
- What about students who are not in sustainability groups?
- And as to the sustainability groups, I’m not sure that need is not already met.
- Why not use existing AMS conference and meeting rooms?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- Those groups are in full support of a space like this.
Ryan Wong:
  - Why is current space not adequate?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
  - Because we don’t have a physical presence.
  - Sustainability is an important department of the AMS.

Georgia Yee:
  - I think creation of the Interactive Sustainability Centre aligns very nicely with the Climate Emergency Task Force.
  - It especially aligns with groups concerned with climate action.
  - The Sustainability Team has done a great job in consulting on this.

Sebastian Cooper:
  - Councillors have raised concerns about what this space brings.
  - I don’t feel answers have been provided.
  - If the centre is to help students learn, then the location is not prominent enough.
  - If it’s going to be a bunch of reports on a table, I don’t think that’s very useful.
  - If it’s so other groups can come together, why not set up an online portal?
  - If we want people to meet, the space is not big enough.
  - If it were a free project, fine, but for $26,000 more rationale is needed.
  - I suggest taking it away and thinking more about the rationale, or reduce the expenditure – rather than asking us to take a leap of faith.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
  - I think we’ve been able to speak on the value of the space.
  - It will be part of a new Sustainability Corridor linking the Nest basement to the UBC Life Building.

Laura Beaudry:
  - What is someone going to see if they are just randomly walking by?
  - What will they get more than pamphlets?
  - Maybe seeds?
  - And what about ongoing funding?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
  - The Dashboard will show Nest emissions in five key categories.
  - It’s right across from the centre.
  - The Dashboard will attract people who will then be drawn to the centre.

Michael Kingsmill:
  - The budget is made up of one-fifth for the Dashboard and a substantial portion for furniture, recycled from chopsticks.
  - The actual architectural work is small: painting, modification of a door, a substantial window.
  - The actual capital project part is small.
• Maybe you could rethink the furniture allowance.

Emma Dodyk:
• I think we’re stuck on the fact that this is a very small space with limitations on how it can be used.
• You say it’s part of a Sustainability Corridor.
• It might help Councillors understand if we knew what was in the rest of the corridor.
• I don’t think we’re seeing the total vision for the whole project.
• I’d like to know where we’re going.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
• We have presented multiple times at Council.
• Showed the whole hallway twice.
• Renderings have shown the space and the Dashboard.
• There are already sustainability groups in this area.
• The spaces would complement each other.

Mathew Ho:
• I want to support this, but can we find some middle ground?
• Is it just Yes or No?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
• Definitely not a Yes or No situation.
• If people want amendments, I’d like to hear about it.
• I’m open to hearing what Council would like to do.

Emma Dodyk:
• I propose that we table this vote to our next Council meeting and in the meantime I would ask Councillors to reach out to Sylvester and the Sustainability Team to let them know what additional details we would like to see.

Jason Pang:
• All the questions being asked we have already answered.
• We did a presentation on January 25.
• What else would Councillors like to see?
• We’re frustrated.
• We’re presenting the facts, but it’s not getting passed.

Cole Evans:
• I think it’s important to remember that Councillors have the right to speak their thoughts.
• It’s important to take feedback from our Board.

Sebastian Cooper:
• It’s the responsibility of Council to make sure funds are well used.
• It’s worth us asking these questions to ensure that.
I hope no one is taking this personally; we are just fulfilling our fiduciary duty.
If you find the same questions being asked, that suggests there’s a problem with the answers.
I find it frustrating that a presentation has been made to us with no changes.
Everyone here works for what is best for students, but we shouldn’t lose sight of our responsibilities as members of the Board.

Emma Dodyk
- We should speak to Sylvester and his team before March 10 and bring this back to Council on March 10.

12. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED LAURA BEAUDRY:

“Be it resolved that this motion be tabled to a later meeting.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council refer the Interactive Sustainability Centre Project to the Sustainability Subcommittee for further consideration, which shall provide direction to the Finance Committee to bring back to Council for approval or discussion at a later meeting.”

Chris Sundby
- I think we should just put the main motion to a vote.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- I do appreciate all the comments.

Ryan Wong:
- I will echo Chris: let’s vote on the original motion.

13. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED LAURA BEAUDRY:

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... Defeated

For (11): Carter MacLean, Christian Bailey, Danny Liu, Emma Dodyk, Jackson Schumacher, James Chen, Kristian Oppenheim, Laura Beaudry, Mathew Ho, Nadir Nurali, Ray Hua

Against (13): Agam Gill, Alexandra Arbelaez, Ruby Barnard, Sebastian Cooper, Lucia Liang, Lawrence Liu, Daniel Martin, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Varada Saha, Chris Sundby, Annika Szarka, Ryan Wong, Georgia Yee
Abstained: Rachel Chan, Katherine Feng, Jimmy Kim, Joshua Kim, Emily Masse, Alison St. Pierre

14. MOVED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

From the Finance Committee
“That AMS Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee approve up to $26,133.12 in funding out of the Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of constructing the Interactive Sustainability Centre.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Carried

For (17): Agam Gill, Alexandra Arbelaez, Alison St. Pierre, Annika Szarka, Chris Sundby, Christian Bailey, Daniel Martin, Georgia Yee, Jackson Schumacher, Joshua Kim, Laura Beaudry, Lawrence Liu, Lucia Liang, Rachel Chan, Ruby Barnard, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Varada Saha

Against (8): Sebastian Cooper, Emma Dodyk, Ray Hua, Danny Liu, Carter MacLean, Anissa Meghji, Nadir Nurali, Ryan Wong,

Abstained: James Chen, Katherine Feng, Mathew Ho, Jimmy Kim, Emily Masse, Kristian Oppenheim

15. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR.: [SCD402-21]

From the Steering Committee
“That Council approve the changes to the AMS Code of Procedure, Section V, Article 7: Steering Committee, as presented.”

Note: Motion was approved unanimously in Steering Committee.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:
- The question is how to get Steering Committee more engaged, and the answer we decided is to expand its duties so that it will set agendas and keep track of the work done by committees.
- The idea is to give Steering Committee more of a purpose.
- It’s struggled to get off the ground.
- If can’t, then the future of Steering Committee may be in jeopardy.
- Have received positive feedback from committee chairs (that’s who sits on this committee).

Ryan Wong:
- I think some of my concern is that it feels like Steering Committee should be coordinating goals and doing long-term planning.
• My concern is that by adding these additional duties, there will be a shift from it being a strategic planning committee to an operational check-in committee.

Cole Evans:
• That is the goal: to shift away from being a strategic committee.
• The committee doesn’t have the capacity to do that, especially since we don’t have a strategic plan.
• All the conversations have been hypothetical instead of dealing with execution of strategy.
• The goal would be to shift away from that, leave that to the Executive, and focus more on Council affairs.

Laura Beaudry:
• This would add chairs of the Extraordinary Committees to the membership of the Steering Committee.
• What other Extraordinary Committees are there besides the Indigenous Committee?

Cole Evans:
• Elections, Ethics and Accountability, potentially a committee on affiliate institutions.

Emma Dodyk:
• For long-term strategy, a committee of chairs is a good population.
• This proposal is good in giving the committee regular actionable things to do, but also keeping the people in the room for strategy.

Jackson Schumacher:
• We tried an all chairs committee at the GSS, doing operational reports, and it's been very effective.
• However, we tabled our strategic plan.
• Is there any serious intention to restart work on an AMS strategic plan?

Cole Evans:
• If I’m sticking around, I would absolutely be interested in pursuing a strategic plan.

16. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR.:

From the Steering Committee
“That Council approve the changes to the AMS Code of Procedure, Section V, Article 7: Steering Committee, as presented.”

Note: Motion was approved unanimously in Steering Committee.
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

For (28): Alexandra Arbelaez, Christian Bailey, Ruby Barnard, Laura Beaudry, Rachel Chan, James Chen, Sebastian Cooper, Emma Dodyk, Katherine Feng, Agam
Gill, Mathew Ho, Ray Hua, Jimmy Kim, Joshua Kim, Lucia Liang, Danny Liu, Lawrence Liu, Carter MacLean, Daniel Martin, Anissa Meghji, Sylvester Mensah Jr., Nadir Nurali, Kristian Oppenheim, Jackson Schumacher, Alison St. Pierre, Chris Sundby, Annika Szarka, Ryan Wong

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

V) Submissions:

Statement on #Save12HKYouths [SCD403-21]

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: March 10, 2021

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Matthew Asuncion (Ubyssey), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Jackson Dagger (Ubyssey), Saad Shoai (AVP External), Arthur, Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Lauren Benson (incoming VP Admin), Stanley Omotor (AMS Elections), Isabelle Ava-Pointon (AMS Elections), Praneet Sandhu (AMS HR), Richard Press (CLA Piper law firm), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- We are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded lands of the hən̓q̓ə mín̓ əm̓ -speaking Musqueam people.
- There is work still to do on reconciliation.
- As student leaders we have an important role to play.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED RAY HUA, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

   “That the in camera part of the meeting be moved up to immediately after the election results presentation.”

   Max Holmes:
   - Code encourages us to have in camera sessions at the end so those who cannot stay for the in camera do not have to wait for it to end before we get to the rest of the agenda.
   - Also, some of the participants in the in camera session are not here yet.

   Ray Hua agreed to withdraw his motion.

3. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   ... No objections
D) **Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:**

Welcome to our new Members:

Vacancies on Council: Library-Archival, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x2

Goodbyes:

E) **Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):**

Cole Evans:
- Getting close to having an actual Speaker instead of me.

Ryan Wong:
- Are we hiring the Speaker for the rest of this year or for next year?

Cole Evans:
- The intention is to do both.

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

G) **Consent Agenda Items**

4. **MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:**

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

   Executive Committee minutes dated February 17, 2021 [SCD404-21]
   Executive Committee minutes dated February 24, 2021 [SCD405-21]
   AMS Council minutes dated January 13, 2021 [SCD406-21]
   Governance Committee minutes dated February 12, 2021 [SCD407-21]
   Governance Committee minutes dated February 19, 2021 [SCD408-21]
   AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions minutes dated Jan 15, 2021 [SCD409-21]
   AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions minutes dated Jan 29, 2021 [SCD410-21]
   AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions minutes dated Feb 12, 2021 [SCD411-21]

   ... Carried

   For (26): Kalith Nanayakkara, Georgia Yee, Carter MacLean, Mathew Ho, Joshua Kim, James Chen, Kristian Oppenheim, Varada Saha, Ryan Wong, Alison St. Pierre, Emma Dodyk, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Laura Beaudry, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Jeremy Zuo, Christian Bailey, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Danny Liu, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua
5. MOVED IAN STONE, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

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

That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council establish a new Student Service, to be called AMS Housing, and amend the Code accordingly.”

...Carried


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

Election Results – Isabelle Ava-Pointon (Chief Electoral Officer) [SCD412-21]

The Chief Electoral Officer presented the results. This made the AMS Executive results official.

Results:

Ubyssey Board
- Danilo Angulo-Molina
- Tanya Raja
- Brittany Runeckles
- Kalith Nanayakkara
- Sasha Gajic
- No appeals

Student Legal Fund Society
- Raichel Feenan
- Kia Teimouri
- Matt Scharien
- Sophia Lange
- Ena Maglajlija
- No appeals

UBC Student Senators at Large
- Georgia Yee
- Julia Burnham
- Shivani Mehta
- Eshana Bhangu
- Dante Agosti-Moro
Board of Governors student representatives

- Max Holmes
- Georgia Yee

AMS VP Finance

- Mary Gan
- 87.1% yes
- No appeals

AMS VP External

- Saad Shoaib
- 85.2% yes
- No appeals

AMS VP Administration

- Lauren Benson
- 85.9% yes
- No appeals

AMS VP Academic & University Affairs

- Only contested race
- Eshana Bhangu defeated Shivani Mehta
- 53.8% to 46.2%
- No appeals

AMS President

- Cole Evans
- 68.1% yes
- No appeals

Turnout:

- 4233 votes or 6.9%.
- Last year 11.6%, so quite a bit lower this year.
- This was probably to do with there being very few students on campus.
- Also lots of people were worrying about various things and AMS elections were not top of their list.

Challenges:

- This was the first year we did not get student data for the affiliated colleges from UBC.
- I had to reset the ballot twice.
- There were very few nominations.
- Voter turnout was low.
- Virtual campaigning was difficult, especially because of new identification rules for Facebook and Instagram if promoting a political or electoral post.
- I had to send my passport to Facebook.
- Also, a global pandemic.
Silver Linings:
- Everyone was patient and flexible.
- There were not many complaints.
- Public health rules were followed closely.
- Virtual event turnout was good.
- We had a clean and fair election, and made it through.

Recommendations:
- Need data sharing agreements with the affiliated colleges.
- Should send a screenshot of the draft ballot to every candidate (to catch typos).
- Keep the lower nominations signature limit: that provided more accessibility.
- So many issues are competing for attention, and AMS elections fall into the background:
  - The AMS needs to convince students that the AMS matters.
- Keep using prize draws.
- Going to speak to the Governance Committee about ambiguities about what counts as speech and about conflict of interest.
- There should be better pay for the Elections Committee: we worked many hours more than expected.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- How much did we pay for social media ads to get people to vote?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- Don’t have the exact number, but it was several hundred dollars.

Mathew Ho:
- More resources for candidates?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon
- I’m wary of telling candidates how to run their campaigns.
- But we could issue a resource guide.

Ryan Wong:
- What would you recommend when we are back in person about online vs in person events?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- It would be good to make joining online an option, especially for commuter students who don’t want to stick around for five hours after classes.
- We’ve livestreamed in the past, but we could make it more interactive; let those online ask questions.
Sebastian Cooper:
- Will you put your recommendations in a formal document for future reference for future CEO’s and Councillors?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- I’m making a detailed transition report, and will also send a list of recommendations to Governance.

Laura Beaudry:
- Should we have a website for candidates so they don’t face the Facebook issue of identifying themselves by sending in their passports?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- We do have an elections website that contains photos and bios.
- We could look into having one centralized place, but Facebook ads show up in people’s timelines, so candidates want that.
- The identification issue might be something to advocate about.
- The new rules came in for the US 2020 elections, but it seems strange that they apply to student elections.

Max Holmes:
- Do you think the lack of candidates and the lack of referendum questions led to the low voter turnout?
- Three years before we had 20%.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- Yes, this probably had an effect.
- It depends on the referendum question.
  - U-Pass always increases turnout because it’s an issue students care about.
  - On the Indigenous seat bylaw referendum, the Indigenous Committee put in a lot of work, making people care, and they did and they voted.
- It was disheartening for voters that there was no choice in the Executive elections except for one position: that was one of the biggest factors.

Max Holmes:
- Do you think the lack of referendums meant there was less buy-in from the AMS to promote the elections?
- Is the AMS not putting enough resources in?
- Were you supported enough to get higher turnout?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- AMS Communications was very helpful.
- Everyone knew there was an election.
- But if there are no referendums and very few contested elections, no matter how many posts we send or snappy videos we produce, people are not going to vote.
Mathew Ho:
- Is there a way to break down votes by Constituency?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- There’s no practical way of doing that.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- The University sent a broadcast email saying there will be “increased campus activity” in the fall.
  - This is exciting news, but in our conversations with administrators we have made it clear that there will be students with issues that the University needs to address: issues about health, international study permits, etc.
  - So we are cautiously excited about an in person fall, but Georgia and I want to do some community consultations to inform our advocacy and see what students are worried about.
- The Equity Plan is moving along but is a little behind.
  - There was a workshop for student staff, and permanent staff will get one too.
- Elections:
  - I’ve met with the incoming team; everyone is super excited.
  - There will be transitions over the next few weeks.
  - They will be hiring their student staff.

Mathew Ho:
- What is the vaccination plan for international students?

Cole Evans:
- Don’t have an answer; UBC doesn’t either.
- In our advocacy we will work to ensure that international students are taken care of.
- Curious to see what the University comes up with.

Max Holmes:
- Is the AMS going to release a statement on priorities?

Georgia Yee:
- Working on it right now.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
- Working on preliminary budget for 2021-22:
  - Changes to formatting.
- Spoken to the Finance Committee and the Advisory Board.
  - Trying to address issues of transparency and accountability.
- Working with fee-receiving groups.
- Lots more subsidy applications than usual: doing follow-ups.
- Working with the UBC Registrar to make the allowance allocations for WUSC (for refugee students) into direct deposits.
- Similarly with CUS co-op refunds: through the Registrar instead of through the AMS.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
- The big announcement on returning to campus.
  - Probably going to work on a mini-survey on students’ comfort levels with returning to class, social distancing, etc.
  - Putting together our asks on vaccination, vaccination clinics, rapid testing.
  - Exploring centralized mechanisms to support students and faculty who can’t attend in person.
  - Feedback mechanisms.
  - Lecture recording.
- Campus Vision 2050.
- Below market housing, affordability.
- Hybrid learning.
- Part of UBC task force on Teaching and Learning after COVID.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
- Away.

VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara
- Completing follow-up from AMS/GSS lobby week.
- We have had success bringing our concerns forward, thanks in part to the Liberal opposition critic for advanced education (Coralee Oakes), who cited our brief.
- We asked for increased operating grants for postsecondary institutions, support for students in residence, financial aid.
- Pushing for minimum standards for policies under the Sexual Misconduct Act.
- Equity-based grants research.
- UCRU bylaws:
  - Thanks for the feedback.
  - All the student unions met to consolidate the feedback.
  - There will be a few more meetings before we can bring the bylaws back.
- U-Pass:
  - Made decision to keep the U-Pass program as is for the summer, considering the news about vaccination and returning to school in the fall.
  - Continuing subsidies.
- Our last campaign of the year is the SkyTrain to UBC.
  - Working with UBC.
  - Video.
  - Outreach to students not just here but throughout Metro Vancouver.
Questions
Max Holmes:
- Timeline for the SkyTrain campaign?
- Will you bring a presentation to Council on how to engage the community?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Still working with UBC to decide when to run the student specific campaign.
- If Councillors want to see a presentation, I can do one.
- Hoping to launch in the last week of this month.

Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
- Thanks for voting to create the new housing service:
  - Working on the housing database.
  - Hiring volunteers to provide support to students looking for housing.
  - Launching by the end of term.
- Tutoring:
  - Updates to software platform.
- eHub:
  - Second RBC Get Seeded event on March 25.
- Making our website more attractive.
- Food Bank:
  - Discussing long-range plans.
  - Expecting huge influx in September.
- Peer Support:
  - Promotional mural contest.
- Hiring for all the Service Coordinators.
- I’m sad to be leaving and moving on.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Hired new SASC Manager and Assistant Manager.
- Lorris is working on an update to last year’s Services Review.
- Because of the news of more activity on campus in September, we’re redoing our budgets.
- All-Staff Meeting on March 23: focus on communications.
- Working on Executive orientations.
- Disappointed that the financial presentation we made to the Executive didn’t make it on the agenda this time. Hopefully, next time.
- Great meeting with the Advisory Board: maybe we can engage with them on the strategic plan.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Why are the AMS servers down?

Keith Hester:
- It’s a wider Microsoft Exchange problem, but we’ve put in a security patch.
• Our email services will be back up in a day or two.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
• Work affected by the email server issues.
• We were able to have a meeting.
• Was an opportunity for Councillors to express their views to the VPAUA and VP External.
• Expect an anti-racism statement.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
• Will be meeting bi-weekly before Council meetings.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
• Discussing the budget and policies.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
• Looking at Policy I-9: KPI’s and goal-setting for the Executive.
  o Hearing from Georgia and Sylvester.

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng
• Working on club constitutions.
• Policy Manual updates:
  o Rules for club naming.
  o Consulting clubs.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu
• Away.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill
• Discussed student engagement and how to better promote elections.
• Also formation of Grad Class subcommittee to determine grad class gift.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
• No updates from the committee, but Isabelle and I have been working on an elections Town Hall for the Indigenous Council seat to decide how my position should be elected going forward.

Ethics and Accountability Committee – Katherine Feng
• Working on the investigation.
• Hopefully finishing by mid to late March.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• Should Council put a section on the agenda re an in camera session update?
Katherine Feng:
- Yes, it’s important for Councillors to know that progress is being made.
- For this particular investigation, since it’s almost finished, probably not necessary, but for the future.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
- Meeting Monday evening.
- Conversation on the budget: how to present it better, make it more digestible.
- Talked about the future direction of the Board:
  - What’s worked? What hasn’t? What would?
- Submitting a report next meeting.

Elections Committee – Isabelle Ava-Pointon
- Election work is never done.
- There’s reimbursements for candidates still to do.
- Doing a survey of candidates to get feedback.
- There are also Constituency elections and advertising for the Student Senator elections.
- Also looking into new contracts with Simply Voting and UBC.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Are you working with UBC on the current faculty senator elections?

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- We hope to take it over again next year, but this year we’re just helping with promotion and engagement.

Max Holmes:
- It’s helpful to come to Council with recommendations and get them referred to Governance.
- You can engage with Council, gauge Council’s interest.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans
- No updates

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
- Chair away.

Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Chris Sundby
- We have a motion on the agenda and have come to what we think is a good recommendation.

Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans
- Met twice.
• Looking to create better oversight channels, improving structure.
• Will wrap up by the last Council in April.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
• No report

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes
• Academic Renewal Working Group – Academic Excellence Initiative.
• In between meetings now; will meet again in April.
• Congratulations to Georgia for becoming the new BoG rep in the recent elections.
• I’m happy people sent me back to the Board for another round.
• Shout-out to Jeanie Malone, who has been on the Board for four years.
  ◦ She’ll be leaving soon.
  ◦ Don’t think anyone has made a greater contribution.
• UBCO student rep is being elected.

Senate – Anisha Sandhu
• Congratulations to the winners in the Senate elections.
• Making progress in restricting remote invigilation.

Questions
Ryan Wong:
• If the restrictions on remote invigilation are passed in March, how will that affect final exams?
• Can they make the transition fast enough?

Anisha Sandhu:
• I don’t sit on that committee.

Georgia Yee:
• The guiding principles do provide alternatives.
• Faculties have been given advance notice.
• We’re pushing UBC to give more invigilation support to instructors.

Ryan Wong:
• The Deans have committed to not using Proctorio.
• Are these commitments enforceable policies or recommendations?

Georgia Yee:
• That’s the big thing.
• The principles are there, but have not been enforceable.
• We’re hoping this new restriction will stop the use of it.
Max Holmes:
- The motion has two parts.
- One is about adopting principles about remote teaching as well as remote invigilation.
- Then there is a second part just about remote invigilation.
- This motion has been consulted on for months.
- Faculty leadership is aware of it.

Jackson Schumacher:
- As we advocate for this, I hope we will also advocate for support of TA’s, because some of these recommendations will lead to increased labour for them.

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**
- I previously sang you the old acronyms song, and Mathew asked which of the acronyms are now out of date.
- I said 40 were still current; 10 are for things that no longer exist.
- One of those is WOW, which stood for the Whistler Orientation Weekend.
  - That was an annual orientation held at the AMS Whistler Lodge – when we used to have a lodge. We sold it back in 2014 because it was losing money.
  - The lodge was originally built by the Varsity Outdoors Club, an AMS club (VOC, one of the still current acronyms).
  - The AMS took over the lodge (this caused some conflict with the VOC).
- There was also Unecorn, the University & External Relations Committee.
  - Now it's the Advocacy Committee.
- Also Robocom, the Review of Business Operations Committee, which led to BAGB, the Business and Administration Governance Board to oversee our businesses.
- Then it was decided they weren’t really a governance board, more advisory, so they became the Advisory Board for Business and Administration, or ABBA (someone thought that would be amusing; others were less amused).
- And that has now become our current Advisory Board.

**Questions**
Mathew Ho:
- How could the lodge have been losing money?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- We had to spend a lot on renovations to bring it up to code.
- There was a discounted rate for students.
- BAGB said this was not a good business model.
- There was then debate over continuing it as a service, but in the end Council voted to sell.

Mathew Ho:
- How did Unecorn become the Advocacy Committee?
Sheldon Goldfarb:
- During committee restructuring we got rid of Unecorn, and then a new committee, the Advocacy Committee, was created to replace it.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED CHRIS SUNDBY, SECONDED DANIEL MARTIN: [SCD413-21] [SCD414-21]

“That on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Affiliate Institutions, Council adopt the report ‘Code Changes 2021: Affiliates Committee’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Sundby:
- This has come out of months of discussion.
- It’s pretty straightforward.
- It will meet at least once a term.
- The VP Admin will be the main liaison.
- This will keep communications open on issues such as U-Pass, the Health & Dental Plan, Rec, etc.
- This is a way to solve the problem of the Affiliates.

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For (27): Georgia Yee, Lucia Liang, Kalith Nanayakkara, Ruby Barnard, Carter MacLean, Mathew Ho, Joshua Kim, Kristian Oppenheim, Varada Saha, Ryan Wong,
Alison St. Pierre, Emma Dodyk, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Laura Beaudry, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Danny Liu, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua, Anissa Meghji, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

8. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE: [SCD415-21] [SCD416-21]

"That Council approve the Code changes to the Clubs Benefit Fund as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Lucia Liang:
- This is mainly to increase the funding cap for the Clubs Benefit Fund.
- Increasing the dollar amount that a club can get will allow larger projects to be supported.

Mathew Ho:
- With more funding will there be extra measure to ensure responsible use?

Lucia Liang:
- It will be similar to how it is now.
- There are lots of procedures to make sure money is used for the right purpose.
- There are mechanisms in place.
- Clubs must submit receipts to get reimbursements for any amount over $2,000.
- Our auditors look at these transactions
- It works like the Sustainability Project Fund.

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10. MOVED LUCIA LIANG:

From the President
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Whereas four out of five AMS Executive Elections were uncontested in the most recent election,

Whereas there is a perceived interest from the student community in ensuring that the AMS is doing whatever it can to ensure an equitable elections process,

Be it resolved that AMS Council strike an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate how to better our student engagement with elections with the following membership:

The President, who shall be Chair  
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The Chair of the Governance Committee  
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Three (3) members of AMS Council.

Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee submit a report to AMS Council with findings by the first Council meeting in September."

11. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

"That this motion be referred to the Elections and Governance committees."

Max Holmes:
- We have time till the next election.
- We don't need to rush this over the summer.
- We can send this to the impartial Elections Committee, and it can also benefit from being looked at by the Governance Committee.
- The proposed ad hoc committee is very leadership heavy.

Ryan Wong:
- Does this mean the two committees will look into it jointly?

Max Holmes:
- It just goes to both of them.
- They don't have to collaborate.

Ryan Wong:
- I almost think the Student Life Committee would be more appropriate than Governance, given that Student Life works a lot on student engagement.

Georgia Yee:
- We should also stress that we need to engage with communities that don't typically engage with the AMS.
- We need to look at how to engage people who haven't engaged before.

Mathew Ho:
- Would Steering be appropriate?
Cole Evans:
- No more than the committees already mentioned, and it's leadership heavy.

Isabelle Ava-Pointon:
- I have a concern if the timeline is over the summer.
- My contract ends May 1, and in the summer the CEO is only paid for two hours a week.

Max Holmes:
- I think the motion is good as is.
- Elections and Governance can consult Student Life.
- This is more about the structure of the review.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Student Life did a similar report last summer, which we received in August, though it looked more at increasing diversity.
- You might want to review that report.

12. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

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… Referred to committee
T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

“That Ray Hua be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2021.”

Email vote results: There were no votes against the motion and no abstentions.

U) Discussion Period

Report from AMS Legal Counsel

14. MOVED KALITH NANAYAKKARA, SECONDED RYAN WONG, THIRDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That Council go in camera.”

Max Holmes took the chair and Council went in camera at 8:00 pm.
Council returned to open session at 9:54 pm.

15. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That time for the meeting be extended by one hour.”

… No objections

16. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED RYAN WONG, THIRDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

“That Council go in camera.”

Council went in camera at 9:56 pm.
Council returned to open session at 11:02 pm.

17. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED DANIEL MARTIN:

“That time for the meeting be extended by one hour.”

… No objections

18. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED MATHEW HO, THIRDED DANIEL MARTIN:

“That Council go in camera.”

Council went in camera at 11:04 pm.
Council returned to open session at 11:54 pm.

Cole Evans returned to the meeting.
19. MOVED JACKSON SCHUMACHER, SECONDED DANIEL MARTIN:

“That the agenda be amended to add the motion drafted in the in camera session.”

… No objections

20. MOVED JACKSON SCHUMACHER, SECONDED DANIEL MARTIN:

“Be it resolved that Council direct the complainant and respondent to the report received from AMS legal counsel by AMS Council on March 10th, 2021 to seek professional workplace mediation, as soon as possible.

Be it further resolved that Council refer the complaint to the Ethics & Accountability Committee which will report back to Council with a recommendation of further corrective actions at the Council meeting no later than April 7th, 2021.

Be it further resolved that Council will have an in camera discussion and decide on final corrective actions at the Council meeting no later than April 7th, 2021.”

… No objections

- The Chair thanked HR and legal counsel for their participation.

V) Submissions:

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: March 24, 2021

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- We are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded lands of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- It’s important we acknowledge the lands we’re on and to reflect on the work still to be done with the Indigenous peoples and the role we play as student leaders in supporting Indigenous concerns.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED KRISTIAN OPPENHEIM, SECONDED JIMMY KIM:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

   “That the agenda be amended to add a business update under Presentations.”
   
   … No objections

3. MOVED KRISTIAN OPPENHEIM, SECONDED JIMMY KIM:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”
   
   … No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Ashni Gill (GSS)

- Ashni is the VP External for the Graduate Student Society

Vacancies on Council: Library-Archival, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS

Goodbyes:
E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:

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

Executive Committee minutes dated March 3, 2021  [SCD418-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated February 10, 2021  [SCD419-21]
Sustainability Subcommittee minutes dated February 22, 2021  [SCD420-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated March 4, 2021  [SCD421-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated February 8, 2021  [SCD422-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated February 22, 2021  [SCD423-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated February 10, 2021  [SCD424-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated March 3, 2021  [SCD425-21]
Operations Committee minutes dated March 17, 2021  [SCD426-21]
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated February 10, 2021  [SCD427-21]
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated February 18, 2021  [SCD428-21]
HR Committee minutes dated February 5, 2021  [SCD429-21]
AMS Council Minutes dated January 27, 2021  [SCD430-21]

… No objections

5. MOVED AGAM GILL, SECONDED ALISON ST. PIERRE:  [SCD431-21]

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

*From the Student Life Committee*

“That Council suspend Code Section V, Article 12(2)(c), concerning the Student Life Committee’s review and reporting on the goals of the Student Services Manager, the Communications Manager, and the Events Manager, until a new Student Life Committee is put in place in May.”

… No objections

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

*Business Update – Keith Hester, Managing Director*  [SCD432-21]

*Life After COVID*

- AMS businesses were on a downward slide until 2015-16, when I took over.
- After that they were producing an annual $1 million contribution to the Society.
- Then the pandemic hit in 2020 and the contribution started to go down.
- In 2020-21 the businesses were just barely positive.
• This year they’re negative, producing only half the revenue pre-COVID.
• Our focus has been on member safety.
• We have kept certain outlets open which have been just paying for themselves, not making money, mostly as a service.
• Meanwhile we’ve been working on new menus, digital boards, a mini Blue Chip (Blue Chip Patio).
• Conferences & Catering has been focusing on marketing the Nest for film productions.
• We’re looking at a staggered reopening.
• We’re not sure how many classes will be in person in September, and how many online.
• We won’t open all outlets then, but will have them all open by January.
• We are moving into off-campus catering; other companies have gone bankrupt, so there is an opportunity.
• Iwanataco is going to become a test kitchen, with trials of Indigenous food, food from India, and different kinds of cuisine.
• There will be more value items (specials) to increase affordability.
• It looks like business will recover by 2024.
• Debt (borrowed externally):
  o We borrowed $68 million from UBC to build the Nest.
  o We refinanced that loan, obtaining a lower interest rate and saving $70 million.
  o We still owe $59 million, which we will repay over the next 14-15 years.
• Deficit:
  o Mostly from renovations of the Life Building basement.
  o Also from COVID.
  o Currently at $4.24 million
• The debt is being paid off from the SUB Renewal fee of $100 per student.
• The deficit will be paid off from the business recovery by 2024-25.
• Some ask why we should repay the deficit, but having financial security allows for growth and expansion, and makes it easier to last through a pandemic.
• What should we do?
  o Reimagine the businesses.
  o Maximize revenue (e.g., from Tutoring, investments).
  o Look at expenses.
  o Repay the deficit.
  o Restructure our fees.
• We are making money from our investments even though we are fossil fuel free.
• Our overhead is pretty constant, gone up a bit.
• Services, what we’re here for, have gone up.
• Communications has gone up, to communicate with members.
• Student government costs have gone up: that’s a bit of a concern.
• Revenue has been going down while expenses have gone up: not a great model.

Questions
Sebastian Cooper:
• Why will it take until 2024 for the businesses to rebound?
• Increase in student government expenses: can you explain why they went up?
Keith Hester:
- Even when people are back fully, it will take time to rebuild people’s habits.
- As to the growth in student government expenditure, we added positions, and the minimum wage went up.

Cole Evans:
- We are looking to reduce the bloat in student government.
- We will be evaluating positions, thinking more conservatively.
- Need to distinguish between what we need to have and what would be nice to have.
- Hoping to bring this down.

Mathew Ho:
- Can you give us a better overview of the investments?

Keith Hester:
- Our investments follow Council Policy I-8:
  - 70% fixed, 30% equity.
  - Mostly in Canada.
- Our equity funds constantly change but stay within the bounds of the policy.
- We could share the list of companies we are invested in.
- Fixed income changes slower – typically bonds and longer term investments.

Ryan Wong:
- Can you elaborate on the fee restructure?

Keith Hester:
- We have about 20 fees some of which are small: $1 here, $1 there.
- My view is that we should rationalize fees, have fewer of them and reduce the burden on the students.

Ryan Wong:
- How would that contribute to bettering the financial position of the Society?

Keith Hester:
- Some fees go straight into funds; those don’t affect us positively or negatively.

Max Holmes:
- Re the increase in student government expenses: did we take a serious look at cost cutting? It doesn’t look like we did.
- Is the AMS looking into getting more money from other sources, e.g., University funding for Food Bank?

Keith Hester:
- We are looking at collaborations with the University.
- There are services we offer that at other universities are offered by the university.
Lucia Liang:
- About a reduction in student government: we did have an increase in services this year, which led to creating more positions.
- The Equity Plan also led to creating more positions.
- But we did delay some hiring (in the Clubs Resource Centre, my office).
- We’re looking into Work Learn funding for the Services.
- Looking into external, government grants.

Max Holmes:
- What is the difference between the Services and student government?
- The Services kept the same budget as last year, but student government expenses went up.

Ian Stone:
- The Services are able to get revenue from the University.
- We also have been getting more donations.

Lucia Liang:
- Student government doesn’t generate revenue, unlike Services.
- There were donations to Food Bank.
- Also Tutoring online got more clients, private tutoring.
- The student government expenses are mostly for salaries.

Cole Evans:
- This year we gave an increase to Services.
- Our focus wasn’t on making cuts.

Sebastian Cooper:
- What is the process for making a fee restructure?
- Does Council do it? Is it done by someone else and then go to Council?

Mathew Ho:
- Does the benefit of renting out the Nest for filming outweigh the disadvantages of closing the building?

Keith Hester:
- We typically don’t close the whole building for filming.
- This time we did it for safety concerns because of COVID.
- Filming is lucrative: one booking brings in as much as all our businesses make in one day.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments
K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):
Cole Evans:
- Met with Campus & Community Planning re the Campus Vision 2050 land use plan.
  - We want equity and inclusion in the plan
- Getting orientations organized for the incoming Executive and staff.
- The Equity Plan has been delayed; will probably come in late April.
  - Holding an equity workshop with permanent staff.
  - Town Hall on equity in early April.
- In touch with the University about tuition: making clear the AMS is opposed to tuition increasing.
  - I am taking over from Georgia in this advocacy because she is a Governor-elect.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
- Working on preliminary budget for 2021-22.
- UBC announced school is returning to normal, so am redoing the budget.
- Want to address questions Council usually has on the budget.
- Will provide more information on funds, what we’re doing about COVID.
- Have gone over the format; asked the Advisory Board about it.
- Submitted our fee list to the Board of Governors.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
- Exciting news about Proctorio or remote invigilation or academic surveillance, as I like to call it.
  - It’s being restricted to faculties that require it for external accreditation.
  - I’m thankful to the Senators who worked on this.
  - Still many concerns.
  - There’s a new working group on Academic Integrity.
- Kicking off some work with a Board/Senate committee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: not just fluffy principles but actively anti-oppressive principles.
- Formalizing an OER award endorsed by the UBC Provost’s office.
- Climate Emergency Fund should launch in May.
- Supporting onboarding of the new SASC assistant manager.
- Hoping to expand progress on the digital meal donation program.
- Working on how we will be advocating to the Board of Governors:
  - Handling the conflict of interest between my two roles.

Questions
Kristian Oppenheim:
- There’s talk of a loophole that would allow people to continue using Proctorio.

Georgia Yee:
- This has been brought to our attention.
- The loophole is about the wording of the motion, not the spirit of the motion.
• Conversations are ongoing about this to figure things out.

Recess for 10 minutes (until 7:07 pm) to give people time to review a Sustainability document that didn’t upload properly before.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr. [SCD433-21]
• Clubs going well.
  o Renewal period.
  o Clubs having their AGM’s, elections.
  o Encouraging them to use CampusBase for elections, but have also provided alternatives.
  o There has been more usage of CampusBase and still looking to get more buy-in.
  o Club exec workshop tomorrow on safer communities.
  o Canvas course for orientations is complete.
• Hatch Art Gallery:
  o Permanent collection show on now.
  o New template for digital rights contracts for the works in our collection.
  o Need permission to put the works online.
  o Will work with Archives on this.
• Sustainability:
  o Interactive Sustainability Centre project underway: painting.
  o Net Zero carbon management data collection underway.
  o Submitting Sustainability Report today about collaboration on sustainability, symposiums, working with SEEDS.
  o Details from Jason and Claire:

Jason Pang – AVP Sustainability:
  o Able to accomplish a lot of goals in the AMS Sustainability Action Plan (ASAP).
  o Net zero food waste introduced last week, but COVID stopped it.
    ▪ But still on right track.
    ▪ Some additional strategy post-COVID.
  o Sustainability symposiums promoted inter-club events; also for the undergraduate societies.
  o Two symposium highlights:
    ▪ Cross-national with Toronto, York, Western about zero waste.
    ▪ In January mural competition; got lots of submissions for the sustainability corridor.
  o Grateful that the motion to approve the Sustainability Centre passed.
  o Able to redo website.
  o Instagram page and podcast.

Claire Ewing – Sustainability Projects Coordinator
  o SEEDS partner.
  o Net Zero Carbon: to be net zero by 2025, five years more ambitious than UBC.
Two sets of folks evaluating greenhouse gas emissions: SEEDS and Carbon Offsetters.
   - Eager to get their recommendations.
Food Security Initiative created the Digital Food Hub.
Food Security Initiative worked with the Inter-Faculty Case Competition on food recycling:
   - A number of ideas came out of that; they may be feasible for the AMS to adopt.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- We were unable to complete the Indigenous section of the Sustainability Action Plan, because of the irregularities of the past year.
- We did come to an understanding that our emphasis should be on creating an Indigenous-focused policy.
- We’ve begun collaborating with UBC’s Indigenous Strategic Plan Team and hope next year’s AMS team can create a policy.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Can you explain the Indigenous engagement process?

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- We focused on building relationships, but we had limited time and were unable to do the necessary consultation.

VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara
- Continuing ongoing work.
- Meetings with the U-Pass Advisory Committee, the UNA, and other stakeholders.
- Addressing concerns of grad students about joining UCRU.
- The lawyers have finalized the UCRU bylaws.
- Equity-based grant research on barriers students face has led the province to commission studies.
- Working with the ABCS on sexual violence prevention under the provincial act:
   - The province has signalled that this is a good time to advocate.
- The UTILE survey is out: gathering information on student housing for a feasibility study about an AMS-owned housing co-op project.
- Meeting government about leading practices for housing providers.
- Working with Communications on a website revamp so that students can understand our advocacy.

Questions
Mathew Ho
- There is an anti-Asian statement in the works. Any other statements coming?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Not from my office.
Georgia Yee:
- On anti-Asian racism we’re dedicating time to recognizing all the intersectional aspects and incorporating active anti-racist principles.
- But I don’t think there are other statements coming at this time.
- We are seeking feedback on the return to campus.

Mathew Ho:
- Has there been any action from any portfolios about the last Council statement on Hong Kong?

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- There was a fear of alienating Chinese students, but we haven’t seen any concerns from students.
- We brought the statement to UCRU and they’re going to put out a statement as well.

Mathew Ho:
- I have heard concerns about the Biz China Forum.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- We reached out to the club and strongly urged them to rescind the invitations to this event.
- The Operations Committee is looking at this.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**
- Tomorrow night eHub presents RBC Get Seeded for Term 2.
- Promotional filming for Food Bank and Safewalk.
- Interactions via social media.
- Rethinking our engagement strategy for Peer Support.
- New SSM starting April 6: Mitchell Prost, the current Housing Coordinator, which means we’ll need a new Housing Coordinator.
- Accessibility shuttles coming.
- Hiring more tutors for finals.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
- Kicked off audit.
- Working on Year End.
- Working on budget for next year with Lucia.
- All Staff Meeting on Tuesday focused on communications.
- The Events Department is combating social isolation through TikTok.

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

**Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho**
- Policy I-11 (on tuition consultation) being updated.
- Code changes to Advocacy Committee proposed:
Want to add more at large members for increased accountability and to make it more impactful.
  - Want to increase the number from 1 to 3.
- Working on an anti-Asian racism statement.
- Looking at UBC’s investments in controversial areas: mining, oil, weapons.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Meeting bi-weekly now.
- Good first meeting: on the Council agenda.
- Showing promise of success.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
- Discussed policies I-22, I-2, and I-6.
- Preliminary budget and transitions will be discussed at our next meetings.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
  [SCD435-21]
- Looking at the terms for the ad hoc committee on increasing student engagement.
  - Took a proposal to Elections and Student Life.
  - To Council next time.
- Looking at the Faculty Senate elections process: heard from Max Holmes.
- Approving changes to Policy I-9 (Executive goals).
- Code clean up amendments coming.
- Policy I-22 re committee chair transitions:
  - Finance Committee has approved.

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng
  [SCD436-21], [SCD437-21]
- Constituted five new clubs.
- Policy Manual updates:
  - Clubs & Societies Working Group to help clubs with bylaw changes and make sure they are in line with AMS policy.
- Started a full clubs audit.
- Hoping to resolve some club disputes.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Any updates on the Biz China event?

Katherine Feng:
- Sylvester consulted with the committee.
- He covered this in his remarks.

Ray Hua:
- The report on constituting new clubs noted that a lot of applicants were denied due to overlap with existing clubs.
- Is this a concern?
Katherine Feng:
- We have over 300 clubs covering a lot of possible activities.
- Overlap is a common reason for not constituting clubs.

Sylvester Mensah Jr.:
- It’s not a cause of concern.
- It shows individuals are not aware of clubs that exist.
- Going to encourage people to look at CampusBase to find out about existing clubs.

Katherine Feng:
- Another policy change is that new clubs will have to make a page on CampusBase.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill [SCD438-21]
- Survey on engagement.
- Responses received for grad class gift.
- Will determine gifts at our next meeting.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
- No update.

Ethics and Accountability Committee – Katherine Feng
- Met five times since last Council.
- Information came up that the committee thought it best to look into on the conflict of interest question.
- This has caused a small delay.

Elections Committee – Isabelle Ava-Pointon [SCD439-21]
- No report.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans [SCD440-21]
- Report submitted.
- This provides a good summary of what we have been doing and includes some recommendations for changes.

SHAPE Committee – Cole Evans
- No report.

Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans
- Looking at the structure of the committee.
- On track.
- Will bring recommendations to Council shortly.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
- No report.
0) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Board of Governors – Jeanie Malone & Max Holmes

Jeanie Malone’s last meeting.
Cole Evans thanked her for her years of hard work on behalf of the students of UBC.

Jeanie Malone:
- April 7/8 committee meetings
- April 19 for full board.
- Max, Georgia, and I are working on transition.

Questions:
Mathew Ho:
- Thanks for all your work.

Jeanie Malone:
- It was a tremendous opportunity and a great learning experience.

Senate – Anisha Sandhu

- Passed motion to restrict use of remote invigilation tools.
  - The Student Senate Caucus is aware of the loophole issue mentioned earlier.
- Endorsed the report and recommendations from the Climate Emergency Task Force.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- Isabelle, our Chief Electoral Officer, seemed sad that our turnout was so low: 6.9% overall and only 5.9% for President.
- But that’s not our lowest turnout.
- In 1988, which resembled this year because there was only one candidate for President and also for two other positions on the Executive, turnout for President was only 4.8%.
- In 1992 turnout for President was only 5.1%.
- Then there was the Spanish Flu year, 1918-19.
  - The President ran unopposed that year too, and in those days no election was held if there was only one candidate.
  - So zero votes were cast for President in 1919.
- Cole is the first President since 1988 to run unopposed.
- He is also only the second to run successfully for re-election – Bill Dobie was the other back in the early 90’s.
- Here’s a photo of Bill Dobie with Pierre Trudeau (Justin’s father). The elder Trudeau was visiting UBC on a book tour to promote his memoirs.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- What were elections like before the Internet and online voting?
Sheldon Goldfarb:
- We went electronic in 2003.
- Before that you went to a polling station to vote; there were polling stations set up in various locations on campus.

Nadir Nurali:
- What is the longest streak of serving on the Executive?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- I think that would be James Hollis in the 80’s.
- He was elected four times, the first time as VP External, and then VP Finance for three years in a row.

Mathew Ho:
- When is your book tour?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- I did write a book all about AMS history, *The Hundred-Year Trek*, and there was a book launch.
- The book is still available at the UBC bookstore and on Amazon.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG: [SCD441-21]
   [SCD442-21]

   From the Governance Committee
   "That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council amend the Policy on Committee Appointments (I-21) as presented."

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   Sebastian Cooper:
   - This is the policy we approved last semester.
   - Now we want to make a small amendment to require people seeking to be Chairs to provide a brief statement outlining their qualifications.
7. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

From the Governance Committee
"That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council amend the Policy on Committee Appointments (I-21) as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried


T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Email motion:
"That Lawrence Liu be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2021."

Email vote results: There were no votes against the motion and no abstentions.

U) Discussion Period

Returning to In Person Classes – Georgia Yee [SCD443-21]

Georgia Yee:
- Student concerns include:
  - Access to vaccinations.
  - Comfort taking transit and attending classes in person.
  - Adherence to social distancing guidelines.
- We are advocating for:
  - Rapid testing.
  - The creation of a vaccination clinic on campus.
  - Financial relief for international students for self-isolation.
  - Lecture recording.
  - A centralized feedback mechanism for those not able to return.
- Want to create a survey to guide advocacy priorities.
- Are these the right priorities?
- What groups should we consult with?
- There’s a lack of feeling in control; we want to get students involved.
- How do we create institutional and community accountability for a safe return?
- We recognize that students are excited to come back to campus, but we need to address the concerns of those that are not comfortable.
• There are lots of conversations taking place about how to structure learning after COVID.

Jackson Schumacher:
• We should consult students with dependants about the availability of child care.
• Also students at home with older family members.
• And students with disabilities.

Alison St. Pierre:
• If there is a mix of some things online and some in person, what would be our role in communicating that?

Nadir Nurali:
• Not everyone will be able to return to UBC or even Canada due to vaccination timelines and travel restrictions.
• This means time zone issues will still be a problem next year
• That’s an area in which the University needs to support people.
• The AMS needs to think about this.

Mathew Ho:
• Just Recovery principles and consult people working on campus.

Katherine Feng:
• Consult with immune compromised individuals.
• There are still issues with international students who can’t enter the country.

Kristian Oppenheim:
• Learning visas: long timelines in some countries.
  o 38 weeks for China.
  o South America 50 weeks.
• Can this be expedited?
• Or how will we accommodate?

Laura Beaudry:
• Push UBC to keep classrooms sanitized.
• They were pretty gross before COVID.
• Would like to see 100% cleanliness.

Nevena Rebic:
• The GSS has a disabled graduate student association; you could meet with them.

Max Holmes:
• 25% of classrooms don’t have lecture capture capacity.
• We need to be realistic if we’re thinking about hybrid models.
• Make sure we’re pushing for as much as possible, but consider things such as TA workloads.
• Talk to CUPE and the Faculty Association.

Georgia Yee:
• Yes, I understand the issue of additional labour for instructors.
• We don’t want them to have to do double teaching: once in person and then again online.
• It’s a complicated issue.

_Ethics and Accountability Committee Update (In Camera Session Planned)_

8. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO, THIRDED NADIR NURALI:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

_The meeting went in camera at 8:38 pm._
_The meeting came back into open session at 9:55 pm._

9. MOVED JEANIE MALONE, SECONDED NADIR NURALI:

“That the meeting be extended by 1.5 hours.”

… No objections

10. MOVED JEANIE MALONE, SECONDED NADIR NURALI, THIRDED MATHEW HO:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

_The meeting went back in camera._
_The meeting returned to open session at 11:02 pm._

V) Submissions:

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: April 7, 2021

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
## ATTENDANCE AND VOTE RECORDS
### MARCH 24, 2021

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Elif Kayali (Ubyssey), Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Mitchell Prost (AMS Housing), Nikita Chana (Land & Food), Saad Shoaiib (AMS AVP External), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:
- We are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the hən̓q̓əmíθəm̓ speaking Musqueam people.
- It’s important we acknowledge the lands we’re on and the role we can play as student leaders in meaningful consultation on reconciliation.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JIMMY KIM:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED LAWRENCE LIU:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on the Speaker’s job description under Consent Items.”

… No objections

3. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JIMMY KIM:

“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, GSS

Goodbyes:
E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

Cole Evans:
- Council this month is scheduled for the 21st but due to exams I want to know if you want it moved to the 28th.
  - Been talking to people about moving it.
  - Most exams will be done by the 28th.

A quick poll showed mixed results.

Cole Evans:
- I’ll send an email to get further input.
- Also sending an email about Councillor of the Year:
  - Usually the Executive chooses the recipient.
  - This year I thought I’d open this up to all of Council to do the selection.
  - I think it’s more appropriate.
  - May also add more recognition awards.
- Have created a new template for Council submissions.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED KALITH NANAYAKKARA, SECONDED SYLVESTER MENSAH JR.:

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

AMS Executive Committee minutes dated March 10, 2021 [SCD444-21]
AMS Executive Committee minutes dated March 24, 2021 [SCD445-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated March 10, 2021 [SCD446-21]
Steering Committee minutes dated February 17, 2021 [SCD447-21]
Steering Committee minutes dated March 12, 2021 [SCD448-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated March 18, 2021 [SCD449-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated March 25, 2021 [SCD450-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated February 4, 2021 [SCD451-21]
Finance Committee minutes dated March 4, 2021 [SCD452-21]

From the HR Committee
“Whereas the job description for the Speaker of Council currently states that the individual must be a UBC student, and

Whereas there is no record of AMS Council approving this requirement and that the requirement is most likely an administrative error,

Be it resolved that Council amend the job description to correct the error.”    ... Carried

5. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED LUCIA LIANG:

“That the following consent agenda items be accepted as presented (2/3rd).”

From the Executive Committee

[SCD453-21] “That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council renew Policy I-7A (Mandatory Face Coverings and Other COVID-19 Measures) for another six months, effective April 7, 2021.”

“That Council suspend Section XII, Article 1(1) of the Code of Procedure to allow the Councillor of the Year to be selected by all of Council.

... Carried

For (29): Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Carter MacLean, Joshua Kim, Lawrence Liu, Mathew Ho, James Chen, Kristian Oppenheim, Ryan Wong, Alison St. Pierre, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Laura Beaudry, Ryan Cheung (proxy for Annika Szarka), Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Danny Liu, Jimmy Kim, Ray Hua, Anisha Sandhu, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

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

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):
Cole Evans:

- Transitions and orientations are ramping up.
- UBC has launched community consultation about the new Recreation Centre.
  - I sit on one of the working groups for that and it’s going well.
- BoG meeting: AMS submissions on tuition, budget, housing, Career Plan, and the Gateway Project.
- Executive and Services Staff hiring.
  - Asking Executives to cut down on costs by shaving off one staff member each.
  - Salaries are going up, but overall the salary line will be flat.
- Collaborating with Alumni UBC on the Great Trekker Award:
  - The recipients are a couple, Dr. and Mrs. Ken and Susan Chow: Dentistry Class of 87.
Will hold a reception for this event with UBC later this month.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• I’ve heard communications are slow, like releasing statements on the website.

Cole Evans:
• Been working with the Communications team.
• Capacity issues. Don’t have a ton of staff.
• Looking at hiring more, including a new Marketing Coordinator.
• Have to figure out how to do statements more effectively.
• Maybe delegate that to Communications instead of leaving it to busy Executives.
• This is a pinch point we’ve noticed.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Lucia Liang
• Making sure things are in order.
• Preliminary budget: waiting for final Executive hiring plan.
• Indigenous student support team project lead from UBC has brought suggestions about opt-outs to the Health & Dental Committee.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee
• Off campus Work Learn (pilot project), especially for Indigenous and disabled students.
• Submission to Board of Governors asking for an increase in accessibility advisors.
• I’m on the Provost & VP Academic reappointment committee.
• Also discussions on housing, the Gateway building, and the affordability plan.
• Climate Emergency Task Force report.

VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
• No report.

VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara
• UCRU Bylaws ready.
• UCRU transitioning.
• SkyTrain to UBC campaign.
  o Soft launch April 12 to put some information out there about the benefits and to raise general awareness
  o April 19: heavier campaign, consultation process, and big video project about the problems students have due to a lack of SkyTrain.
• Conversation with Enrollment Services about the summer U-Pass: it will be available with the same exemptions as now, starting April 20.
  o Finalizing details about subsidy and dates.
• U-Pass advocacy to BC government to lighten costs.
• Equity-based grant research completed. Will bring to Council.
• Sexual violence policy discrepancies project also done.
• Transitions.

**Student Services Manager – Ian Stone**
• Transition and hiring coordinators.
• Incoming SSM is Mitchell Prost.
• Videos for Services on the AMS YouTube channel.
• Tutoring: Using the Nimbus software platform for group tutoring; they’re partnering with Zoom.
• eHub: The second RBC Get Seeded event had 350 attendees: great success.
  o Was great to give cash to students with awesome ideas.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
• Preliminary budget: reforecast may be needed in the summer.
• New accounting supervisor starting in May.
• Year End coming at the end of April.
• Damage to roof of the Nest in the recent windstorm: repairing in the next few weeks.
• Insurance renewal.
• Upgrading email system to Office 365 because of security issues.
• The Revolving Gardens outside the Great Hall are almost fixed.

**Questions**
Mathew Ho:
• Has Food & Beverage been affected by the new COVID restrictions?

Keith Hester:
• Yes, had to close down dine-in at the Gallery: it’s just patio service and take-out now.
• Had to remove tables in Blue Chip.
• Tables in the general seating area have been reduced to one-person occupancy.

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

**Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho**
• Looking at UBC investments.

**Steering Committee – Cole Evans**
• Going to talk about Council orientations.

**Finance Committee – Lucia Liang**
• Looking at how to improve the Sustainability Projects Fund.
• Discussing the budget.
• Looking at credit card policy and Code changes for next year.

**Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper**
• Discussed the Ad Hoc Committee on Executive Election Engagement.
• Faculty student senator issue discussed.
  o Will pass on to next committee.
• Working on Policy I-22 (committee chair transitions) and I-9 (Exec goals).

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng
• No report.

HR Committee – Lawrence Liu
• Met last week about job descriptions.
• Looked at JD changes and updates for the Chief Electoral Officer.
• Had a presentation from the HR Department on the employee satisfaction survey.
• Discussed Policy I-22.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill
• The Grad Class Subcommittee has been appointed and will choose a grad gift.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
• No update.

Elections Committee – Isabelle Ava-Pointon [SCD456-21], [SCD457-21], SCD458-21], [SCD459-21], [SCD460-21]
• No report.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
• Code changes may be coming.

SHAPE Committee (Sale of Hatch Art) – Cole Evans
• Will meet to discuss plans.
• We may be getting rid of this committee and rolling it into a Hatch Art Gallery working group, since we’re not planning on parting with any pictures.
• Looking at suggestions from the VP Admin and the Operations Committee.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Lawrence Liu
• No updates.

Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans
• No meeting, but we’ve drafted material.
• Aiming for the end of the month.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
• No report.

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

  Board of Governors – Max Holmes
  • Today’s committees:
Finance Committee: Looked at combining the sustainable futures pool into the main endowment; postponed till June.
- Tuition increase: the vast majority of students are against (no surprise), but I was the only governor on the committee to vote against it.
  - At the full Board, more will vote against, but it will probably pass.

Property Committee:
- Gateway Health building.
- School of Biomedical Engineering building.

Indigenous Engagement Committee:
- Addition to First Nations House of Learning.
- Presentation from Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology on Indigenous training module initiative.

- Tomorrow:
  - Climate emergency activities.
  - Learning and Research.
  - Okanagan 2040.
  - COVID-19 survey.

Senate – Anisha Sandhu
- No updates.
- Next meeting April 14.
- New senators will attend.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Background on the Councillor of the Year award.
  - It started after a difficult year between the Executive and Council in 2004-05, when the Executive tried to fire the General Manager, and Council tried to fire the Executive.
  - The following year President Spencer Keys tried to improve relations by, among other things, creating the Councillor of the Year award.
- There have been 18 awards since then (some years saw joint winners).
- Five went to Engineers (six if you count Jeanie Malone, who started as an Engineering rep on Council but won as a BoG rep).
- There have been four from Arts, two from Law, and two from Science.
- The first one went to Patricia Lau from Science:
  - People thought she deserved the award, but that didn’t mean we always listened to her, notably when she warned against spending three years of our donation fund on Indonesian tsunami relief, leaving nothing available in subsequent years.
- A later one went to Clare Benson from Law, who wanted to strengthen Student Court: there was a referendum on that, but it failed to meet quorum.
- In 2009 Matthew Naylor (Arts) won it. He was chair of an ancestor of the Governance Committee and successfully put through a reform of the committee system under which all committees were chaired by non-Executives.
  - Later that got reversed so that all committees were chaired by Executives.
  - But now we are moving back towards Matthew’s model.
• Allen Chen, the only winner from the GSS, chaired the ad hoc committee that brought in our current pay scales (or tiers).
• In 2013 the award went to Hans Seidemann from Engineering who chaired an ad hoc committee called Robocom (Review of Business Operations Committee) that led to the creation of what is now the Advisory Board.
  o He always gave the VP Administration, Caroline Wong, a hard time about her minutes, but she got her revenge by double-pieing him on Pi Day.
  o He dressed up as a pirate for some reason in the Council composite photo.
• In 2017 the award went to Jakob Gattinger from Engineering, who was the person who pointed out that the University was violating the rules on Senate elections.
• And last year’s winner was Katherine Westerlund, also from Engineering.
• On another topic, Gavin Dew, a former AMS VP Academic & University Affairs, has announced he’s running for the leadership of the BC Liberal Party.
• Last time the Liberal leadership was contested, another former AMS Executive (Mike Lee) ran.

**Questions**

Mathew Ho:
• Are there other examples of unique sorts of photos in the Council composites?
• How did Artona (the photo studio) decide that Hans Seidemann should dress as a pirate?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• Oh, that was probably Hans’s own idea.
• I can look for old unique photos.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

6. **MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:** [SCD461-21], [SCD462-21]

  **From the Elections Committee**
  "That Council adopt the report of the Elections Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2021: Candidate Reimbursements’ and thus amend the Code as recommended."

  **Note:** Requires 2/3rds

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• I drafted this for Isabelle, the Chief Electoral Officer.
• First of all, the change will clarify who is entitled to reimbursement.
  o Candidates who withdraw will still be entitled as long as they were still in the race at some point during the Official Campaign Period.
If they withdraw before the beginning of the Official Campaign Period, then they are not eligible.

- Secondly, denial of reimbursement is removed as a penalty on the grounds that it is unfair and inequitable, giving an advantage to those who can afford to lose the reimbursement.
- This also led to removal of the minor penalty category.

Mathew Ho:
- Denying reimbursements to candidates who drop out before the campaign period seems harsh.

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8. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KALITH NANAYAKKARA:

From the Advocacy Committee
“That Council amend Section V, Article 8(1)(d) of the AMS Code of Procedure to increase the number of students at large on the Advocacy Committee from one to three effective May 1, 2021."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mathew Ho:
- There’s only one student at large now.
- This is really limiting: it means a lack of outreach and feedback.
- We want more voice for students on the committee, more communication, more transparency, more accountability.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Advocacy really is what you make of it.
- We would be more productive if we had more representation from students at large.
- This gives the AMS executive and advocacy teams a panel to bounce ideas off.
Saad Shoaib:
- This year the Advocacy Committee has been a big support for the VP External and the VPAUA office.
- Having more students involved in would help even more.

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10. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED LAWRENCE LIU:

From the Governance Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council adopt the Policy on Committee Chair Transition Reports (I-22) as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sebastian Cooper:
- Brought this to Council in November.
- It outlines what is required of committee chairs in transitions.
- Code requires a transition report, but lacks detail, and not many chairs do them.
- There is harm done if institutional memory is lost.
- We are providing an honorarium to encourage chairs to do the reports.

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12. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED RYAN WONG: [SCD466-21], [SCD467-21]

“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2021: Code Update’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sebastian Cooper:
- Sheldon put this together.
- He found inconsistencies in the Code or things that needed to be updated.
- Cole also made suggestions.
- Mostly it makes sure Code is reflecting current practices.

13. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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14. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

From the Governance Committee

“Whereas the turnout in the AMS General Elections has declined over the last two years, and

Whereas four out of five AMS Executive Elections were uncontested in the most recent election, and

Whereas there is a perceived interest from the student community in ensuring that the AMS is doing whatever it can to ensure an equitable elections process,
Be it resolved that at the next reconstitution of committees, AMS Council strike an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate how to better our student engagement with elections with the following membership:

The Chief Electoral Officer, as a non-voting member
One member of the Executive chosen by the Executive
One member of Governance Committee
One member of Student Life Committee
3 students-at-large (at least one of whom shall be a graduate student)
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A current or former student member of the Board of Governors
The Clerk of Council, as a non-voting member
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Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee have the following terms:

Once formed, Committee members shall put forward their names for Chair and Vice-Chair, to be voted on by Council.

Members should endeavour to remain on the Committee for its duration.

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Sebastian Cooper:
- This is a recommendation from the Governance Committee (at a non-quorate meeting).
- The original motion to create this committee was sent to Governance and Elections.
- More at large members were requested and fewer Executives, to make it less top heavy.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- Who is the representative from AMS Communications: permanent or student staff?

Sebastian Cooper:
- We left this up to Communications.

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Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Ryan Cheung (proxy for Annika Szarka), Sebastian 
Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Emily Masse, Chris Sundby, Danny Liu, 
Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua, Anissa Meghji, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

16. MOVED KALITH NANYAKKARA, SECONDED MATHEW HO: [SCD468-21], [SCD469-21]

From the VP External
"That Council accept the proposed Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive 
Universities Bylaws in principle."

Kalith Nanayakkara: 
- We brought the bylaws to Council on January 25.
• A lot of you gave us feedback, which we sent to UCRU.
• We also consulted with the Executive and the GSS.
• This is the most recent version.
• Before we can enter into a Memorandum of Agreement, we have to approve the bylaws in principle.
• This does not mean we’re joining or committing to anything.
• If you have concerns, we don’t have to approve these tonight; we can send them back to UCRU.

17. MOVED KALITH NANYAKKARA, SECONDED MATHEW HO: [SCD468-21], [SCD469-21]

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… Carried

For (26): Georgia Yee, Kalith Nanayakkara, Lucia Liang, Ruby Barnard, Carter MacLean, Joshua Kim, Mathew Ho, James Chen, Kristian Oppenheim, Varada Saha, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Ryan Cheung (proxy for Annika Szarka), Sebastian Cooper, Christian Bailey, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Danny Liu, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua, Agam Gill

Abstained: Alison St. Pierre, Daniel Martin

U) Discussion Period

Ethics and Accountability Committee Update (In Camera Session Planned) [SCD470-21]

18. MOVED JACKSON SCHUMACHER, SECONDED KRISTIAN OPPENHEIM, THIRDED RYAN WONG:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 7:35 pm.
Council came out of camera briefly to pass a motion to extend the meeting, then returned to closed session.
The meeting left the in camera session again at 12:04 am.
Ryan Wong was in the chair.

19. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED RAY HUA:

“That the President be reprimanded for breaching the Society’s policy on confidentiality.”

… Defeated

For (10): Joshua Kim, Lawrence Liu, Mathew Ho, Emma Dodyk, Nadir Nurali, Sebastian Cooper, Danny Liu, Jimmy Kim, Ray Hua, Ryan Cheung (proxy for Annika Szarka)

V) Submissions:

W) Next Meeting:

Next Regular Meeting: April 28, 2021
Special meeting: April 14, 2021

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 am.

Y) Social Activity:
## AMS Council

**April 7, 2021**

**Votes & Attendance**

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Guests: Ubyssey News, Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- We are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the hańq̓amíne̓m̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- It’s important we acknowledge the lands we’re on and the role we can play as student leaders in meaningful consultation on reconciliation.
- Learning took place here long before any of us or our ancestors arrived here.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... No objections

D) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Chair:

- Fill out the Councillor of the Year survey if you haven’t yet:
  - We have 25 responses so far.
- Overwhelmingly, people prefer the 28th for the next regular meeting.
- That will be this Council’s last meeting: if you have anything for the agenda, let us know. It’s going to be a packed agenda.

E) Discussion Period

Ethics & Accountability Report re the VP External [SCD471-21], [SCD472-21]

Katherine Feng:

- The committee looked into the conflict of interest issue concerning the VP External.
- We determined that he was in an apparent conflict but not a real conflict of interest.
- Our recommendations are as follows:
  - The VP External should issue an apology.
  - Council should examine:
- How to ensure that incoming Directors, including Executives, are provided with sufficient information about their obligations regarding conflicts of interest.
- Whether to establish a system whereby incoming Directors, including Executives, publicly declare any conflicts of interest.
- Whether the AMS has sufficient internal procedures (such as conflict of interest screens) to ensure that Directors, including Executives, are able to avoid conflicts of interest.
- Whether a member of AMS staff should be designated with responsibility for being a point of contact on issues regarding conflicts of interest.
  
- The VP External was co-operative throughout the process.
- We don’t think it’s necessary to pass a motion asking him to apologize.

Kalith Nanayakkara:
- I want to thank the committee for taking the time to carry our such a comprehensive investigation.
- I fully accept the findings and recommendations.
- I hope Council is aware that I’ve long regretted my actions.
- I have apologized. I will apologize again. I apologize here.
- This has been a learning experience. I’ve learned a lot, especially about due diligence.
- I truly am sorry, and I appreciate your support.

Katherine Feng:
- Since the VP External has been cooperative and has made an apology, I don’t think a motion is needed asking him to apologize.
- As to the other recommendations, I think it would be a good idea to refer them to Governance Committee.

2. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

“All that the agenda be amended to add a motion to refer the Council recommendations to the Governance Committee.”

… No objections

3. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

“All that the Council recommendations in the report be referred to the Governance Committee.”

Katherine Feng:
- On the first recommendation, we need to ensure that we’re providing sufficient information and resources for Directors.
  - The VP External mostly received informal warnings in passing.
  - Better information is needed to prevent this problem in the future.
- Public declarations of conflict of interest may be a way to deal with the situation.
- We need internal procedures.
For the staff member designated to look into this, student staff and Directors turn over; perhaps it could be a member of the permanent staff who could be turned to for advice.

4. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SEBASTIAN COOPER:

“That the Council recommendations in the report be referred to the Governance Committee.”

... Carried


Further Discussion
Nevena Rebic:
- I am concerned about the last line of the report, which states that AMS members, that is, ordinary students, should engage with the AMS in a more “collaborative and collegial manner.”
- This puts responsibility on the students.
- I would like to remove any suggestion of that.
- It would send a better message.

Sebastian Cooper:
- It’s not that AMS members are being asked to take action.
- It’s just that we wanted emphasis on a collaborative approach rather than an aggressive approach.
- Being respectful goes both ways.
- I have seen some of the comments online and they were not respectful.

Nevena Rebic:
- We need to consider the dynamics of power in this scenario.
- It’s the Society – the Executives and Councillors – with power.
- It’s up to them to create trust.
- It’s like the relationship with minorities in the medical system; the onus should never be on those who mistrust the system.
- The responsibility is on the system to explore the history of mistrust.
- It’s not the responsibility of those on the lower end of the power scale to create trust.
- It’s on those who hold these positions in the Society.
- It’s our responsibility to go above and beyond in dealing with those who treat us with mistrust.
Sebastian Cooper:
  • I think Reddit members have power over public perceptions.
  • Their posts remain online and can affect individuals’ futures.

Cole Evans:
  • There were comments saying Kalith was corrupt.
  • There has been an increase in hate online.
  • Someone said I have a punchable face.
  • I think the responsibility lies with the AMS to mend this by communicating more and being more transparent so people don’t come up with crazy theories.
  • But the onus is on everyone to be respectful.
  • It’s okay to disagree with your representatives and to question them, but it’s not okay to make personal attacks and erroneous assumptions.
  • These things have an impact on the well-being of people in leadership positions.
  • And this is in the context of us wanting to get more people to run for such positions.
  • If they see that leaders get slandered on Reddit and UBC Confessions, they may think, I don’t want to do it (run for office).
  • Maybe there’s a way to balance the two.

Nevena Rebic:
  • Thanks for the context.
  • We do need something about harassment.
  • Social media is our cultural context, and maybe we need to talk more about that rather than about what AMS members should or shouldn’t do.
  • This is a report on the ethics of an Executive; it doesn’t seem the place for a statement about what AMS members should do.
  • We need a conversation about transparency and accountability.

Cole Evans:
  • Maybe we should be aiming at quelling tensions: is that the approach?
  • Maybe Council should look at making a statement beyond this report, addressing the general increase of rhetoric.
  • These comments affect our reputation.
  • A survey two years ago showed that people get more of their information about the AMS from Reddit than from the Ubyssey.
  • It’s a risk to have misinformation being circulated.
  • Councillors may wish to look into this further.

Mathew Ho:
  • This seems like we’re trying to control people.
  • We need to figure out how to engage students.

Nevena Rebic:
  • Maybe we can find a way to find the roots of mistrust.
There’s no way I want to condone online hate, but some comments are more nuanced.

We need to think about how we as a Society engage in online space.

The Equity Plan may help.

There’s a lot more to talk about, to discuss with the Communications team.

We’re in a new era.

Public reputation does depend on what’s being said online.

Cole Evans:

- Good point about the Equity Plan.
- Going to present on it next Council.
- We did a Town Hall on it last week, and one of the big things, one really big barrier, is a communications piece: people don’t feel they’re being kept up to date.
- Should we be doing more Town Halls?
- We got good feedback from our online AGM: it was a fun way to engage our students.
- What are we doing to be not just the student leaders on the top floor of the Nest without connecting to our members?
- Probably good to create some actionables.
- We could vote to accept the report and make changes to it.
- Or we could work on a community statement.

5. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That Council accept the report of the Ethics and Accountability Committee on the VP External’s apparent conflict of interest.”

… No objections

Katherine Feng:

- I think it would be useful to give the VP External a date to have an apology done by.

Cole Evans:

- The committee could do that.

Katherine Feng:

- I suggest by next Council, April 28.

There was consensus on this.

F) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: April 28, 2021

G) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

H) Social Activity:
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### Votes & Attendance

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Isabelle Ava-Pointon (AMS Elections), Ben Du (AMS Operations Committee), Adeline Huynh (The Commons consultant), Lilly Callender (AMS Equity & Inclusion), Lorris Leung (Senior Student Services Manager), Mitchell Prost (incoming Student Services Manager), Neal Cameron (student), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- The AMS is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ -speaking Musqueam people.
- I’m not there now, and others connecting remotely may be on other land.
- It’s important we acknowledge the lands we are on and reflect on the work still to do and our role as student leaders in reconciliation in BC and across the country.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

   “That the agenda be amended to change the date that the ad hoc Events Structure committee will be dissolved to May 12.”

   … No objections

3. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

   “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, GSS

Goodbyes:
E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

Cole Evans:

- Last meeting of the school year.
- Hope your finals are going well.
- Congratulations to those who made it through the year and to those going on to grad school.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

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

Advocacy Committee minutes dated March 8, 2021 [SCD473-21]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated March 22, 2021 [SCD474-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated March 31, 2021 [SCD475-21]
Executive Committee minutes dated April 7, 2021 [SCD476-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated March 24, 2021 [SCD477-21]
Grad Class Sub Committee minutes dated April 12, 2021 [SCD478-21]
AMS Council minutes dated February 11, 2021 [SCD479-21]
Governance Committee minutes dated April 1, 2021 [SCD480-21]
Student Life Committee minutes dated April 21, 2021 [SCD481-21]
Shape Committee minutes dated April 23, 2021 [SCD482-21]
Advisory Board minutes dated March 8, 2021 [SCD483-21]
Steering Committee minutes dated March 26, 2021 [SCD484-21]

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For (20): Mathew Ho, James Chen, Kristian Oppenheim, Varada Saha, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin, Alex Gonzalez (proxy for Nadir Nurali)

5. MOVED EMMA DODYK, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

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That Council approve Policy I-6: Responsible Computer Use as presented. [SCD486-21], [SCD487-21]

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That, on the recommendation of the [SCD490-21], [SCD491-21] SHAPE Committee and the Operations Committee, Council dissolve SHAPE (the Sale of Hatch Art Planning and Execution Committee).

That Council extend the suspension of Code Section V, Article 1(21)(a) to allow committees to conduct email votes on items that have not been previously been discussed at an in-person meeting of that committee and suspend the provisions of Code Section III to allow Remarks and Reports to be made in written form instead of being verbally presented to Council meetings until August 31, 2021, or until the President notifies Council that the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner. [SCD492-21]

That on the recommendation of the [SCD493-21], [SCD494-21] Governance Committee, Council adopt the following two [SCD495-21], [SCD496-21] reports: ‘Code Changes 2021: Agenda Timing’ and ‘Code Changes 2021: Chair of Steering Committee’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

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That Council suspend Code Section VI, Article 1, Sections (5) and (6)(a), which relate to the keeping of Executive office hours, until August 31, 2021, or until the President notifies Council the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner."

Katherine Feng:
- Why can’t we make the Executive office hours online?

Cole Evans:
- This Code suspension is just continuing what we’ve been doing.
- The offices are not open for drop-in.
- We’ve talked about virtual rooms, but it would be weird having open office hours online.
Katherine Feng:
  • How are students being informed that they can book office hours?

Cole Evans:
  • I think it’s on the website.

Georgia Yee:
  • On the website it says office hours are by appointment.
  • I’ve used Calendly; it could be helpful.

Katherine Feng:
  • Let’s remove this item from the Consent Agenda and discuss it later.

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For (20): Joshua Kim, Jimmy Kim, Mathew Ho, James Chen, Kristian Oppenheim, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Christian Bailey, Kiera Vandebove, Chris Sundby, Danny Liu, Katherine Feng, Ray Hua, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin

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

Year-End Executive Goals Presentation

Cole Evans:

- Crazy year.
- Didn’t expect to be manning the ship through a pandemic, but overall it was a pretty successful year.
- There’s no handbook on how to manage a pandemic.

General Executive Goals:

- Feel we did a pretty good job adhering to provincial pandemic guidelines.
  - Keeping students safe.
  - Providing emergency support to students.
- Looking at what could be staying:
  - We found that club orientations were better online.
  - Town Halls and meetings too.
- Student Engagement:
  - Lots of significant strides.
  - Expanded the Communications Department.
  - New brand/messaging.
  - We still hear that students feel the AMS is inaccessible: students are craving for ways to engage with us.
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:
  - Workshops, advocacy initiatives.
  - Making equity a priority.

President’s Goals:

- Engagement overhaul:
  - Rolling out new materials in the fall.
- New Housing Service:
  - AMS Housing is on its way: shout-out to Ian and Mitchell.
  - Going to be live for 2021-22.
  - See it becoming our flagship service.
- Equity Plan:
  - Almost complete.
  - Will set a solid direction moving forward.
- Action plan, recommendations.
- Annual goal-setting process.
- Expanding Equity capacity in my portfolio next year: adding a new coordinator.

Kalith Nanayakkara (VP External’s Goals):

- Successful year.
- Did all our advocacy online due to COVID.
  - Typically we fly to Ottawa or Victoria.
  - Didn’t this year, but nevertheless made it work.
- UCRU formalized.
- Federal advocacy:
  - Removal of student loan interest.
- Provincial advocacy:
  - Get the Vote Out campaign during the election.
  - Polling station in the Nest.
  - Successful debate.
  - Got revival of the working group on housing.
  - Conveyed message that students matter.
- Maintaining relationships with stakeholders: TransLink, UNA, Provincial and Federal Governments, other student unions and coalitions, and our very own GSS.
- Strongest relationship in years.
- It’s been a fantastic year.

Lucia Liang (VP Finance goals):

- Upgraded finance systems:
  - Transitioned to online reimbursement system. This was helpful this year with students not on campus.
- Increased accessibility of fund programs as well as increasing funds:
  - More money for students.
  - Doubled U-Pass subsidy.
  - Almost tripled the Health & Dental subsidy.
  - Improved communications.
  - Secured funding for housing for WUSC refugee students for all four years of their degree.
  - Food Bank: Allocated $60,000 to them for emergency support.
- Health & Dental Enhancement:
  - Increased the mental health benefit from $500 to $1,000 via the Health & Dental Committee.

Sylvester Mensah Jr. (VP Administration’s goals):

- An insightful, progressive, transformational year.
- Active clubs community:
  - Ensured pandemic resilience through funding support for clubs and the introduction of the CampusBase digital system.
  - New booking system, but unfortunately no bookings this year because of the pandemic.
  - Going forward, hoping no more issues about bookings.
Feedback from subsidiaries through surveys.
- Videoconferencing grants for clubs.
- Startup fund for new clubs.

**Hatch Art Gallery:**
- Improving accessibility online.
- Multidisciplinary content.
- Digitizing the permanent collection: database of 75 pieces.
- New digital rights contract; hoping to put pieces online in the fall.

**Sustainability:**
- Ambitious and collaborative approach. More partners.
- Net zero carbon management plan: data collection almost complete.

**Georgia Yee (VP Academic’s goals):**
- Such a phenomenally tough year.
- COVID and Online Learning Response:
  - Did a COVID survey: lots of responses.
  - Won support for closed captioning, Zoom, and other lecture recording technology.
  - Worked towards restricting Proctorio, the facial recognition software.
  - Expanded technology bursary.
  - Amendments to housing contracts.

**Advancing an Equitable Future:**
- Affordability plan.
- Support for Residence Advisors unionization.
- Pushed for hiring more Centre for Accessibility advisors.
- Supporting racialized, disabled, Indigenous students.
- More funding for Work Learn off campus positions.
- Equity and inclusion campaign around gender diversity and pronouns.
- Our own campaign on anti-racism.
- Workshops with the Black Students Union and Africa Awareness.

**Community Driven Well-Being:**
- Worked on protocol for disclosing student deaths to the community.
- Digital meal donations.
- Suicide prevention resources.
- Secured funding for implementing climate emergency recommendations.
- Following up on Policy SC-17 implementation (on sexual misconduct).

**Ian Stone (Student Services Manager’s goals):**
- Opportunities for Growth:
  - Revamping how we recruit and hire.
  - Hoping for a 70% return rate among volunteers. Currently 50%.
- Peer support:
  - Challenging year.
  - Usage low, but 2,000 followers on Instagram.
  - People are interested in mental health and well-being.
  - Reimaging over the summer: how to provide support.
- AMS Housing:
  - Mitchell (the Housing Coordinator) did a good job setting up the framework.
  - Confident it will be ready to go by August.
Questions
Ryan Wong:
  • Is the increase to $1,000 for mental health permanent?

Lucia Liang
  • Yes, it's permanent.

Emma Dodyk:
  • Re the reimbursement system upgrade:
  • According to a UBC Confessions post, it's still difficult for a student to get reimbursed.
  • Do you have any further recommendations to improve the process?

Lucia Liang:
  • Mary (the incoming VP Finance) has great plans.
  • There have been delays because of mistakes on submissions.
  • Now regular students, not just club treasurers, can submit, and they're not trained the way treasurers are.
  • There's going to be a Canvas course to explain.

Emma Dodyk:
  • I get that training is an issue.
  • But I've heard that if things are not exact, they don't go through.
  • If you could simplify the process, it would help.
  • This has been an issue for years.

AMS Equity Plan Update – Adeline Huynh (Commons Consulting) [SCD506-21]
  • I was hired to create an equity plan framework.
  • We have done a survey and held focus group discussions.
  • Final report probably ready by the end of the week.
  • We had eight focus groups, most of them identity-based; two were from the general student body.
  • Total of 55 students in the focus groups.
  • 468 responses to the survey.
  • Focused on barriers to participation, what the AMS is doing well, and what would make the AMS more equitable and inclusive.
  • AMS elections:
    o Majority agree they're equitable, but those in certain equity-seeking groups have lower agreement on this.
    o Equal numbers agree and disagree on whether the elections are transparent.
    o One theme is communication, and not just during the election cycle.
    o A majority said they felt knowledgeable enough to take part, but a large number disagreed.
o On the statement “I see myself represented in the AMS leadership,” there was ambiguity: the largest response was for neither agree nor disagree.

- Barriers:
  - Physical and cultural.
  - Lack of awareness about the AMS.
  - People said they didn’t know enough to take part.
  - Unwelcoming culture.
  - Insular.
  - If you don’t know people already involved, you wouldn’t think of running.
  - Some talk of apathy towards the AMS.

- Recommendations:
  - Listening and checking in with students.
  - Support JEDI activism (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion).
    - Empower equity-seeking communities.
  - Remove financial barriers: reimbursements.
  - Transparency of AMS decisions about spending.
  - Equitable election processes: people found it difficult to understand; should apply a JEDI lens.
  - Communication: Plain language, AMS 101 for all people who don’t understand the AMS.
  - Oppressive culture: need to work to uproot systemic oppression.
    - Take a decolonizing, anti-racism approach.
    - The AMS needs to cultivate stronger relationships with communities.

- Environmental scan:
  - Look at inequities.
  - Look at what other universities are doing.
  - Couldn’t find other equity plans at any student society in North America, so kudos to the AMS for this.
  - Had to look at university equity plans, which are different.

- One section of the plan (Goal 4) will be about how leaders act around EDI: how do they embed EDI in their actions?
- There will be KPI’s.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Will there be periodic reviews?

Georgia Yee:
- Can students provide feedback on the final report?

Adeline Huynh:
- Absolutely.
- Feedback from students is integrated into the plan.
- There should be a structure for how to carry out the work, including a senior leadership role in Equity and Inclusion, to address the issue of institutional memory.
• There should be a direct reporting line to the President, the Vice-Presidents, HR, and the Managing Director.
• There should be more than one student role.
• There should be more than one budget line; it should come from various budgets and operations.
• Maybe a referendum so students can have a bigger say in the budget.

Georgia Yee:
• Is there a way for students to have input at the end?

Adeline Huynh:
• The report has taken longer than expected.
• I tried to make the action plan clear.

Cole Evans:
• The report will be ready soon.
• We’ll go over implementation plans before coming to Council.
• We’ll need an Equity Subcommittee, probably under the Executive Committee.
• We’ll touch base with Adeline about structures.
• To Council in May or June.

2021/2022 Preliminary Budget – Lucia Liang, Keith Hester

Lucia Liang:
• Assumptions:
  o Enrollment 55,000, same as last year.
  o Investment contribution of $500,000, same as last year.
  o COVID restrictions into the fall.
  o No government subsidy after June, though that may change; in June will factor that in.
  o Pit opening in January.
  o Block Party happening in the spring.
• Highlights:
  o Delaying hiring, reducing amount of student staff hired (by one position per portfolio).
  o Minimum wage increase in June.
  o Student staff step increase.
  o Reduction in Events budget.
  o Reduction in Food Bank costs because of larger donation (from tuition surplus).
  o New housing service added.
  o Reduction in business contributions.
• Stylistic:
  o Changed fonts and colours: easier to read.
  o Cleaning up account codes.
  o Shifted overhead costs (Admin, HR, and Information Systems) to Expenditures summary.
  o Moved total surplus/deficit to bottom.
• Revenue and Expenditures: $1.3 million deficit.
Keith Hester:
- Businesses:
  - Negative $300,000.
  - Revenue down by at least half.
  - Staggered reopening planned, but lots of unanswered questions.
  - Minimum wage increase coming.
  - Federal budget said the wage subsidy is being extended, but no details yet.
  - Cost of goods going up, leading to pressure to increase prices, but we don’t want to do that.
  - Reopening Pie R in the fall, with late night deliveries.
  - Blue Chip continues to be a great success; opening a patio in the summer or fall.
  - Redesigning menus in the Honour Roll.
  - Changing the menu in the Gallery: more salads, new drinks line-up; hoping to develop a group menu.
  - Pit Pub currently closed; when restrictions lift, focus will be on in-house events.
  - Reopening Grand Noodle in the fall.
  - Iwana Taco: as of January will have rotating menus. Test kitchen to develop new ideas.
  - Conferences & Catering slowed due to COVID.
    - Focusing on film projects.
    - Acquired A/V equipment to host hybrid events.
    - Offsite catering.
  - Overhead:
    - One of our biggest costs.
    - Admin: looking after clubs and Constituencies as well as the businesses.
    - Replacing the accounting system in the fall.
    - HR focusing on employee engagement.
    - IT migrating to 365 cloud system and enhancing cyber security.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Will it cost more to run Iwana Taco on a rotating basis?

Keith Hester:
- Probably not.
- It will just be different types of cuisine.
- Will keep prices as low as possible.

Ryan Wong:
- About the plan to reduce student staff: the budgets have not gone down.

Cole Evans:
- The VPAUA and VP Finance reduced by one, but the President’s Office hired an extra position.
• The VP Admin didn’t reduce; they’d already cut two.
• The VP External has already cut staff.
• There will end up not being a huge change because of wage increases.

Ryan Wong:
• The VP Finance dropped a staff member, yet their budget increased.
• Is the minimum wage increase equivalent to more than the cost of a staff position?

Cole Evans:
• It’s hard to compare to last year: the hiring circumstances are different.
• Last year we added late and delayed one.
• The budget assumes hiring at the start of the year.
• Overall reduction of 1.2 staff in the VP Finance portfolio.

Jackson Schumacher:
• Were positions combined and if so will the compensation change to reflect increased workload?

Cole Evans:
• In the President’s office, three roles of 15 hours each were merged into two positions at 20 hours each.
• Same thing happened in AUA, I believe.
• Some positions were eliminated, and we thought we could distribute the work without increasing hours.
• There’s always the option of hiring during the year.

Mathew Ho:
• If operations are moving to cloud based, what happens to the physical files?

Keith Hester:
• They won’t change. It’s the digital files we’re moving.

Cole Evans:
• We have a $1.3 million deficit.
• We’re going through some struggles like a lot of other businesses.
• There are a limited number of things we can do to improve the bottom line.
• If the wage subsidy is extended or restrictions are lifted, that could help the bottom line.
• We won’t know till late summer.
• If the numbers look scary, we’re trying to mitigate that.

Ryan Wong:
• Typo on the Summary page: Welcome Back Barbecue should be Block Party.
7. **MOVED LUCIA LIANG, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:**

“That the AMS Preliminary Budget for 2021/22 be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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**Year End Services Presentation – Ian Stone**

Usage: 5,010 interactions (May 1 – April 23).

- **Advocacy:** 85 interactions, often in depth.
- **eHub:**
  - 930 interactions, a huge spike.
  - Holding RBC Get Seeded online was great.
  - eHub is the place for other campus organizations to work with.
- **Food Bank:**
  - 2400 interactions, a ridiculously high number.
  - One of the most used services during the pandemic.
  - Does not include Acadia Park food hub.
- **Safewalk tanked,** only 218 interactions. Usually 4,000.
- **Peer Support:**
  - 211 interactions.
  - Struggled with pushing it out.
  - Only started in mid-September.
  - Not that bad for a pandemic year.
- **Tutoring:**
  - 1266 interactions, a little lower than before.
  - Group tutoring declined, but private tutoring almost doubled.
  - Expecting higher numbers next year.
- **Housing:** Not operational yet.

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**Core Activities:**

- **Advocacy:**
  - Mainly for academic misconduct and academic standing.
  - New coordinator after two years with same one.
  - Cheating scandal this year: many came in for support.
- **eHub:**
  - Turbulent time.
  - In the absence of a coordinator, the Assistant Student Services Manager stepped in.
  - Online Canvas course.
  - Micro-grants.
Renewal of contracts with e@UBC and RBC.

- Food Bank:
  - Unprecedented demand.
  - Also more donations.
  - Collaborated with Food Mesh.
  - Helping the Acadia Food Hub (not from the Child Care Bursary Fund as first planned, but from the UBC tuition surplus).

- Safewalk:
  - Low usage, but excited for next year.
  - New dispatch software.
  - Accessibility shuttles expected in May.

- Peer Support:
  - Amalgamation of Speakeasy and Vice.
  - Transition to online.
  - Reaching out through Reddit.
  - Going where students are, not where we want them to be.
  - Cool events on Zoom despite Zoom fatigue.

- Tutoring:
  - Surge in private tutoring, drop in group tutoring.
  - When students return to campus in person, expecting more group.
  - Nimbus, our app, has done a good job.

- Housing:
  - Not operational yet.
  - Excited to see it start.
  - Students have trouble finding housing.
  - Creating a housing database.
  - Will be providing 1 on 1 advice on housing issues.

Financial Overview
- Income from UBC tuition surplus, donations, Tutoring income (helping to subsidize other services).
- Co-op housing feasibility survey funded by UBC tuition surplus.
- Expenditures:
  - Food for Food Bank.
  - Videos to promote the Services, to let people know we’re here to help them.
  - Nimbus contract.
  - Wages for Safewalk and Tutoring.

Cost per interaction:
- To be taken with a grain of salt.
- For Facebook, if include revenue from the tuition surplus, it’s actually making money, which doesn’t make sense.
- Safewalk was particularly high because so few were using it.
- During the pandemic, thankful to be able to keep afloat.

- Breakdown by Service:
  - Advocacy: $207.51 per interaction
Questions
Daniel Martin:
  • Is the Advocacy Office trained to help Affiliate College students?
  • Have any of them accessed the Service?

Ian Stone:
  • We don’t collect that information.
  • We should add that to our intake form.

Daniel Martin:
  • Affiliate College students are not eligible for UBC housing.
  • How will you include them in the new Housing Service?

Ian Stone:
  • This is for off campus housing, not UBC student housing.
  • Affiliate students would very much be able to use this service.

Daniel Martin:
  • We’re trained not to expect housing help.
  • We’ll need conversations for next year.

Ian Stone:
  • Mitchell will be made aware of this to support you.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
  • Transitioning incoming team and my staff.
  • Hectic time.
  • I’m technically out of office, but I’m never really out of office.
  • Working on equity plan.
  • Grad class gift conversations with Campus & Community Planning.
  • Closing out year end.
L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

**VP Finance – Lucia Liang**
- Budget. Redoing. New format.
- Transition.
- Preparing for our auditors.
- Thanks to everyone I met in the AMS. I’m grateful for all the feedback over the past two years.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Georgia Yee**
- Emotional meeting for everybody.
- Especially grateful to those who took part in letter-writing campaigns etc.
- I want to recognize that lots of students in India are being adversely affected right now by the latest COVID developments.
- The pandemic has highlighted advocacy and activism and how we stay united as a community.
- Even though this has been such a bad year, we are able to look forward to a more resilient future.

**VP Administration – Sylvester Mensah Jr.** [SCD510-21]
- Work going on quite well.
- Transitioning Lauren.
- I want to express appreciation for the past year.
- I learned a lot, experienced a lot of growth personally.
- Grateful to have been able to serve.
- Excited by what my team was able to do this year.
- Please see my submission on the Net Zero Carbon Emissions Program: a fuller report will come in May.

**VP External Affairs – Kalith Nanayakkara** [SCD511-21]
- Last week was exciting: federal and provincial budgets were released, and there were lots of wins for the AMS, UCRU, and the GSS:
  - $203.5 million added to federal loan repayment assistance.
  - $311 million for student grants.
  - Other investments ($17 million from the provincial government) for grad scholarships etc.
- Lots more can still be done on such things as housing affordability and making education affordable and accessible.
- Transitioning the new VP External.
- Final stakeholder meetings: with David Eby, our MLA, and Joyce Murray, our MP.
- I also want to draw attention to the letter I sent to Council, offering my sincerest apology for the conflict of interest situation.
- Thanks to my staff in this difficult year, and to my fellow Executives and our permanent staff and Councillors, who are there to support us and hold us accountable. And to the Ubyssey for keeping people informed.
• I’ve learned a lot about myself.
• It was a privilege to work for a year at the AMS.
• I’m going to miss all of this.

Senior Student Services Manager – Ian Stone
• It’s been great working with everyone.
• I’ve been here since 2017.
• Bittersweet to leave.
• Hope to come back in a couple of years to see how things are getting on.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
• The federal and provincial budgets include a lot of new grants, and there should be funding available.
• Helping incoming VP Finance.
• Year End fast approaching.
• Insurance renewal done.
• A big thank you to all on Council in this rough year.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Mathew Ho
• Things to pass on to the future committee: UBC endowment practices and the MoU with the GSS re UCRU.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
• No updates.

Finance Committee – Lucia Liang
• Approved budget.
• This has been a great committee.
• We reduced barriers, increased the availability of funds, put students first, and were fiscally responsible.
• Had lots of decisions to make over COVID issues.

Governance Committee – Sebastian Cooper
• I-9 (Executive Goals).
• Passing a few items onto my successor.
• And that’s the end of this year’s Governance Committee.

Operations Committee – Katherine Feng
• Started on conflict of interest rules for club execs.
• Working on guidelines for a clubs audit.
• Recap of the year:
  o Constituted clubs.
  o Videoconferencing grants.
  o COVID-19 procedures.
Clubs & Societies Working Group.
- Eastside furniture project.
- New clubs process re communications.
- Changed room booking rules.
- Encouraged clubs to use CampusBase.
- Created art gallery subcommittee ToR.
- Approved expenditure from Art Fund for new art.

HR Committee – Kamil Kanji (for Lawrence Liu)
- Conducting interviews for Chief Electoral Officer and Speaker.
- Recommendations coming next meeting.

Student Life Committee – Agam Gill
- Grad Class Subcommittee: As possible gift, it’s been exploring informal outdoor learning spaces. Discussing options with Campus & Community Planning.
- Improvements to the ToR for the Grad Class Subcommittee.
- Looking at the ToR for the reporting structure for the committee.
- Discussed transition reports.
- Exploring changes related to diversity.

Georgia Yee:
- My office has been working on this.
- I will send it to the committee.

Indigenous Committee – Laura Beaudry
- No updates.
- We are opening voting for the Indigenous councillor tomorrow: you should see a new councillor soon.
- Thanks to everyone.

Ethics and Accountability Committee – Katherine Feng
- Update coming later tonight to wrap up previous discussion.
- Submitted guiding principles for the next committee.

Elections Committee – Isabelle Ava-Pointon
- No report.
- Constituency certification results attached.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
- Was planning to get some Code changes done, but pushed it back.
- Hope to have first meeting in June with the new Executive.

SHAPE Committee
- Has been dissolved.
Fermentation Lab Committee – Kamil Kanji (for Lawrence Liu)
- No report.

Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Sylvester Mensah Jr.
- No report.

Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit – Cole Evans
- Motion coming tonight.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
- No report.

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

Board of Governors – Georgia Yee
- A lot has happened; one of the longest Board meetings.
- Report and presentation on UBCO 2040.
- Update from UBC SUO.
- Tuition and Budget: Max and I voted against the tuition increases.
- Able to secure commitment on an affordability plan.
- One of the closest tuition votes ever.
- UBC’s budget was approved.
- Contained a number of commitments:
  - Climate action.
  - COVID recovery.
- Still taking issue with some decisions concerning the $18 million set aside for tuition allocation: need a review of that model.
- Gateway Health Building passed: exciting.
- School of Biomedical Engineering got Board 2 approval.
- Beatty Biodiversity Museum got Board 1 approval.
- Longhouse expansion presentation.
- Equity and Inclusion Office presentations.
- Student health and well-being discussion.
- Report on experience of racialized faculty during the pandemic.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Any more thoughts re the tuition increase and the influence of student voices?

Georgia Yee:
- It prompted a lot of questions about the point of tuition consultation if the data shows students don’t want an increase and the University still brings in an increase.
- And where can tuition go?
Not a lot of transparency. How much to faculty? How much to affordability supports?
Need to change approach from one-time funding to a long-term affordability plan for the durations of students’ careers.
Pushing UBC about an affordability plan.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- In the Executive meeting today, Cole asked if this had been our worst year.
- Georgia said maybe 1918 was as bad or worse.
- So I decided to look at other bad years:

1918:
- The Spanish flu: UBC shut down for five weeks and three students died.
- World War I was also underway; 78 UBC students died during the course of the war.
- The first UBC President (Wesbrook) died this year too while still in office.

The Depression:
- Funding was affected, and there was talk the University might have to shut down or that certain faculties would have to be combined.
- Then in 1935 a giant flood on campus created a chasm.

World War II:
- Somehow that doesn’t come across as such a bad time in the records.

1983:
- Cutbacks as part of a provincial austerity program.
- The government got rid of grants for students.
- The Ubyssey ran a cartoon about starving students.

But not to end on such a gloomy note, here’s something upbeat to explain the origins of Robert’s Rules (which we use at these meetings):
- Robert’s Rules is named after General Henry Martin Robert.
- He wrote them long before he was a general, when he was a young lieutenant and a member of a Baptist church that wanted him to chair one of its meetings.
- The meeting was a disaster because there were no rules to guide it, so young Robert (only in his 20’s) wrote a series of rules that became Robert’s Rules.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- On the same page as that Ubyssey cartoon, there’s a headline about phallic bastions. What’s that about?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- The Ubyssey is here tonight: maybe they can explain.
- If not, I’ll look into it.
P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED SEBASTIAN COPPER, SECONDED RYAN WONG: [SCD522-21], [SCD523-21]
   
   From the Governance Committee
   “That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council update the Policy on Goal Setting and Reporting for Executives and Managing Director (I-9) as presented.”

   Sebastian Cooper:
   • Been working on this for a while.
   • It’s the policy on Executive goals.
   • One thing added is that quantitative measures should be used where possible.
   • There’s a new section on the Managing Director and senior management goal-setting, including the Executives’ role in that.

9. MOVED SEBASTIAN COPPER, SECONDED RYAN WONG: [SCD522-21], [SCD523-21]
   
   From the Governance Committee
   “That on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, Council update the Policy on Goal Setting and Reporting for Executives and Managing Director (I-9) as presented.”

   … Carried


10. MOVED RYAN WONG, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG: [SCD524-21]

   “Be it resolved that Council dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on Events Structure and Audit, effective May 12th.

   Be it further resolved that Council create an Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events, Principles, and Ethics with the following membership:

   Vice-President Administration, who shall be Chair*
   Chair of the Student Life Committee
   Chair of the Operations Committee
   Three (3) Councillors, one of whom shall be a graduate student
   One (1) student-at-large
Managing Director (non-voting)
Events Manager (non-voting)
Equity and Inclusion Lead (non-voting)

*The Ad Hoc Committee may select an alternative Chair if desired.

Be it further resolved that this Ad Hoc Committee work with AMS staff to develop a document that outlines core principles and ethics guidelines for the Society’s events. These principles and guidelines should be applicable to all events, and outline priorities for event planning and execution based on the Society’s values.

Be it further resolved that this Ad Hoc Committee evaluate the applicability of such a document to the Society’s subsidiaries, other departments and other events held in the Nest.

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Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee report back to Council on its progress by the last Council meeting in July.

Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee present a finalized document by the last meeting of November.”

Cole Evans:
- The old committee discussed various proposals, such as creating a working group in which the Executive can liaise with managers to know about events like the Halloween party.
- The old committee addressed several issues, but others still need to be addressed.
- Creating a new committee will allow it to move forward on the nitty gritty.
- The final report from this new committee will come in November.
- It should deal with accountability, risk management, communications, etc.

Mathew Ho:
- Is there a plan to make sure things are enforced after the first committee is disbanded?

Cole Evans:
- That’s why we’re creating the new committee.
- Additional things in Code will be added.
- Details will be fleshed out.
- Will give updates to Council.
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For (19): Mathew Ho, James Chen, Ryan Wong, Emma Dodyk, Alex Gonzalez (proxy for Nadir Nurali), Alexandra Arbelaez, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Annika Szarka, Sebastian Cooper, Rachel Chan, Emily Masse, Chris Sundby, Jimmy Kim, Katherine Feng, Anissa Meghji, Agam Gill, Daniel Martin, Kamil Kanji (proxy for Lawrence Liu)
12. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

"Be it resolved that Council suspend Code Section VI, Article 1, Sections (5) and (6)(a), which relate to the keeping of Executive office hours, until August 31, 2021, or until the President notifies Council the suspension is no longer needed, whichever is sooner."

Katherine Feng:
- I’m in support of removing the requirement for office hours, but can there be communication on how to contact the Executive?
- I’d like to refer this to the Executive Committee to have them create a consistent system of how to better inform people about booking appointments.

13. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED RYAN WONG:

"That the motion be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee investigate standardization of the process for booking office hour appointments with Executives and advertising of that process to the student body by May 31, 2021."

... No objections

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Mathew Ho:
- Should we state that Council must be informed?

Cole Evans:
- That’s implied by the motion.

15. MOVED SEBASTIAN COOPER, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

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... No objections
16. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the meeting be extended by 30 minutes.”

… No objections

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

Ethics and Accountability Committee Update

17. MOVED RAY HUA, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG, THIRDED ANISSA MEGHJI:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered the in camera session at 9:44 pm.
The meeting left the in camera session at 10:07 pm.

Councilor of the Year awards

Cole Evans:
- Over 30 people voted.
- A lot of people got nominated.
- Here are the results:
  - Councillor of the Year: Katherine Feng
  - Most Involved Councillor: Ryan Wong
  - Hardest Working Councillor: Sebastian Cooper
  - Most Improved Councillor: Mathew Ho
  - Most Positive Councillor: Agam Gill.
- There was a pretty overwhelming consensus for Katherine.

Katherine Feng:
- This is a surprise.
- I learned a ton through Council.
- Lots of encouraging people.
- At first I was really scared to speak at Council.

Ryan Wong:
- Thank you.
- It’s a little shocking.
- It’s been a pleasure working with all of you.

Agam Gill:
- It’s been really fun.
- I’m going to miss it.
Cole Evans:
  • And that's it.
  • The Council appreciation gift is still to be arranged.
  • Maybe gift cards.

V) Submissions:

W) Next Meeting:

    Next Meeting: May 12, 2021

X) Adjournment:

    There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Lorris Leung (Senior Student Services Manager), Neal Cameron (student), Ben Du (AVP Administration), Lawrence Liu (AVP University Affairs), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- The AMS is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the hən̓q̓əmī̌n̓əm̓-speaking Musqueam people.
- Check out whose land you’re on.
- It’s important we acknowledge the lands we’re on and to reflect on the work still to do here at UBC and in Canada about reconciliation.
- We should also note our role as student leaders.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED EMILY MASSE:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED MARY GAN:

“That the agenda be amended by adding a topic for the in camera session at the end called HR Update to Council.”

... No objections

Cole Evans:

- Also removing the AMS Council Annual Plan.

... No objections

3. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED EMILY MASSE:

“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, GSS, Engineering

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Chair:
- If you couldn’t make the orientations, the videos are available on OnBoard.
- Please check out these resources.
- Ask questions if you don’t understand something.
- Want to take a break later so Councillors can fill out Councillor/committee appointments.
- We use a modified, simplified version of Robert’s Rules.
- Don’t worry if you don’t know the jargon.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED LAUREN BENSON, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

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

AMS Council minutes dated February 24, 2021 [SCD001-22]

… Carried

For (21): Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Romina Hajizadeh, Aryan Mishra, Mathew Ho, Grace Lee, Jasneet Bal, Erin Song, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Gabrielle Matheson, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Grace Li, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng

5. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BANGHU:

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

That AMS Council amend Section VI, Article 4:

[j] work with the Managing Director to organize meetings between the Executive Committee and selected members of the Society’s management at least once a month, and keep or cause to be kept minutes and other relevant documents relating to such meetings.

[SCD002-22]

… Carried
For (23): Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Romina Hajizadeh, Aryan Mishra, Mathew Ho, Jasneet Bal, Erin Song, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Nevena Rebic, Gabrielle Matheson, Emily Gubski, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Grace Li, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion, Rebecca Liu

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

**AUS Arts Student Centre Agreements – Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office)**

- The Arts Student Centre is in construction.
- Will be completed by the end of summer.
- Official opening in September.
- There are various agreements:
  - Use agreement (use of building, upkeep, maintenance).
  - Contribution agreement (funding).
- The agreements were crafted over a period of a few years.
- They were brought to Council pre-pandemic.
- The use agreement was accepted after discussion.
- The funding agreement was delayed because of a snag related to the conditions of our loan from RBC, which prevented the AMS from taking on additional debt.
- Originally, this funding agreement said the AMS was guaranteeing funding, but that would have violated the agreement with RBC.
- Keith negotiated with UBC to arrange a change.
- The old guarantee was rescinded; now the Dean’s office will cover any debt.
- These are boilerplate documents, the same as agreements we have for the SUS building and others.

6. MOVED LAUREN BENSON, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That Council approve the AUS Building Use Agreement and the AUS Funding Contribution Agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (22): Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Romina Hajizadeh, Aryan Mishra, Mathew Ho, Jasneet Bal, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Jackson Schumacher, Nevena Rebic, Gabrielle Matheson, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Grace Li, Kiera Vandeborne, Chris Sundby, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion

Abstained: Erin Song
UCRU Agreement – Saad Shoaib (VP External)  

- UCRU stands for Undergraduates of Canadian Research-intensive Universities.
- It represents students at the U-15, the fifteen top research-intensive universities in the country.
- Currently, UCRU has ten members, the student unions at 10 of the 15 U-15 schools.
- Its mission is to advocate for affordability and accessibility, student issues.
- UCRU began as a loose, informal coalition of student unions representing 240,000 students.
- It arranged federal lobby weeks.
- It is a promising tool to advocate to the federal government.
- Over the past year UCRU fulfilled its goal of incorporating.
- It has lobbied for student aid, Indigenous aid, and support for undergraduate research.
- In last lobby week met 60 MP’s.
- Recent wins include:
  - CESB (the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit): UCRU led the charge to establish this.
  - Removal of interest on federal student loans until 2023.
  - Investment into youth employment programs.
  - Investment in Canada Student Grants.
- The AMS has played a strong role in UCRU:
  - VP External Cristina Ilnitchi was chair two years ago.
  - Last year VP External Kalith Nanayakkara led the creation of governance structures.
  - This year I’m running to be the UCRU vice-chair.
  - We’re advocating for the permanent removal of loan interest.
- The AMS led the bylaw creation process. I was involved in a lot of the drafting.
- Council has approved the bylaws in principle.
- The final thing needed is to pass the MoU/Membership Agreement.
- The bylaws allow for easy withdrawal, which is important because in the past we have left other organizations, so we want this to be easy.
- The bylaws also provide for one school, one vote, and specifies that membership is only for student unions at U-15 universities, the large, complex universities.
- There is no formal membership fee yet; discussions are ongoing.
- The MoU, which is standard for all members, confirms our acknowledgement of UCRU’s bylaws.
- Once approved, the MoU will make us a Class A member.
- Been looking forward to this for a number of years.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- What committee will you focus on at UCRU?

Saad Shoaib:
- I would be vice-chair of the entire organization.
- Kalith was chair of the governance committee.
Jackson Schumacher:
- Can you elaborate on the class system?
- And what work have you done with the GSS to ensure equal representation of grad students?

Saad Shoaib:
- Class A members are full members.
- Class B members are ones who haven’t ratified all the agreements.
- Re the GSS: we’re working with the GSS to ensure that if there is a fee, grad students won’t pay it because UCRU is for undergraduates.
- We value the GSS relationship and will be signing an MoU with the GSS.
- We are looking to work with the GSS on provincial and federal lobby weeks.

7. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the Member Association Agreement with UCRU, making the AMS a Class A member of UCRU.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Saad Shoaib:
- We have been working on this formalization for a long time.
- We look forward to the impact UCRU can have with the federal government.

Gabrielle Matheson:
- The agreement refers to the bylaws and our responsibilities under them.
- Can you briefly go over those?

Saad Shoaib:
- We are to contribute to advocacy efforts and UCRU growth.
- We would help cover expenses.
- A lot of things will be advocacy-centred this year, as opposed to last year, when we were governance-centred.

8. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

9. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI, THIRDED EMILY MASSE:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 7:15 pm.
The meeting left the in camera session at 7:32 pm.

10. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the agenda be amended to add appointment clauses for the Speaker and the Ombudsperson to the motion on appointments.”

… No objections

11. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

From the President

“Be it resolved that Council suspend, for the current round of hiring, the sections of Code requiring a recommendation from the Human Resources Committee to appoint the Chief Electoral Officer, the Speaker of Council, and the Ombudsperson.”

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- The HR Committee was unable to bring forward recommendations last year, and there is no HR Committee now.
- Council has reviewed recommendations from last year’s HR Chair and is going to make a decision.
- This will require us to vote to suspend the part of Code requiring a recommendation from the committee.
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Council took a 20-minute break at 7:35 pm to allow Councillors to fill out nominations for committee appointments.

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans

- Busy with orientations and transitioning.
- Looking forward to a strategic plan.
- Policy I-17 and I-18 (sexual violence and respectful community) are up for review, two very important policies.
- Return to in person is coming, will be exciting.
  - At a Town Hall hearing Dr. Bonnie Henry this week.
  - Also attended by presidents of various postsecondary institutions.
  - The Public Health Office is more optimistic than the others.
- Talking to UBC about a joint campaign on vaccinations: the emphasis will be on vaccines rather than restrictions.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Mary Gan

- Transitioning and hiring.
- Fees, subsidies, opt-outs.
• Brainstorming on promoting funds, subsidies, opt-out deadlines.
• Working on creating a Canvas learning hub for club treasurers.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• Are you supporting constituency treasurers?

Mary Gan:
• Constituencies have large budgets.
• Hope to have workshops on large-scale budgeting and money management.

Emily Reid:
• Is there a date for treasurer training?
• Is the AMS still going to do e-transfer reimbursements?

Mary Gan:
• Hoping to roll out the course on treasurer orientations this week or early next week.
• Video workshops are in the works.
• Looking at a new platform for e-transfers.
• Everything will continue online.

Daniel Martin:
• What about e-transfers for U-Pass subsidies?

Mary Gan:
• They should be by e-transfer as well.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu
• Transitioning and learning.
• Meeting UBC administrators about international students and about vaccination centres and rapid testing centres on campus.
• Started working on experiential education and on teaching and learning beyond COVID.
• Looking at what positive things we can retain: online lectures etc.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
• How will you make sure that students don’t get overburdened with financial items (e.g., quarantine costs)?

Eshana Bhangu:
• Had a conversation with UBC housing and they will offer a subsidy for those who have to quarantine and pay a fee.
• There will be a simple question: Do you need financial assistance? Yes or No?
- We asked about having space for the influx of international students, and they said there will be adequate space.

Mathew Ho:
- Can you use the numbers for data-driven advocacy?

Eshana Bhangu:
- Data from the Yes-No question is something we will use.

Mathew Ho:
- Anything further, like the unionization of Residence Advisors (RA’s)?

Eshana Bhangu:
- I was a big fan of that.
- I talked to the VP Students about employment opportunities for students.
- Also questions like, Are the RA’s the ones to enforce COVID regulations and deal with mental crises? Extra labour.
- We will continue to support the RA’s.

**VP Administration – Lauren Benson**
- I’m excited to be working on behalf of students.
- There’s a need for communication, transparency, amplification of student voices.
- Working on sustainability, the Interactive Sustainability Centre (ISC), the transition to in person campus life.
- How do we adequately communicate with students?
- Club executive orientations on Canvas.
- First clubs newsletter coming.
- Club renewals.
- Club audit.
- Construction of the ISC is underway: murals, dashboard.
- Talking with the University about the Jumpstart orientation.
- Exploring how incoming students can engage.
- Working with Events.

**Questions**

Emily Gubski:
- Do you have initiatives to bring first years into the AMS?

Lauren Benson:
- Exploring options.
- Finding ways to teach about opportunities in the AMS: volunteers, paid positions.
- Will promote this in collegia, info sessions, postering.
- Getting our face out there.

**VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib**
- I was the AVP External last year.
- Will be working with student group stakeholders (ABCS, BCFS, UCRU, GSS).
- Essential that these relationships thrive.
- Lots of acronyms.
- Launched SkyTrain to UBC campaign. Public engagement process to show the Mayors Council it’s important.

**Senior Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost**

- Services orientations.
- SASC fundraising month.
- Food Bank transitioning: huge increases in usage.
- Working with UBC groups on food security.
- Appointment tutoring restarted.
- Working on Services marketing plan.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**

- Orientations for incoming Executive and Council.
- Year End was April 30.
- Auditors coming soon.
- Upgrading email system from Exchange to cloud based 365.
- Roof damage from the windstorm was repaired last week.
- Federal and provincial budgets may be of benefit: investigating.
- Next All Staff Meeting on May 26.

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

**Elections Committee**

Katherine Feng:
- I believe all standing committee chairs submitted transition reports.

Cole Evans:
- Good, compared to last year.
- Money is a good incentive.

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

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

**Board of Governors – Georgia Yee**
- Next meeting in June.

**Senate – Keanna Yu**
- First Senate meeting was in April.
- All senators were assigned to their committees.
- Rule changes about roll call votes. Votes were private until now.
Cole Evans:
  - Happy to help the Senate with the AMS OnBoard system of voting.

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**

Following up on Phallic Bastions:
  - When I was speaking about the worst years for the AMS (the year of the Spanish Flu, the Depression years, 1983 when the government cut student aid), Mathew noticed a Ubyssey headline on one of my slides about “phallic bastions.”
  - It turns out this was a letter to the Ubyssey about the lack of female authors being taught in first-year English. So it was about gender, not sex.
  - That was in 1983, and I’m guessing the situation has changed now: perhaps the Ubyssey wants to do a follow-up.

Goddess of Democracy:
  - There has been some discussion lately about the placement of our statue of the Goddess of Democracy.
  - Our statue was a replica of the one that Chinese student protesters put up in 1989 in Tiananmen Square.
  - Ours went up in 1991 and became a focal point for demonstrations (APEC, Hong Kong Umbrella project, etc.).
  - It originally sat south of the Old SUB, but when the Nest was put up in that location it had to move to where it is now, on the pathway towards Brock Hall.
  - Now there’s talk of moving it again.

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

Q) **Executive Committee Motions:**

R) **Constituency and Affiliate Motions:**

S) **Committee Motions:**

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

U) **Discussion Period**

**HR Update**

13. **MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG, THIRDED JACKSON SCHUMACHER:**

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

*The meeting entered an in camera session at 8:40 pm.*
*The meeting came out of the in camera session at 8:48 pm.*
V) Submissions:

W) Next Meeting:

    Next Meeting: June 2, 2021

X) Adjournment:

    There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Alireza Kamayabi (GSS), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Lua Presidio (Ubyssey), Thomas McLeod (Ubyssey), Sylvia Fernandez (LFS), Ben Du (AVP Administration), Lorris Leung (Senior Manager Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker asked for a moment of silence for the 215 Indigenous children whose graves were just discovered.

He then said:
  • Genocide is built into our history and our institutions. It’s something we benefit from.
  • We need to recognize that the land acknowledgement is just a first step.
  • I want to honour the lives of the lives that will not be brought back.
  • As settler colonizers we need to recognize the harm that has been done and that continues to be done.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   ... No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Kiizh Kinew (Indigenous seat), Angelika Tee (St. Mark’s)

Vacancies on Council: LFS, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2, Engineering

Goodbyes: Ashni Gill (GSS), Anisha Sandhu (LFS)

E) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):
F) Consent Agenda Items

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

Executive Committee minutes dated April 28, 2021 [SCD008-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 12, 2021 [SCD009-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 19, 2021 [SCD010-22]
Minutes of the Governance Committee dated April 15, 2021 [SCD011-22]
AMS Council minutes dated March 10, 2021 [SCD012-22]
Clubs & Societies Working Group minutes dated April 15, 2021 [SCD013-22]

… Carried

For (22): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Kamil Kanji, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Jason Liao, Erin Song, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Grace Li, Kiera Vandeboorne, Chris Sundby, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Rebecca Liu, Anissa Meghji, Daniel Martin

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

The Ubyssey – Charlotte Alden, Nathan Bawaan (News), Thomas McLeod (Blogs and opinions), Lua Presidio (Coordinating Editor) [SCD014-22]

Nathan Bawaan:
- Pronounced Yu buh see.
- Since 1918.
- Independent since 1995.
- Funded by a $7 fee.
- Release daily stories online; publish a print version every two weeks.
- Two million views last year.
- Alumni in every major Canadian media outlet.
- We are all students; the editors are elected by the staff.
- We are run like “a hippie collective,” each section of the paper being independent.

Charlotte Alden:
- Operated under the AMS until 1994.
- We ran some questionable content, including one particular ad.
- In the end we became independent by referendum (in 1995).
- We do cover Council.
- We give the AMS one full page ad a month in return for our space in the Nest.
- When we talk to you for a story, “on the record” means what you say may be printed and attributed to you.
- You can talk off the record.
- Everything in Council is public except in camera sessions.
We don’t send drafts or questions in advance.
We will publish even if you don’t comment.

Thomas McLeod:
• You can write opinion letters but not news articles.
• The articles have to be UBC-oriented and follow our respectful policies.

Lua Presidio:
• Our mandate is UBC.
• No coverage not related to that.

Cole Evans:
• Thanks to the Ubyssey for coming.
• The Ubyssey may reach out to Councillors for an article.
• Speaking on behalf of the AMS is reserved for me and Eric, our Communications Manager, or can be delegated to the Vice-Presidents.
• You can speak on behalf of yourself.
• The Executive have been media trained.
• Committee chairs and other Councillors may be asked to comment: if you need help, reach out to me.
• You can speak as long as you make clear you’re not speaking for the AMS.
• You can refer to me.

H) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The new Speaker (Neal Cameron):
• So excited to work with you.

G) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

AMS GSS MOU – External Advocacy – Saad Shoaiib (VP External) and Alireza Kamyabi (2020 GSS VP External) [SCD 015-22]

Saad Shoaiib:
• Super excited to present this MoU.
• It will solidify the AMS/GSS advocacy relationship.
• Over the past year the AMS and the GSS collaborated on a budget submission to the BC government, aligning all our recommendations.
• We also worked together on U-Pass negotiations to ensure equitable access during the unprecedented time we went through.
• We had a joint debate as part of the Get Out the Vote campaign for the provincial election.
• In January we had a joint lobby week.
• Now the MoU will formalize our relationship.

Alireza Kamyabi:
• We are the largest student societies in the province.
• By working together, we create a unified front.
• This allows us to expand our advocacy impact.
• The joint lobby week in January was the first of its kind; government ministers said it was different.
• The MoU passed at GSS council two weeks ago.

Saad Shoaiib:
• The MoU cements the collaborative practices from this past year.
• UCRU:
  o We passed the agreement to join.
  o In the event that UCRU establishes a formal fee, GSS members won’t pay the fee because UCRU doesn’t represent graduate students.

Alireza Kamyabi:
• We had concerns about UCRU.
• The clause on it is the cornerstone of this MoU.
• It’s been great working the AMS to make sure the needs of both organizations are met.
• Going forward we want to ensure advocacy on issues of mutual concern.
• We’ve had on and off years.
• Want to make sure we present a united front now.
• There are clauses in the MoU inviting each to the other’s council.

3. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD016-22]

“That the AMS GSS MoU - External Advocacy be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Sundby:
• Will this include affiliates?

Saad Shoaiib:
• This MoU will serve as an outline for MoU’s with the affiliated colleges.

Alireza Kamyabi:
• This MoU cements relations.
• It is very important for us all to work together, including the affiliated colleges.
• I’m sure my successor will be in touch.

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Abstained: Daniel Martin

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

Done online:

**Councillor Committee Appointment Results**
Advocacy Committee: Eshana Bhangu (Chair), Kamil Kanji, Rebecca Liu, Gabrielle Matheson, Jackson Schumacher
Human Resources Committee: Romina Hajizadeh (Chair), Jasneet Bal, Mathew Ho, Daniel Martin, Avery Chan
Finance Committee: Mary Gan (Chair), Grace Lee, Max Holmes, Kamil Kanji
Governance Committee: (nominations acclaimed) Katherine Feng (Chair), Kamil Kanji, Rebecca Liu, Romina Hajizadeh, Jason Liao
Operations Committee: Katherine Feng (Chair), Emily Reid, Sanjana Bedi, Emily Masse
Student Life Committee: Emily Gubski (Chair), Ivran Rai, Aryan Mishra, Katherine Feng
Ad Hoc Fermentation Lab Committee: Cole Evans (Chair), Katherine Feng, Emily Gubski
Ad Hoc Committee on Elections Engagement: Katherine Feng
Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee: Nevena Rebic, Rebecca Liu, Kamil Kanji
Sustainability Subcommittee (nominations acclaimed): Avery Chan, Joey Yang
AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee: Grace Li
Impact Grant Working Group: Jackson Schumacher
Student Legal Fund Society (SLFS) Board (nomination acclaimed): Katherine Feng
UBC Ombudsperson Advisory Committee: Katherine Feng
CiTR Board of Directors: Lauren Benson, Katherine Feng

**At Large Committee Appointments**
Advocacy Committee: Ben Morrison, Emmanuel Cantiller, Jasmine Nadhira Human
Resources Committee: Lauren Maharaj
Student Life Committee: Raneem Zaitoun
Governance Committee: Kyle Gough
Operations Committee: Lucy Li, Talia Ada Ang
Sustainability Sub Committee: Harshit Subodhkumar Srivastava
Finance Committee: Ben Morrison, Lucy Li
Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles and Ethics: Snezhana Bykova
Art Gallery Subcommittee: Keri MacLeod
Steering Committee: Refano Evan Lumempouw
Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee: Maria Siminiuc Launeanu, Talia Ada Ang
K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans

- Thanks to Neal for the moment of silence at the start of the meeting.
- I want to address the discovery of the remains of the 215 children at the residential school in Kamloops.
- This is an emotional time for the Indigenous people.
- It’s an important moment for us as settlers.
- The burden should not fall on the Indigenous communities.

- What I’ve been doing the past few weeks:
  - At the start of last week, the BC government released its restart plan.
    - The Executive attended a Town Hall with Dr. Henry and got some insight into what the school year will look like.
    - The feeling was cautiously optimistic.
    - The Public Health Office has a lot more confidence than many others.
    - Having conversations with the University.
    - Hope to bring a presentation here for what restart will mean for us.
  - Equity Plan: working to finalize.
  - The Executive completed its first month and has developed its goals for the year, which will come to the next meeting.
  - Committee appointments done:
    - Voter turnout was not optimal for them.
    - We only got 60% voting for the Councillor seats and 45% for the at large seats.
    - It’s important to take the time to look at the applicants.
  - Everything else looks pretty good.
  - The AMS Auditorium project:
    - A feasibility study has been received.
    - Hoping to bring a presentation soon on that.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Mary Gan

- Working on Q4 report.
- U-Pass subsidy application period closed May 31.
  - Evaluating by the end of the week and will then get out the support.
- AMS fee subsidies and opt-outs sent to UBC.
- Working on the budget.
- Software implementation.
- Canvas course for treasurers is working great.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu

- One month and feel really rewarding.
- Working on a budget submission on the $18 million incremental tuition increase to ensure that the funds are allocated to priorities important to students.
• Working to put pressure to revoke the honorary degree awarded to Bishop O’Grady, who was involved in the residential school system:
  o We are also asking for an audit of all honorary degrees to make sure none was awarded to those complicit in the residential school system and its genocidal practices.
• Return to in person classes: schedules are up now.

Questions
Sylvia Fernandez:
• Will there be courses that are only in person?

Eshana Bhangu:
• Yes, this will be indicated.

Sylvia Fernandez:
• Someone approached me with concerns about returning to campus.

Eshana Bhangu:
• I totally understand. This is definitely a concern.
• My understanding is that crucial courses are being offered online.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson
• Orientation course on Canvas for clubs, using audio recordings.
• Biweekly clubs newsletter.
• Detailed audit of AMS clubs to make sure they are in compliance with bylaws and policies.
• Talking to Campus Groups about using multiple forms for first year events.
• Working with Communications about resources on COVID-19 for students returning to campus.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib
• Meeting student unions from across Canada and BC.
• The AMS now holds the vice-chair position in UCRU.
• Meeting with UCRU, BCFS, and ABCS to ensure a unified message.
• Housing.
• Climate advocacy.
• Sexual violence advocacy.
• Meeting BC MLA’s and their staff.
• Finalizing advocacy points for our budget submission.
• Preparing Executive goals.
• Working with Affiliate representatives about postgraduate work permits for students at the affiliated colleges.
• U-Pass is functioning as normal.
• Working with the U-Pass Advisory Council to make the U-Pass more accessible, understanding that some students may not be able to come to campus.
Student Services Manager – Lorris Leung (for Mitchell Prost)
  - Finalizing details on Safewalk accessibility shuttles.
  - Recruiting volunteers.
  - Hiring Peer Support team leaders.
  - Goal setting.
  - Finalizing plans for each service.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
  - New Food & Beverage Manager is training.
  - Working with Mary on the budgets.
  - Year End financials: auditors coming around June 20.
  - Met with insurance broker to update cyber coverage.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu
  - Sent out a when to meet.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
  - Committee chairs trained.
  - Meeting every three weeks.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan
  - Met about Q4 and AMS budgets.

Governance Committee and Operations Committee – Katherine Feng
  - Setting up a time to meet.

HR Committee – Romina Hajizadeh
  - Hope to meet this Friday.

Student Life Committee – Emily Gubski
  - No report.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
  - Had a transition meeting.
  - Will be meeting in a couple of weeks.
  - May bring Code changes to one of the next two meetings.

Ad hoc Fermentation Lab – Cole Evans
  - Monthly meeting with Faculty of Land & Food.
  - Ball is rolling after radio silence for a couple of years.

Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Chris Sundby
  - Had a good meeting.
Ad Hoc Committee on Events Principles & Ethics – Lauren Benson
- Haven’t met yet.
- Will keep you posted.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):
- No report.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes, Georgia Yee
- No report.

Senate – Kanika Khosla, Keanna Yu
- No report.

Ombudsperson – Oluwakemi Oke
- No report.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- You’ve heard mention of the Auditorium project which will seek to expand the use of the old Norm Theatre beyond showing films to including live performances.
- I was asked to look into which clubs might put on such performances, and ended up looking at the websites of the Players Club and the Debate Society, both of which claim to be our oldest club.
- So I looked into this.
- The Players Club goes back to Year One (1915), though there’s been a hiatus or two.
- The Debate Society can claim a connection to two clubs from Year One: the Men’s Literary Society and the Women’s Literary Society.
- Despite the names, these were debating clubs.
- The men’s society in the early years debated prohibition and the women debated whether movies (silent movies, of course, back then) were harmful.
- I can’t tell the exact day and month each of these groups was created.
- However, the Debate Society, if you notice on their website, claims to be even older than 1915: they say they go back to 1902, which was before UBC was created.
- This may be my fault. Years ago, Spencer Keys, the president of the Debate Society (and later AMS president), asked me if there were debate clubs at UBC’s predecessors: McGill BC and Vancouver College.
- Yes, I said, going back to 1902 – and the Debate Society ran with that.
- One other note: one of the earliest productions by the Players Society was Oscar Wilde’s *The Importance of Being Earnest*, in 1919. The Ubyssey condemned it as unhealthy trash.
P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU: [SCD019-22]

From the Executive Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2021: Constituency Fee Exemption and Athletic fee Waiver’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:
- This is two Code changes combined.
- The first one removes last year’s suspension of the Athletics & Intramurals fee. We’ll be charging that fee again.
- The second one allows Constituencies to waive their fees in whole or in part because of the pandemic.
- This is coming because the CUS wants to reduce their fee this year due to COVID.

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

From the Executive Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2021: Constituency Fee Exemption and Athletic fee Waiver’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

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R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

7. MOVED GRACE LEE, SECONDED JASON LIAO: [SCD020-22]

From the Commerce Undergraduate Society
“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2021: Constituency Fee Exemption and Athletic fee Waiver’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Whereas last year Council approved the temporary reduction of the CUS membership fee from $269.68 to $175.00 to provide financial relief during the pandemic, and

Whereas it is still necessary to take account of the effects of the pandemic,
Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council approve setting the CUS membership fee at $199.00 for the 2021/2022 year, and that the President notify the Board of Governors.”

Grace Lee:
- Requesting a fee decrease.
- The fee would have been $280.58 this year because of CPI.
- We want to set it at $199.
- This is in the student body’s best interests.
- All our operations were encouraged to spend conservatively last year, and we ran a profit.
- We crunched the numbers and came up with this fee level, which we think will allow us to put on a quality year.

8. MOVED GRACE LEE, SECONDED JASON LIAO:

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S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

   Motions approved electronically:

   Be it resolved that AMS Council modify the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee on Events Principles and Ethics to allow Grace Lee, Katherine Feng, and Mathew Ho, to be appointed as the three Council appointees.

   Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee’s composition be modified so that the Graduate Students Society (GSS) may appoint one voting member to the Ad Hoc Committee at any time.

   … Carried in an online vote

YES: 16   ABSTAIN: 1
U) Discussion Period

Restart Plan – Cole Evans
- We’ve been in the pandemic so long.
- But if everything goes according to plan, as soon as June 15 indoor gatherings of up to 50 people will be permitted.
- That means Council could meet in person, but …
- Maybe we can do a hybridized meeting in July: in person and Zoom.
- Probably in September we would be fully in person.
- Are people interested in a hybridized meeting in July?
- We don’t want to book it and have only two people show up.

Jackson Schumacher:
- Do we have the infrastructure for audio to let people from afar ask questions?

Cole Evans:
- I believe we do.
- Neal did this for AUS Council.

Neal Cameron:
- This did not work particularly well the way we did it in Arts.
- I encourage the AMS to take advantage of the A/V at the Nest.

Cole Evans:
- Keith says we can do it.
- We do have the capacity.
- We will look into the technology.

Ivran Rai:
- Do you need a minimum number of interested people?

Cole Evans:
- Hadn’t really thought about that.
- We’d want one-third at least; ideally one half.
- We don’t need to rush to be back in person.

A straw poll showed a large number in favour.

Jackson Schumacher:
- You have to make sure there are not inequities re access.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- Will there be snacks?
- I would commute for snacks – and of course the meeting.
Cole Evans:
- We would do something light.
- We have a budget.

Joanne Pickford:
- We used to do chicken, lasagne, etc.

Cole Evans:
- Maybe not that.

Kamil Kanji:
- I’m physically not in Vancouver right now.
- I’d love to be there in person, but it’s not possible.

Cole Evans:
- I would like to get to a place where people don’t have to attend in person.
- We need to make sure we have the infrastructure.
- This would require a Code amendment.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- We can amend Code as Cole says.
- In the past we had provision for remote attendance in the summer, but remote attendees did not count towards quorum.
- And now we have an emergency rule for Zoom meetings during the pandemic.
- This could go to the Governance Committee.

Cole Evans:
- We will look at this for the July meeting.
- Meanwhile I want to reschedule the July meeting.
- The Executive will be away on July 14, the original date.
- Would Councillors be in favour of Thursday, July 15 or pushing back to July 21, or moving forward to July 7?

Councillors indicated they preferred July 21.

V) Submissions:
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated April 1, 2020 [SCD021-22]
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated May 14, 2020 [SCD022-22]
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated August 19, 2020 [SCD023-22]
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated November 5, 2020 [SCD024-22]
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated December 4, 2020 [SCD025-22]
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated December 18, 2020 [SCD026-22]
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated January 28, 2021 [SCD027-22]
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated February 25, 2021 [SCD028-22]
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated March 25, 2021 [SCD029-22]
Health & Dental Plan Committee minutes dated April 15, 2021 [SCD030-22]
W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: June 23, 2021

X) Adjournment:

9. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... No objections

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
## Votes and Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Rodney Little Mustache (student at large), Haniya Syed (student at large), Emmanuel Cantiller (student at large), Lorris Leung (AMS Senior Manager, Student Services), Ben Du (AMS AVP Administration), Anisha Sandhu (Sustainability Projects Coordinator), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Karmen Leong (AMS Graphic Design), James Cabangon (AMS AVP External), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- UBC and the AMS are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded, stolen territory of the Halkomelem-speaking Musqueam people.
- I recognize that I’m a settler on lands helping to preserve this situation.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Eshana Bhangu:

- I’d like to add a discussion on vaccines.

Before the meeting Max Holmes asked that the following be removed from the consent portions of the agenda:

- Advisory Board minutes dated May 19, 2021
- Executive Committee minutes dated June 2, 2021
- The Governance Committee motion to amend the Code provisions on remote attendance.

2. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

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

Welcome to our new Members: Sylvia Fernandez (LFS), Julia Burnham (GSS), Adenike Adelakun (GSS)

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

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- We are here to hold the AMS to account.
- Please speak up.

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

Haniya Syed:
- I am a third year student studying international relations and want to talk about how AMS Executive members are representing themselves to UBC.
- A recent video has made the community of women at UBC extremely unhappy.
- An important member of the AMS took part.
- I hope the AMS team can hold themselves accountable for their language on social media.
- It reflects very poorly on the AMS.

Cole Evans:
- Thank you so much for coming in.
- I’m the individual in question.
- Knowing now the reception that the post I made received, I would not have made it.
- I definitely apologize for any uncomfortableness caused to your community or other communities on campus.
- My intentions were innocent, but that’s not necessarily an excuse for their impact on others.
- We are receptive to this feedback and want to stand with our students.

Haniya Syed:
- Thank you for the apology.
- We actually have not heard many apologies.
- This means a lot to members of the UBC community and students at large like myself.
- The conflict of interest, the overlapping of personal and professional, can create a grey area. It makes people think you’re choosing sides.

Julia Burnham:
- I think we should add a discussion item on this.
3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That Council suspend Code to allow the next speaker to speak for 10 minutes instead of three.”

… No objections

Rodney Little Mustache:
- I am a guest on the Musqueam lands.
- Thanks to the AMS and President Cole Evans for allowing me to be here.
- Over the years I have learned about the residential school system.
- Recently hearing about the mass graves, I was plunged into depression.
- It felt like 215 members of my family were gone.
- Black Lives Matter has been talked of a great deal, but First Nations issues take a back seat.
- There has been racism; there has been genocide.
- Now in this meeting room people are discussing other issues, and genocide is not on the agenda.
- I hope you open your hearts and minds to 150 years of the First Nations.
- The AMS has as its motto, We’ve Got Your Back.
- I am here today to ask the AMS, on behalf of the 215 children, to start a student movement to speak out against oppressive governments and 154 years of genocide.

Saad Shoaib:
- Thank you very much, Rodney, for speaking up and sharing your experiences.
- It would be a dark day at the AMS when we stop taking this into account.
- We’re going to continue to bring up these concerns alongside Indigenous students and communities, so that government understands that this is not okay.

Rodney Little Mustache:
- The longer they are in power the longer we have to fight.
- There should be protests.
- You’re ignoring it too: as students we have to speak up.
- After what China did yesterday, someone stood up.
- Why not join a call to the United Nations to investigate?
- I lived on a reserve; I thought there was equality, but I’ve learned there is not.
- We’ve been through this so much as a people.
- My mother told me what she had to put up with.
- How would you go about calling for dismantling this system?
- It’s time for these parties to go.

Mathew Ho:
- We need more conversations around this.
- We need transparency.
- Not just student government, but institutions can do a lot more on this.
G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

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

- Council minutes dated March 24, 2021 [SCD031-22]
- Council minutes dated April 7, 2021 [SCD032-22]
- Executive Committee minutes dated June 9, 2021 [SCD048-22]
- Human Resources Committee minutes dated June 4, 2021 [SCD034-22]
- Governance Committee minutes dated June 9, 2021 [SCD035-22]
- Governance Committee minutes dated June 16, 2021 [SCD036-22]
- Clubs and Societies working group minutes dated May 21, 2021 [SCD037-22]

“That AMS Council confirm the Student at Large appointments of Natalie Ma and Karen Liu to the Ad Hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement.”

For (23): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Aryan Mishra, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Grace Lee, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Nevena Rebic, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeborne, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji, Daniel Martin

Abstained: Yang Yu

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

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

From the Governance Committee [SCD038-22], [SCD039-22]

“That Council adopt the following report from the Governance Committee: ‘Code Changes 2021: Historical Updates’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

For (21): Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Aryan Mishra, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeborne, Katherine Feng, Anissa Meghji

Abstained: Yang Yu

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

AMS Restart Plan – Cole Evans [SCD040-22]

- Super exciting.
- Student safety is our top priority.
• We're strictly following guidelines from the provincial and federal health authorities.
• We are being considerate of the diverse accessibility and inclusivity needs of our membership.
• Phase 3 of BC Restart begins July 1.
• Of course, we're looking into a crystal ball in all this; basing ourselves on advice from the Provincial Health Office, but depending on what happens, things could change.
• Some things may seem surprising, but this is coming out of public and confidential discussions with the government and UBC.
• Focusing on vaccines rather than restrictions.
• The postsecondary sector has not been identified as high risk.
• Close personal repeating contact: you don’t see that in lecture halls. They’re not as high risk as elsewhere.
• Reopening can happen with confidence, but not everyone will be comfortable.
• Messaging needs to reflect changes that have happened.
• Vaccinations are the quickest way back to normal.
• Lessons have been learned from the hybrid setting.
• Have to learn to live with COVID.
• People will have different comfort levels.
• There should be rapid testing for those who feel ill.
• Masks will still be required in Phase 3 (July-August). That may be relaxed, depending on UBC.
• In Phase 4 (September) face coverings will no longer be required.
• If there are further outbreaks, we may revisit masks.
• If people want or need to wear masks, that’s okay.
• We'll be increasing seating capacity in the Nest while continuing the use of plexiglass barriers.
• We’re moving to more relaxed capacity limits for washrooms and elevators.
• Removing use of building flow guides.
• Partial return of AMS Council in person on July 21.
• Remote work for staff continuing through summer; full reopening in September, but some remote work will be acceptable.
• Services will continue to be primarily virtual in the summer, with SASC offering a hybrid service.
  o Resumption of in-person service, with some hybrid offerings, in Phase 4.
• Potential increase in capacity in food outlets, pending guidance.
  o Porch and Grand Noodle opening August 30.
  o Pit to open in Phase 4, perhaps October.
  o Pie R Squared and the new Test Kitchen to open in October.
• Increased room capacities for conferences this summer.
  o Return to normal booking in the fall for both clubs and external events.

6. **MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED GABRIELLE MATHESON:**

  “That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

  … No objections
AMS Restart Plan – Cole Evans (continued)

- Events:
  - Virtual in the summer.
  - In person events for First Week. Not super large, 20-100 people.
  - Modified Welcome Back Barbecue in mid-September.
    - Not typical big stage.
    - More a festival, spaced-out vibe.
  - Full resumption in October.
- Societies and Clubs:
  - Constituencies and clubs to have access to bookings as of June 28.
  - Clubs Days will be virtual and in person.
  - Club and Constituency events will be back to normal in Phase 4 (in the fall).

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- I’m surprised Services won’t be in person in Phase 3. Even in Phase 4 there are no timelines; it may be considered, that’s all – whereas the Pit is definitely opening.
- It would be much better to have Services available to students.
- Also, what will be done to ensure that clubs are compliant with Provincial Health Orders?

Cole Evans:
- The Services plan came from the Services department.
- They said it’s what works best.
- Food Bank and Safewalk are already in person.
- For Peer Support and Tutoring, we’ve seen that they work well virtually.
- There have been lessons learned: some of our Services work well in a hybrid setting.
- We will look at the most effective way to deliver our Services.
- There’s been no less effort devoted to the Services than other areas.
- It’s appropriate for the Services to decide; SASC said they want to wait and see.

Lauren Benson
- As we open up and welcome clubs back, we will provide sanitization and watch capacity.
- When clubs book, we will make sure events are safe and feasible; it won’t be a free for all.

7. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED GRACE LEE:

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

… No objections

Max Holmes:
- Re working with Provincial Health authorities: A lot of students are concerned that Provincial Health guidance does not go far enough to protect students.
- It’s mind boggling that UBC is planning to open 200-seat lecture halls.
- What has the AMS done to consult with students and staff about these plans?
- What consultation has there been with Councillors and committees?
- Can you send these documents in advance in the future?

Cole Evans:
- We are aware of student concerns.
- These concerns have been brought up in meetings with the Provincial Health Office and the Ministry of Advanced Education.
- These questions have been asked by us and by other student unions.
- The answers come from the Provincial Health Office: Bonnie Henry and her deputies.
- We have been very clear in addressing these concerns.
- We have also consulted Keith and his departments.
- We were getting eyes on the document before submitting it to Council, but we recognize that Councillors want to see all this in advance.

Grace Lee:
- Will Constituencies have access this summer?
- We’ve been told that we won’t get access to Sauder until September.

Cole Evans:
- This comes from UBC.
- The word we got that there will be access over the summer.

Max Holmes asked to add a discussion on the Restart Plan.

*Executive and Services Annual Goals*

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the presentation be extended by 10 minutes.”

... No objections

Cole Evans

**Collective Goals**

- These are collective priorities more than goals per se:
  - COVID recovery.
  - Community engagement with our members:
    - New brand a work in progress.
    - More synergized methods of communication.
    - Electoral engagement strategies.
  - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:
    - Consultation.
    - AMS Equity plan.
    - Ensuring representation from marginalized communities.

Cole Evans – President’s Goals

- Strategic Plan.
• Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:
  o Expand staff capacity.
  o New subcommittee.
• Indigenous presence:
  o New student organization.
  o Art installation.
  o Month of campaigns around Indigenous culture.

Eshana Bhangu – VP Academic’s Goals
• Affordability (housing, OER’s):
  o UBC Campus Vision 2050 plan.
  o Work with UBC to lower housing costs.
  o Tuition engagement process.
    ▪ The University asks for student feedback; 90% of the students say No to tuition increases, but the University still raises tuition.
    ▪ Only 23% feel the University is transparent about where tuition is going.
  o Want to work with the VP Students to review procedures.
  o Work with Enrolment Services for more needs-based scholarships instead of merit-based.
  o UBC Affordability Plan.
  o $18 million over collection of tuition: we’ve been making submissions on allocation of that money to serve students better.
• OER’s (Open Education Resources):
  o Students paying a lot for textbooks and digital materials.
  o A barrier.
  o Want to have Senate create a policy to cap costs.
  o Textbook Broke campaign.
  o OER Champions Night.
  o A lot of instructors have OER’s, but students don’t know.
  o Want to work with UBC Bookstore to make sure the information is available.
• Return to In Person:
  o Unprecedented year, and the fall will be equally so.
  o Want to keep equity to the fore.
  o Want lecture capture technology.
  o Increased vaccination access.
  o Want vaccination mandated in student housing.
  o Wanted expansion of rapid testing eligibility: that goal has been accomplished.
  o Want to ensure that students who can’t get here don’t suffer.

Saad Shoaib – VP External’s Goals
Financial Aid
• Focusing on the complete removal of interest on federal student loans; it’s already being done on a temporary basis till 2023.
• Want increased operational funding for postsecondary institutions.
• Expanding the BC Access grant: a needs-based grant for grad students.

Sexual Violence Prevention
• Research on discrepancies at postsecondary institutions over their policies.
• Increased government support for Sexual Violence Protection offices.

Housing Affordability
• New funding options for student housing.
• Increased funding for non-profit student housing initiatives like UTILE.
• Tenant rights.

9. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by 10 minutes.” … No objections

Mary Gan – VP Finance Goals
Affordable mental health:
• Low barrier subsidy.
• Provider network.

AMS Treasurer Learning Hub:
• Consolidating treasurer authorizations.
• Training, workshops, etc.

Awareness and Transparency:
• Carried over for many years; still not satisfied.
• Increase awareness of AMS Funds, subsidies, opt in/out procedures, and the Health and Dental plan.
• Make the AMS Budget less confusing.

Lauren Benson – VP Administration Goals
Accessibility and Communication:
• Create fundamental understanding and involvement in the Administration portfolio.
• Brand guidelines.
• Good clear videos.
• Show our work to the student body.

Capital Improvements:
• Ensure the Nest is reflective of student interests and needs.
• Prayer and commuter spaces.
• Make sure the Nest is a safe space.

Integrated and inclusive approach to sustainability:
• Making space for conversations on this in the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
• Taking in the intersectionality of sustainability.
• More than green initiatives.
• Food security.
**Mitchell Prost – Student Services Goals**

Opportunities for growth:
- Improve recruitment, hiring, professional development for staff.
- Make onboarding process easier.

Housing Service:
- Created this past year
- Timelines and goals.

AMS Services review:
- Implementation of the review done a couple of years ago.

**Questions**

Mathew Ho:
- There is talk of expanding staff capacity, but isn’t that the opposite of what was discussed in the budget discussions?
- I thought we were cutting staff.

Cole Evans:
- We needed to add another equity position, but we reorganized so there are the same number of staff overall: maybe five hours more.

Julia Burnham:
- Can each of you state one thing in your goals that reflects the unique needs of graduate students?
- Also, is the plan to transform the Indigenous Committee into a Constituency? Is the Indigenous community in favour of this?
- The VP Administration goals include something about closed captioning for courses: is this best in that portfolio, or should it be a general Executive goal?

Eshana Bhangu:
- We need to maintain emphasis on the fact that we represent all 56,000 students.
- The GSI award is now based on enrollment (makes faculties over enroll).
- Want to work to increase funding for graduate students: just increased to $22,000, but still not enough.
- Grad students are forfeiting funding when taking parental leave; want to work with the University to arrange support for students taking parental leave.

Saad Shoaib:
- We’ve just passed an MoU with the GSS so we can continue our advocacy in a collaborative manner.
- Seeking expansion of the BC Access grant to grad students.
- Seeking expansion of grad scholarships to non-STEM disciplines.
- Have regular meetings with the GSS.

Mary Gan:
- Working on the Health and Dental plan, which is a joint AMS/GSS plan.
Lauren Benson:
- Our work is more internal, in the Nest.
- Would love to see graduate students take advantage of commuter spaces and the sensory room in the Nest.
- On the communication goal, I come from the Communications Department; I was the digital media coordinator.
  - I noticed this was lacking.
  - Maybe it’s not Admin and does relate more to my role as an Executive.
  - Happy to discuss it with my fellow Executives.

Mitchell Prost:
- Implementing the new housing service will benefit grad students.

Cole Evans:
- Grad students should be specifically mentioned in the Strategic Plan.
- Re an Indigenous Constituency, yes, we have discussed this with the Indigenous leadership; we would not have brought this forward without discussion with them.
  - The Indigenous Committee is currently vacant.
  - That’s why we’re looking at alternatives.
  - We will continue to look at this.

Max Holmes:
- The UTILE housing co-op initiative:
  - It works in Montreal and Ontario, but maybe it’s not such a great idea in Vancouver to be building off campus.
  - And should the AMS be leading this or just advocating?
- Services: Why not asking for more in the budget?
- And it’s not clear how the goals will get done.

Saad Shoaib:
- On UTILE we’re awaiting a feasibility study. Once we get the feasibility study, we will come back to Council
- As to why we’re looking to the AMS operating this instead of just advocating for it, we’re exploring a joint ownership model with all the student unions that are interested.
- The main idea is to have housing run by students for students.

Mitchell Prost:
- Re budgeting for Services and not asking for more resources, we were primarily looking at previous years.
- New growth will primarily be in the new housing service, which will mostly be run by volunteers.

Mary Gan:
- The Finance Committee is accepting feedback and budget amendments from all departments.
- We are revising the budget now.
Max Holmes:
- The new format for goals.
- I miss the detail.
- Will we see more details on how these goals will be enacted?
- Have they been mapped out?
- Do you feel the new format was a benefit?

Cole Evans:
- It was nice not to have to write ten pages of copy for the goals.
- Hopefully this format made it more accessible and understandable: going point by point.
- Hopefully more people will read them: analytics shows that most have not been.
- As to performance tracking, I-9 (the policy on goals) isn’t really set up well to do that, but as far as following up on execution of goals, are you looking for a roadmap describing the next steps or performance evaluation?

Julia Burnham:
- On the issue of whether people are reading things, documents are sometimes submitted late, and I would caution against surveillance.
- Instead of scolding, maybe take responsibility for training and orientation of Councillors.

Cole Evans:
- The point is not to surveil people.
- We talk in Orientations about collective responsibility, the Executive and Council together.
- Analytics don’t say who read the documents (only how many did).
- There could be more engagement.
- We can encourage, but we can only do so much.
- This is a systemic issue.
- The point is not to criticize.

Julia Burnham:
- I’m wondering if people are amenable to transferring the communications goal from the VP Admin to the Executive.

Lauren Benson:
- Happy to move that.

Cole Evans:
- All good with that.

10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, AMS Council approve the 2021/22 Annual Executive Goals as per Policy I-9.”

... Carried

11. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to approve the sustainability goals after the sustainability presentation.”

… No objections

_Auditorium Capital Upgrades – Cole Evans_ [SCD042-22], [SCD043-22]

**Vision:**
- Designed to be an ambitious project.
- Low risk but could have significant impact.
- To make performing and media arts more accessible to young people.
- To create a historic venue for students.

**History:**
- The Auditorium, later known as the Norm Theatre, was built in 1968 in the Old SUB.
- The only thing that’s changed over the years is that the seats were replaced in 2006.
- It’s condition has become decrepit: rotting curtains, asbestos.
- Not a lot done in 50 years.
- In 2015 when we moved to the Nest and the Old SUB became the Life Building, the theatre was closed.
- In 2018 code upgrades were begun, enough for the theatre to reopen in 2019.

**Phase 2:**
- That was the first phase of upgrades. Now the plan is for Phase 2.
- Want to create a multipurpose venue for the performing arts.
- There’s a lot of interest; we consulted students; also the Faculty of Arts.
- We need safety upgrades to hold live theatre.
- Adding stage lighting, lecture capability (could be used for academic purposes), also audio/visual investments.
- Want accessibility upgrades.
- It’s a 400-seat theatre with an old lift.
- Want to add gender-neutral washrooms and expand the lobby/foyer.

**Feasibility Study:**
- A six-month feasibility study looked at architecture, A/V, theatre.
- $45,000 spent to date; $25,000 came from the Faculty of Arts.
- The recommendation was to go forward.
• Need acoustical work because of classrooms situated above.
• Total cost estimate of $3.287 million.
• How pay for?
• We’re making a CCSF application (Canada Cultural Spaces Fund) for $1.7 million.
• UBC will pay $0.95 million.
• That leaves $650,000, and we’re hoping for an additional Arts contribution and a donor, with the rest from the AMS.

Next Steps:
• No request for money now, just a motion to demonstrate Board support in our CCSF application.
• In March we would come back and make decisions.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• You’ve given us a two-page pdf but without any details on where the AMS contribution might come from.
• And if we get funding, do we have to go forward?
• What guarantee do we have that we’ll get the full $1.7 million from the CCSF?
• With our deficit of $4.5 million, are we in a position to contribute $650,000?

Cole Evans:
• No financial implications currently.
• All we’re asking for is a show of interest, which is a requirement of the project.
• Can’t forecast the grant result. Hoping for the best.
• The only way this project works is if everything goes according to plan.
• If we get enough grant money, we can go forward.
• If not, we have to make a hard decision.
• If we did contribute, it would be from the Capital Projects Fund: it has $2.5 million in it.
• We’d spend 20% of our reserves; it would not impact fees; it would just come from our funds.
• There’s no set budget yet; we’re trying to source funding.

Max Holmes:
• Why did you not send the feasibility study to Council?

Cole Evans:
• It’s not finished yet.

12. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

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

... No objections

Julia Burnham:
• The Norm Theatre is an exciting project; it could have a lasting impact.
• In relation to the applications for funds, are there any limitations pertaining to governance or timelines that Council should be aware of?
• Are there any MoU’s on the funding promised by the University? Are they in the loop on the grant application?
• Will the renovation affect Get Thrifty? Was the feasibility report communicated to them?

Cole Evans:
• Nothing in the grant application requires us to change anything.
• There are no formal agreements in place with UBC; it’s been solely verbal.
  o I do know that there is a written document that exists.
  o Our understanding is that they are fully in support of the project.
• Get Thrifty checks in with us regularly; this will not affect the space they’ve been currently allocated.
  o What is affected is their desire to expand into the same space as this project: still have to make a determination on what will happen.

Lauren Benson:
• We’ve been working to accommodate Get Thrifty.
• We’ve come up with strategies to promote their business on social media.
• Working on giving them access to outdoor space for pop-up shops.
• Working on finding them space in the Nest.

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

From the Executive Committee
“Whereas AMS Council gave consent for the Executive to pursue capital upgrades of the AMS Auditorium,

Whereas a feasibility study with Class C estimates was completed and full-scope execution is pending funding confirmation,

Whereas it is the Executive Committee’s intention to exhaust all possible funding options before commencing work on the project,

Be it resolved that AMS Council approve in principle the continuation of work on the AMS Auditorium Renovation Project.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council express interest in the completion of the project pending the successful receipt of required additional funding.

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee provide Council with a report with the results of the CCSF application and further recommendations by March 2022.”

Charlotte Alden:
• When will the decision on Get Thrifty’s expansion be made?
Cole Evans:
- Hard to say.
- Both projects are AMS capital projects.
- This is a major AMS project from before Get Thrifty asked for an expansion.
- Get Thrifty has made a proposal; it’s not been formally approved by the AMS.
- We’re working with all parties to balance everyone’s needs, make everyone happy.

Max Holmes:
- It would be helpful for Council to see the status of Get Thrifty’s project space.
  - It’s a reputational issue when articles keep appearing in the press about delays around Great Thrifty’s request.
- What conditions will come with UBC’s involvement with the project?
  - Will they want a lecture hall?
- This used to be 100% for the AMS and students; now will UBC use the space?
- What are the strings attached? What are the effects of partnership?

Cole Evans:
- No strings attached.
- They talked of a lecture hall; it was a very preliminary conversation with the Faculty of Arts.
- It would only be used during off-time: 9 am to noon, for example.
- Obviously, if the Faculty of Arts contributes, they will want to know the benefits.

Kamil Kanji:
- What is the backup plan if we don’t get the grant?
- Abandon the project?

Cole Evans:
- There are a couple of options.
- We could reduce the scope of the project (not ideal).
- Of if it’s too expensive to continue, it could be shelved.

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

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… Carried


AMS Sustainability Priorities – Anisha Sandhu (Sustainability Projects Coordinator)
[SCD044-22], [SCD045-22]

- SEEDS projects.
- AMS Net Zero 2025 targets.
- Soapstand refill stations.
- AMS Waste Hub (recycling hard to dispose of materials).
- Interactive Sustainability Centre: still under construction; hoping to open in September.
- AMS Thingery: free “library” of things.
- Food security projects.

15. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED JASON LIAO:

“That the presentation be extended by three minutes.”

… No objections

Anisha Sandhu (continued):
- Indigenous Coordination: working towards creating an Indigenous Strategic Plan.

16. MOVED LAUREN BENSON, SECONDED MARY GAN:

“That the AMS sustainability goals be accepted as presented.”

… Carried

For (18): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Jason Liao, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Julia Burnham, Nevena Rebic, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O’Donnell, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments
K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- UBC menstrual map from Free Periods Canada: we’re supporting them.
- Working on restart plan.
- Advisory Board meeting tomorrow.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Mary Gan
- Working on budget with Finance Committee. Hope to bring to July Council.
- Helping clubs with finances.
- Authorizing treasurers.
- Health & Dental Plan.
- New RBC credit card program.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu
- Eligibility for rapid testing has been expanded.
- Seeking a mandate of at least one vaccine dose for students in residence, as has been done elsewhere.
- Creating a return to campus survey.
- Advocacy for lecture capture.
- Seeking increased funding for the UBC Meal Share program.
- Advocating the creation of a needs-based scholarship for international students rather than a hybrid merit/need one.
- Data coming in for Academic Experience Survey: creating report for next Council.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson
- Primary focus is on reopening spaces for clubs and student groups.
- By June 28 clubs will be able to return.
- Of course, we will be following Provincial Health Orders.
- Registration is open for Jump Start. Collaborating with the University.
- Researching capital projects such as prayer spaces.
- Working on Interactive Sustainability Centre: obtaining furniture, murals, the dashboard.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib
- Working with UCRU on removal of interest on federal student loans, providing Indigenous student support, and student employment.
- Working with the Affiliated colleges about post-graduate work permits.
- BC Budget 2022 consultation presentation:
  - Focusing on sexual violence.
  - Working with SASC
- Climate Action Strategic Plan: mission to partner with Indigenous groups and communities.
Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost
- Finalizing individual Service goals.
- Brainstorming hybrid service plan.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Hiring for Policy Advisor: unfortunately the person we offered it to declined.
- Started hiring for test kitchen.
- Repairs in the Great Hall and Atrium.
- Auditors started in the office today.
- Budget.
- Working with Events on Fall events, First Week.
- Planning the restart.
- Pilot phase of credit card system.

Max Holmes:
- Re the Policy Advisor:
  - It’s been a long time.
  - Why not approach the union to increase the salary?
  - Having this position vacant is a danger to the Society.

Keith Hester:
- Starting collective bargaining next month: will discuss it.
- The union wanted to wait till then, or if we wanted to raise the salary now, they wanted to raise all salaries.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu
- Mandating vaccines in residences.
- Considering mandating masks.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Talking about the agenda.
- Looking at removing the student at large from this committee.
- This is mostly a Council agenda committee, a coordinating committee, not the most stimulating committee for a student at large.

Max Holmes:
- Why does this committee not have minutes submitted?

Cole Evans:
- We’ve only met twice.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan
- Working on budget.
- Lots of groups involved.
- Working on budget amendments.
- Will bring minutes to July meeting.

**Governance Committee – Katherine Feng**
- Historical update motion coming to expand the time for the update to better reflect practice.
- Looked at attendance and remote attendance rules for Council.
- Reviewing internal policies.
- Minutes coming this meeting.

**Operations Committee – Katherine Feng**
- Only met once and has not yet approved those minutes.
- Made changes to the Sustainability Subcommittee’s ToR to reflect that there is not a funds coordinator.
- Appointed vice-chair.
- Looking at Policy Manual changes.

**HR Committee – Romina Hajizadeh**
- Narrowing down goals.
- Focusing on hiring the CEO. Job posting going up tomorrow.
- Looking to create better transitions.
- Looking at Executive salaries.

**Student Life Committee – Emily Gubski**
- Haven’t met yet.
- Time zone and work schedule issues.
- Waiting on materials from the past chair.
- No minutes to submit.

**Advisory Board – Cole Evans**
- Transition meeting in May.
- Substantive meeting tomorrow.

Max Holmes:
- No mention of the Advisory Board in the Executive goals.
- What are their goals?
- We spend money on this, but last year they didn’t provide any advice to Council.

Cole Evans:
- It’s been trial and error this past year.
- Tried a system we put in Code, but it didn’t work so well.
- We reported in March on changes we’d like to make.
- My assistant is working on Code changes.
- Hoping to increase its meeting schedule.
- Partnering with specific Executives.
- Will be bringing Code changes.
- Looking at how it reports to Council.

Max Holmes:
- It seems the focus is on how you can make the Advisory Board useful to the Executive, but ultimately Council is supposed to benefit and we aren’t really.
- This massive capital project (on the Auditorium), for instance: the Advisory Board might have advice on that and on our budget actuals being so far off projections.

17. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:
Advisory Board minutes dated May 19, 2021.”

[SCD047-22] … Carried

For (18): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Grace Lee, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Grace Li, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji, Daniel Martin

Abstained: Yang Yu

18. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED MITCHELL PROST:

“That Council take a 10 min break.”

… No objections

19. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED GEORGIA YEE:

“That Council be extended by one hour.”

… No objections

Ad Hoc Fermentation Lab Committee – Cole Evans
- No update.
- Having monthly meetings with Land & Food.

Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Lauren Benson
- Haven’t had a formal meeting since last time.
- Some smaller meetings.

Ad hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles and Ethics – Lauren Benson
- Haven’t met yet.
- Once the First Week Coordinator is hired, we will discuss.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes): Cole Evans
- No update.
0) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

**Board of Governors – Max Holmes**
- Upcoming Board meeting this Thursday.
- Mandate letter about return to campus.
- Truth and Reconciliation, Indigenous Strategic Plan.
- Integrated renewal program to replace the SSC ($284 million).
- 5-year capital plan.
- Brock Commons Phase 2.
- Recreation Centre: Board 2 approval.
- UNA Liaison Committee.
- Amendments to deans and principals appointment policy.
- Discussion on allocation of incremental tuition revenue.

Julia Burnham:
- Why is there no agenda item around the return to campus plan for the University?

Max Holmes:
- Great question.
- It was discussed at the Learning and Research Committee.
- I would support an open agenda item to discuss this at the full Board.
- The Board is very interested in the UBC Executive’s plan.
- Good to see that the AMS has submitted something on this; it will be good to hear AMS priorities at the meeting, e.g., on mandating vaccinations in residences.

**Senate – Kanika Khosla**
- No report as Senate is not meeting this summer.
- There was an issue at the Tribute Committee, but I can’t discuss it.

Eshana Bhangu
- Can you talk about what student senators are doing to push for a full-fledged audit of honorary degrees?

Kanika Khosla:
- During committee meetings, we’re going to push for ways to do this.
- No concrete plans.

**Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb**
- I asked Council for questions, and Kamil wanted to know about AMS presidents who were in conflict with UBC presidents.
- Actually we tend to collaborate with the University.
- For instance, in our biggest protest, the Great Trek of 1922, we worked with the University to get the government to provide the funding needed to build the campus.
- Recently, someone in the Ubyssey objected when the University used the name Great Trek Festival to recall the Great Trek.
• It wasn’t a festival, said the person objecting, but if you look at the accounts from the time, maybe it was.
  o At the time it was described as a parade, also a pilgrimage, and the idea was to get to the Promised Land in West Point Grey.
• Anyway, that was the AMS and the University working together, which happened again in 1962 in the “Third Trek,” also known as the “Back Mac” campaign.
  o “Mac” was UBC President John B. Macdonald, who wanted more funding for postsecondary education.
  o The students backed him on that, and our campaign led to the creation of SFU and the colleges.
• It’s true that the next year Mac increased tuition; this annoyed the AMS president (Malcolm Scott). The notion was, “We backed you, and then you did this.”
• But the next year’s president, Roger McAfee, pushed to improve relations with UBC, though in later years he developed a reputation as a bit of a militant.
• In 2012 he showed up to urge then AMS President Matt Parson to mount a protest against the University for absorbing the Alumni Association.
• A few years before that Kristin Harvey, our first Indigenous president, got in trouble with some radical students for not fighting the University over tuition.
• Then in 2004 the AMS Executive protested against tuition hikes by creating a poster in which they photoshopped then UBC President Martha Piper to look like Marie Antoinette saying “Let them eat cake.”
• In 2009 AMS President Blake Frederick annoyed UBC President Stephen Toope by issuing a press release condemning the University’s plans for an underground bus loop.
• Blake later lodged a complaint against UBC and the government at the United Nations over tuition. (But Council censured him for that.)

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

20. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:
Executive Committee minutes dated June 2, 2021.” [SCD033-22]

Max Holmes:
• I pulled these to discuss the branding guidelines that are discussed in them.
• Concerned about the emphasis in that discussion.
• We are a student union involved in advocacy, but I’m concerned that advocacy might not be getting the prominence it should.
• We are supposed to be in solidarity with other student unions on issues.
• The branding discussion at Exec seemed to suggest that the AMS is more of a lifestyle brand.
• I thought we could discuss this.
Julia Burnham:
- I echo Max.
- According to the minutes, it sounds like the idea is to become a lifestyle brand, not a service brand.
- But that does not reflect what the AMS is.
- Maybe this can be brought to Council for consultation.

Cole Evans:
- The minutes don’t accurately reflect the full content of the discussions we’ve had.
- The previous Executive was given the branding proposal in April.
- We gave feedback on the lifestyle idea.
- We said services are at our core; advocacy too.
- Those presenting the proposal were receptive to that, but then we received the same presentation as in April.
- The Executive has not yet seen a revised version of the proposed guidelines.
- Once we do, the intention is to bring them to Council.
- Partner & Hawes (the consultant working on this) and our Communications Department are very much aware of our student union roots.
- Their push was to be bolder, but what Max and Julia have just been saying is the sort of thing we’ve communicated.

Georgia Yee:
- Is there an opportunity for broader student consultation?

Cole Evans:
- Brand guidelines are more for internal use.
- Last year our Communications Department did host a panel and we did an initial consultation with 140 students: that has guided discussions.

Julia Burnham:
- If Council is not provided this information, we won’t know.
- It’s great to be kept in the loop, and I hear your commitment to that.

21. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented:
Executive Committee minutes dated June 2, 2021.”

... Carried

For (15): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Yang Yu, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Ivran Rai, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O’Donnell, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion

Abstained: Anissa Meghji
R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

22. MOVED IVRAN RAI, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD049-22]

From the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society
“That Council suspend the relevant provisions of Code Section IX A, Article 9, to allow the Kinesiology Undergraduate Society to conduct a by-election this summer without the presence of the AMS Chief Electoral Officer or the AMS Elections Committee.

Note: The relevant provisions in Article 9 are the following paragraphs in Article 9(1)(d: Training by the CEO). Also, Article 9(3), allowing appeals to the AMS Elections Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ivran Rai:
- The Code suspension will allow us to run a by-election this summer.
- We have a six-member Executive, and it’s become a bit of a strain; we need another Executive (a VP External).
- The current AMS Code says an AMS CEO has to be in place to train Constituency election officials, but there is no CEO now and we want to run our election as soon as possible.
- Our timeline is to have the election in July.

Max Holmes:
- You will still be using Simply Voting software?
- Who will train you?

Ivran Rai:
- Yes, Simply Voting.
- Training from UBC IT.

23. MOVED IVRAN RAI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
24. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB: [SCD050-22], [SCD051-22]

**From the Governance Committee**

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Katherine Feng:
- This is about remote attendance.
- Once we’re primarily meeting again in person, remote attendance will still be allowed at the discretion of the Chair.
- The remote attendees would count towards quorum.
- A benefit or this is that it makes it easier for members at large to participate.

Max Holmes:
- Some parts of this I object to.
- Non-voting members have been able to object to motions, but over the past year non-voting members have been pushed aside.
- Last year there was a proposal that they not be allowed to sit on committees.
- I’m particularly against the last three parts of the package (about digital voting); they’re another slight to non-voting members because they only allow voting members to object to holding a digital vote.
- Also, there’s no limit in the proposal on what can be done by a digital vote.
- Are we going to allow Code changes and expenditures to be decided that way?
- There should be more limitations on this.
- And 48 hours is a short time for a digital vote.

Katherine Feng:
- I don’t want non-voting members to feel pushed to the side.
- Maybe the call for an electronic vote should go to non-voting members too, so they can raise objections.
- The second point relates to the threshold in the proposal: if any one person objects, the motion has to go to a meeting.
- I do understand that we don’t want major changes to be made by email votes.
- Is 48 hours too short? What would be more appropriate? Three or four days?

Max Holmes:
- Yeah, maybe three or four days.
- Some organizations stipulate business days.
We could pass the package without paragraphs 43, 44, and 45 (about digital voting), then bring those back later.

The Speaker:
- Or it might be easier to send the whole thing back to committee.

Katherine Feng:
- I believe the next meeting might be hybrid, so we need the new rules on remote attendance.
- I think it would be good to pass the parts that don’t need an amendment.

Julia Burnham:
- There are assumptions here about the benefits of in person attendance.
- This framing of the issue is a problem for those with disability needs who may need to attend online.
- I’m hoping the Chair will enthusiastically accept everyone’s attendance online.
- This is an opportunity to think about who we welcome: e.g., someone in Burnaby who is commuting all the time.
- And Zoom could allow captioning.
- People have their own circumstances that affect whether they can attend in person.
- We have the opportunity to have a great hybrid model, though it can be difficult to moderate a hybrid meeting.

Katherine Feng:
- I’m glad we’re thinking about accessibility: students with long commutes or other needs.
- I do have faith in the Chair to identify that as a good reason to attend remotely.
- One concern at committee was over broadening remote attendance:
  - Engagement from Councillors can sometimes be quite low online.
  - They can walk away from their computer.
  - They may be less inclined to speak up.
  - That’s another concern to balance with the need to make Council more accessible.
- I’m open to amendments.

Saad Shoaib:
- I sit on Governance.
- When we discussed this, the intention was around accessibility.
- We’re leaving this to the Chair’s discretion.
- I’m sure the Chair will be understanding.
- Maybe that could be better reflected in that clause.

Max Holmes:
- I do agree that engagement over Zoom is a lot less.
- How do we put in things to keep remote attendees engaged?
- I don’t think it should be a free for all, allowing anyone who chooses to attend remotely.
- But accessibility.
- We have paid in the past for travel expenses when meetings run late.
- I do know we want to have hybrid meetings.

25. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the package be amended to remove sections 43, 44, and 45.”

Max Holmes:
- Then Governance could come back with updates on these sections that incorporate these discussions.

26. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the package be amended to remove sections 43, 44, and 45.”

… No objections

27. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

From the Governance Committee
“That Council adopt the amended version of the report from the Governance Committee, ‘Code Changes 2021: Council Attendance,’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (16): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Mary Gan, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Avery Chan, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji

S) Committee Motions:

28. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD052-22]

From the Finance Committee
“That Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 8(2) to allow the budget to be approved no later than July 21 this year.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mary Gan:
- We were seeing consistent under-spending in past years, so we took time to reflect on the budget process.
- The result is that we think it best to delay till July.
- We want to avoid projecting a huge deficit if that is not accurate.
- We want time for more consultation.
- Two or three weeks in June was not enough.
- We may want to look at appointing the Finance Committee earlier in future.

Max Holmes:
- This is a warning about previous Councils.
- If you look at the budgets closely, you will see variances of as much as 50% between what we project and what we actually spend.
- It's a failing of fiduciary duty.
- One of the most important things you need to do is attend to the budget.
- I fully support this delay as a way to look at the budget more closely.
- When the budget arrives, you may see “cuts” that aren’t really cuts; they’re just reducing line items to what we’re more likely to spend.
- Our spending in the past has been off 20-30% from what we say it will be. We need to improve on that so we can better spend our money.
- Closely read the budget.

Ivran Rai:
- Does this budget delay also apply to Constituencies?

Mary Gan:
- No that’s a separate thing.

29. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“What Council be extended by 30 minutes.”

… No objections

30. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee
“That Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 8(2) to allow the budget to be approved no later than July 21 this year.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (15): Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Nevena Rebic, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Katsy Concepcion, Anissa Meghji

Abstained: Yang Yu

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
U) Discussion Period

**Vaccination requirements on Campus**

Eshana Bhangu:
- Other universities in the States and on the East Coast are requiring at least one dose of vaccines to live in student residences – of course with exceptions.
- We feel a vaccination mandate is in the best interest of the safety of students.

Mathew Ho:
- What are the Residential Hall Association and the Residence Advisors saying?

Eshana Bhangu:
- They could not comment, but this is what we’ve heard from students, on email, Reddit, Twitter, the Advocacy Committee.
- I’m also conducting a return to campus survey, which will include this question.

Anissa Meghji:
- Can you legally make someone prove they’ve had a vaccine?
- Is there a way to enforce that?
- I don’t think employers can force employees.

Eshana Bhangu:
- Our job is to advocate for what students want.
- It will be up to UBC to figure out the logistics etc.

Kamil Kanji:
- There is concern about safety moving forward.
- We should provide clarity and as much protection as we can for students.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- Making sure people feel safe is key.
- Which vaccines would be approved?
- Would it only be Canadian approved vaccines?
- If someone got a vaccine elsewhere that’s not approved in Canada, what happens then?
- There should be no discrimination against international students or making them racialized.
- And what about religious issues?

Julia Burnham (in the Chat):
- UBC has a pretty extensive and updated policy on religious/cultural/spiritual observances re absences in class.
- That would be a framework to look to re this.
Teddy O'Donnell:
- Canada has one of the best vaccine rollouts in the world, but a lot of international students will not have vaccinations.
- They may not be able to get a vaccine in their home country.
- They will have to get it here and wait three weeks.

Eshana Bhangu:
- UBC says it will arrange for the first dose.
- I’m not slowing down my advocacy for more vaccination clinics on campus: we want increased access.
- We want international students to be able to get vaccinated on campus.

Julia Burnham:
- RA’s have to break up gatherings in residences; it would be good to have this added security of vaccination mandates.

Eshana Bhangu:
- UBC is taking a bare minimum approach.
- We need to engage students on this and make sure they are comfortable.

Max Holmes:
- There is a sense of urgency on this matter.
- It’s June 23.
- If you’re looking for a change in UBC policy, it’s not going to happen after July or August.
- Have to act quickly.
- At some universities there has been a compromise: vaccinated floors. On some floors everyone is vaccinated; on others, not.
- We can also advocate about ventilation systems and lecture halls: ask that masks be required in large lecture halls, though it may be hard for profs to communicate if they have to wear masks.
- The immunocompromised may not want to live in residence.

Eshana Bhangu:
- This is huge.
- The time is now.
- We will go hard on this.
- We’re doing an environmental scan to see what other universities are doing.

Jason Liao:
- A lot of this is about students living in residences.
- But lots of students live elsewhere and commute.
- Will there be any policy on vaccinations for those sorts of students?

Eshana Bhangu:
- The Provincial Health Office told UBC not to mandate vaccinations UBC-wide.
• The best bet is to advocate for areas UBC can control.

Jason Liao:
• Some students have concerns about returning to campus.

Eshana Bhangu:
• I absolutely agree.
• We will be launching a full-fledged campaign to encourage vaccination.

Sylvia Fernandez:
• Concerning vaccines not approved by Canada:
• Recently there was an email listing the approved vaccines.
• What about international students who got a vaccine that is not on the list?

Eshana Bhangu:
• Not sure I am equipped to answer on what vaccines will be accepted.
• But we will ensure UBC is aware of the issue.
• I’m glad you’re bringing up these concerns.
• They will be included in our advocacy.
• Mandating this would help the University as well.

31. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That Council be extended by 30 minutes.”

... No objections

Nevena Rebic:
• We have had few data points come out about the UBC campus.
• Would love to see numbers on the prevalence of cases.
• Can we get UBC to publish numbers?
• Could we also advocate for the University or the PHO to provide us with more UBC-focused data?

Eshana Bhangu:
• We can advocate.
• I have asked the University why they have not been transparent and they say the PHO won’t allow it.
• But if we’re getting specific numbers for BC, we can for UBC.

Julia Burnham:
• There’s a danger of xenophobia and racism around vaccines, depending on the policy adopted.

Eshana Bhangu:
• Xenophobia is real; people may draw conclusions based on others’ skin colour.
That’s why we need to make sure the policy says everyone in residence must be vaccinated.

Mathew Ho:
- It’s important to look at what other universities are doing.
- Keep in mind, UBC’s population in residences is one of the biggest.
- What about RA’s working on vaccinated or unvaccinated floors?
- What are the logistics on quarantine housing?

Eshana Bhangu:
- We will go in prepared and not let students down
- Our job is to advocate for this.
- Let’s not let UBC put the burden of logistics on the student union.
- UBC Housing is huge. UBC is huge.
- They have a $3 billion budget.
- There’s lots in place.
- All that’s needed is the will to act.

Executive Conduct

32. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI, THIRDED MATHEW HO:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 11:41 pm.
The meeting left the in camera session at 12:02 am.

U) Submissions:

V) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: July 21, 2021

W) Adjournment:

33. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... No objections

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 am.

X) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Elif Kayali, (Ubyssey), 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.

2. 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.”

… 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 Shoab, 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

“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

"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)

• Revenue from student fees, business, investments, and government wage subsidies.
• Assumptions:
  o 55,000 students enrolled.
  o Pit reopening in January, maybe earlier.
  o SUDS occurring in October.
  o Block Party.
  o COVID restrictions lifted in September.
  o Subsidies ending.
  o Projecting positive contribution from businesses.
• Changes:
  o Included comments.
  o Increased Events budget.
  o Putting more into Student Services.
  o 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:
  o This year the focus is on COVID recovery, multi-day conferences with hybrid capability.
  o 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.
  o Why are they not opening in September?

For Executive staff appreciation, now we’re being told that some of that is for permanent staff.
  o If so, it should go in the HR budget.
  o I thought it was for student staff.
  o 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.
  o We need a plan for this.
  o The Executive was $100,000 to $200,000 off what they predicted.
  o This is also true for the Services and the businesses.
  o We need to get better numbers.
  o The University requires that there be no more than 1 or 2% variance in their budget.
  o 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:
    o I did just learn that the committee is somewhat active after all.
    o They are responsible for allocating from the Indigenous Student Fund.
  • About clubs and catering:
    o Clubs are required to use AMS Catering while in our building.
    o 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, posterering.
  - 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)**

- 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– Ubyssey:
• 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:
  o Talked to the Advisory Board about it.
  o Touched base with the Executive and Keith.
• Indigenous engagement:
  o 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.
  o 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 Shoaib
- 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 Shoaib:
- 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 Shoaib:
- 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 Shoaib:
• 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
- 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 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.”

… 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.
Romi 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:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Peter Jiang (Ubyssey), 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 25th 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 25th 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

- 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 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 Hajizadeh** [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 seem 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

- 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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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... 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

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:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Michael White (UBC Campus & Community Planning), Joanne Proft (UBC Campus & Community Planning), Madeleine Zammar (UBC Campus & Community Planning), Erin Co (AMS External Office), Mimi Neufeld (Policy Advisor), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 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 EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

   … 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, GSS, VST

Goodbyes: Jackson Schumacher (GSS), Daniel Martin (VST)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- There’s been a question about Robert’s Rules and making Council as accessible as possible.
- You don’t need to worry about procedural conventions: that’s why Sheldon and I are here.
- If you have something to say, just raise your hand or placard.
- What really counts is that everyone gets to speak.
- Sheldon did a presentation in which he boiled Robert’s Rules down to five points:
o Wait your turn.
o Don’t interrupt.
o Don’t speak unless recognized by the Chair.
o Stay on topic.
o Speak no more than twice on any item.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

Executive Committee minutes dated July 28, 2021 [SCD117-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 4, 2021 [SCD118-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 11, 2021 [SCD119-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated July 27, 2021 [SCD120-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated August 3, 2021 [SCD121-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated August 10, 2021 [SCD122-22]
HR Committee minutes dated July 9, 2021 [SCD123-22]
HR Committee minutes dated July 27, 2021 [SCD124-22]
HR Committee minutes dated August 6, 2021 [SCD125-22]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated August 16th, 2021 [SCD126-22]
Advisory Board minutes dated July 19th, 2021 [SCD127-22]
Steering Committee minutes dated July 28th, 2021 [SCD128-22]
Operations Committee minutes dated August 9, 2021 [SCD129-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated August 11, 2021 [SCD130-22]

From the HR Committee [SCD131-22]
That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, Council adjust the job
description of the Chief Electoral Officer to reflect the following for the 2021/22 year only:
From September 1st, 2021 to October 12th, 2021, working 5 hours per week instead of 15.

From the Ad Hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement
That Max Holmes be appointed Chair and Karen Liu be appointed Vice-Chair of the Ad
Hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement.

From the HR Committee [SCD132-22], [SCD133-22], [SCD134-22]
Whereas the current working hours of the Campaigns and Community Engagement
Commissioner are fifteen (15) hours per week,

Whereas the current job title is Campaigns and Community Engagement Commissioner,
Be it resolved that Council on the recommendation of the HR Committee increase the amount of work hours for the Campaigns and Community Engagement Commissioner to twenty (20) hours per week at a Tier 2 level and consequently the job title be changed to Associate Vice-President, Campaigns and Community Engagement until the end of their work term.

... Carried

For (15): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Kamil Kanji, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Julia Burnham, Nevena Rebic, Gabrielle Matheson, Emily Gubski, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeborne, Avery Chan

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

From the Executive Committee [SCD135-22]
That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the new agreement with Simply Voting as presented.

From the Finance Committee [SCD136-22], [SCD137-22]
That the revised AMS Budget be accepted as presented.

Note: Amendments are limited to the Student Union Development Summit (SUDS) section in the VP External portfolio.

From the Governance Committee [SCD138-22], [SCD139-22], [SCD140-22]
That Council on the recommendation of the Governance Committee amend Policy I-21 on committee appointments and also amend the Code definition of Student at Large, as presented.”

... Carried

For (11): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Kamil Kanji, Jasneet Bal, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Gabrielle Matheson, Emily Gubski, Emily Masse, Avery Chan

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

Campus Vision 2050 – Michael White, Joanne Proft, and Madeleine Zammar (UBC Campus & Community Planning) [SCD141-22]

Michael White:

- Happy to be here; we should come more often; feel free to invite us back.
- UBC land use policy has not been revisited in a decade.
- This is a chance to engage with the community and the Musqueam.
- There are different conditions now: climate action, etc.
Joanne Proft:
- Deep engagement with the Musqueam is crucial.
- A UBC-Musqueam engagement agreement is underway right now.
- UBC is one of the bigger employers in the region.
- There are about 80,000 people on campus during the day.
- A complex mix of interests: academic units, student housing and childcare, supporting the University Neighbourhoods Association.
- The main policy is the Land Use Plan, laying out the types of areas on campus: academic, green academic, neighbourhood housing, other types of housing.
- Leasing land is a way to raise money to support the mission of the University.
- Will need to get provincial approval.
- This is a long-term, 30-year vision.
- Beginning as a hinterland campus on the edge of Vancouver, UBC became a single use commuter campus and now has become a sustainable, transit-oriented community.
- Gathering and trying to express the collective aspirations of the community.
- Engaging deeply with the Musqueam as well as with the campus community.
- Responding to critical imperatives: affordability and climate change.
- Launching in 2022.
- Over the past ten years the campus has grown a ton.
- The old plan didn’t anticipate this much growth.
- Aligning with UBC’s strategic priorities, including rapid transit.
- Now doing informal outreach.
- Will then go to Board of Governors.

4. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED GABRIELLE MATHESON:

“That time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

**Campus Vision 2050 (continued)**
Madeleine Zammar:
- Want to encourage collaboration, especially to include the voices of those not part of the past processes.
- Seeking broader representation, especially from marginalized and under-represented groups.
- Developing forms of engagement:
  - Pop-up events, open houses.
- Trying to be inclusive and to capture diverse audiences.
- Taking into account climate and COVID.
- Next steps:
  - Focus groups to inform the terms of reference to be presented to the Board.
  - Several AMS members are involved.
  - Aiming for a draft ToR in November.
Questions

Mathew Ho:
- How will this work in conjunction with things students are pushing for, such as the SkyTrain to UBC?

Michael White:
- There’s an important relationship.
- We’ve been working on rapid transit for three years.
- Looking for firmer commitments on SkyTrain.
- The processes are being integrated.
- There’s a relation to housing.
- We’re trying to create a complete community, integrating as best we can.

Julia Burnham:
- How have you been guided by the rights of Indigenous people?

Michael White:
- We are going through an engagement process with the Musqueam.
- A much deeper engagement with the Musqueam.
- Also working with the province.

Sylvia Fernandez:
- Will the Musqueam have a seat at the table?

Michael White:
- This is really important.
- The Musqueam are not a stakeholder, but the host nation.
- We are co-creating with them.
- We’ve never done that before.

5. MOVED LAUREN BENSON, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That time for questions be extended by five minutes.”

… No objections

Lauren Benson:
- How will this connect to climate action?

Joanne Proft:
- Climate action is on everybody’s mind.
- We definitely want to develop more compactly, preserving open space.
- We want to hear from the community.

Max Holmes:
- Moving beyond SkyTrain, what are the priorities for commuting to campus?
- How will you make the campus more bike-friendly and less reliant on cars?
Michael White:
- We have a transportation plan that’s also due for an update.
- I agree there’s more than SkyTrain: there’s pedestrians, cycling.
- Want to move to accommodate scooters and bikes.

Joanne Proft:
- Hoping to leverage SkyTrain to help provide additional biking facilities in tandem with rapid transit.

Eshana Bhangu:
- In engaging with the Musqueam, will they have to give their consent to any proposals?

Michael White:
- We are co-developing with the Musqueam.
- This is the first time asking them what works best for them.

Get Out the Vote – Erin Co (VP External Office) [SCD142-22], [SCD143-22]

The Speaker recused himself because he is working for Elections Canada. Eshana Bhangu took the chair.

Erin Co:
- The election is September 20.
- We are partnering with UCRU.
- We will be using personalized merchandise to promote student voting.
- Two events:
  - Vancouver Quadra candidates debate in the Lev Bukhman Lounge in the Nest, September 8, 7-9 pm.
    - Three candidates have confirmed.
    - Will be livestreamed as well.
    - Chill night.
    - Livestreamed.
    - Refreshments.
- Online tagline “Vote now and change your future.”
- Posters, brochures, lawn signs.
- Social media, video.
- Encouraging students to vote and telling them when and where.
- Indoor boothing near the Honour Roll.
- Outdoor boothing outside the Nest.
- Hoping to get lots of traffic.
- Important to vote as students.
Questions
Mathew Ho:
  • Also useful to mention issues that might be important, or is that not appropriate?
  • The advocacy side of things.

Saad Shoaib:
  • Going to compile issues.
  • Obviously non-partisan. We don’t sway a single way.
  • We’ll highlight issues that concern students.

Max Holmes:
  • Why so much money on a video?

Erin Co:
  • One of the highest levels of engagement we got in the provincial election was for the video we did.
  • We’re paying for a professional production and doing two videos.

Mathew Ho:
  • Is Elections Canada going to put a polling place on campus, and is the AMS going to take action to make sure there is?

Saad Shoaib:
  • We’re trying our best.
  • Elections Canada is not deploying the vote on campus program this year, which is very disappointing.
  • Currently in discussions. Hopefully have an answer soon.
  • Waiting for Elections Canada.

Nathan Bawaan:
  • If Elections Canada doesn’t change their position, what will you do?

Saad Shoaib:
  • Going to consider alternative options, e.g., mail-in ballots and special voting.
  • Elections Canada is going to have to place a polling station somewhere in this riding. If it’s not in the Nest, we’ll have to evaluate what to do.
  • We expected Elections Canada to be cooperative with us.
  • It’s really disappointing to see the lack of electoral engagement with students and youth.

6. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED MARY GAN:

"That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve spending up to $10,000 from the Federal Election Reserve Fund for the Get Out the Vote Campaign in the upcoming federal election."
Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: The balance in the fund is approx. $29,500

... Carried

For (21): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Joey Yang, Adenike Adelakun, Julia Burnham, Nevena Rebic, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sylvia Fernandez, Emily Gubski, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeborne, Avery Chan

The chair returned to the Speaker.

I) Consultation Period

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans:
- Lots of announcements from the province about a vaccine card system, a mask mandate, and postsecondary guidance.
- Also the University will be requiring vaccinations for those living in student housing.
- This was a big win for the AMS, and it was Eshana who did most of the heavy lifting on this.
- The AMS played a leading role; our media strategy was a highly effective media blitz.
  - We got way more media attention than I can remember on any other single issue.
  - Eshana took lots of interviews.
  - We had a photoshoot with the Georgia Straight.
- We’ve kept our mask mandate in place.
- Also talking about vaccine requirements.
- And we have tons of masks to give out, donated to us by Tentree.
- Federal election: I will co-moderate the Quadra debate.
- Equity Plan coming to the next Council meeting.
- Still figuring out how to tackle the Strategic Plan.

Emily Gubski:
- How will the donated masks be distributed?

Cole Evans:
- I’ll let Lauren answer that in her remarks.
Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

**VP Finance – Mary Gan**
- Looking for a new accounting system.
- Club repayments.
- Making funds more accessible.
- Health and Dental projects.
- Hiring staff.
- Opt-ins.
- Health and Dental subsidies and change of coverage period open.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu** [SCD144-22]
- Successful concerning the new vaccination requirement in residences.
- Thanks to Council for engaging in discussions.
- Cole really helped, and my team members.
- Overdose issue: getting fentanyl test strips; Naloxone.
- Supporting international students who can’t get here.
- Advocacy for recorded lectures and for rapid testing and vaccinations on campus.

Questions

Mathew Ho:
- Can anything be done besides lecture recording for those who can’t get back to campus?

Eshana Bhangu:
- Heard from a lot of students.
- It’s too late to add a substantial number of online courses at this time.
- UBC is making sure every student is supported.

Max Holmes:
- On the drug poisoning crisis, what is the AMS doing beyond Naloxone kits?
- Naloxone is great, but ideally we want to avoid people overdosing.
- What are we doing to arrange drug testing to make sure drugs are not laced?

Eshana Bhangu:
- We asked the University for a drug testing site.
- The University said it’s not feasible by September.
- Met an external organization, but they said they don’t have the capacity.
- Trying to get fentanyl strips.

Cole Evans:
- It’s pretty close to the start of the school year.
- The University is receptive, but there’s a capacity issue.
- Our approach has been to get fentanyl test strips.
- We can distribute 200-500 strips.
- There’s also an educational piece; need to show people how to use them.
• This is a short-term solution.
• Long term need to work with the University, and maybe the University can partner with another organization.
  o The University has labs.
  o Regulatory hoops.

Julia Burnham:
• Based on the most recent update, students will not have to be vaccinated, but faculty and staff will.
• Has the AMS considered legal avenues? The SLFS?

Eshana Bhangu:
• Definitely an avenue we can explore.
• I’m frustrated by the wishy-washiness and contradictory nature of the PHO and UBC response.
• This is a governance crisis.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson
• Final stages of preparing the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
• Clubs Days booting opportunities open: catering to a variety of comfort levels.
• Pleasantly surprised by the donation of 27,000 masks by Tentree:
  o For distribution, reached out to Constituencies, added them to First Week kits, will hand out at Clubs Days.
• Clubs recovery benefit.
• Working with clubs to prepare for the coming year.
• Clubs & Societies Working Group has almost completed its review of new club applications.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• Are the masks cloth?
• Are we distributing the appropriate masks?

Lauren Benson:
• They are cloth masks.
• You can layer them with medical masks.
• They come in multiple sizes.
• I believe they’re cotton.

Julia Burnham:
• There’s been confusing guidance about clubs and vaccinations.
• Has UBC reached out? The province?

Lauren Benson:
• I have not heard from the province or UBC.
• Definitely going to enforce proof of vaccination for events: cards at events.
- Random checks by Conferences and Catering.
- A strike system to ensure clubs are following rules.

Mathew Ho:
- Might we face legal action over requiring vaccinations?

Cole Evans:
- Considering that this is coming from the province, I don’t think we’re very much exposed to legal action: it’s the law.
- I don’t see us being at legal risk.

**VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib**
- Federal election.
  - Elections Canada will not be deploying a special balloting station on campuses.
  - Students will not be able to vote in their home ridings from afar.
  - We’re putting a lot of media pressure on Elections Canada.
  - Interview with CBC.
- BC budget consultation submission with ABCS and UVic student society.
- U-Pass exemptions announced.
- U-Pass subsidy applications up.
- Harm reduction campaign: in discussions about getting the right resources to reduce overdoses.
  - Doing greater advocacy on the issue.

_The Speaker passed the chair to Cole Evans._

**Questions**

Max Holmes:
- On the drug poisoning issue, this is a public health issue.
- The AMS has been advocating on COVID vaccines and masks, pulling out every stop.
- With the drug crisis, there’s a greater chance of students dying.
- What is the AMS doing?
- Not a lot publicly.
- Why not pull out all the stops on this?

Saad Shoaib:
- We are actively lobbying the province and will continue to do that.
- Going to make sure our voice is loud.
- Media pressure is something we can explore.

Cole Evans:
- The test strips will be a good opportunity for publicity.
Max Holmes:
- The AMS has known about the drug issue as long as COVID.
- What has already been done about it in public?
- Two possible tactics are private conversations and going public.
- What have we done over the summer?

Saad Shoaib:
- We absolutely will be applying pressure.
- You’re right: this is urgent.
- In the short term, we will be working on every solution we can.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost
- Final preparations for the return of the Services.
- Hiring tutors, volunteers.
- Finalizing agreements.
- Food Bank is returning to the grocery store model.
- Peer Support will be available virtually in September; in person in October.
- Safewalk: walking and driving in September.
- Housing hosting its first session September 8.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- On the drug poisoning crisis:
  - We used to have Vice, then combined it into Peer Support.
  - What are we doing that’s new about this?

Mitchell Prost:
- We are offering a cannabis harm reduction workshop, a substances workshop, a psychedelics workshop on dangers.
- Naloxone training.
- Education outreach.
- Safer substance use workshop.
- Exact events not set yet; planning beginning now.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Given the announcements from the province, we have been trying to put together an operational plan.
- Finalizing the audit.
- Quarterly report with Mary.
- Working with Saad on housing.
- We have a new Policy Advisor, Mimi Neufeld.
- Hiring for other positions for the return in September.
Questions
Max Holmes:
- We’ve had large discrepancies between projections and actuals in past years.
- Have we brought this up with the auditors?

Keith Hester:
- They do compare to the budget and do ask why there’s a variance.
- Individual department managers generally answer those questions.

M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu [SCD145-22]
- Monthly report done.
- Working on goals.
- Input on enhancing teaching and learning.
- OER.
- Non-profit housing.
- Drug testing: fentanyl strips, Naloxone.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Now that there’s a Policy Advisor, will something be done about the External Policy Manual?
- It’s been gathering dust.

Eshana Bhangu:
- We will be doing something.

Mimi Neufeld:
- Reviewing AMS External and Internal Policies.
- Discussing with committees and Executives.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Agenda setting.
- Loving the new Steering Committee and its new purpose in life.
- Waiting to receive committee goals.
- Committee appointments will be going out: please fill out the nomination forms.
- Next Council meeting will have new rules: we’ll be in person, not hybrid; Councillors cannot attend virtually unless they have a reason.
- Ask me if you need to attend virtually; we’ll be flexible.
- Meetings will be every second Wednesday starting September 15.
- We get so much more enjoyment in person than on Zoom.
- There will be food: come for dinner.
Finance Committee – Mary Gan
- Finalized goals.
- Standardized the budget review.
- Long term and short term loans.
- Reviewing Sustainability Projects Fund applications.

Governance Committee – Ray Hua for Katherine Feng
- Policy on committee appointments.

Operations Committee – Ray Hua for Katherine Feng
- New club applications.
- Deconstituting old clubs.
- COVID recovery grant for clubs.
- Committee goals.

HR Committee – Romina Hajizadeh
- Changes to CEO hours.
- VP External commissioner changes.
- Committee goals.
- Submitted minutes.
- Transition reports.

Student Life Committee – Emily Gubski
- Services presentation.
- Re-evaluation of committee membership.
- Goals.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
- Discussed Fermentation Lab.
- Code changes going well. With Governance.
  - They look more substantial than they are.
- New monthly meetings improve engagement.
- Helpful to bounce ideas off them, getting new ideas from professionals outside the organization.
- If anyone has issues they want discussed by the Advisory Board, let me know. If you want to attend, let me know.

Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Lauren Benson
- Has not met.
- Will meet in September.

Ad hoc Committee on AMS principles and Ethics – Lauren Benson
- Couldn’t coordinate a meeting. Looking at finding a time.

Ad hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement – Max Holmes
- I just became chair.
- We’ve done nothing.
- The committee is far too big.
- Will be proposing some elimination.
- Will meet in the first or second week of September.
- Will look at the Terms of Reference.
- Will need to revisit timeline.
- Could the HR Committee please figure out my pay?

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes): Cole Evans
- Just looking to schedule monthly meetings starting in September.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes, Georgia Yee
Max Holmes:
- Return to Campus Guidelines.
  - I’d like to thank the community members on the Board who helped to get this discussed.
  - Also the Faculty Association, administrative staff, and the AMS (especially Eshana and Cole).
  - Personally I think the PHO hasn’t gone far enough.
  - Prioritizing attendance by anti-vaxxers was a big mistake.
  - One basic question not answered: can the University bring in its own policies?
  - I don’t describe the situation as a win.
  - There are major access issues.
  - Vaccinations are not required for classrooms.
  - There’s a governance crisis; it’s frustrating.

Eshana Bhangu:
- We appreciate the work of the elected governors.
- What makes you think it’s acceptable for the Board of Governors to bow down to the province and not protect University autonomy?
- What are the student governors doing?

Max Holmes:
- We don’t support the current situation.
- However, decisions were made.
- Ultimately, it’s the obligation of the Board and the President to make decisions in the best interests of the students.
- I’ve been in constant communication with my colleagues.
- It’s disappointing that a lot has been behind closed doors.
- We’re applying pressure.
- The Faculty Association sent a letter that has some very clear questions that need to be answered.
Julia Burnham:
- Can you explain collegial governance?

Max Holmes:
- There are unique elements to University governance.
- A majority of members of the Board are not elected; only 8 out of 21 are.
- There are shared powers: all academic authority is with the Senate; property is with the Board of Governors.
- Universities can only act if they understand where communities are.
- Academic freedom is another issue.
- Collegial governance is recognizing that universities are not corporations.

Georgia Yee:
- The University’s first mission is to be a scholarly community.
- Also to promote public health.
- Autonomy is an issue.
- We need transparency.
- Phenomenal to have all this community input and advocacy; I am grateful to Cole and Eshana.

Saad Shoaiib:
- What discussions has the Board been having on the drug crisis?

Max Holmes:
- Been bringing it up with the responsible Executives to get information.
- Has there been an open Board discussion on this? No.

Senate – Eshana Bhangu
- No update.
- Can expect more when Senate resumes meeting.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Last time I talked of Indigenous presence on campus, and showed you Frank Calder, who may have been the first Indigenous student at UBC and who went on to a distinguished career in politics.
- Then I showed you another early Indigenous student, Alfred Scow, long after his student days when he was receiving the AMS Great Trekker Award for his distinguished career.
- Then I showed Alfred Scow’s father, Chief William Scow, attending a 1948 UBC Homecoming football game at which he gave us permission to use the name Thunderbird and also presented us with a totem pole.
- Beside him in the 1948 picture is someone in an impressive mask, and I was asked about it.
- I couldn’t find out too much about the mask itself, but I can now tell you who was wearing it. I dug up an old copy of the Ubyssey, and they had another shot of the
ceremony with a caption that says that the person wearing the mask was – Alfred Scow, the very same Alfred Scow I showed you in a 1995 picture when he was 68. In the mask picture, taken in 1948, he was 21 – so it’s no wonder we couldn’t recognize him.

- I want to go back to the Ubyssey photo for a moment to point out someone else in the photo. In between Chief Scow, holding the Indigenous talking stick, and his son Alfred in the mask is Patsy Jordan, that year’s Homecoming Princess.
- I mention her because she went on to become the mother of Joanne Pickford, the AMS Admin Assistant who is usually at these Council meetings taking notes. Joanne couldn’t be here tonight, so she sent her mother instead.
- But my real topic tonight, at the request of the Speaker, is a history of the AMS Archives.
- I had one of my assistants poke around, and she didn’t find much in our early years, except a statement in one of our old constitutions saying that the Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining AMS records.
- You might think that by Secretary was meant someone like Joanne, our Admin Assistant, but no, the Secretary in the 1933 was roughly equivalent to today’s VP Academic & University Affairs, who in fact according to our bylaws is still responsible for maintaining AMS records, which tells you more about how our bylaws need updating than about how the records are maintained today.
- But in 1933 I’m willing to believe it really was the Secretary. There was no Archivist then, and no Communications Manager or Events Manager either. In those days AMS work was mostly done by Council members, so there’d be a PR Officer elected from among the Councillors and a Coordinator of Activities a few years later who was an elected member of the AMS Executive.
- We couldn’t find many records about the records from the early days, about how they were kept, where they were kept, etc. But they were kept somewhere because we have Council minutes and documents going back to 1921.
- The first records about the records we could find was an exchange of correspondence between the University Archives and the AMS General Manager, Brian Robinson, in 1972, in which the University invited the AMS to store its “inactive and dead records” with them, because the University could care for them professionally and maintain continuity.
- We did indeed send our old records to the University in 1972, and they stayed there till we moved to the Nest in 2015.
- But there still was no AMS Archivist. That had to wait until 1983 when Council was told: “The AMS requires a usable system of long term storage and retrieval of information. Committees … would benefit from having available information on old projects, the solutions to repeating problems, and the reasons why other solutions were rejected. The absence of such an archive has resulted in the loss of various documents already. The business of the Society has become too complex for relevant information to be passed from old to new Executives by word of mouth.”
- And so we hired an archivist, Iolanda Weisz, who was actually just supposed to set things up over the summer. Not sure who was going to run things after that – but she ended up staying for six years, until 1989, at which point she was replaced by Bruce Armstrong.
• Bruce’s story is interesting. When Cole was re-elected, you may have heard that he was only the second president elected to consecutive terms, the first being Bill Dobie in 1993-94 and 1994-95. 
• This is true, but before that there was Bruce, who was elected twice – but not consecutively. He was president in 1978, fell ill, resigned, was away for a year, and then returned as president again in 1980. 
• Then in 1989 he became our Archivist – promoted, I like to say. 
• He remained till 1994, then left just after hiring me as his assistant, and I’ve been Archivist since 1995.

Questions
Cole Evans:
• Can we see a picture of Sheldon in the 90’s?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• I’ll see if I can dig one up.

Mathew Ho:
• Have you thought of digitizing all the old records?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• This has been proposed in the past, but it would costs hundreds of thousands of dollars or lots of labour time. 
• Also the results might not be worth it; there is a lot of trivial material in the files. About meeting times etc.

Max Holmes:
• How long would it take your assistants to scan everything?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• We did look into this. 
• I don’t have the information in front of me, but it would take a great many hours.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

Council went in camera at 8:45 pm. 
Council came out of camera at 9:05 pm.

7. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON: [SCD146-22]

"That Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve the new lease agreement as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:  [SCD147-22], [SCD148-22]

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee the amendments to Policy I-7A be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:
- The amendments we’ve brought forward are out of date now that the PHO has issued new orders.
- In a way we don’t need the policy because it’s law.
- But there may be parts we want.
- We can discuss this, then table it, and maybe do an email vote on it.

Ray Hua:
- I have a question about how the AMS is interpreting the PHO order.
- How does it apply to club meetings?

Cole Evans:
- My view is that opening a club room would not be an event.
- What’s meant is large meetings, weddings.
- If just opening a room, like a workplace, with six people, say, then you wouldn’t need everyone in that meeting to be vaccinated.

Mathew Ho:
- Are there still going to be capacity limits?

Cole Evans:
- Everything we do will still be in line with Provincial Health guidelines.
- We’re still in Step 3.
- Indoor events are limited to 50 people.

Max Holmes:
- Will the AMS go further than what the PHO says?
- It could be possible to require vaccination to access rooms even if the PHO doesn’t require it.

Cole Evans:
- The proposed amendments will require monthly reviews at Council, so we can discuss this further.
- A lot depends on different areas of the Nest.
• There are some challenges, since we’re a semi-public building.
• It could be if cases go up that we require vaccination for the whole building.
• Some parts of the proposed amendments (about vaccination) are redundant, given the latest announcement.

Emily Gubski:
• Since we offer food, will we make it clear when people can take their masks off?

Cole Evans:
• Last year we didn’t need that.
• We’ll probably do the same as then: passive approach, signs up saying wear a mask, but probably no patrols.
• Mask policy has not changed.
• We’ve seen relatively good compliance.

Julia Burnham:
• Glad we’re going to bring this back every month.
• Wonder about the proposed exemption for people suffering from a professionally diagnosed trauma or phobia-related needs.
• We may be exposing them to greater risk by saying this.

Cole Evans:
• The language was included for clarity.
• But there are no exemptions now because the province is not allowing any.

Max Holmes:
• How are we going to let people know when they should be wearing a mask?

Cole Evans:
• We will go back to our Communications team.

Keith Hester:
• Our Health and Safety Committee will have ambassadors going around the building to tell people to wear masks.

Cole Evans:
• I was mistaken about that.

Mathew Ho:
• What about social distancing?

Cole Evans:
• We will follow provincial guidance.

Mitchell Prost:
• Will we be making mask announcements over the PA system?
Keith Hester:
- Messaging is being re-recorded.

Julia Burnham:
- Will we have an email vote as soon as we hear from the province?

Cole Evans:
- The plan is to send the basic language to an email vote: adding something about aggressive action leading to expulsion from the building.
- Otherwise we’re just following the PHO.

Emily Gubski:
- Still a lot of uncertainty about when to wear masks.

Ray Hua:
- It’s ridiculous to not have vaccination rules for club rooms.
- It’s logically unsound.

9. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the motion to amend Policy I-7A be tabled.”

… No objections

10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee the amendments to Policy I-7A be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Tabled

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

U) Discussion Period

Bylaw Changes at the AGM

Cole Evans:
- Not currently planning any bylaw changes.
- Last year we made changes to the bylaws at the AGM.
- Are there any minor changes we want to make now?
There are some issues, like the duties of the Executives, which are out of date, as Sheldon suggested in his history update.

My team is also exploring the possibility of creating an Indigenous Constituency: that would require a bylaw change.

Planning a similarly run AGM to last time, on Zoom. Probably with prizes.

Julia Burnham:

- Perhaps the AGM could debate advocacy motions, condemning something, addressing the University or the province.

Max Holmes:

- Last year I was pretty hard against this (using the AGM to pass Bylaw changes).
  - I’m against it this year too.
  - I think using the AGM goes against democratic involvement.
  - There’s a higher quorum at a referendum.
  - It’s harder to oppose something at an AGM; you can’t get money to campaign as with a referendum.
  - It’s an advantage to the AMS, using an AGM: an easy way to pass Bylaws.
  - Significant things should go to referendum.
  - There’s a time limit at an AGM and not the same level of scrutiny.
  - But AGM’s can be great for advocacy issues; let’s pivot to that.
- Paying people to do democratic engagement, even through prizes, is unethical; it seems sketchy.
  - Last year it was really clear a lot of people were there for the prizes.
  - That’s not the way to change governance structures.
  - And maybe we should look at the corporations whose gift cards we give out.

Cole Evans:

- I love the idea of doing issues.
- Could do minor Bylaw changes.
- As to prizes, when SFU had an AGM, they had both topical changes and a bylaw change and they also incentivized attendance through prizes.
- I agree we should focus on organic engagement.
- But AGM’s can be dull: financial statements, appointing auditors, receiving reports.
- Last year we did see a good number of people who had never engaged with the AMS before.
- Maybe they came for the prizes, but they showed interest when they were there.

Emily Gubski:

- It’s unfortunate if we have to incentivize, but if that’s what we have to do, that’s what we have to do.
- We should look at which issues will engage the students.
- What can we do to make it more interesting, useful, accessible?
Julia:
- We have two new years of students this year.
- Let's not give up hope.
- We had good success with turnout last year.
- Can build off the great stuff we've been doing on vaccines and masks this year.

Max Holmes:
- The previous AGM that reached quorum did so without incentives.
- It was the issues that brought people out.
- If you incentivize, you imply it's boring.
- Students are interested in lots of advocacy issues.
- Lean into that rather than governance.

Cole Evans:
- I love the idea of doing issues.
- Could do minor Bylaw changes.

Fermentation Lab Project and Brewery Referendum

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

“That Council be extended by 30 minutes.”

... Carried

For (8): Julia Burnham, Cole Evans, Emily Gubski, Mathew Ho, Grace Lee, Emily Masse, Nevena Rebic, Saad Shoaiab,

Against (1): Eshana Bhangu

Council moved in camera at 10:02 pm.
Council moved out of camera at 10:40 pm.

V) Submissions:

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: September 15, 2021

X) Adjournment:

12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Nicolas Romualdi (GSS), James Cabangon (AVP External), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm with Cole Evans in the chair. This was the first meeting in person since March 2020.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:
• The AMS is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the hən̓ q̓ əmin̓ əm̓ -speaking Musqueam people.
• It is important that those of us in power work to advance the principles of reconciliation.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Cole Evans:
• I made some changes to the brewery referendum motion. There is new wording.

At the request of Max Holmes, the new wording was read out.

Eshana Bhangu:
• I would like to add a discussion on Textbook Broke.

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: Cole Quist (Architecture), Sophie Penniman (Library-Archival), Noah Collins (Regent), Shadia Qubti (VST), Sajede Zaki (Social Work)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, Education, Engineering, GSS x 2
Goodbyes: Anissa Meghji (Social Work)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Chair:
- This is our first meeting in person.
- Key difference: to get my attention, raise your placard.
- You have a microphone to speak into.
- You should have your masks on at all times except when eating, drinking, or speaking.

Max Holmes:
- Why when speaking?

The Chair:
- For accessibility reasons.
- If people want to keep masks on to speak, that’s fine.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

3. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

Executive Committee minutes dated August 25, 2021 [SCD149-22]
Operations Committee minutes dated August 30, 2021 [SCD150-22]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated August 20, 2021 [SCD151-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated August 18, 2021 [SCD152-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated August 17, 2021 [SCD153-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated August 27, 2021 [SCD154-22]

From the Executive Committee
That Council set the date of the 2021 Annual General Meeting as October 28, 2021 at 6 pm.

... Carried

For (24): Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sophie Penniman, Emily Gubski, Emily Masse, Grace Li, Kiera Vandeboorne, Noah Collins, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Katsy Concepcion, Shadia Qubti
4. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

From the HR Committee
That Council restore the original working hours/terms of the Chief Electoral Officer’s employment contract, from 5 hours per week to 15 hours per week from the dates of September 1 to October 12.

From the Finance Committee
That a $5,000 increase be approved for the Academic Projects budget line under the VP Academic and University Affairs portfolio.

Katherine Feng:
- Why the budget increase?

Eshana Bhangu:
- To enhance engagement in the Textbook Broke campaign.
- To reimburse some textbook costs.
- Also printing posters.

5. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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... Carried

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

Strategic Plan Development – Cole Evans, Nicolas Romualdi
Cole Evans:
- We’ve talked a little in the past about this.
- It’s been worked on for two decades really, but never really executed.
• It’s important as a tool to guide us.
• I’ve worked with the Executive on how to do this.
• We think we have a way, and a person to do it.

Nicolas Romualdi:
• A strategic plan is a management tool that supports the organization and helps it achieve its purpose.
• It’s like chess:
  o You have a strategy, a long-term vision.
  o You also make short-term moves, conduct your day-to-day operations.
• For the AMS the vision is the mission of the organization; strategic planning should not get involved in everyday minutiae.
• I understand the AMS would like a strategic plan before the end of this Council cycle.
• This has been tried before in recent years, but not ratified.
• Need to do things differently this time.
• There’s been a failure to understand how unique the AMS is.
• It’s the largest student society in Canada (maybe the world), and runs lots of different operations:
  o advocacy
  o business
  o services
  o a multimillion dollar building
  o managing a complex network of stakeholders
• First thing to do is to review the objective and the scope, before jumping to the next steps.
• There can be a feeling of urgency to proceed, but it’s good to wait and examine our mission etc.
• We may need more than one approach, different for services, advocacy, business.
• It’s important to have a unified vision for the Society, but still be flexible in how to translate the vision for different parts.
• Will gather data, draft, review ...  
• It will be an iterative process, a feedback loop.
• Then approve.
• The key to success is understanding the unique context.
  o Have to be careful about benchmarks, because others are not like us.
• Need to have an engaged, open, and constructive process at every stage.

Cole Evans:
• We saw three possible approaches:
  1. Do it internally.
  2. Hire an external consultant or company (something done frequently elsewhere, e.g., at UBCO).
  3. An in-between approach of hiring additional capacity, a student employee, especially grad-level students.
• Option 1:
  o We don’t have the capacity.
  o It would take longer, and if we don’t complete, it might get lost in transition.
That’s happened in the past.

- Option 2:
  - External companies don’t necessarily understand student unions, the turnover, the different stakeholders, the different aspects of the AMS.
  - Also expensive.

- Option 3:
  - Looked at this.
  - What if we found a student with experience in strategic planning?
  - That led us to Nicolas, who was at the GSS and did strategic planning there.
  - The fit was natural.

- Next step:
  - The Finance Committee for budget approval.
  - Then approval at Council.
  - Takes money to do a plan.
  - Altogether perhaps 30 weeks.
  - A March completion date.

- This is high level today; we didn’t discuss how consultation will work.

Questions
Shadia Qubti:
- Are you trying to do each of the branches of the AMS separately?

Nicolas Romualdi:
- Yes and no.
- It depends on which areas.
- For Services, a one-year plan may be a good fit.
- But for advocacy a plan like that would not be a good idea.

Kamil Kanji:
- We should have had a strategic plan a long time ago.
- Do we know why the last plan failed?
- And will there be Council oversight? A committee?

Cole Evans:
- We haven’t conducted a real post-mortem on the old plans.
- But I know a lot of work took place.
- We tried to do it internally, through the President’s office, and we lacked capacity.
- Then there was turnover, and it got dropped.
- Revived every few years.
- About Council involvement: we haven’t finalized that yet.
- Is Council interested in an ad hoc committee on that?
- We want to update Council regularly.

Mathew Ho:
- This strategic plan topic feels like déjà vu.
- One recurrent issue is: will a plan hinder future Councils or Executives?
- It could inhibit what future students might want.
Cole Evans:

- This is a question that frequently comes up.
- A plan is a tool more than a direction.
- It wouldn’t be a specific goal to create a new service.
- It’s more the vision, and for senior management.
- It can help with setting goals.
- A strategic plan makes it easier to present a collective unified approach.

6. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED SANJANA BEDI:

“That the question period be extended by 10 minutes.”

... No objections

Max Holmes:

- I’ve seen a couple of different attempts fail, not so much because we did them in house as because we started them too late in the year.
- Or later Execs don’t want to follow them.
- Is this the one big project Council wants to dedicate itself to?
- It’s an investment of dollars, hours, engagement.
- Is this the one thing you want to get done?
- Also, how did we come up with the March deadline?
  - That would be the fastest we’ve seen.
- And how will it continue after you leave?
- Is the Society going to continue this afterwards?
- But Nicolas would be a great consultant.

Nicolas Romualdi:

- No strategic plan is going to correct bad or erratic leadership, but it can help future iterations of Council.

Cole Evans:

- As to how it will live on, that’s something to look into, part of the process.
- There’s a strong base of senior leadership that will continue.
- It will be up to them as much or more than the Board.
- I’ve heard Keith say year after year that this is necessary.

Noah Collins:

- I appreciate using the plan as a tool.
- How do we keep it agile?
- Does the plan enable future Councils to streamline their work or is it just bureaucratic red tape?
- It could make it more difficult to move things through.

Nicolas Romualdi:

- What it comes down to is not the plan but the process.
- It should not be prescriptive.
• It should not prevent a manager from doing something.
• It should help staff make decisions.

Julia Burnham:
• Nicolas would be great for this.
• If this can cement the historical goal of the AMS as a union rather than a lifestyle brand, that's good.
• I'm worried about pick-up.
• We can't just silo this to an ad hoc committee.
• It's a massive project.
• Needs a serious conversation.
• Can we get this done?
• Is this going to be our priority?
• Can we get this done in time?

7. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That time for the question period be extended by 10 minutes.”

… Withdrawn

There was talk of adding a Discussion Period topic on this at the end of the meeting.

8. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the agenda be amended to add a discussion on this now.”

… No objections

U) Discussion Period

Strategic Plan
Emily Gubski:
• This needs a lot of thought.
• It doesn’t have to be binding.
• This is a great opportunity to work on what our mission is, to let future Executives understand.
• It doesn’t need to be massive; it doesn’t have to be the only project we work on.
• I think it’s a great idea to have something strategic plan-like.
• A lot can be done with this.
• It can be flexible.

Nicolas Romualdi:
• Let’s make a plan that is useful.
• It doesn’t have to be perfect.
• It will be a stepping stone.
• The second time round will be way easier.
Eshana Bhangu:
- UBC has a strategic plan.
- It would be useful to be able to point to something like that when in discussions.
- Theirs has a section on transformative education and innovation.
- It’s helpful to be able to relate to core values.
- An AMS strategic plan would really be values and principles.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- A strategic plan would help morale and engagement.

Katherine Feng:
- How would this help the staff?

Nicolas Romualdi:
- You should be expecting consultation and frequent presentations.
- How this helps:
  - With external advocacy.
  - There are self-isolation costs.
  - No way anyone could have foreseen what happened this past year (with COVID), but what could be foreseen is the need for a federal and provincial lobbying presence.
  - A strategic plan would support leadership whatever issue comes up.

Keith Hester:
- Every year I go through goal-setting with managers and staff.
- Would like their goals to be in line with the Society’s goals.
- That would be facilitated by having a strategic plan.
- It’s useful to know what the Society is focused on.

Gabrielle Matheson:
- I’m in favour of this.
- The opposition is on the question of buy-in, the work, the will.
- And we seem agreed that we have the right person.
- This would help Councillors coming in.
- It would be a framework to refer to.
- I don’t know what else would trump this.

Jason Liao:
- I support the idea of a strategic plan.
- Councillors have to deal with the ambiguity of their role, so it might be helpful to have some sort of strategic plan to tie oneself to.

Cole Quist:
- This is my first meeting; I’m a new Councillor.
- I’m surprised there isn’t a strategic plan already.
Sanjana Bedi:
  • As a new Council member, I think this is a good idea.

Georgia Yee:
  • Welcome to all the new Councillors.
  • There’s a need to bridge knowledge gaps for Councillors, student government staff, etc.
  • People run to be an AMS representative, but may not know what’s in the scope of what can be done.
  • This would be a very important document to pass on to the next generation of Councillors.
  • How often are we going to update the plan?
  • Every four or five years?
  • We need to pay attention to accountability and continuity.

Max Holmes:
  • It definitely seems the vast majority of Council are in favour of a strategic plan, but we need to get on the same page.
  • There are lots of different ideas about what Councillors want from it.
  • We haven’t analyzed the past attempts.
  • Are we looking for a vision? For targets with accountability to align goals with?
  • As one who’s seen the problems in the past, I think you’re on the path to make the same mistakes.
  • You need to figure out what you want the plan to do.
  • Senior management is asking for a plan, and it’s useful to have a vision, but perhaps the business side needs its own plan.
  • Trying to amalgamate everything into one plan, which is how the University does it, isn’t as helpful as you might think.

Shadia Qubti:
  • We have a mission statement and a constitution listing 11 objectives.
  • Is this going to be about implementing a vision statement?
  • A strategic plan needs to be time-framed and measurable, or it loses its value.
  • A document to articulate a vision is good, but is this the right time for that? During COVID?
  • Does this serve current student needs?

Nicolas Romualdi:
  • I see the plan as a road map; that’s part of it.
  • But separate from that, there are different visions of the plan.
  • The first step would be to establish what this plan will actually do.
  • What kind of plan do we want?

Cole Evans:
  • To answer the question about doing this now, since we won’t be doing it internally we won’t have regular staff doing this, so we won’t come into conflict with the other work we need to do.
Kamil Kanji:
- It’s irresponsible not to have a plan.
- We do need to have a conversation about what we want this to look like.
- Maybe Nicolas should have some discussions and bring something forward.
- From the financial end, I have a lot of concern about expenditures.

Mathew Ho:
- What happens after this year? That’s my concern.
- It reminds me of the External Policy Manual: everyone wanted to update it, but it’s been gathering dust for years in the absence of a Policy Advisor.
- What happens if there’s no Nicolas after this year?

Cole Evans:
- That’s a big conversation: where does this live?
  - Who is the envoy of the Strategic Plan?
  - The Executive Committee?
  - Will there be regular updates to Council?
  - Will goals be based on that?
  - Or should there be a committee?
  - The Managing Director?
- The Academic Experience Survey happens every year: how do we ensure that?
- But it’s okay if we can’t answer right now: it would be putting the cart before the horse if we had an answer.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- A bigger concern than all this is that students don’t know what the AMS is.

Gabrielle Matheson:
- Not being unified at this stage should not be a barrier.

Emily Gubski:
- A lot of us are pro some form of strategic plan.
- Lots of things have to be ironed out.
- We could vote on the motion to have some sort of plan.

Max Holmes:
- Great conversation. Amazing.
- This is the sort of discussion we will need to have going forward.
- And we should have similar discussions on Executive goals.

Cole Evans:
- The magic of in person Council.

Eshana Bhangu:
- I strongly support exploring the mistakes made in the past.
Keanna Yu:
- Who would we select as the best group of people to identify past mistakes and correct them?

Cole Evans:
- We have an Archivist.
- For next Council we should look do a post-mortem on what happened in the past.

Nicolas Romualdi:
- It’s not just what went wrong, but also the positives.

Emily Reid:
- It’s important to look at past failures.

**Microbrewery Project/Fermentation Lab**

Cole Evans:
- The motion accompanying this is to not pursue the referendum of 2014 to collect a student fee for a microbrewery.
- The history of this goes back to 2010 or late 2009, when there was a conversation about including a brewery in the new SUB (i.e., the Nest).
- That was scrapped, and later the focus turned towards a site on UBC Farm.
- That was in 2012-13, but then the plan of using money from our Capital Projects Fund was ruled out of order because that fund could only be used for projects in the SUB.
- A committee was then established that was meant to lead to a referendum to create a fee specifically for the brewery.
- However, when the committee brought the proposal to Council in January 2014, Council voted against the idea.
- The committee chair then went rogue and got it put on the ballot anyway, by gathering the 1,000 signatures needed for a referendum initiated by students at large.
- The referendum passed, and a new committee was formed.
- There was some progress in 2015, but it was slow.
- In 2017 a new committee was formed. Its chair, Jakob Gattinger, did a lot of work.
- In 2018-19 there was a name change to Fermentation Lab:
  - UBC didn’t like “brewery” in the name.
  - The idea was to be less of a commercial enterprise and to give the project a more academic focus.
- The farm site was looked at for five years.
- There were concerns about land use, and there were ongoing conversations with the Musqueam.
- A decision was made to move the site to East Mall, near the parkade.
- Lately we’ve done a projection showing this is not great for the AMS or students who will have to pay the fee.
- Under the new proposal the AMS will get 800 square feet at the back.
• The 2014 referendum set the student fee at $2.50 for the first two years rising to $5 and then $7 plus CPI.
• The project contribution by the AMS would be $1 million to $1.5 million.
• The fee has not yet gone into effect; it does not do so until a financial agreement is signed.
• This year we looked into the finances.
• We could get 25% profit, but we’re a non-profit, so we would have to set up a subsidiary or work with a partner.
• The result would make only $8,000 to $32,000 a year for us.
• You can see what we’re thinking: We’re collecting a million dollars in fees and getting back only $8,000 or $32,000.
• Not a big payoff, especially since the original vision is gone. It’s just manufacturing now.
• That’s why we’re thinking it’s not best to pursue this project.
• Sent a letter to the Land & Food faculty explaining why we’re not going forward.
• It’s disappointing; we never like to pull out of a project.
• Our legal counsel says we’re never technically bound by a referendum question.
  o If there’s a conflict with the best interests of the organization, we’re not bound.
• There’s a lot of risk in pursuing this.
• Ultimately the fiduciary duty rests with our board of directors, the voting members of Council.
• My belief is that this is not in our interest.
• If we pass the motion tonight, our involvement will be done.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• On the point that the AMS is a non-profit and thus can’t take profits:
  o How does that work with our businesses bringing in revenue and making a contribution to us?
  o How is that different??
  o And why take such a profit-based view?
  o We don’t do that with the Nest, the Engineers’ building, the new Arts building.
  o Why is this a profit project?
• On the actual motion, why is that necessary if the referendum doesn't bind us?
• What, if any, public consultation was done on this?
  o This was passed in a referendum.
  o Was there any engagement with our members?

Keith Hester:
• Our businesses exist to support our student services, and any surplus goes to the Endowment Fund.
• This is an outside brewery.
• The only way it can work is as an investment that would risk us losing our non-profit status.
Max Holmes:
- I don’t see why it can’t operate like our businesses.
- Why not structure this the same way?

Keith Hester:
- This would not be owned by the Society.
- The University will own it.

Max Holmes:
- Then why did we do a profit analysis?

Cole Evans:
- There was a profit focus from the start.
  - It was always about the business case for it.
- As for consultation, no, we did not do widespread consultation.
- I would not feel comfortable asking the students to tell us this is a complete waste of money.
- I’d rather take a leadership role.
- In its current form this project does not provide a benefit that justifies the student fee, especially since the vision has changed so much.
- We’ll be saving students money.

Noah Collins:
- Has this happened before? Deciding a referendum is not in the best interests of the students?
- Does this set a precedent?
- I’m worried.
- Why even have a referendum if at the whim of Council it can be disregarded?

Cole Evans:
- Maybe it sets a precedent.
- If a referendum passed to abolish all student fees, as the board of directors I think we’d say no.

9. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED MARY GAN: [SCD158-22], [SCD159-22]

From the President
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Whereas it is the opinion of AMS Council that the Project, in all forms, is no longer able to be executed in the best interests of the Society and its membership.

Whereas the Society does not intend to sign a financing agreement to facilitate the construction of the Project.

Whereas not pursuing the Project will save the Society’s membership at least $1 million in student fees over a period of five (5) years.

Whereas as per Bylaw 5(1) all powers concerning the management, administration, control of property, revenue, and business affairs of the Society are vested in the Council subject to the Bylaws.

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Be it resolved that the AMS Student Council direct the Society not to levy a new student fee to finance the construction of the Project and to pursue no further action on the issue.

Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Fermentation Lab be dissolved."

Emily Reid:
- A lot of time has passed since the 2014 referendum.
- It would be irresponsible to implement it now.
- The most responsible thing to do is to have another referendum.

Emily Gubski:
- There was discussion about this last Council as well.
- The project has morphed.
- I was originally on the side of listening to the referendum, but I’ve changed my mind.
- There’s not going to be a brew pub; this is just to build a lab for UBC.

Julia Burnham:
- I have concerns about the precedent of Council voting to overturn a referendum.
- Council already voted down this project in 2013 before the referendum.
- We have to do this by the book.
- I would like us not to decide this at Council.
- We have strong arguments we can make in a new referendum.
- We should go to another referendum.

Saad Shoaib:
- We should consult, but it will be tough to explain all this.
- I don’t think this project is what students want.
- Is this a smart way to spend students’ money?
- I’d vote in favour of this motion.
Max Holmes:
- Are we going to apply this principle to other referendums?
- Are we going to vote on the recreation building fee that passed in a referendum a few years back?
- A precedent is being set.
- In 2014 Council said no and students overruled Council.
- Nobody's seen discussion on this; there's been no engagement; this is not transparent.
- There's no cost to us bringing a referendum.
- If we want to get rid of the 2014 referendum result, go to referendum in the election cycle, or even pass a motion at the AGM.
- My concern is that Council is giving itself the power to overturn referendums.
- I would never put myself in the position of saying we're not going to follow a fee referendum even if I didn't like the fee.

Cole Evans:
- This motion does not reject or overturn the referendum.
- This motion is saying not to pursue this project.
- Theoretically, we could have Council three years from now overturn this motion.
- The original question said there's no fee till we sign a financing agreement, so if the AMS says we're not going to sign, there's no fee.
- You could go to referendum to overturn it altogether.
- My view is that it's important to show leadership.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- I do think the most important thing is to be transparent.
- I'm not sure most students want to pay for a brewery.

Mathew Ho:
- Even if the intention of the motion is just to indefinitely suspend this project, and even if this motion could be reversed, the optics are problematic.
- It sets a bad precedent.
- Could we add something to say we will discuss this further, have some student engagement, perhaps at the AGM?

Cole Evans:
- I personally would not be comfortable leaving the door open to the brewery project.

Grace Lee:
- Perhaps this is something of a technicality, but isn't dissolving the committee the same as going against the referendum.
- The Sauder fee is similar; it came from a referendum before my time, but we can't stop it halfway.
- It's a grey area making a call like this without consulting students.
- On fee consultation, students get upset when not listened to.
- We need to trust the students.
• If you present all the facts to them, shouldn’t they be able to reach the same conclusion?
• Council is trying to act in the students’ best interests.
• Do some consultation; give the students a voice.

Georgia Yee:
• The arguments are clear for not proceeding with the project.
• Students will understand them.
• Perhaps there can be an alternative motion to take this to the AGM.
• The lack of public engagement on this poses a risk.
• All previous discussions on this have been in camera.
• This looks like we’re disregarding the right of students to bring a referendum.

Avery Chan:
• You sent a letter to LFS (the Faculty of Land & Food Systems) on this: what was their response?
• Are they enthusiastic for this project?

Cole Evans:
• They have a big interest in this project.
• It’s 80% theirs now.
• They’re disappointed that we’re not going to be involved.
• They did understand our concerns.

Ivran Rai:
• If we pass this motion, future Councils could pick the project up again?
• But if we dissolve the committee, what are the chances that Council in the future will remember?

Cole Evans:
• Just because we kill this committee doesn’t mean the question can’t be brought back.
• Even if this committee continues, there will be nothing for it to do.
• Or it could try to start the project up again in a different way.
• But we’ve already pulled out of the most realistic way to do it by withdrawing from the agreement with LFS.
• The only other way would be for us to do it ourselves.

Kamil Kanji:
• If we go to referendum, how would the question be worded?

Cole Evans:
• Something like: Do you support the overturning of the 2014 referendum?
• That would eliminate the ability of the AMS to raise a levy.
• The point is we don’t have to do that to stop pursuing the referendum.
• There are other referendums we don’t follow, old referendums.
• It’s a grey area.
• The ability to levy a fee would still exist, but it wouldn’t be happening.

Eshana Bhangu:
• The issue is the spirit and the essence of what is being proposed.
• Even if the motion is not technically overturning the referendum, it seems as if it is.
• Referendum questions are not super hard to do, and we encourage our members to raise issues.

Julia Burnham:
• We haven’t even had a public conversation on this.
• It’s semantics to say we’re not actually overturning the referendum.
• But I wouldn’t recommend going to the AGM.
• This should go to referendum.
• We’ll need a referendum coordinator to work on this.
• We could endorse a No position; we take positions all the time in referendums.
• I would like us not to do this through a Council motion.

Shadia Qubti:
• How many referenda are in this position?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• We have carried through on most of our referendum questions.
• One time we overturned a referendum question by means of another referendum question.
• We have been told by our lawyers that Council has a fiduciary responsibility to the AMS enabling it to not follow a referendum if it would not be in the interests of the AMS, but Council has never voted to do that before.

Cole Evans:
• The bylaws say we must “act” on a successful referendum question.
• But we do have a fiduciary duty to the organization.
• If a question creates the risk of damage to the AMS, it is our responsibility to not act on it.

Max Holmes:
• The legal opinion on this should be made public.
• Referendum questions are stronger than a Council motion.
• What are the interests of the Society? What is a risk?
• I don’t think this project rises to the level of risk.
• The Get Thrifty referendum a while ago is one I didn’t support, but it passed.
  • If Council had said the Get Thrifty project shouldn’t go ahead, that would have been wrong.

10. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That this motion be referred back to the Executive and Finance Committees.”
Shadia Qubti:
• What will these committees do?
• Will they re-evaluate the risks?

Max Holmes:
• These committees will take up what we said and report back.
• No deadline.

11. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

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… No objections

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… Referred to committee
I) Consultation Period

*Mandatory Vaccinations Update*  
[SCD160-22]

Cole Evans
- The businesses have been preparing for the introduction of the proof of vaccination passport.
- I didn’t send out an email vote on amending Policy I-7A because the guidance from the province is enough:
  - There’s no need to touch the policy.

Katherine Feng:
- The AMS has been advocating to UBC for a vaccine mandate.
- Will the AMS introduce a mandate for its own employees?

Cole Evans:
- No. The AMS has received legal advice saying we’re not in a position to require vaccinations.
- And since everybody on campus is being required to be vaccinated, it seemed redundant.

Emily Gubski:
- How are we enforcing vaccine mandates at the Nest?

Keith Hester:
- Checking vaccine passports at the door for this meeting.
- We are doing this at our sit-down Gallery; it’s not necessary on the buffet side.
- We will do it at the Pit when it opens.
- We will do it for events and activities, including physical activities like the dance club.

Sajedeh Zaki:
- UBC is asking people to declare whether they’re vaccinated, but they don’t ask for proof.
- How is that helpful?

Eshana Bhangu:
- The University did not have the resources to collect proof at this stage, but everyone will soon be asked to upload proof.

Julia Burnham:
- I think it’s a misunderstanding to say all AMS staff are covered by the UBC mandate.
- The AMS is separate.
- Who does the UBC mandate cover?
- And I am confused over the legal advice saying we should not pursue this; other workplaces are doing it.
Cole Evans:
- Originally UBC was going to extend the mandate to all those working on campus and to visitors.
- But the current mandate does not do that.
- We'll have to explore.
- I don’t have the legal opinion in front of me, but I think it said we could potentially do this, but we would have to include accommodation for the non-vaccinated.

Keith Hester:
- We could mandate our employees to get vaccinated.
- Others have done that, but it might be illegal, a human rights violation, and we could be sued.

Cole Evans:
- I think the conversation was whether someone would have grounds to file a lawsuit or lodge a human rights complaint: that's the context.
- It's a grey area.
- We have seen banks requiring vaccinations, but our legal advisors are saying maybe the AMS should not be the one to take the lead.

Max Holmes:
- Perhaps this legal opinion dates to before the latest Provincial Order; it may need to be looked at again.
- If it’s illegal, why are we advocating that the University do it?
- If we’re advocating for that, then it should apply to the AMS.
- Why wouldn’t the AMS want to put the mandate in place?
- And just because someone can bring a human rights complaint doesn’t mean there’s validity to it.

Eshana Bhangu:
- A hundred percent our goal is to make the AMS safe and make everyone coming into the Nest safe.
- We will take all this into consideration and report back with an update.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- As far as the vaccine mandates go, what vaccines do we mean?
- International students may have received vaccines not approved here.

Cole Evans:
- We have to follow the Provincial Health Order.
- It requires vaccine cards based on approved vaccines.
- We can’t dictate what vaccines are appropriate.

Emily Reid:
- It would be helpful if the AMS could release a statement saying this.
Cole Evans:
- It’s government policy, not AMS policy.
- That would be the message.
- Apologies if that hasn’t been communicated clearly to Constituencies and Clubs.

Keanna Yu:
- I come from a province that does not issue cards.

Emily Gubski:
- You can get a temporary health number and with that get a card.

Noah Collins:
- There should be consistency between our advocacy and what we do.
- We need to put out communication saying we support vaccination.

Cole Evans:
- All our student staff are vaccinated.
- One gap potentially is in our permanent staff.

Eshana Bhangu:
- We have been making strong recommendations to our staff to get vaccinated.

Max Holmes:
- I thought any WHO-approved vaccine was acceptable.
  - That’s what the BC CDC says, and I think UBC is following that as well.
- It would be great to get an answer about the permanent staff.
- We need to look at the student staff as well.
- UBC has a soft vaccination mandate:
  - You either get vaccinated or undergo rapid testing.
- That’s disconnected from AMS advocacy for a hard vaccination mandate.

Katherine Feng:
- If the AMS wants to have its staff vaccinated, the AMS should take a leading role and not wait on UBC.
- Also, how does this apply to clubs?
- What support is the AMS giving clubs on checking vaccine status?
- How will we keep our clubs up to date?

Cole Evans:
- A bulletin has been sent to clubs.
- We are also sending out a newsletter on vaccination requirements.

Katherine Feng:
- Is there someone designated to keep the clubs up to date?
- Is there someone for the clubs to contact?
Grace Lee:
- Could this be done with Constituencies as well?
- We have questions about our beer gardens.
- The PHO seems ambiguous.

Cole Evans:
- I’d refer you to the VP Administration.

Emily Gubski:
- With the guidelines changing it can be hard to stay up to date.
- It would be helpful to have a point person.

J) Appointments

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans
- Planning the AGM.
- Working on policies.
- Committee nominations have been delayed: people did not fill out the form.
  - Sending out a vote tomorrow; hope to wrap it up by the weekend.
- The Equity Plan will come next time.
- I’m giving a presentation to the Board of Governors next week.

Questions
Julia Burnham:
- There have been recent news reports about fraternity parties breaking the COVID rules.
- What is the AMS’s relationship with the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC)?
- They’re planning to do recruitment in the Nest.

Cole Evans:
- We have no formal relationship with the IFC.
  - We deconstituted them as a club.
  - They are a third party.
- We’ve been disappointed with what we’ve seen coming out of that community.
- We’ve informed the IFC we will not be hosting a booking in the Nest for their Bids Day (recruitment).
- We told them we didn’t feel confident they would be able to abide by safety rules.

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Mary Gan
- Competed Q1.
- Transitioning new clubs.
- Hiring.
- Supporting clubs and Constituencies with their financial issues.
• Square reader.
• Increasing the Health & Dental subsidy via the Health & Dental Committee.
• Looking at funds and fees to see if there are any that can be reduced.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu**
- My first ever in person Council meeting.
- Rapid testing at IKB was broken – it will be up by tomorrow.
- Advocating for symptomatic rapid testing on campus and for a vaccine clinic on campus.
- Pushing against removal of the question “Do you want tuition increased?” from UBC’s consultation.
- Working to ensure support for international students who can’t get back here.
- Parking issues.
- Textbook Broke campaign, hopefully outside the bookstore, to raise awareness about textbook costs.

**Questions**

Mathew Ho:
- Any work on pushing for course accommodation if someone catches COVID?
- Will lectures still be accessible?
- Will UBC be flexible?

Eshana Bhangu:
- We are 100% pushing for recorded lectures, and not just for international students.
- We have data indicating the need.

Shadia Qubti:
- What about international students who need to self-isolate?

Eshana Bhangu:
- There is a quarantine bursary. Working to make sure there is funding for it.
- A lot of students are making use of it.
- There is space in Walter Gage and elsewhere for quarantining.

Shadia Qubti:
- Is this available to Affiliate members?

Eshana Bhangu:
- Yes, I believe so.

**VP Administration – Lauren Benson (via Cole Evans)**
- Sorry I cannot be at Council.
- Final stages of preparing for Clubs Days:
  - Outdoor, indoor, virtual.
  - Catering to a variety of comfort levels.
- Clubs newsletter.
• Newsletter on PHO orders.

**VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib**

- Get Out The Vote Campaign:
  - Please vote.
  - Getting positive engagement from students.
  - Thousands of pieces of information given out.
  - All events were successful.
- Lobbying through UCRU:
  - Successful in getting things added to both the Liberal and NDP platforms on student loan interest, debt, and mental health.
- Working on the BC budget submission:
  - Asking for funding for Indigenous programs, sexual violence prevention, mental health.
- Meeting TransLink about a Compass card vending machine in the Nest.

**Questions**

**Mathew Ho:**

- Re compass cards in the Nest: Is this an effort by the AMS alone, or are other student unions doing it too?

**Saad Shoaib:**

- Not sure if other student unions are discussing this.
- TransLink has come to us about it.

**Georgia Yee:**

- Can you update us about the lack of polling stations on campuses?

**Saad Shoaib:**

- Elections Canada has committed to having them in future elections.
- We were super disappointed over what happened this time.

**Noah Collins:**

- What is happening on the issue of work permits for international students at the theological colleges?

**Saad Shoaib:**

- We are meeting with the province’s David Eby next week.

**Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost**

- Peer Support opened this week:
  - One on one support sessions.
  - Naloxone training program
- Partnering with Colour Connected.
- New Safewalk vehicle are ready to be used.
- New housing service had a soft launch this week.
• Food Bank:
  o Working to get new freezer.
  o Returning to grocery store model.
• AMS Services tote bags.
• Tutoring training.
• Assistant Student Services Manager: found a candidate.

13. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“Be it resolved that the committee updates be skipped at this meeting, while keeping in the BoG and Senate reports.

Be it further resolved that Council be extended until 11:10.”

Katherine Feng:
• I’m in opposition because not all committees made their written reports.
• It’s valuable to get updates, especially since these are the last reports from the old chairs.

14. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

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... Carried

For (9): Eshana Bhangu, Emily Gubski, Noah Collins, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Grace Lee, Joey Yang, Emily Masse, Ivran Rai

Against (6): Emily Reid, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Katherine Feng, Sanjana Bedi, Romina Hajizadeh

Abstained: Shadia Qubti, Mathew Ho, Gabrielle Matheson, Sajedeh Zaki

L) Executive Remarks (continued):

Managing Director – Keith Hester
• Working on vaccination evidence process.
• Q1 report.
• Compass card vending machine.
• The Senior HR Manager has resigned.
• Audited financials are back.
• Most of our businesses have opened.
• Services did booting at the Affiliate Colleges.
M) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Council moved to skip oral committee reports, but the following written reports were received:

Finance Committee – Mary Gan [SCD163-22]
Governance Committee – Katherine Feng [SCD164-22]
Operations Committee – Katherine Feng [SCD165-22]
HR Committee – Romina Hajizadeh [SCD166-22]

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

- No report

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes, Georgia Yee

Max Holmes:
- Board materials are available.
- Committees met last week: lots discussed, including:
  - Recombining the Sustainable Futures Pool into the Main Endowment.
  - Brock Commons housing project.
  - Allocation of incremental tuition increase revenue.

Georgia Yee:
- The Indigenous Engagement Committee received an update on the Indigenous Strategic Plan.
- There were discussions of the lessons learned about teaching in a pandemic.
- Campus security review.

Max Holmes:
- Full board will hear presentations from the AMS, the GSS, and the UBCO Student Union on their priorities.
- The full Board will discuss the return to campus and vaccination.

Questions
Eshana Bhangu:
- Why are there no student chairs of Board committees?
  - And no student on the Board’s Executive Committee.
- We sent a letter to the Board about transparency and closed agendas.
- Also about interference by the province.
Max Holmes:
- Re committee membership and appointments:
  - Student governors sent in preferences.
  - The Board chair decides.
  - It’s disappointing that there are no students on the Executive and that no students were appointed to be chairs.
  - Would be happy to see a change in the rules to add students.
- There have been transparency issues:
  - Glad to see that there will be an open agenda discussion on the return to campus.
  - In general, the policy on what is discussed in closed session and what in open needs to be addressed.

Julia Burnham:
- Will the meeting be online or in person?

Max Holmes:
- Over the summer meetings were online.
- For the future the Board decided that full board meetings will be in person.
- Committee meetings will remain online because Board members are all over the province and there are dual campuses; the idea is to aim for sustainability, to cut down on flying.

Senate – Eshana Bhangu (for Keanna Yu)
- Had an extraordinary meeting at which a motion was passed urging that all students, faculty, and staff be vaccinated.
  - But it’s not mandatory; this is not within the Senate’s jurisdiction.
- A motion to extend flexibility in offering classes (so they can be online and off) until October 22 to accommodate international students failed.
  - The Deans were in opposition.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- Why did Senate not meet as much over the summer to discuss Return to Campus?
- Why didn’t the Student Senate Caucus press for this?

Eshana Bhangu:
- It was decided that this was not in the Senate’s jurisdiction.
- Also, the thought was that the Senate had met a lot during the year.
- I personally disagreed.

Julia Burnham:
- It was decided that Senate staff needed vacations.
- SACADI (the committee on diversity and inclusion) had to pause.
- Senate will be meeting next week.
Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
- No update.

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

15. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED MARY GAN: [SCD167-22]

From the Executive Committee
“That Council approve an increase in the federal Get Out the Vote campaign budget from $10,000 to $12,000.”

Note: This motion will allow for an additional $2,000 to be withdrawn from the Federal Elections Reserve, which has a balance of approximately $20,000.

Saad Shoaib:
- We undershot what we needed.
- Didn’t realize there would be so many students on campus.
- The money comes from the federal elections reserve fund, which has $20,000 in it and can only be spent on federal elections.

Max Holmes:
- Since the balance is going down and there could be another election, can you let us know what the annual contribution is to this fund?

Saad Shoaib:
- $5,000.

16. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED MARY GAN:

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... Carried

For (11): Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Julian Burnham, Emily Gubski, Emily Masse, Katherine Feng

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
U) Discussion Period

Topics for the AGM

Cole Evans:
- The BC Societies Act requires us to hold an annual general meeting to approve our audited financial statement and our auditor’s annual report; also to appoint auditors.
- There is an opportunity to do other things, like amending the bylaws, but I don’t think any bylaw amendments are planned this year.
- There could be a motion to advocate against tuition increases.
- We’re looking for things to do.
- We would like to try to reach quorum again so we can do things beyond the required financial motions.

Emily Gubski:
- The main thing is to make the meeting accessible; make it possible for students to take part.

Max Holmes:
- As we mentioned last time, advocacy-related motions might be a good idea.
- The Advocacy Committee could discuss.
- We want low barrier items:
  - Bylaw changes and finances are not as accessible as tuition increases, etc.

Katherine Feng:
- Will the AGM be virtual?

Cole Evans:
- Yes, I think even after the pandemic we should continue to hold our AGM’s virtually.
- We can get more attendance that way; people can attend from home.

Julia Burnham:
- Why is it at 6 pm?

Cole Evans:
- We used that time last year.
- We’re trying to reach people when they’re not in class.

Textbook Broke

Eshana Bhangu:
- I’ll withdraw this discussion topic.
17. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That Council invoke Code Section II, Article 14 to allow Councillors to take taxis home and be reimbursed.”

Romina Hajizadeh:
- Like many, I am scared of transit at night.
- I’m a woman.
- I want to advocate for my fellow Councillors so they all get home safe; this is not just for myself.
- Can we also do this for the Ubyssey reporters here?

[The Ubyssey reporter said they could not accept compensation.]

Georgia Yee:
- Can we use Safewalk for people living in Wesbrook?

Mitchell Prost:
- Yes.

18. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That Council invoke Code Section II, Article 14 to allow Councillors to take taxis home and be reimbursed.”

... No objections

V) Submissions:

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: September 29, 2021

X) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 pm.

Y) Social Activity:
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Kavie Toor (UBC Athletics & Recreation), Romilly Cavanaugh (Carbon Offsetters), Carla Lorincz (Carbon Offsetters), Louisa Hadley (Carbon Offsetters), Maia Wallace (AMS Equity) Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Gavin Fung-Quon (student at large), Lawrence Liu (AVP University Affairs), Oscar Yu (Chief Electoral Officer), Jason Pang (AMS Sustainability), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm with Cole Evans in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:
- We are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the hən̓ q̓ əmin̓ əm̓ -speaking Musqueam people.
- We should recognize not only what lands we’re on but also the work still to be done on reconciliation.
- This is especially important this week because of the national holiday tomorrow for Truth and Reconciliation.
- We should take time to reflect on the purpose and significance of that holiday.
- We should review materials to educate ourselves on these issues.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MARY GAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Romina Hajizadeh:
- Add discussion on Lights on Marine Drive.
- Add a discussion on COVID testing centres on campus.

Eshana Bhangu:
- How do I add an AGM motion?
- Just wait till the Discussion Period?

Cole Evans:
- Yes.

Cole Evans:
- Add a discussion on students at large.
2. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the agenda be amended to add an appointments motion.” … No objections

3. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MARY GAN:

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.” … No objections

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

Welcome to our new Members: Jade Law (Education), Micah Mizushima (Land & Food)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, Engineering, GSS x 2, Indigenous seat, St. Mark’s

Goodbyes: Sylvia Fernandez (Land & Food)

E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

Cole Evans:
  • No Neal because his car broke down.
  • I will chair tonight.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

Mathew Ho asked that the motion to dissolve the Fermentation Lab Committee be removed to be discussed separately.

4. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

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

Executive Committee minutes dated September 8, 2021 [SCD168-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 15, 2021 [SCD169-22]
Council minutes dated June 3, 2021 [SCD170-22]

From the Nursing Undergraduate Society [SCD171-22]. [SCD172-22]
That Council approve the School of Nursing blog as the media source in which the Nursing Undergraduate Society publishes the 2020 building fee referendum results. … Carried
For (23): Lauren Benson, Saad Shoai, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Grace Lee, Jasneet Bal, Jade Law, Joey Yang, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Shadia Qubti

5. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

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

From the Graduate Student Society

Be it resolved that Council suspend Code Section IX A, Article 12(1)(c)-(j) (on the conduct of elections for outside organizations) until December 1, 2021.

Be it further resolved that the contract between the AMS and the GSS be approved as presented.

... Carried

For (22): Saad Shoai, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Grace Lee, Jade Law, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Shadia Qubti

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

UBC Athletics & Recreation – Kavie Toor

Kavie tossed two free T-shirts to Councillors and introduced himself as UBC’s Managing Director of Athletics & Recreation.

Kavie Toor:

- Our Vision:
  - Inspiring excellence, championing health and sport, building our community.

- Five strategic priorities:
  - Student Experience:
    - Participation.
    - Health and Well-Being.
    - Focus on removing barriers.
    - Targeting those not participating.
    - Live More program.
    - Asian females less active: created a program with them in mind.
  - People and Culture:
    - Equity, Diversity, Inclusion:
      - Focused on staff (at forefront of program deliveries).
      - Gender equity.
      - Indigenous initiatives.
• Hundred Year anniversary of the Great Trek, but not just 100 years: a 1000-year jaunt through Musqueam territory.
  o Brand and Profile:
    • Every student to feel they’re a Thunderbird, not just athletes.
    • “Take Flight” tagline.
    • The Indigenous sharing of the Thunderbird name in 1948.
    • Tickets from our sponsors.
  o Financial Stability:
    • Exploring ways to rethink the financial model.
    • It’s usually 60% from business, 30% from student fees, 10% from the central University.
  o Facilities:
    • New Rec Centre to Board 3 in June:
      • Meeting student needs re fitness: located next to the Life Building.
  • Updates:
    o Sexual violence prevention.
      • You’re likely concerned over the 2018 incident.
      • Mandatory training, team by team, and for staff.
      • Optional program on toxic masculinity.
      • Partnering with UBC’s Sexual Violence Prevention & Response Office (SVPRO).
    o Waitlist for programs:
      • Demand is high.
      • Don’t want to leave students out.
      • Focusing more on students rather than the general public.
  • Budget:
    o $21 AMS fee goes directly to Intramurals.
    o Santa Ono has asked us to consult on how to increase the Recreation experience through:
      • Expanding Intramurals.
      • IBPOC expansion.
      • Removal of fees for Storm the Wall.
      • Free outdoor programming on MacInnes Field.
      • Off campus programs.
      • Thunderbird shirt program.

Questions
Emily Gubski (who caught one of the two shirts):
• Love the shirt.
• Is there a timeline of events saying which are happening and which not?

Kavie Toor:
• All the activities from 2019 are happening.
• Our aim is to offer everything but at reduced capacity.
• In January we expect full capacity.

Mathew Ho:
• In the event of COVID being on the rise again, how prepared is Athletics & Recreation to handle that?
Kavie Toor:
- Operationally, very well: we have staff with experience adjusting.
- Financially, UBC has been very considerate of us because of our dependence on business revenue: hope that would continue to be there.
- Digital programming is still going on, but there would be more if there’s a shutdown.

20-minute recess to address audio problems.

Carbon Offsetters – Lauren Benson (VP Admin), Romilly Cavanaugh and Louisa Hadley (Carbon Offsetters)

Lauren Benson:
- Carbon Offsetters has been collecting data from the Nest on our ecological footprint.

Louisa Hadley:
- We used 2019 as the baseline (pre-COVID).
- Measured greenhouse gases (GHG):
  - Direct: onsite, your cars and equipment.
  - Indirect: purchase of electricity.
  - Other indirect emissions.
- 2019 total emissions: 791 tonnes of carbon dioxide, which is equivalent to the annual emissions of 40 Canadians.
- Largest source: employee commuting.
- Next: natural gas and district energy.
- Emissions decreasing from natural gas; increasing from district energy.
- Where go from here?
- Offsetting is a way to balance out the emissions you can’t reduce.
- Phase 2 would be a five-year greenhouse gas reduction/management plan, including climate friendly policies.

Questions
Gabrielle Matheson:
- Can you provide specifics about short and long-term recommendations?

Romilly Cavanaugh:
- Prioritize largest sources of GHG: employee commuting and natural gas.
- Most employees are commuting by car; 30% by bus.
- There are several different options:
  - Allowing employees to work from home.
  - Promote electric vehicles.
  - Provide shower facilities for bike riders.
- For natural gas:
  - Improve building operation.
  - It’s already a green building, but look to energy efficiency audits.
  - Make sure heating and ventilation is optimal.
  - Maintain equipment.
• District energy:
  o The movement away from natural gas is good.
  o Look to renewable energy.
• Waste audit a good idea.

Katherine Feng:
• What is going to be done after today to take action on these recommendations?

Lauren Benson:
• Continuing to work with Carbon Offsetters.
• Data can be put into our new dashboard.
• Using the Interactive Sustainability Centre: brainstorming.

Cole Quist:
• What would an investment in offsetting look like?

Romilly Cavanaugh:
• There’s various types of offsetting.
• Wind power and solar power for environmental and social benefits.
• It’s up to the AMS to select whichever fits best with its goals.

Mathew Ho:
• What does a waste audit entail and how long does it take?

Romilly Cavanaugh:
• It means going through the waste; the idea is to decrease the production of waste.

AMS Equity Plan – Cole Evans, Maia Wallace

Cole Evans:
• Excited to finally bring the Equity Action Plan to Council.
• Lots has been done; we’re 90% there.
• Work History:
  o At first Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) was done on an ad hoc basis.
  o An Equity Caucus was tried in 2017-19 under the Advocacy Committee, but it didn’t really take off; was siloed.
  o Early in 2020 Cristina Ilnitchi and Will Shelling worked on equity and created KPI’s.
  o The file was transferred to the President’s Office (that is, to me) later in 2020.
• Development Process/Core Focus Areas:
  o Executive guidance, Council involvement, focus groups, community survey, environmental scan, education.
• Town Hall April 2021.
• In May 2021 our consultant, Adeline Huynh, delivered materials to Maia, myself, and the Equity Subcommittee.
Maia Wallace:
- Looked at leadership, structures, policies and accountability, governance and decision-making, HR, finance, education etc.
- Critical lens to focus goals and KPI's.
- Areas of focus: advocacy, operations, and governance.
- Main goals: Transparency, community relationship build-up.
- KPI's are the way to have the plan exist long term to deal with equity.

Cole Evans:
- Next steps: Implementation and Continuity.
- Presenting finalized goals by the end of October.
- Then analyzing the process.
- In the spring a revised plan with additional sections based on what we learn.
- The AMS Sustainability Action Plan (ASAP) is the gold standard for continued application of strategy:
  - Every June we bring forward goals; there are consultations, etc.
  - It’s an effective model, dating back to when it was the Student Directed Sustainability Strategy and the Lighter Footprint Strategy.
  - I’m confident this model works.

Maia Wallace:
- Primary and secondary needs.
- Primary includes doing a policy review, making sure we connect short-term and long-term needs, keeping to the core commitments.
- Secondary are specific campaigns:
  - Pride Month.
  - Indigenous Culture Month.
  - Black History Month.
  - Quarterly check-ins.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- If we finalize goals in October, how will there be a year of operational use?

Cole Evans:
- This is a condensed year; we’re getting the plan out the door.
- The October update will be like a mid-year update, though also the first time Council gets to see the goals.

Julia Burnham:
- It’s great to see this work come together.
- For success we’ll need buy-in.
- What will be the responsibilities of specific Executives and managers?

Lauren Benson:
- The Events Principles Committee will take a look.
Georgia Yee:
- This needs buy-in and engagement from everyone.
- One big thing: making sure there is long-term continuity.
- Also, how are we making sure we’ll be resourcing this?

Cole Evans:
- Resourcing is a huge question.
- That’s why we’re taking time on the finalization piece.
- This is broader in scope than ASAP:
  - We want equity goals aligned.
- Resources get used up quickly.
- Last year my assistant was at over-capacity.
- This year we added a coordinator.
- Still at full capacity.
- Main recommendation: get someone full-time, perhaps in HR; perhaps separate from current structures.

Maia Wallace:
- Don’t want to rush to deliver goals; that defeats the purpose of meaningful community consultation.
- The implementation part is crucial.
- Having permanent staff for Equity is the long-term goal.
- It’s important to consider KPI’s and accountability.

6. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the AMS Equity Plan as a Strategic Plan and/or Framework in accordance with Section II, Article 11(6) of the AMS Code of Procedure.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Equity Action Plan Report be accepted as presented.”

... Carried

For (25): Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Grace Lee, Jade Law, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Shadia Qubti

*Five-minute recess.*

I) Consultation Period
J) Appointments

7. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

   “Be it resolved that the following appointments to the Finance Committee be confirmed as presented:

   Members: Mitchell Prost, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra
   Chair: Mary Gan.”

Cole Evans:
   • This was pulled from the online decision.

Julia Burnham:
   • I’d like a dialogue about the Student Services Manager (Mitchell) filling one of the seats.
   • It’s technically allowed, but should it be?
   • Could be a conflict of interest.
   • This is not a comment on Mitchell, but it’s setting a precedent to have the Student Services Manager or another non-voting member on this committee.

Saad Shoaib:
   • We talked about this at Exec.
   • As long as Mitchell is stringent in following the conflict of interest rules in Code, we thought it should be all right.
   • There’s already precedent.

Cole Evans:
   • The SSM sat on the 2018-19 HR Committee.

Julia Burnham:
   • The Finance Committee and the HR Committee are different.
   • It’s less egregious on HR.
   • It’s less wise to have someone who’s like an Executive making budget decisions in the Finance Committee.
   • The SSM is sometimes considered a sixth Executive.

Cole Evans:
   • Options:
     o Approve
     o Reject
     o Approve, but maybe clarify this in Code: refer it to committee to review.

Mathew Ho:
   • Could we allow this as an exception for this year?
Cole Evans:
- You could do that:
  - Appoint Mitchell now and change the rules effective May 1, 2022.
  - That would allow Mitchell to serve his term.

Emily Gubski:
- Something to look into.
- Can something be done to address the conflict of interest?
- Make sure they abstain from certain votes.
- Maybe we should delay this to next meeting, or appoint now as long as discussions will be held.

Cole Evans:
- I would advise not to delay, so the Finance Committee can meet.
- The onus is on the individual to declare a conflict of interest; there’s also an onus on the chair of the committee.
- It’s challenging to proactively prevent this.

Mary Gan:
- If Mitchell does become a member of the Finance Committee, I have no problem asking him to abstain during discussions that involve Services.
- Hopefully, we won’t have delays appointing to the committee:
  - The committee has lots of issues to discuss.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- Are there a lot of issues in Finance about Mitchell’s role?

Mary Gan:
- Not about Mitchell’s role in particular, but if the Student Services are asking for increases, I would just remove Mitchell from the conversation for that item.

Julia Burnham:
- It’s not about Mitchell – it’s about the role, not the person.
- The SSM oversees a large part of our budget.

Katherine Feng:
- We could add a motion for the Governance Committee to look at this.

Emily Gubski:
- Considering that the SSM has served on a committee before, I’m less worried about it, but some committee should look at it.

8. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That the motion be amended to add the following clause:
Be it further resolved that Governance Committee look into the issue of the Student Services Manager sitting as a Councillor on a committee and report back by the first Council meeting in November.”

Mathew Ho:
- Will Mitchell be on the committee until May?
- Who would determine if Mitchell stays on the committee or not?
- Finance? Governance?

Cole Evans:
- Governance should look into that.

9. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That the motion be amended to add the following clause:

Be it further resolved that Governance Committee look into the issue of the Student Services Manager sitting as a Councillor on a committee and report back by the first Council meeting in November.”

… No objections

10. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

“Be it resolved that the following appointments to the Finance Committee be confirmed as presented:

Members: Mitchell Prost, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra
Chair: Mary Gan.

Be it further resolved that Governance Committee look into the issue of the Student Services Manager sitting as a Councillor on a committee and report back by the first Council meeting in November.”

*It was noted that there were additional vacancies on committees:*

**Governance Committee (1 x Councillor)**
*Councilor Nominee:* Romina Hajizadeh (Arts)

**Impact Grant Working Group (1 x Councillor)**
*Councilor Nominees:* Emily Gubski (Medicine), Kamil Kanji (Arts), Julia Burnham (GSS)
*Chosen:* Kamil Kanji

11. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the motion be amended to add a Councillor to the Ethics and Accountability Committee.”

… No objections
Ethics and Accountability Committee (1 x Councillor)

Councilor Nominees: Emily Gubski (Medicine), Katherine Feng (Science), Mathew Ho (Arts), Georgia Yee (BoG)

Chosen: Katherine Feng

The additional Councillors selected for committees, along with students at large chosen online, were added to the motion.

12. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

“Be it resolved that the following appointments be accepted as presented:

Finance Committee: Mary Gan (Chair), Mitchell Prost, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra
Governance Committee: Romina Hajizadeh
Impact Grant Working Group: Kamil Kanji
Ethics and Accountability Committee: Katherine Feng

Students at Large:
Advocacy Committee: Christine Wardell, Sylvia Fernandez, Krista Spurlock
Operations Committee: Bryan Cadman, Nikita Li
Governance Committee: Alina Bhimji
Finance Committee: Francesca Kohn, Juliane Jou
Human Resources Committee: Aadim Rajan
Student Life Committee: Jaya Athwal
Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee: Alexis Vollant

Be it further resolved that Governance Committee look into the issue of the Student Services Manager sitting as a Councillor on a committee and report back by the first Council meeting in November.”

… Carried

For (23): Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Romina Hajizadeh, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Julia Burnham, Ivrain Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Avery Chan, Katherine Feng

K) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):
Cole Evans

• Want to express sympathy over the tragedy on Northwest Marine Drive.
• This is never something that is easy to deal with.
• Our role is to be supporting students, students directly impacted or students who might have post-traumatic stress-related reactions.
• We put out a statement highlighting resources for anyone having difficulty:
  o Got a lot of traction on Instagram.
• You may have seen me on media outlets:
  o This is not something any president enjoys doing.
• Meanwhile it’s the start of the year, and it’s busy.
• Equity Plan.
• Indigenous Culture Month in October:
  o A number of events planned.
  o Something we hope to do every year.
• Strategic Plan:
  o Nicolas and I are talking about it.
  o Sending out a questionnaire to Councillors asking for views.
  o Coming to Council on the 13th.
• Vaccination:
  o Lots of discussions.
  o Definitely taking this seriously.
  o Going to evaluate how we can make this work.
  o Committed to seeing if we can implement a mandatory vaccination policy here at the AMS.

**Questions**

Georgia Yee:
• Could you bring a presentation about Indigenous Culture Month?
• Also, can we look into an alternate speaker of Council for when the Speaker can’t make it and when you need to comment?
• To avoid conflict of interest.
• There seems to be a recurring trend.

Cole Evans:
• My team is at capacity now organizing Indigenous Culture Month, so we’re not looking at making a presentation. Maybe in November.
• As to the Speaker issue, Code says I chair in the absence of a Speaker.
• If Council thinks there’s a conflict, let me know. I have not heard anything.

13. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED MARY GAN:

**From the President**

“That the Ad Hoc Committee on the Fermentation Lab be dissolved.”

Mathew Ho:
• Given that we are still looking into this, can we postpone dissolving?

Cole Evans:
• It’s important to separate the Fermentation Project from the brewery referendum.
• Last time we were going to reconsider what to do about the referendum.
• This committee no longer has any work to do because it was focused on UBC’s Food and Beverage Innovation Centre.
• We’re not implying anything about the referendum by dissolving the committee.

Julia Burnham:
• It’s useful to keep the committee.
• It would send a weird symbolic message to say this project is done.
• I’m not sure what benefit we get from dissolving it.
• There may be a benefit to keeping this as something dormant while we resolve things.

Emily Gubski:
• If we dissolve it, how easy is it to reassemble?
• Can we just suspend its meetings?
• If we take up the referendum question, would it fall to this committee? Or Governance?

Cole Evans:
• You can have an ad hoc committee that does nothing.
• If you cut it, you could create a new ad hoc brewery committee.
• It could also live in Exec Committee, Operations Committee, or the Finance Committee.
• The project itself has been dealt with.
• There will probably be a referendum.

Mathew Ho:
• For most of its history, this committee has not provided updates.
• But it’s symbolic.
• Until the referendum is resolved, we may want to leave it.
• Maybe change its terms of reference.

14. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED MARY GAN:

From the President
“That the Ad Hoc Committee on the Fermentation Lab be dissolved.” … Defeated

For (11): Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Romina Hajizadeh, Joey Yang, Gabrielle Matheson, Sophie Penniman, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandebove), Shadia Qubti

Against (13): Eshana Bhangu, Cole Quist, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Emily Reid, Julia Burnham, Ivran Rai, Micah Mizushima, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng

Abstained: Lauren Benson

L) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Mary Gan
• Making sure Health & Dental subsidy criteria reflect current needs.
  o The amount we’re setting aside for subsidies has doubled this year, from $50,000 to $100,000.
• Clubs and Constituencies getting going: working to support them.
• Wrapping up opt-ins and opt-outs.
• Workshops for clubs on budgets.
- Credit cards: how to upload.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu
- Submission to UBC for their budget process.
- Working with the VP Students to improve their tuition survey to make it more like a consultation.
- Distributing fentanyl testing strips; looking into purchasing more.
- Professors are going to stop recording lectures on the grounds that the guidelines encouraging recording have an expiry date – but they don’t.
- Textbook Broke was a resounding success.
- OER’s and OER champions.
- UBC is now requiring proof of vaccination.
- Continuing to advocate for testing (of symptomatic students).
- Meeting with UBC Safety Services to discuss poor lighting, lack of speed bumps etc. in the wake of the accident on Northwest Marine Drive.
  - Not a lot is done now to ensure safe driving.

Questions
Julia Burnham
- What is an OER champion and how do you nominate one?

Eshana Bhangu:
- OER Champions are professors who dedicate time to developing online, inexpensive materials, making resources more affordable, so you don’t have to purchase an expensive textbook.
- We will be having a reception in November to give out awards.
- Nominate a professor and you will get a chance to win a prize.

Mathew Ho:
- The Ubyssey reported that UBC is planning to remove the question from their survey asking students if they support a tuition increase.
- What efforts are you making to ensure this question stays at the forefront and to make sure UBC is receiving and acting on the views of students?

Eshana Bhangu:
- Since that article appeared, the VP Students has spoken to us, listened to our feedback, and been receptive to our point of view; the question will stay.
- We’re always opposing tuition increases because of affordability concerns.
- Our question is: Can we not make cuts somewhere?

VP Administration – Lauren Benson
- Very rewarding time.
- Clubs Days was quite a success: indoor, outdoor, virtual.
  - Follow-up survey went out today to get feedback from the clubs.
- Interactive Sustainability Centre has opened for bookings, workshops.
  - Working to increase its interactive components.
• Will be meeting Carbon Offsetters to discuss next steps.
• Jump Start debrief: nothing but the highest compliments for our clubs that participated.
• Helping clubs settle in.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib
• What a federal election!
  o Get Out the Vote Campaign was successful, engaging thousands of students.
  o Problems with voting on campus.
    o Advocating to Elections Canada to reinstate the Vote on Campus program.
• Working with UCRU to write to the Prime Minister’s Office to influence the mandate letters sent to cabinet ministers.
• Federal lobby week at end of November:
  o Advocating for an end to interest payments on student loans.
  o Seeking easy access to Permanent Residence status for international students.
• Meeting with the provincial government’s David Eby about the provincial budget.
• The recent tragedy involving the death of two UBC students:
  o Looking at lighting, speed bumps, guard rails.

Questions
Kamil Kanji:
• Has there been any commitment from Elections Canada to reinstate the Vote on Campus program?

Saad Shoaib:
• There has been.
• It will be up to the AMS in three years’ time or whenever the next election is to make sure this happens.
• We’ll keep bringing this up.
• It’s very disappointing the way Elections Canada ran the election. Completely irresponsible.
• There was lower turnout than in the last two elections.

Teddy O’Donnell:
• I worked as a scrutineer in the Nest.
• The line-up to vote was about four hours long, mainly because people were registering to vote.

Saad Shoaib:
• This was mostly because of the suspension of the Vote on Campus program.
• This meant students didn’t register beforehand.
• It made for a messy election.
• On election day I called the assistant returning officer asking to send more staff.
Emily Gubski:
- It was crazy to vote.
- The communications from the AMS were great.
- Many students didn’t get their mail-in ballot.
- People didn’t know they had to be in this riding to vote in the Nest.

Saad Shoaib:
- We sent out newsletters saying you may not be able to vote here.
- It was sad to see a lot of students give up. Disheartening.
- I don’t blame them: I wouldn’t wait four hours either.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost
Safewalk:
- Hiring more Safewalkers.
- Using new vehicles.

Food Bank:
- Interviews to get more volunteers.
- About 1500 visits from May through August: greater than in 2019-20 year.
- Increased food purchasing to meet the increased demand.
- New Assistant Student Services Manager started this week.

Peer Support:
- Safer Substance Use workshop.
- Naloxone training.
- Dialogue Night launching (Peer Support discussions of mental health).

Tutoring:
- Finalized agreement with Student Housing.
- Tutoring has started.

Questions
Kamil Kanji:
- How much is Safewalk utilized?

Mitchell Prost:
- Have not yet received the September report.
- Use was low because of the pandemic, but there has been an increase since the return to campus.

Micah Mizushima:
- What food security programs are there?

Mitchell Prost:
- Campus As a Living Lab.
- Acadia Food Hamper program.
• Meal Share programs.
• Wanting to shift Food Bank back to being an emergency food resource, which it hasn’t been lately.

**Managing Director – Keith Hester**
• Vaccine evidence protocol.
• Grand Noodle is opening its back area soon, so we will need the protocol there.
• Audit presentation next meeting.
• New Blue Chip signs: for Blue Chip Express, which is doing well.
• “New” furniture in Lev Bukhman Lounge, repurposed from elsewhere in the building.
• Replacing Gallery furniture.
• The Almost Welcome Back Barbecue was postponed because of rain; now scheduled for October 1:
  o A free event.
• Financial systems replacement request coming to Council.
• Looking at our building systems as per Carbon Offsetters suggestions.
  o Working on our HVAC systems: probably coming to Council.

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

**Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu**
• The new committee hasn’t met yet.

**Steering Committee – Cole Evans**
• Will meet biweekly.

15. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the agenda be amended to skip committee reports except for the Elections Committee.”

… No objections

**Elections Committee – Oscar Yu**
• The Equity Plan is great.
• I want to make sure we keep equity front of mind during the elections.
• Been able to get UBC to allow us to use preferred names, not legal names, and pronouns.
• Aiming to increase voter and nomination turnout.

**Questions**
Mathew Ho:
• How will you improve turnout?
• Removing barriers?
Oscar Yu:
- The Communications Department and I will work on communicating what each Executive position does to give students clear explanations of what the Executives do, and also the Board and Senate representatives.
- We will follow the Equity Plan.

N) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes): Cole Evans
- No report.

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

    Board of Governors – Georgia Yee
    - Approved recombining the Sustainable Futures Pool into the Endowment.
    - Changed the terms of reference for the Governance and Finance committees.
    - Discussed the UBC President’s goals.
    - Received a presentation from the AMS on affordability, anti-racism, campus projects, etc.
    - Decided to require all students, faculty, and staff to have proof of vaccination or do regular testing.

Questions
Katherine Feng:
- We’ve heard that Food Bank is getting more clients; the lines are long, students miss classes.
- What is UBC doing about food insecurity?
- Food Bank is an AMS service; it’s student-run.

Georgia Yee:
- The University needs to take responsibility for the financial pressure it puts on students.
- Food insecurity is only one aspect.
- The Affordability Task Force should be addressing big systemic issues.
- This is definitely something that needs to be continually revisited.
- I think at the next meeting there will be a food security update.

Eshana Bhangu:
- Been hearing about health experts misleading the Board.

Georgia Yee:
- There is a lack of transparency about health data in BC.
- This is not just a UBC issue.
- Students have been making their own data reports.
- Public health data has not been available or has been used as a political tool.
- I want to continually challenge the transparency.
- What is UBC’s role?
• We need to make sure the data we are receiving is verifiable and not misleading.

Emily Gubski:
• The UNA used to have a student rep on it. Does it still?

Georgia Yee:
• There will be a UNA liaison committee from the Board.

Senate – Eshana Bhangu
• Reviewing honorary degrees.
• Several students are chairing Senate committees this year:
  o I’m chairing the budget committee.
  o Julia Burnham is chairing the agenda committee.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
• After my last presentation people wanted to see me in the 90’s.
  o Here’s a photo: the most interesting part of it is the old-fashioned filing cabinet.
  o Nowadays we have more modern filing cabinets, but actually most of our files are digital now.
• Tonight I mostly want to answer a question I was asked about the AMS connection to the Order of British Columbia (OBC).
• In earlier talks I mentioned two early Indigenous students at UBC, Frank Calder and Alfred Scow, who both became members of the OBC, which is a recently created award meant to honour outstanding British Columbians.
• Other recipients with AMS connections:
  o Kim Campbell, student frosh president here in the 60’s who ran on the platform “Kim is cuddlier,” and who went on to become Prime Minister. She also wrote the foreword to the AMS history book (The Hundred-Year Trek).
  o David Suzuki, the well-known environmentalist. Never a student here, but as a young UBC professor in the 60’s he pushed for opening a pub on campus and worked with the AMS to get the Pit started in 1968. According to the legend, he even came up with the name Pit.
  o Rick Hansen, the UBC wheelchair athlete who launched his Man in Motion World Tour to draw attention to disabilities.
  o Michael Smith, the UBC professor who won a Nobel prize, and whose AMS connection was through his daughter Wendy, who ran our old Outpost in the Old SUB (a stationery and sweatshirt store).
  o Martha Piper, the former UBC President who attended the ceremonial opening of the Nest in 2015.

Questions
Emily Gubski:
• Is this the Martha Piper of the Martha Piper Fountain?
Sheldon Goldfarb:
  • Yes.

Mathew Ho:
  • Why do we not have an Outpost now?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
  • When we moved to the Nest, the decision was to focus on food and beverage outlets.

16. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

  “That the meeting be extended by 60 minutes.”

  … No objections

P) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

Q) Executive Committee Motions:

R) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

S) Committee Motions:

T) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

The following people were named to committees via an email vote before the Council meeting:

Advocacy Committee:
Rebecca Liu
Gabrielle Matheson
Kamil Kanji
Mathew Ho

Operations Committee:
Romina Hajizadeh
Katherine Feng
Mathew Ho
Emily Reid

Student Life Committee:
Jasneet Bal
Mathew Ho
Noah Collins
Aryan Mishra
Committee Chairs:
Advocacy Committee: Eshana Bhangu
Human Resources Committee: Romina Hajizadeh
Student Life Committee: Aryan Mishra
Governance Committee: Kamil Kanji

The following people were named to committees by acclamation:

Human Resources Committee:
Sophie Penniman
Avery Chan
Romina Hajizadeh
Mathew Ho
Erin Song

Governance Committee:
Shadia Qubti
Kamil Kanji
Avery Chan
Rebecca Liu
Katherine Feng

Committee Chairs:
Operations Committee: Lauren Benson

U) Discussion Period

At large members
Cole Evans:
- We had over a hundred students at large apply to sit on committees, which is
great and I think the most ever, but they want to get involved and only a few can
sit on the committees.
- It’s important to keep them engaged.
- One idea: Use them as a focus group for the Strategic Plan.
- Or create a group interested in meeting every six weeks or so to talk about issues.
- And then when we have elections we can turn to them and suggest they run for
Council.
- Harness the students at large.

Julia Burnham:
- It’s important to remember that it’s early in the year and easy to apply online.
- This is not necessarily a surefire indicator that people will remain interested.

Emily Gubski:
- I’ve had countless students ask me how to get involved.
- Could create a mailing list.
- It’s hard to get involved: let’s make it easy.
• We don’t need to find just one way.
• Focus groups are okay, but some want leadership.
• They could also be manpower for events.

Kamil Kanji:
• Never hurts to pilot something.
• We have an Advisory Board of professionals; why not have a student version to get their feedback?
• Sometimes there is a stigma around the AMS: that we don’t engage well.
• This is an opportunity to engage.

Saad Shoaib:
• Really like the ideas.
• UBC has done this.
• It could lead to change.
• Remuneration would be a good idea: they should get compensation.

Mathew Ho:
• My only concern is whether AMS marketing and the website have the capacity to do this.

Romina Hajizadeh:
• Another thing is to keep up on social media.
• Also, are Execs doing office hours?
• Maybe make them better known.

Kamil Kanji:
• Can we send this to Student Life or Governance?

Cole Evans:
• Student Life would be an interesting option.

Julia Burnham:
• Maybe look at U of T, which has a First Year Council.

Emily Gubski:
• We did have a first year committee a few years ago.
• One approach might be to write those who didn’t get on a committee to tell them that and to say, But click this box and we’ll let you know about future opportunities.

Mathew Ho:
• We could also refer them to the Constituencies.

Saad Shoaib:
• I can talk to UCRU to find out what’s done at other schools.
Romina Hajizadeh:
- It would be nice if the chairs of the committees reached out to the unsuccessful candidates.
- These are motivated students.

Jason Liao:
- A first year committee could be valuable.
- I wonder why it stopped.

Cole Evans:
- Sometimes things just get lost.

17. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That this issue be referred to the Student Life Committee.”

... No objections

AGM Agenda

Eshana Bhangu:
- A motion on tuition, saying the AMS continues to oppose all tuition increases by UBC and advocates for a fully finalized and approved student affordability plan.
- Be it further resolved that the AMS, in collaboration with other student organizations, protest any Board of Governors meeting where tuition increases will be approved if there isn’t a fully finalized student affordability plan approved at or before the meeting.
- It would be great to have this motion to back up our advocacy.
- Students have been advocating for an affordability plan for five years, a long time.
- There’s a Student Affordability Task Force: if they don’t produce a plan, I will go protest.

Saad Shoaiib:
- Another motion would be to call on the federal government to eliminate interest payments on student loans.
- It would be good to have a formal motion we can act on.

Julia Burnham
- We can add that the AMS advocate for a tuition freeze or reduction and for increased funding and stipends for graduate students so they can be above the poverty line.

Kamil Kanji:
- Are we expected to be present at the AGM?
Cole Evans:
- It’s not required, but it would make me very happy.
- Last year’s AGM was the event of the year, though it went a little long.
- It won’t be that long this year.

Saad Shoaib:
- We have needs-based grants in BC; we can advocate for more funding for them.
- We could explore with the federal government, but most likely this is something for the province.

Julia Burnham:
- I don’t want us to limit ourselves.
- We want to generate buzz.

Saad Shoaib:
- It would be better not to refer to the federal government on this; if we advocate to them, they’ll just tell us to go to the province.
- As to a tuition freeze, we can advocate, but we need to see the operating grants.
- If we were to put this forward, the response would be: How do you expect these institutions to survive?
- The only way to stabilize tuition is if there are increased operating grants.

Kamil Kanji:
- Can we add a conversation about the brewery?

Cole Evans:
- The AGM doesn’t have the power to overturn a fee referendum.

Emily Gubski:
- Can we have discussions on COVID?

Cole Evans:
- We have a Town Hall planned for the end of the meeting.
- That would be a better place for this.
- A thousand people at an AGM would be too big a group for discussion.

Katherine Feng:
- What is the attendance at town halls compared to an AGM?

Cole Evans:
- Depends on the scope.
- Perhaps 20 to 100 at a Town Hall.
- Last year’s AGM had 1600 people; when we got to the Town Hall at the end, we were down to about 600 people, and it was not unmanageable.
Georgia Yee:
- I think the town hall and debriefing is a great opportunity for engagement.
- Maybe we should do consultation on the questions before the meeting.
- Engage ahead of time and it would allow us to be better at our time management.

Kamil Kanji:
- Will there be an opportunity for in person gathering?
- Can we discuss student engagement at the Town Hall?

Cole Evans:
- The meeting will be completely virtual.
  - People liked that last year.
  - Also better to get turnout.
- Maybe in registration for the Town Hall we can ask people for topics.
- Last year at the end of the AGM people were interested in asking questions.

Emily Gubski:
- Will we be addressing the student deaths at the AGM?

Cole Evans:
- It would be over a month after the fact.
- If there are people who were close to the victims, I don’t want it to be uncomfortable for them.

Saad Shoaib:
- There’s a police investigation coming up; don’t want to interfere with that.
- Another motion being suggested is on electoral reform and proportional representation: on the draft agenda this would come first after the required financial motions.
  - We would have to define what we mean by electoral reform.

Julia Burnham:
- We’re looking for something exciting.
- Is electoral reform really the spicy thing that will get people in the seats?

Romina Hajizadeh:
- I think it is because of the mess of the latest election.
- I think it’s kind of spicy.
- Maybe don’t limit it to proportional representation.

Emily Gubski:
- Electoral reform could be a valuable discussion, but maybe it should come after something more spicy, like tuition increases.

Eshana Bhangu:
- Tuition should be first.
Cole Evans:
- Usually the exciting thing comes later.
- You don’t want to do it first and then have people leave.

Saad Shoaib:
- I don’t see why electoral reform needs to be there.
- We don’t know what students want on electoral reform, and this could bind future VP Externals to something it may not make sense to advocate on.

Kamil Kanji:
- I feel this is an important topic, but we don’t need to refer to proportional representation.
- Make it more open-ended.

Emily Gubski:
- We could talk about the Vote on Campus program.
- That would be something students are interested in, the process of voting.
- Students are mad.

18. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the meeting be extended by 12 hours.”

Jason Liao:
- Work expands to fill the time available.

Emily Gubski:
- How late can Council go?

Cole Evans:
- There’s no rule.

19. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the meeting be extended by 12 hours.”

... No objections

Council turned to discussing proposed constitutional amendments.

Georgia Yee:
- The proposed addition of a territorial acknowledgement refers only to the Musqueam.
- There are other First Nations.

Cole Evans
- This is from the UBC guidelines for UBC Vancouver/West Point Grey.
• It’s true there’s also Robson Square.

Romina Hajizadeh:
• Are we consulting Indigenous students?

Cole Evans:
• We have not engaged with the Musqueam.
• I would be uncomfortable going beyond the UBC guidelines.
• UBC has consulted; that’s why I would want to follow the guidelines strictly.
• If we do want to go beyond, then we should consult, so I’d advise not to go beyond now.

Romina Hajizadeh:
• Good idea, but in the future we can consult.

_Council returned to discussing the tuition motion._

Emily Gubski:
• I think we should move the tuition motion up on the agenda.

Romina Hajizadeh:
• Is there a way to advocate on where the tuition money goes?

Eshana Bhangu:
• We prepare a budget submission every year on where UBC’s money is going.

Julia Burnham:
• Talking about allocation would weaken this motion, which is opposing tuition increases.
• We would be saying no to an increase, but then saying, If you do increase tuition, then move the money here.

Georgia Yee:
• This would be a good time to get engagement on budget priorities.
• We could get good feedback at the AGM.

Eshana Bhangu:
• It’s a little messy to involve the AGM in budget discussions.
• We have survey data, and I’m the elected representative.

Kamil Kanji:
• Are people good with the placement of this question on the agenda?

Eshana Bhangu:
• I’d like it first, but it will keep students there, so in the middle is fine.
Council discussed a proposed housing motion.

Saad Shoaib:
- Rent with Rights called for the provincial government to guarantee students in student housing the same rights as other tenants get under the province’s Residential Tenancy Act.
- In 2018 the Leading Practices Working Group created by the provincial government created a manual for guaranteeing student rights as tenants, but it’s not legally binding.
- The solution is to push for student housing legislation.
- Students in student housing did not qualify for support during COVID because they were not under the Tenancy Act.

Council returned to discussing the tuition motion.

Saad Shoaib:
- Can we separate the motions relating to UBC from the ones relating to the government?
- And we should say this is in the context of a provincial operating grant review.

Georgia Yee:
- It would be helpful to add the operating grant reference to the whereas section of the motion.

Saad Shoaib:
- That works perfectly.

Cole Evans:
- Let’s wordsmith this outside the meeting and I will send it out for an email vote.

Due to lack of quorum the meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm, but the remaining Councillors stayed behind to discuss two remaining Discussion Items (see below).

V) Submissions:

W) Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: October 13, 2021

U) Discussion Period (post-quorum)

COVID testing
Romina Hajizadeh:
- The only testing places on campus are for asymptomatic students (Orchard Commons and IKB).
- If you have symptoms you cannot get tested on campus.
- Are we lobbying on this?
Eshana Bhangu:
- Ponderosa is also up and going, but other sites are far away.
- The University says it is waiting on the province.

Saad Shoaib:
- We are exploring options.
- Talking to the federal government.
- Take-home rapid antigen tests.

Grace Lee:
- There is greater risk elsewhere in the province, so resources are being allocated there.

Eshana Bhangu:
- We still have students taking two buses to get to an off campus testing site.
- I will still advocate.

Aryan Mishra:
- Is there a charge, or are the tests free?

Eshana Bhangu:
- All tests on campus are free.

**Safety on Campus**
Romina Hajizadeh:
- Re the devastating events of Sunday night.

Aryan Mishra:
- It is totally dark in that area.
- Could we extend Safewalk there?

Eshana Bhangu:
- Safewalk does go there.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- This is near first year residences.
- There are no street lights.
- It's dangerous.
- People frequently speed there.

Saad Shoaib:
- I've talked to the provincial government.
- They're looking for ways to make improvements.
- Have to wait for the RCMP investigation.
• If impaired driving was involved, there would be messaging about that.
• We need to wait to learn the variables involved; then we can make recommendations, which could include street lighting, barriers, etc.

Lauren Benson:
• We spoke about this at Executive Committee.
• No matter what happened, the lighting needs to be improved.
• We used to do a campus safety audit, back in the 90’s.
• That’s something we might want to bring back.
• Eshana will take that up.
• Saad will advocate provincially.
• This is a dangerous area.

Kamil Kanji:
• Do you know when the RCMP investigation will be done?

Eshana Bhangu
• My advocacy does not depend on the RCMP investigation.

Julia Burnham
• There are other safety issues on campus.

Georgia Yee:
• Campus Security told the Board of Governors they would be reviewing the Blue Light system.
• This has been raised multiple times.
• I’ve heard from many who were almost hit in that area.
• There are jurisdictional issues: UEL/City of Vancouver.

Aryan Mishra
• Whatever the decision UBC takes, lights are a basic need.
• Lighting on campus in general is pretty bad.

Saad Shoaiib:
• On the provincial front it’s best to keep our asks the same as UBC’s.
• That would be a reason to wait to see what UBC decides to do.

The informal discussion ended at 12:15 am.
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Oscar Yu (AMS CEO), Stephanie Quon (Sensory Room), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Jackson Dagger (Ubyssey), Nicolas Romualdi (Strategic Plan), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- The AMS Student Nest is on the traditional, ancestral land of the Musqueam people.
- What we call Vancouver is the unceded, stolen territory of the Musqueam.
- I was not that impressed with the National Day of Reconciliation.
- I hope we can make up for that every day rather than just in a Territorial Acknowledgement.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the agenda be amended to move the Discussion Period to after the presentations.”

Emily Gubski:
- Council tends to go late.
- This way people can take part in the discussions.

3. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the agenda be amended to move the Discussion Period to after the presentations.”

... No objections

4. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED AVERY CHAN:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... No objections
D) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members: Minaho Chiew (Science)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, Education, Engineering, GSS x 2, Indigenous seat, St Mark’s, Regent

Goodbyes: Noah Collins (Regent), Katsy Concepcion (Science), Kanika Khosla (Senate)

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- Great to be back.
- Hope this will be a quick meeting, while still ensuring a chance for all of you to debate:
  - This body holds the AMS to account, so speak up.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

Sustainability Sub-committee minutes dated September 29, 2021 [SCD178-22]
Advisory Board minutes dated August 16, 2021 [SCD179-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 22, 2021 [SCD180-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 29, 2021 [SCD181-22]

… No objections

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON:

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

From the Executive Committee
That Policy I-7A be amended as presented. [SCD182-22]

Note: This amendment is being made to align our policy with current orders from the Provincial Health Officer, which allow for the removal of masks during high and low intensity exercise as long as other safety measures are taken.

… Carried

For (24): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaiib, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Grace Lee, Jasneet Bal, Jade Law,
H) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute? period):

**Sensory Room – Lauren Benson, Stephanie Quon**

Lauren Benson:
- This dates back to last year.

Stephanie Quon:
- This will be managed by the AMS.
- It will be a designated area with reduced sensory input.
- A place for people to self-regulate.
- Helpful for those who are disabled, neurodiverse, or autistic.
- The aim is to open in the Life Building near the Bike Kitchen.
- An inclusive and accessible space.
- A place to go when feeling overwhelmed.
- To increase focus and decrease stress.
- It’s not an answer to systemic barriers, but it can be a valued support.
- Potential challenges:
  - Controlling access, keeping it a calm space: can’t let it get too busy.
  - Funding in 2021 of just under $10,000 from Employment and Social Development Canada.
    - Also from the Innovative Projects Fund.
  - Consulted 12 disabled, autistic, and/or neurodiverse people and two clinicians, along with various stakeholders.
  - Plan on opening in the spring of 2022.
  - Buying materials for the room.
  - Want to make the room open to everyone, but with guidelines to encourage people to use the space appropriately.

Questions

Emily Gubski:
- What will be the process to deal with overcrowding?

Stephanie Quon:
- Discussing that, looking to create guidelines.
- Probably a maximum of 10 people at once.
- We will gauge it and make changes if necessary.

Mitchell Prost:
- This will be near the Bike Kitchen? In what room?

Lauren Benson:
- An old storage room.
• It’s a nice alcove.

Keanna Yu:
• If you need to make repairs or replacements, where will you get additional funding?

Stephanie Quon:
• Our goal is to purchase long-lasting equipment.
• Still need to think about ongoing funding.

Grace Li:
• How often will the pillows in the room be changed or cleaned?

Stephanie Quon:
• Not exactly sure of the procedures yet for cleaning.
• People may be asked to clean them themselves.

Lauren Benson:
• Re extra funding, we could look at using the Capital Projects Fund.

**Audited Financial Statements – Managing Director Keith Hester** [SCD184-22] [SCD185-22]

• These are last year’s financial results.
• The audit was completed in September.
• To be approved at the AGM.
• We have $125 million in assets, mostly from our 55-year lease on the Nest; also the Art Collection, investments, property and equipment, cash, and the funds.
• Our liabilities total $88 million.
• The good news is we had an operating surplus of $5.5 million, the highest in our history.
• It was a horrible year, but the Society did well financially.
  o Health & Dental premiums were under-utilized, and under our plan if students don’t use the services, we get a refund.
  o There was also a wage subsidy from the government.
  o The stock market did well during COVID, giving us unrealized gains, offsetting under-performance of the businesses.
  o And because of COVID, we spent less.
• The bad news is that we’re still in deficit.
  o The surplus mostly related to Health & Dental, so it goes back to Health & Dental.
• There was a small operational surplus of $264,879, which we could use to bring the deficit down a bit.
• The deficit went up in 2018 because of Life Building renovations.
• The current deficit is $3.9 million, which we’re aiming to repay over 2023-26, depending on COVID.
• We have debt too:
  o What we owe on the building.
That’s down to $55.7 million now, thanks in part to refinancing the loan.
Will take about 14 more years to pay it off.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
  • How is the lease an asset?

Keith Hester:
  • Because technically we could sell it, though UBC wouldn’t allow that.

Mathew Ho:
  • Re the unrealized gains, if the stock market goes down would this affect the AMS?

Keith Hester:
  • Our investments are 70% bonds and 30% equities, so there’s minimal risk.
  • But the $1 million unrealized gain has now been wiped out.
  • We typically make $350,000 - $500,000 a year from our investments.

AMS Strategic Plan – Nicolas Romualdi  [SCD186-22], [SCD187-22], SCD188-22
  • Thanks to Councillors for responding to the surveys and to Sheldon for providing the history.
    o [Sheldon noted that it was really his assistant Josefine Bartels who did the historical research.]
  • The first strategic plan was approved in 2002 and lasted three years.
  • In 2006 it was replaced by a Strategic Framework, which aimed to be at a high level to accommodate yearly turnover.
    o It was meant to be a living document to be updated, but it didn’t provide a solid enough base to be useful.
  • Then, in 2012, as a sort of over-correction the Society went to a business plan, operational, but this was also not too useful.
  • That gave way to notions of long-term vision for 2030, but no new plan emerged.
  • From 2016 on there were a series of drafts, but no final version was approved, so they were not used.
  • In 2019 a vision was agreed on.
  • Then COVID happened.
  • So it is possible to create, ratify, and use a strategic plan: the first one was used for three years.
  • It looks like Frameworks and long-term plans are not the best approach.
  • Ratified plans do better than drafts. Board approval is important.
  • There’s tension between high level vision and business planning.
  • What seems most viable is having one plan and one vision for the entire Society lasting three to five years.
  • Clear implementation and monitoring is important.
  • The survey showed people want the plan to inform Council decisions.
  • There’s a question about whether to be goal-oriented or principle-oriented.
Questions
Kamil Kanji:
- Was the strategic framework mostly guidelines?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- It was very broad.

Cole Evans:
- It was supposed to be a living document updated every year by the next President.
- A precursor to current I-9 goal-setting.

Shadia Qubti:
- What is the time gap between designing the strategy and implementing it?
- Is it for next year’s leadership?

Nicolas Romualdi:
- We want to finish this plan with the current leadership.
- Implementation would be after turnover.

Shadia Qubti:
- Will it be binding?

Nicolas Romualdi:
- I’m not comfortable with framing it that way.
- The plan is more a tool.
- A future Board can decide.

Emily Masse:
- About the longevity of strategic plans:
  - Longer term ones weren’t working, and 3-5 years is better?

Nicolas Romualdi:
- Yes, and that’s in line with general practices.

7. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee
“That the AMS Council Special Projects line item be amended in the budget to $25,000 to facilitate the creation of an AMS Strategic Plan and the retention of a UBC PhD student to lead the process.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:
- We’re asking for a budget amendment to pay for this.
- This is important to the organization.
- It’s pennies on the dollar, considering what this can be.

Emily Masse:
- If the plan is for three to five years, we’ll be revamping every three to five years.
- I wonder about the longevity.

Nicolas Romualdi:
- This is not only about what you’re going to do.
- It’s also about what you’re not going to do.
- You have to prioritize.
- The plan does have a time frame, but the documents from the first three to five years can be useful for the next cycle.

Cole Evans:
- We do have a history of plans.
- ASAP (the Sustainability Plan) and its predecessors.
- There’s a culture of building on progress, not necessarily tearing everything up.
- Our policies used to be reviewed every year or two; now we aim to have them for four or five years.
- We hope ASAP will last 10 years (with reviews every three years).
- After 10 years we’ll probably need a new plan.
- Something similar for the strategic plan.
- By 2029 some things may not be as relevant anymore.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds … Carried

For (21): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto (proxy for Romina Hajizadeh), Jasneet Bal, Kashish Kedia (proxy for Erin Song), Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Micah Mizushima, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeboorne, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng

Against (1): Shadia Qubti

Abstained: Grace Lee, Minaho Chiew
T) Discussion Period

Council meeting length

Emily Gubski:
- Council’s tendency to go very long means some things don’t get discussed.
- A lot of time is spent on updates.
- We don’t get to the Discussion Period till 11 pm, when many Councillors are gone.
- But Discussion Period is actually a time to take part.
- Some Councillors feel pressured to stay to keep quorum; they get judged, but they have academic responsibilities.
- So I’m hoping Discussion Period can be moved up.

Cole Evans:
- I have good news for you.
- The agenda is something my office has been looking at.
- We have a proposal at Governance Committee.
- The proposal would change the agenda order to be Presentations, Motions, then Discussion Period.
  - After that, all the updates.

Emily Reid:
- The EUS doesn’t have a second rep because Engineers know AMS meetings go to midnight.
- No one wants to do it.

Eshana Bhangu:
- Long Council can be frustrating, but one or two were long because Councillors engaged:
  - I’m not sure that’s such a bad thing.
  - Maybe not to midnight, but it’s nice to see Councillors participate.
- It’s very important that Councillors engage because the Executive is accountable to you.
- No one should feel rushed to not ask questions.

Kamil Kanji:
- There was really great discussion going on at times.
- But midnight or 12:30 is a little excessive.

Emily Gubski:
- I’m really excited that Council is engaged, but some things need more engagement than others.
- And there is pressure to stay when someone may need to get up the next day at 6 am.
- I also know people who refuse to do this work because of long meetings.
- There’s two sides to this.
- We need to value Councillors’ time.
I) Appointments

Student Life Committee

Katherine Feng:
  • Do new Councillors need to run for a committee?

Cole Evans:
  • Yes, but the policy doesn’t say when.

Nominees (1 x Councillor): Micah Mizushima (Land & Food), Mina Chiew (Science)

Chosen: Mina Chiew

Ad hoc Electoral Engagement Committee

Nominees (for Chair): Cole Evans (President), Oscar Yu (Chief Electoral Officer)

Eshana Bhangu:
  • Is it a good idea for the CEO to chair?
  • He is an employee.

The Speaker:
  • It’s not an issue.

Cole Evans:
  • If Oscar wants to chair, I will happily withdraw my nomination.

9. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____:

“That Mina Chiew be appointed to the Student Life Committee effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in April 2022.”

“That Oscar Yu be appointed as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement effective immediately.”

… No objections

J) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Cole Evans

• The AGM is in two weeks.
  o Blast email tomorrow.

• Indigenous Culture Month:
  o Crafts fair, speaker performance, dance performances.

• Mary, Lorris, and I were in Montreal with Studentcare:
  o Discussing ideas about expanding services.

• Working on Policies I-17 and I-18:
  o Still a lot of work to do overhauling them.
- Started a conversation about re-engaging Insights West to do a survey, an expanded version of our old Nest Experience Survey.
  - It will be a more general AMS survey.
  - We first raised the idea last year, but COVID.
- Thinking about a spending package for our funds.
  - We have large reserves.
  - Want to get the money to students.
- Thinking about referendum questions:
  - Want to get an early start.
  - May bring on a referendum coordinator next month.

**Questions**

Katherine Feng
- Is the flu vaccine clinic happening this year?

Keith Hester:
- Not as far as I know.
- In previous years this was in collaboration with UBC.

Katherine Feng:
- Why?

Charlotte Alden:
- We were looking into this (at the Ubyssey).
- On their website it said it was cancelled because of vaccine shortages, but that’s just changed and it says it’s going ahead.

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

**VP Finance – Mary Gan**
- I was in Montreal with Studentcare:
  - Got some great new project ideas.
- We are hiring a new financial administrator.
- Funds and fees review: looking at how to spend our reserves, especially the Clubs Benefit Fund.
- We are doing a survey on the Health & Dental Plan to consult students on improvements they’d like to see.

**Questions**

Emily Reid:
- The AMS finance office is taking a month to 6 weeks for reimbursements.
- What’s being done to address this?

Mary Gan:
- There’s been some turnover in the accounting department.
- New staff need to be trained.
• Also we’re moving out of a year with not many reimbursements.
• We’re working on this.
• Hope to bring in a new business system.
• I know it’s really painful to wait.
• Feel free to email me about specific issues.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu
• Working on our budget submission to the University.
• Academic Integrity Week:
  o Will be booting in the Nest.
  o Working on a guide to policies at UBC:
    ▪ If you’re accused of academic misconduct, what can you do?
  o Looking into contract cheating services.
  o Blackmail an issue.
  o Hoping to raise awareness.
• Getting fentanyl strips to give to Peer Support.
• We want to do a Campus Safety Audit and are looking for volunteers.
• Mental Health & Well-Being campaign.
• OER Champions Night: nominate a professor who uses open educational resources.

Questions
Kamil Kanji:
• What is involved in a safety audit?

Eshana Bhangu:
• Going around campus and identifying areas that seem unsafe.

Mathew Ho:
• How many volunteers?

Eshana Bhangu:
• The more the merrier.
• Not just Councillors. Any students.
• Doing a callout to the general population.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson
• New cycle of club applications.
• Reviewing initial responses to the Clubs Days survey.
• Consultations on the Sensory Room.
• Sustainability:
  o Following up with Carbon Offsetters.
  o We’re already doing quite well.
  o We’re encouraging employees to walk or bike to work.
• Soapstand Project to be installed in the Nest.
VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib
- Advocacy on Northwest Marine Drive safety.
  o The province is conducting an analysis of the area.
  o There’s a larger conversation to be had about road safety and lighting.
  o Jointly advocating with UBC to the province.
- UNA elections:
  o Important to support the four students running.
  o Register and vote.
  o Super important to get representation on land use and affordability.
- SUDS 2021 is this weekend:
  o Student summit hosted annually by the AMS.
  o We’ll be joined by student leaders from across the country.
- UCRU policy development for Lobby Week.
  o Items will be financial aid, elimination of interest on student loans, student employment with a focus on international students.
  o Also mental health and students with disabilities.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- What efforts is the AMS making in the UNA election?

Saad Shoaib:
- Going to encourage students to sign up for UNA membership so they can cast votes in the election.
- There will be a campaign with physical materials and social media posts.
- It’s important that students vote for students and for issues that matter to students.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost
- Safewalk moving away from current software, seeking a new platform to track walks.
- Food Bank:
  o 533 visits.
  o New assistant coordinator coming.
  o New freezer request.
- Peer Support:
  o Safer substance workshop.
  o Opioid overdose first aid training.
  o Thrive Month events.
  o Dialogue Nights on Wednesdays.
  o Training on use of fentanyl strips and distribution of them.
  o Creating a more holistic support network.
- Tutoring is having great success in group sessions.
- Housing is holding sessions in the Safewalk office.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Re the reimbursements, we are replacing our accounting system.
- The Executive received a presentation on Gallery furniture replacement.
• Replacement of HR/Payroll system.
• Hiring for a new HR Manager.
• The Conferences & Catering Manager is back from maternity leave and is being reoriented.
• East Side furniture project underway: furniture coming.
• Started planning for Block Party.

Questions
Emily Gubski:
• What’s happening to the old Gallery furniture?

Keith Hester:
• We’re not throwing it out.
• Some is going to the Lev Bukhman lounge.
• Some is being repurposed by refinishing.

Emily Gubski:
• This is just fixing wear and tear?
• We’re not redoing the Gallery?

Keith Hester:
• No, we are redoing the Gallery.
• Originally we stocked it by pulling furniture from various parts of the building.
• Some of that is now worn, and that’s what we’re replacing.
• We’re looking at a full renovation probably next summer.

L) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu
• We’ve been having difficulty contacting students at large.
• Hope to meet soon.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
• We meet on Council off weeks.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan
• No updates as we haven’t met yet.
• Will need to meet a lot in the near future.

Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji
• Haven’t met yet.
• Hope to meet next week.
Operations Committee – Lauren Benson
- First meeting next week.

HR Committee – Kaysan Adriyanto for Romina Hajizadeh
- October 18th is the first meeting.
- Hybrid option to attend.
- Biweekly meetings.

Student Life Committee – Aryan Mishra
- Sent a “when to meet.”
- Hope to meet next week.

Elections Committee – Oscar Yu
- No report.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
- No update.
- We meet monthly.

Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions – Lauren Benson
- Scheduling a meeting soon.

Ad hoc Committee on AMS Principles and Ethics – Lauren Benson
- Meeting next week.

Ad hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement – Oscar Yu
- I want to do a video campaign using past executives saying why students should run and vote in AMS elections.

M) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes): Cole Evans
- First trial run of rotating chairs: KUS and SUS co-hosted.
- This month it’s Commerce and Economics together.

Kamil Kanji:
- Does the Impact Grants Working Group report to Council?

The Speaker:
- They report to the Finance Committee.

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

Board of Governors – Eshana Bhangu for Max Holmes & Georgia Yee
- No new updates.
- Between cycles.
- Next meetings are at the end of November and beginning of December.
Senate – Eshana Bhangu

- No update.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- When I talked about Councillors of the Year before, I showed Hans Seidemann in his pirate outfit and Mathew Ho asked if there were any other unique pictures.
- You can see the pictures, by the way, in the Council composites sprinkled around the building.
  - We have them from 1916-17 up to last year.
  - One of my favourites is from 1921, when they couldn’t decide whether to put the apostrophe before or after the S, so ended up saying Student’s’ Council.
  - There were no composites for 1967 through 1979, which means you won’t see a photo of either Moe Sihota or Herb Dhaliwal, who both went on to distinguished political careers.
  - Moe Sihota’s nephew, Aaron Sihota, later served on Council too, and you can find his photo.
  - Herb Dhaliwal’s niece is with us right now: Eshana Bhangu, our VP AUA.
- But for a unique picture I think of Dave Tompkins, who served on Council from the late 90’s till 2011, first as a GSS rep and a Senate rep, eventually becoming Speaker.
- Dave missed the photo-taking in his second year, so his first year photo was reused, and after that he decided to wear the same outfit for the photo, so though his appearance changed in other ways, his outfit was always the same distinctive checked shirt and T-shirt.
- An odd thing happened in his later years: other Council members dressed up in that same Dave outfit.

Questions

Mathew Ho:
- Can we get more on AMS family lineages?

Emily Gubski:
- We should all wear the same outfit in the next composite.

O) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

P) Executive Committee Motions:

Q) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

R) Committee Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:
   Email vote:
10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU: [SCD177A-22]

“That Council accept the agenda for the 2021 Annual General Meeting as presented.”

… Carried

For (12): Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Kamil Kanji, Romina Hajizadeh, Grace Lee, Jade Law, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Teddy O'Donnell, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Katherine Feng, Rebecca Liu

Abstained: Avery Chan

T) Discussion Period

Kamil Kanji:
• What is the “Council Activity” listed on the agenda?

Cole Evans:
• It used to be Pit Night after Council meetings.
• Code says the agenda should include it.
• I was thinking we could do a meet and greet, but the first two meetings went so long that we didn’t.
• The Gallery is open; you can join us there.

U) Submissions:
ESA Fall 2021 Election results [SCD190-22]
PhUS 2021 Fall Election results [SCD191-22]

V) Next Meeting:
Next Meeting: October 27, 2021

W) Adjournment:

11. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

… No objections

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

X) Social Activity:

Council Welcome and Introduction Activity
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Oscar Yu (AMS CEO), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey),
Jason Pang (AVP Sustainability), Justin Zheng (VPAUA office), Lawrence Liu (AVP
University Affairs), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council),
Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:
The Speaker:
• The AMS Student Nest and the Forum are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded land
  of the Musqueam people.
• What we call Vancouver is the stolen territory of the Musqueam and Squamish peoples.
• Especially in Indigenous Cultural Month we should all be reflecting on Truth and
  Reconciliation.

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

   “That the agenda be amended to move the discussion topics to after Presentations.”
   … No objections

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

   “That the agenda be amended by removing the employee conduct discussion and
   replacing it with a discussion on elections and an in camera discussion of the report from
   the Election Appeals Committee.”
   … No objections

3. MOVED ESHANA BHANHU, SECONDED EMILY REID:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”
   … No objections

D) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:
Welcome to our new Members: Ananya Swaninathan (Engineering)

Vacancies on Council: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2,
Indigenous seat, St Mark’s, Regent

Goodbyes
E) Speaker’s Business (5 minutes):

The Speaker:
- You’re here to hold the Executive to account.
- Feel free to take part in debate.
- There are some changes coming to the Societies Act. Sheldon can explain.

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- The Societies Act is being amended to remove proxies.
- Once the amendments take effect, you will no longer be able to send a proxy to a Council meeting.
- Until then you can send a proxy if you’re absent, but note that you are still counted as absent if you send a proxy, and if you have more than four absences from regular Council meetings during the School Year, you will lose your seat.

Max Holmes:
- Were we consulted on this?
- Did we put forward a position?

Cole Evans:
- Yes, and there is a discussion coming later.

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

G) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

Executive Committee minutes dated October 7, 2021 [SCD192-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 13, 2021 [SCD193-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated October 18, 2021 [SCD194-22]
AMS Council minutes dated July 21, 2021 [SCD195-22]
AMS Council minutes dated August 4, 2021 [SCD196-22]
HR Committee minutes dated September 10, 2021 [SCD197-22]
HR Committee minutes dated October 18, 2021 [SCD198-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated September 10, 2021 [SCD199-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated October 14, 2021 [SCD200-22]

From the President with consent from the Committee
Be it resolved that the Ad Hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement be dissolved.

Be it further resolved that the Elections Committee shall report back to AMS Council by the first meeting of January 2022 with strategies for improving engagement, proposed
changes to electoral procedures and rules, and plans for the upcoming election cycle."

... No objections

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

**ERP System Replacement – Keith Hester**

- Slow reimbursements.
- Been working on a system replacement.
- Amalgamating various systems.
- Much of the process is still manual.
- Want to switch to web-based.
- Been working with Encore Business Solutions.
- The AMS is unique and needs special customization and integration.
- Will come back next meeting for approval.
- Will take about three months to implement, so should be implemented by February.
- Looked at various options.
- The only one suitting our needs is Microsoft Central.
  - It includes an expense management system.
- The new system will reduce the need for frequent updates.
- It’s faster and there will be fewer errors.
- Since it’s in the cloud, we’ll save money on servers.
- Will cost only $150,000, which can be paid from the Capital Projects Fund.
- Maintenance costs ($16,000 annually) will be paid out of the ongoing operating budget.

**Questions**

Max Holmes:
- Just want to make sure this is a long-term good company.
- We’ve seen companies come and go.
- But this is very much needed.

Keith Hester:
- It’s Microsoft.
- And yes, this is much needed.

Emily Reid:
- I know the finance office is behind and short staffed.
- Will implementing this system cause further delays?

Keith Hester:
- Included in this is training on the new system and changing our workflow.

Mary Gan:
- The accounting department is being very active on this.
- I don’t think there will be many transitional hiccups.
5. MOVED GRACE LEE, SECONDED EMILY REID:

“That the time for the question period be extended by five minutes.”

... No objections

Questions
Ivran Rai:
• What will the treasurer training involve?

Mary Gan:
• It’s a bit early to describe that since we haven’t introduced or even approved the new system yet.
• We will update our guides, maybe make videos.
• We will update the Canvas course and the procedure guide.
• My team will be here to answer questions.

Grace Lee:
• For the time being, before the new system comes in, can Constituencies get higher credit card limits to avoid having to put expenses on personal credit cards?

Mary Gan:
• Credit card limits are another issue we’re dealing with.
• There’s a central limit for the entire Society.
• It’s stressful, but the new system may bring new credit cards with higher limits.
• If there are any transactions now that you need us to help you with, let me know.

UBC Budget Submission – Eshana Bhangu, Lawrence Liu, Justin Zheng [SCD202-22]

Eshana Bhangu:
• These are the Student Priorities 2022-23 which we have submitted to the University’s Provost, VP Finance, and VP Students.
• They will also go to the Board of Governors later.
• This is one of our most important advocacy tools.
• The University budget is largely made up of student tuition.
• We have highlighted priority areas that money should be spent on.

Justin Zheng:
• Graduate Student Support:
  o We want to increase the minimum funding.
  o 78% of graduate students see funding advocacy as a priority.
Eshana Bhangu:
- Grad students don’t have the same aid as undergraduates.
- They tend to lack parental support and to have maxed out their student loans.
- And yet UBC’s high ranking comes in part from research done by grad students.
- UBC calls what it gives grad students “awards,” not wages; it’s not even minimum wage.
- Some of them have children, dependants.

Justin Zheng:
- International Student Awards:
  - International students pay in one year what domestic students pay in four years (for tuition).
  - We want needs-based awards, not based just on merit or hybrid awards.
  - Want to reallocate funding from small automatic awards to more valuable awards.

Eshana Bhangu:
- UBC says they have needs-based awards, but really they’re hybrids.

6. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.” … No objections

Eshana Bhangu:
- Accessibility:
  - Pushing for a disability task force.
  - Also an audit of buildings.

Lawrence Liu:
- Career Support Services:
  - Advocating for funding to support positions in career advising.
  - Want a holistic review that would lead to a single platform for career advising.

Eshana Bhangu:
- Teaching and Learning:
  - Students are asking for recorded lectures.
  - We’re advocating for acquiring the Enterprise Video Platform.

7. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

Emily Reid:
- I am opposed.
- This is a very long meeting and I’d like to move on.
Eshana Bhangu:
- Students pay a lot of money in fees, and this submission helps determine how that money will be spent.
- We’re doing this to be transparent.

Emily Gubski:
- Perhaps compromise on two or three minutes.

8. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... Carried

For (19): Lauren Benson, Saad Shoaib, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Jasneet Bal, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Emily Gubski, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Kiera Vandeborne, Avery Chan, Katherine Feng, Minaho Chiew

Against (3): Grace Lee, Jade Law, Emily Reid

Eshana Bhangu:
- Mental Health and Well-Being:
  - Seeking two more years of funding for the Black Student Caucus pilot project on well-being, connecting Black students with Black counsellors.
- Food Insecurity
- Embed the Indigenous Strategic Plan in the University budget.
- Supporting UBC’s Climate Action Plan.

Questions
Max Holmes:
- Re international student aid, have we looked at increasing funding for programs that are already successful?
- Like the WUSC program for refugee students.

Eshana Bhangu:
- We’re definitely trying to support existing initiatives.

Kamil Kanji:
- Are we advocating to increase aid for domestic students as well?

Eshana Bhangu:
- We always advocate for domestic students, but the emphasis is on international.
- There is such a gap.
- The University spends most of its money related to international students on recruitment, not support.
- They need to provide support.
Minaho Chiew:
  - For the disability audit, how long will it take? When will it happen?

Eshana Bhangu:
  - Want it done by Term 2.
  - We want student consultation.
  - We don’t want a performative audit.
  - We want to ensure resources are made available to ensure success.

Julia Burnham:
  - Reg grad student funding, will you be advocating for removing continuing fees for master’s students?

Eshana Bhangu:
  - For now just asking for master’s students doing research degrees.
  - Looking to speak to the GSS on this.

9. MOVED GEORGIA YEE, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

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

  ... No objections

Georgia Yee:
  - Given that opposition to tuition increases could lead to less income for the University, how would you navigate that?
  - Have you looked at places where the University could spend less?

Eshana Bhangu:
  - We’ve had good response when we’ve asked for cuts.
  - If tuition isn’t increased – and we’re 100% against increases – then make cuts in the faculties.

Sustainability Update – Jason Pang (AVP Sustainability) [SCD203-22]

  - AMS Net Zero 2025:
    - Working with Offsetters on this continuing project.
    - We produced 719 tonnes of carbon dioxide in 2019, which is pretty sustainable.
      - Much of it is offset by the University.
    - Working with Offsetters to reduce more and to improve our data collection.
  - Two new projects:
    - Soapstand and the AMS Waste Hub.
    - Soapstand is a zero-waste soap dispenser.
    - The Waste Hub is for hard to recycle items.
    - Both launching in 2022.
  - Changes to the Sustainability Subcommittee:
    - Inviting undergraduate societies to attend.
  - AMS Sustainability Week in Term 2.
• Had soft launch of Interactive Sustainability Centre.
  o Grand launch in January.
  o Email if you want to use the space.

• AMS Thingery:
  o Final stages of approval.
  o Talking to the Finance Committee.
  o Working with the Thingery on an MoU.
  o Hoping to open next September.

• Food Security Initiatives:
  o Digital food hub.
  o Physical community food hub on campus.
  o Given the increased use of the AMS Food Bank, we’re looking for other ways to help students.

• Speaking to the Indigenous Committee about the Indigenous section of the AMS Sustainability Action Plan.
  o Hope to get that done by March.

Questions
Emily Gubski:
  • Love the soap dispenser idea,
  • Will it be free or at least at a competitive price?

Jason Pang:
  • Our focus is on sustainability, accessibility, and affordability.
  • Working with local companies.
  • Scented and unscented products.
  • Should be cheaper than from a store.

Minaho Chiew:
  • Can you say more about the digital and on campus food hubs?

Jason Pang:
  • Food security is a big spectrum, dealing with budgeting, preserving food: education about those things.
  • Being done through UBC Well-Being.
  • A resource for students on food.

Gabrielle Matheson:
  • Could we have more clarity on the waste hub?
  • How will it work?

Jason Pang:
  • It will be in the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
  • It will function only when the centre is open, to prevent contamination and to monitor the waste.
  • It’s a pilot project for four types of items:
I) Discussion Period

Societies Act Changes

Cole Evans:
- Thanks to Katherine Feng for discovering that there are new amendments of the Societies Act that are close to coming into effect.
- The bill has passed third reading and is just awaiting royal assent.
- There are new reporting requirements and changes concerning access to records and disclosing remuneration.
- We’ve also discovered that email votes can only be done if all directors vote yes.
- And the biggest one for us is that proxy voting is ending.
- Also, there are changes about allowing someone in a conflict of interest to remain in an in camera session.
- And for remote sessions, instructions must be issued.
- The amendments will also give the government the power to issue regulations requiring universities and other postsecondary institutions to provide contact information of students to student societies.
  - We already have this provided for from UBC under an MoU with them.
  - We have had an interesting time with some of the affiliated institutions.
- We will have to make some bylaw changes.

Max Holmes:
- Were we consulted?

Cole Evans:
- Yes, in 2019.
- Chris Hakim and Nicolas Romualdi at the GSS received notice of the proposed changes.
- They voiced their thoughts, and said they were against the change to disallow proxy voting.
- But the government didn’t listen to us.
- The pandemic probably stalled this, and then the provincial election.
- That’s why the consultation was so long ago.

Kamil Kanji:
- Does the disallowing of proxies apply to Constituencies as well?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- I don’t think so, because the law is only for societies and their boards.
- The Constituencies are not societies themselves.
• They’re subsidiaries, and the law doesn’t concern itself with them.

Emily Reid:
• Will attendance include online attendance?

Cole Evans:
• Probably.
• We will look at this.
• Because of our virtual attendance option, it will actually be less important to send proxies.

Romina Hajizadeh:
• Re instructions for remote meetings, will there be a template?

Cole Evans:
• It’s basically just requiring us to tell people how to join the meeting and vote.
• More societies are holding virtual meetings, so they want to make sure people know, but Zoom is pretty intuitive.

Kamil Kanji:
• Will all references to proxies in Code have to be removed?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
• The main reference is in the bylaws.
• There are some passing references in Code.

Kamil Kanji:
• There are 16, actually.

**Next Council date**

Cole Evans:
• The next Council meeting is set for November 10, but it turns out that that’s the first day of our new Fall Reading Break, and there are no classes that day.
• My preference is to keep it, but we could move it.
• We could do it on the Monday or move it to the following Wednesday, though that’s the same day as a Senate meeting.

Max Holmes:
• I didn’t fight for us to have a reading break so that we could have a Council meeting during it.
• Let’s choose another date.

Emily Gubski:
• Will this change the rest of the schedule?
• And would it count as an absence if we miss on the moved date?
Cole Evans:
- Ideally, we would not move the other dates.
- Attendance rules will stay the same.

Emily Reid:
- Could we keep the 10th and have it as an online meeting?

Cole Evans:
- There is always an online option.

Lauren Benson:
- I’d rather not have a meeting during Reading Break.
- Some may need the break.

Micah Mizushima:
- There’s another meeting here on Mondays from 5 to 7.

Cole Evans:
- That would be displaced.

Cole Evans:
- I’ll send out a poll.

**Elections Discussion**

Oscar Yu:
- In response to the decision of the Election Appeals Committee, I would like to say that if an election violates AMS Code, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) can invalidate the result.
- I’ve spoken to past CEO’s, who agree with me.

*Because the Speaker chairs the Election Appeals Committee, he passed the chair for this discussion to Cole Evans.*

Oscar Yu:
- Every CEO has interpreted the relevant part of Code to mean elections could be invalidated.
- And the section of Code, which is about eligibility of those in a specific year or program, was written by a past CEO I spoke to.
- The Science election did violate Code.
- I recognize that the appeal committee’s decision is final, but I am disappointed in the result.

Keanna Yu:
- Going to a past CEO does not really prove what the rule is.
• The rule is in the document; it's the document that needs to be consulted.
• The documents stay in place longer than a person holds a position.

 There was a discussion about what documents were being discussed.

Cole Evans:
• There are two documents.
• One is the decision of the Election Appeals Committee; that is public.
• There is a second document that will be discussed in camera.

10. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB, THRIRDED KEANNA YU:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 8 pm.
The meeting left the in camera session at 10 pm.

11. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED EMILY REID:

“That the meeting be extended by one hour.”

… No objections

Council recessed until 10:07 pm.
Julia Burnham was in the chair.

Elections Discussion
Neal Cameron:
• The Election Appeals Committee has made some recommendations to the Governance Committee.
• There are deficiencies in the structure of the Elections Committee and the Election Appeals Committee.
• The CEO and the Chair of the Election Appeals Committee both act as sole adjudicators.
• There’s also a timeline issue: 48 hours is problematic for appeals.
• There should also be clarification about the eligibility of Constituency candidates and voters.

Kamil Kanji:
• The Governance Committee will address all these issues.

Max Holmes:
• The public part of the decision should go on the website.

Cole Evans:
• It will probably go on the next Council docket as a submission.
Emily Gubski:
- It would be beneficial to hear a rundown of the overturn and the overturn of the overturn.

Neal Cameron:
- The CEO made a ruling overturning the results of the Computer Science election held as part of the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) elections.
- That was appealed to the Election Appeals Committee.
- The appeal committee found that the obligation cited by the CEO was not correct.
- This decision by the Election Appeals Committee was unanimous, including the representative sent by the CEO.
- The CEO has an obligation to validate Constituency election results.
- We did find issues in Code about Constituency appeals.

Emily Gubski:
- Originally the candidate should not have been able to run, but they did and won.
- Then that election was overturned by the CEO because …

Neal Cameron:
- The CEO invalidated the results on the grounds of Code, but no appeal of the results had taken place.

Emily Reid:
- Someone ineligible ran for a position.
- This was not caught by anyone in the Computer Science election or by their appeals process.
- The CEO noted this.
- I am concerned at the precedent being set here: if I messed up and allowed an Arts rep to run in Engineering, no one could change that.

Oscar Yu:
- SUS knew at all times that the candidate was not in Computer Science and should not have been able to run for the Computer Science position.
- I received a complaint and decided on that.

Neal Cameron:
- A necessary condition for the AMS Elections Committee to hear an appeal of a Constituency election is that there first be an appeal made within the Constituency.
- The SUS Elections Administrator did not allow such an appeal, violating SUS procedures, but we don’t have the power to reverse that.

Emily Gubski:
- So the AMS Elections Committee could not act because SUS did not run an appeal?
Oscar Yu:
- Code says the AMS Elections Committee can rule.

Neal Cameron:
- Only if there has already been an internal appeal within the Constituency.
- Emily Reid suggests a precedent is being set that could allow a non-Engineer to get elected in Engineering.
- There is no precedent being set here.
- A decision is simply made by the Election Appeals Committee.
- And there is an obligation on the CEO to certify Constituency elections if there are no internal appeals.
- It is not an opportunity for discretion.

Cole Evans:
- We are going around in circles.
- It’s not really right or wrong.
- SUS didn’t follow their code.
- Our Code is not clear enough.
- We could talk for the next five hours.
- At the end of the day the Election Appeals Committee made a ruling.
- The thing is to have the Governance Committee and the Elections Committee look at this.
- Have Neal and Oscar involved in the conversations.
- I think we’re good.

Emily Reid:
- There was no formal appeal period in the SUS election: doesn’t that invalidate the election?

Oscar Yu:
- Nothing in Code says an election is automatically invalidated if there’s no appeal period.

Emily Reid:
- There must be an internal appeal or …

Grace Lee:
- What’s the point of asking someone to validate something if they don’t the power to refuse validation?
- We could have gone on the merits of the case.
- It’s something to learn from.

Cole Evans:
- The bigger issue is Constituency compliance with AMS governing documents.
- There’s no enforcement mechanism.
• Are we increasing the mechanisms or are we decentralizing and letting Constituencies run their own affairs?
• An even bigger issue: this is not an efficient use of our time.

Neal Cameron:
• The lack of an appeal process in SUS is problematic, yes.
• If the merits of the case were considered, it might have been a different decision.
• There’s the issue of the Election Appeals Committee’s powers.

12. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That we cease debate on this and remove the committee updates from the agenda.”
… No objections

13. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That Committee motions be next on the agenda.”
… No objections

The Speaker resumed the chair.

14. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD206-22]. [SCD207-22]

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kamil Kanji:
• We did this in consultation with the President’s office.
• The idea is to streamline Council meetings.
• We won’t have to motion so often to extend presentations.

Julia Burnham:
• I’m not sure allowing unlimited questions after presentations is the best idea.
• And allowing presentations to be up to 30 minutes long is also not the best thing, especially for external presenters.
• I suggest referring this back to Governance Committee.

Cole Evans:
• The main aim was not necessarily to shorten, but to reorder.
• This puts the important things at the beginning, because people start to leave at the end.
• For the presentations, it’s up to the President to grant up to 30 minutes.
• The President might not grant 30 minutes.
• This will make sure presentation time is more accurately reflected on the agenda.
• It’s a good change to make right now; we can change again later.

Eshana Bhangu:
• Maybe refer.

Emily Gubski:
• Yes, I feel it should go back to committee.
• The main goal was to move up the Discussion Period and the motions.
• That is valuable, but longer presentation times and unlimited question time are not.
• Ten minutes for a presentation sets a goal; we can extend if needed.
• It would be incorrect to pass this. Send it back.

Kamil Kanji:
• Some presentations do require more time.
• Governance Committee can look at this again, but it would be good to get these changes made now.

Saad Shoaib:
• A lot of stuff is referred back to Governance Committee.
• We can build on top of this.

Eshana Bhangu:
• As long as the Governance Committee keeps looking at this, that’s good.

15. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried

For (11): Lauren Benson, Eshana Bhangu, Mary Gan, Aryan Mishra, Kamil Kanji, Romina Hajizadeh, Sanjana Bedi, Micah Mizushima, Grace Lee, Emily Reid, Joey Yang

Against (2): Julia Burnham, Emily Gubski

16. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds  ... No objections
J) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):
Cole Evans

- AGM tomorrow:
  - Just under 1,000 registered.
  - Less than last year because last year nothing else was going on.
  - Need 600 for quorum.
  - If no quorum, we can’t pass motions.
- Indigenous Cultural Month has been going on.
- Student Engagement Survey in November:
  - Used to be the Nest Engagement Survey.
  - Beefed up.
  - Run with Insights West.
  - As significant as the Academic Experience Survey.

K) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Finance – Mary Gan [see also remarks submitted after the meeting, below]
- Budget amendments.
- Studentcare add-ons.
- Health and Dental questions.
- Reviewing funds and fees.

17. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED MICAH MIZUSHIMA

“That Council direct that the Executive remarks be submitted to Council by October 29 and that those remarks be included in the October 27 minutes of Council.”

… No objections

Quorum was lost at 11:04 pm.

K) Executive Remarks (as submitted after the meeting in accordance with Motion 17):

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu
- Campus Safety Audit to be announced next week.
- Student Evaluation of Instruction promotions for the end of November.
- OER Champions Night on November 25th celebrating faculty and staff that work to support affordable and inclusive access to learning materials.
- Return to Campus Survey infographic posted today.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson
Hi everyone,

I hope you’ve all had a good week so far! Since last council my team and I have been continuing to work on a variety of ongoing projects and goals- one of those being raising more awareness around the sustainability initiatives the AMS has to offer. We just got funding approved (thank you Fincom) to create a series of informative
sustainability videos to educate students about the opportunities available through the Sustainability Projects Fund, the Interactive Sustainability Centre, as well as informing students about the AMS Sustainability Action Plan (ASAP).

Continuing on the topic of Sustainability communications, we also have a survey out now to get student feedback on what you would like to see from the Soapstand in terms of products that the machine may offer and the price point … it takes only a few minutes and you could win an AMS giftcard and totebag so I would highly encourage you to check that out!

My team and I are also laying down the foundation for January Clubs Days and will be sending out applications for clubs to participate in early November, and we’re working on having a revamped version of the Clubs Resource Centre open in tandem with the event, and will be hiring another member of the team to oversee the space shortly. We’re very excited to see the space reopen and have another member on the team! Additionally, I think I mentioned this last week but our Clubs Days feedback survey is out right now so if you participated in Clubs Days with a club please fill it out and tell your friends in clubs to let us know their thoughts!

As usual, these are just a few of the projects my team and myself are currently working on, and you can always fire me an email if you want to learn more about them as well. Thank you!

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib
Hey folks, hope you’re all doing well. We’ve had some interesting developments over the past few weeks.

We’ve been working with our federal partners at the Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU) on preparing for our federal lobby week. This past week, UCRU finalized its recommendations around the following advocacy priorities: student financial aid- targeting the permanent removal of interest rates and permanent increases to the Canada Student Grants, mental health- working with the provinces to invest more into student-centric e-mental health supports and student employment- creating more opportunities for international students and investing more into Canada’s youth-centric and student-centric employment programs.

We also completed the Fall 2021 U-Pass audit finalizing the exemptions list for this term. We’ll be meeting with UBC’s Enrollment Services team on the Spring 2021 U-Pass exemptions and what the infrastructure/dates will look like for that. The same U-Pass exemptions will be available to students in acknowledging that the pandemic is still ongoing.

The Office of External Affairs is also working on a partnership with research courses through SEEDS to gather more insights into the viability of equity-based grants. We’ll be bringing an update as to the partnership in future council meetings.
We’ve also been collaborating with AMS Services on our harm reduction campaign. We’re working with the BC CDC, specifically with Toward the Heart, on establishing an advocacy relationship in order to lobby the provincial government to provide more harm reduction resources to post-secondary institutions in BC.

These are just some of the things that we have been working on throughout the past couple weeks. If any of you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at any time at vpexternal@ams.ubc.ca.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

- Safewalk:
  - Met with UBC Accessibility Centre to discuss about letting them borrow our shuttle – decided it was not currently feasible due to insurance issues.
  - Planning to get a 2nd team of Safewalkers for Term 2.
- Food Bank:
  - Hired a new Assistant FB Coordinator – will start this Friday or next Monday.
  - Received funding approval for a new freezer for the foodbank, will be purchasing soon.
- eHub:
  - MOU signed from UBC – need to get AMS to sign to receive some funding.
  - RBC Get Seeded event is being planned – scheduled for Wed, Nov 17th in Term 1.
- Advocacy:
  - Having meeting with different Ombudspeople and Advocacy Coordinators around BC.
  - Received funding from the Student Legal Fund Society.
- Housing
  - Planning to create an education and outreach side of the service next term.

VP Finance – Mary Gan [see also oral report above]

- Finance committee super busy, some budget amendments, fund adjudication.
- Working on flu coverage dialogue and exploring add-ons to our Health and Dental Plan.
- Working on survey questions for Health and Dental as part of upcoming AMS survey to consult students.
- U-Pass Subsidies in processing. Successful applicants will receive a credit on SSC.
- Finalizing Health and Dental subsidies. Done via e-Transfer.
- Working with Studentcare to set up a flu clinic.
- Reviewing funds and fees.
- Finance Committee:
  - Did a couple approvals such as a pay scale product (to conduct market salary reviews, establish pay banding structure), club terms of repayment, espresso machine.
  - Referred new ERP system to Council.
  - Reviewed over SPF applications, the Thingery.
L) Submissions:
   - AUS Fall Election Results [SCD208-22]
   - CUS Fall Election Results [SCD209-22]
   - LFSUS Fall Election Results [SCD210-22]
   - VSEUS Fall Election Results [SCD211-22]
   - VP External Council update [SCD212-22]
   - Services Council Update [SCD213-22]

M) Next Meeting:

   Next Meeting November 8, 2021
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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Oscar Yu (AMS CEO), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Lalaine Alindogan (Ubyssey), Iman Janmohamed (Ubyssey), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm (after a one-hour pre-meeting discussion of the Strategic Plan, led by Nicolas Romualdi).

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- We are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded land of the Musqueam people.
- What we call Vancouver is the stolen territory of the Musqueam and Squamish peoples.
- We need to reflect on our colonial legacy and take responsibility for our role in this institution.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

... No objections

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

New members: Ananya Swaninathan (Engineering), Ezra Yu and Carmen Watson (GSS), Julia Burnham (Senate)

Vacancies: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2, Indigenous Seat, St. Mark’s, Regent

Goodbyes: Nevena Rebic and Julia Burnham (GSS)

E) Speaker’s Business and Remarks (5 minutes)

The Speaker:
- If you have any questions or concerns, or need clarity on how to engage or hold the Executive to account, let me know.

F) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each)
G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Governance Committee minutes dated October 25, 2021 [SCD214-22]
Sustainability Subcommittee minutes dated October 26, 2021 [SCD215-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated October 18, 2021 [SCD216-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated October 25, 2021 [SCD217-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 20, 2021 [SCD218-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated October 27, 2021 [SCD219-22]

… Carried

For (18): Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Romina Hajizadeh, Kamil Kanji, Sanjana Bedi, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Teddy O’Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Katherine Feng, Avery Chan

H) Consent Items

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

From the Governance Committee [SCD221-22]
That Council extend the deadline for the Governance Committee's report on the issue of the SSM sitting as a Councillor on Committees until the second Council meeting in January.

… Carried

For (17): Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Emily Reid, Ananya Swainanathan, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Masse, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Katherine Feng, Avery Chan

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

4. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the following consent agenda items be accepted as presented (2/3rds majority).”
From the Human Resources Committee

That the hours of the Equity and Inclusion Lead be increased from 20 to 25 per week and that the hours of the Equity and Inclusion Coordinator be increased from 15 to 20 per week, effective September 13, 2021 until November 5, 2021, where they will then revert back to their original hours.

Note: Both employees have agreed to the changes.

From the Finance Committee

That Council approve a $5,000 increase to the Academic Projects Line under the VP AUA Portfolio for the Student Experience of Instruction (SEI) Campaign

Change: $17,500 to $22,500.

Katherine Feng:
- Is the retroactive pay in the first motion common?
- Why the $5,000 increase in the second?

Cole Evans:
- Ideally, no, we don’t like doing retroactive pay.
- This pay increase was in approval purgatory.
- The employees were entitled to it.

Eshana Bhangu:
- The budget increase is for the Student Experience of Instruction program.
- The money will all go back to students for participating (a maximum of $1,000 per student).

5. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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

From the Human Resources Committee

That the hours of the Equity and Inclusion Lead be increased from 20 to 25 per week and that the hours of the Equity and Inclusion Coordinator be increased from 15 to 20 per week, effective September 13, 2021 until November 5, 2021, where they will then revert back to their original hours.

Note: Both employees have agreed to the changes.

From the Finance Committee

That Council approve a $5,000 increase to the Academic Projects Line under the VP AUA Portfolio for the Student Experience of Instruction (SEI) Campaign

Change: $17,500 to $22,500.

... Carried
I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Get Thrifty/AMS Auditorium Upgrades Update – Cole Evans

- Council was looking for a resolution to the Get Thrifty expansion project, looking how to move forward with both it and the Auditorium upgrade.
- I think we’ve found a lovely solution.
- Our application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) has been delayed to factor in the Get Thrifty project.
- The Get Thrifty project will affect the lobby area of the Auditorium project.
- This will delay the Auditorium, but it gets the Get Thrifty project done sooner.
- We are proposing to develop a cavernous space in the basement of the Life Building.
- We will expand the Get Thrifty retail space into that and add storage space for them.
- On top of that we will be elevating the Auditorium lobby to allow the Get Thrifty space to fit underneath.
- The original budget for the Auditorium project was $337,000, mostly for construction (a wall has to be replaced).
- We will probably end up lower, at between $250,000 and $275,000.
- Money will come from the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) and the permanent Thrift Shop fee.
- Initially, all of it will come from CPF; the AMS will front the money, essentially as a loan to the Thrift Shop.
- Get Thrifty will then pay it off over a number of years.
- Completion of the project: summer of 2022, which will allow Get Thrifty to start operating for the next academic year.

J) Executive and Committee Motions

6. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD229-22], [SCD230-22]

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2021: Advisory Board’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kamil Kanji:
- Essentially, these changes to the Advisory Board will make it more relevant to the AMS.
- We will have the Executives fully using the Advisory Board.
- This will create buy-in.
• The Advisory Board has already been meeting according to this Code change without the Code being in place.
• Want to make it Code compliant.

7. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Governance Committee
“That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2021: Advisory Board’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

8. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD231-22], [SCD232-22]

From the Finance Committee
“That Council approve the spending of up to $150,000 from the Capital Projects Fund on the upgrade of the Society’s Financial Systems as per the presentation provided.”

Note: The current balance of this Fund is $2,825,390.51.
Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mary Gan:
• Needed for the accounting system upgrade.
• Combines systems into one.
• Will reduce errors and increase efficiency.
• It will serve clubs and Constituencies better.
• We did consultation, worked with the Finance Committee, the Executive, and Keith.

Katherine Feng:
• Why from CPF?

Keith Hester:
• It’s a software upgrade, and one purpose of the CPF is for software upgrades.

9. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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… No objections
Committee Appointments

HR Committee
Nominees (1 x Councillor): Kamil Kanji (Arts), Ananya Swaninathan
Chosen: Ananya Swaninathan

Governance Committee
Nominees (1 x Councillor): Teddy O’Donnell (Music)

10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

From the President
“That Ananya Swaninathan be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and lasting until the first Council meeting in May 2022.”

“That Teddy O’Donnell be appointed to the Governance Committee effective immediately and lasting until the first Council meeting in May 2022.”

… No objections

K) Constituency and Affiliates’ Motions

L) Discussion and Consultation

M) Other Business, Including In Camera Discussions, Notices of Motions, and Submissions

Employee Conduct (in camera session planned)

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, THRIRDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 7:58 pm.
The meeting came out of camera when quorum was lost at 10:33 pm.

Submissions
Strategic Plan presentation (made to the pre-meeting) [SCD233-22]

N) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned because quorum was lost at 10:33 pm.

Next Meeting of Council: November 24, 2021
## Votes and Attendance

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Iman Janmohamed (Ubyssey), Elif Kayali (Ubyssey), Owen Gibbs (Ubyssey), Andrew Ha (Ubyssey), Kiran Dhaliwal, Olivia Yu (Chief Electoral Officer), Sophia Haque (Studentcare), Ben Du (AVP Admin), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Lorris Leung (AMS Senior Manager, Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant), and representatives from the Art History Students Association and the Visual Arts Students Association: Yasmine Semeniuk, Madeline de Jager, A Takhar, Tatiana Povoroznyuk, Helena Mott

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- We are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded land of the Musqueam people.
- What we call Vancouver is the stolen territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.
- We need to bring the ideas of Truth and Reconciliation into our lived experience.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Remove the goals presentation from the Executive.
- Add a motion to appoint to a Strategic Plan Working Group.
- Add a discussion topic on the Executive team.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- I would like to add job descriptions for positions on the Elections Committee, extending their terms.

Olivia Yu:
- We need to add a motion appointing the polling officers.

Kamil Kanji:
- I’d like to add a discussion on student senator elections."
Cole Evans:
- Maybe wait on that.

Kamil Kanji agreed.

Max Holmes:
- How are Councillors expected to vote on changed job descriptions if they have not seen them ahead of time?

Romina Hajizadeh:
- The JD’s can wait till next meeting.

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” … No objections

D) Membership and Attendance: Introductions, new member, declaration of vacancies

New members: Sabrina Moshenko (Indigenous seat), Jonathan De Souza (St. Mark’s)

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

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business and Remarks (5 minutes)

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

Yasmine Semeniuk:
- Speaking on behalf of the Art History Students Association (AHSA) and the Visual Arts Students Association (VASA).
- Want to call attention to the current situation of the Hatch Art Gallery.
- The AMS has failed to hire directors to run the Hatch, and as a result it is non-functioning.
- This means taking away jobs from volunteers.
- Students have been left in the dark.
- Calls have been avoided, emails not answered.
- It’s appalling.
- The AHSA and the VSHA took action to fill the gap and put together an exhibition.
- We were granted access and opened the Hatch for the exhibition.
- This should have been done by our elected representatives.
- I am disappointed by this negligence.
- Going forward, this is what needs to be done:
  - Reopen applications for both positions.
  - Develop an itemized action plan on the hiring process.
Devote extra funding to bring the Hatch back to how it was.

Cole Evans:
- Thanks for coming in.
- Honestly, your frustrations are 100% valid.
- Unfortunately, the Hatch has not been operating because of circumstances I can’t comment on yet, but will become clearer.
- I am dedicated to making that space flourish.
- I want to give credit to the students from VASA and AHSA for the exhibition in the space now, which was 100% created by them.
- I would like to make sure the space is much more community-based.
- The Hatch doesn’t get the care an arts space needs.
- As to the hiring process, the VP Admin team has postings up now; we hope to fill the positions as soon as possible.
- Hoping for a good solution.

Max Holmes:
- I would suggest a Discussion Period topic on this.

Yasmine Semeniuk:
- Can you elaborate on the lack of transparency on this?
- I have called and written the VP Admin many times, and there’s been complete silence.
- I have gone to the VP Admin’s office in person.
- I’ve left notes; I’ve had the receptionist leave notes.
- I’m extremely disappointed.
- I’m excited to hear that positions have been posted online.
- Up to now it’s all been quite disappointing.

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

AMS Council minutes dated September 15, 2021 [SCD234-22]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated November 1, 2021 [SCD235-22]
Steering Committee minutes dated September 8, 2022 [SCD236-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated October 28, 2021 [SCD237-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated November 1, 2021 [SCD238-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated November 8, 2021 [SCD239-22]
AMS Council minutes dated September 29, 2021 [SCD240-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 3, 2021 [SCD241-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 9, 2021 [SCD242-22]

... Carried
H) Consent Items

**Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority**

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

*From the HR Committee*

“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 31, 2022.”

“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 31, 2022.”

“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 31, 2022.”

“That on the recommendation of the Elections Committee Grisha Dhingra and Tajdeep Sandhu be appointed as Polling Officers for a period effective December 1, 2021 and lasting until March 15, 2022.”

... Carried

For (22): Eshana Bhangu, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Jade Law, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Teddy O’Donnell, Kiera Vandeborne, Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza, Shadia Qubti

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

Max Holmes asked that the budget amendment motions be pulled from the two-thirds consent items.

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

*From the Executive Committee*

“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.”
“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.”

Note: The current balance of the International Projects Fund is $37,611. The annual intake is approximately $16,000.

From the President
“That Council suspend 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.”

“That Council suspend 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.”

…. Carried

For (20): Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Jade Law, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Teddy O'Donnell, Kiera Vandeborne, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza, Shadia Qubti

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

6. MOVED COLE, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

From the President
“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.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:
- It’s better to do these next week.
- Only three Executives are here.

Julia Burnham:
- It’s a little disappointing that we need this.
- The Ubyssey has already posted their midterm review of the Executives.
- It’s important to have this in a timely way.
- We do have a recurring attendance issue.
7. MOVED COLE, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

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Against (2): Emily Reid, Minaho Chiew

Abstained: Cole Quist, Kamil Kanji,

Annual AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Presentation – Sophia Haque [SCD245-22]

• I’m the program manager for Studentcare and a former AMS VP Finance.
• The Health & Dental Plan is the largest service the AMS provides.
• 44,000 students are enrolled.
• There were $10 million in claims in 2020-21.
• The past year saw increased counselling benefits in response to the pandemic, and that led to a 185% percent increase in psychology claims.
• Studentcare is not the insurance company; we manage the health and dental plan experience, and we’re the plan co-consultant, managing finances, surveying members to get feedback.
• We’re also the Member Services Administrator: if you have complaints or questions, you can come to our office in the Nest.
• We do community engagement events.
• We had a flu clinic last week.
• We work to ensure competitive rates, with leverage from representing so many students.
• We also run networks of health and dental practitioners: dentists, pharmacists, etc.
  • These give additional coverage, an extra 20% off if you go to a network dentist.
  • (But you don’t have to go to a network dentist.)
• Usage this past year:
  • Typically paramedical services come in at much less than drugs.
  • This year the reverse, because of psychology claims.
  • Out of $4.3 million in health claims, over $1 million were psychology claims.
  • This is a huge increase and shows that more needs to be done.
  • There was an overall decrease in claims at the end of 2019-20 because of COVID, but now this has bounced back.
• Dental offices had to close at the beginning of COVID, but that has also bounced back.

• Looking ahead:
  • Looking to enhance some things.
  • The Student Experience Survey has questions on this.
  • New product: enhancing access to primary care practitioners:
    • Tele-medicine.
    • Connecting to doctors and nurses virtually from home.
    • Our experience is that one-quarter of these contacts are about mental health.
    • Can contact a practitioner within one hour during the day and two hours at night.
    • The price point would be $3.25 per month per student.

Questions
Max Holmes:
• How do you know these are the best services for students?

Sophia Haque:
• From our surveys, which are based on a random subset of the student population.
• We get good data.

Joanne Pickford:
• What happens when a student graduates?

Sophia Haque:
• You are covered until August 31.
• After that, if you need coverage, you can enroll in something called Continuum.
• It’s not the exact same benefits, but there are benefits.

J) Executive and Committee Motions

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB: [SCD246-22], [SCD247-22], [SCD248-22], [SCD249-22], SCD250-22

From the Finance Committee
“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council approve 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 on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council suspend 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.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The current balance of the CPF is approximately $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.

Cole Evans:
- We had a presentation last time.
- This is super exciting.
- Council wanted a solution to expanding Get Thrifty while going forward with the Auditorium lobby expansion.
- The Auditorium project is a major project.

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

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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.

... Carried

For (21): Cole Evans, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Jade Law, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Sabrina Moshenko, Ivrany Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Sophie Penniman, Teddy O'Donnell, Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza

10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB: [SCD251-22]

**From the President on behalf of the Chief Electoral Officer**
“That Council adopt the report entitled ‘Code Changes 2021: Nomination Forms and Referendum Petitions’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Olivia Yu:
- These changes reflect a lot of what’s been asked of the Elections Committee in the past.
- Nominations will be like last year, done electronically, but also the Admin Assistant can do hardcopies.
- We're making it easier to get nominated, lowering the number of signatures required from 50 to 25.
- The Elections Committee learned from the pandemic last year to make things more accessible.
- Also, petitions will be handled now by the CEO instead of the VPAUA.

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That Council adopt the report entitled ‘Code Changes 2021: Election Posters’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Olivia Yu:
- I was in full support of banning posters; those are my personal values.
- But I’ve consulted various groups and I think it’s best we bring posters back.

Eshana Bhangu:
- I am not really in favour.
- There’s a reason we banned posters.
- They’re not sustainable.
- I don’t see a lot of value in bringing them back.

Julia Burnham:
- This was the biggest frustration for every candidate and the Elections Committee.
- Postering led to lots of complaints.
- This should be referred to the Governance Committee.

Max Holmes:
- I agree with the past two comments.
- Also, postering takes up candidates’ time and creates pettiness and angst.
  - People say, This candidate covered my poster.
- I’m in favour of lawn signs; they give just as much awareness.
- A lot of thought was put into banning posters.
- We would need a robust consultation.
13. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That this motion be referred to the Elections Committee.”

Max Holmes:
- I would like to see a report on the consultation.
- There’s no rush on this; the elections are far off.
- We need to hear more rationale.

Olivia Yu:
- We did consult Governance already, and this was being brought by me for the Elections Committee.
- I agree about bringing a report.
- I can also say that there will be rules restricting posters.

Saad Shoaib:
- There are hundreds of rules during elections.
- This will create more, about what kind of paper you can use etc.
- Also, this will increase candidate budgets.
- If it does get approved, we need to take budgets into account.

Kamil Kanji:
- Governance was consulted.
- There was dissent.
- There was going to be further discussion, but there were time issues.

Mathew Ho:
- It’s important to make sure elections are accessible.
- For people from different backgrounds, postering can be stressful.
- We should be increasing options.

14. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That this motion be referred to the Elections Committee.”

… No objections

Committee Appointments
Cole Evans:
- We thought it might be useful to have a working group on the strategic plan.
- No structure.
- No limit on the number of members.
- Will meet every couple of weeks.

A number of names were put forward.
15. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB

“That the following Councillors be appointed to the Strategic Plan Working Group: Max Holmes, Julia Burnham, The Whole Arts Caucus, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan, Jonathan De Souza, Georgia Yee, Emily Gubski.”

... Carried


16. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

From the Finance Committee

“That a $3,500 budget increase be approved for the Academic Projects line in the VP Academic and University Affairs portfolio.”

“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.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Eshana Bhangu:
- The first one is for the OER Champions event.
- Originally, we just budgeted for labour and the booking.
- But then we came up with more ideas for awards, and that cost more than expected.

Mathew Ho:
- What kind of awards?

Eshana Bhangu:
- Plaques and mugs.

Max Holmes:
- These originally didn’t come with supporting material.
- In future for budget amendments it would be appreciated if we can see the bottom line effect on the budget and what the changes are for.
- Eshana has explained now.

Saad Shoaib:
- The VP External budget increase is for the UNA campaign.
- We are supporting the students running in these elections.
- The money is coming from the SUDS surplus.
- It will be used for promotions and advertising.
Mathew Ho:
- Are there any conflicts of interest?

Saad Shoaib:
- None that we’ve been made aware of.

Max Holmes:
- I don’t think any of the candidates are voting members of Council.

17. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

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K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

18. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:  [SCD 253-22], [SCD254-22]

**From the Nursing Undergraduate Society**

“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.”

Cole Evans:
- NUS passed a referendum.
- We need to pass this motion so we can let the Board know to start charging the fee.

19. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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Against (1): Jade Law

Abstained: Minaho Chiew

I) Discussions and Consultation

20. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB, THIRDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 7:25 pm.
The meeting left the in camera session at 8:10 pm.

21. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion about the VP Administration.”

... No objections

22. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“Whereas the Vice-President Administration has requested a personal health leave of absence from November 25th, 2021 until January 9th, 2022.

Whereas the President has agreed to assume additional responsibilities to cover the absence.

Be it resolved that AMS Council suspend all relevant sections of the AMS Code of Procedure, as well as relevant policies that outline duties, responsibilities, and powers of the Vice-President Administration, and delegate the relevant duties, responsibilities, and powers to the President for a period starting November 25, 2021 and ending January 9, 2022.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- The VP Administration has requested an personal health leave from tomorrow until January 9.
• As an employee she is entitled to an unpaid leave and is eligible to use vacation days and sick leave benefits.
• In the interim I will assume the duties of the VP Admin.
• We can’t officially appoint an interim VP Administration under the Bylaws because that provision is only if there is a vacancy, and the position is technically still occupied.
• There is precedent: in 2010 Presidential duties were transferred to the VPAUA.

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M) President’s Business and Remarks (5 minutes)

Cole Evans:
• There will be a decent amount of work to do to get things up to speed in the VP Admin portfolio, but I have some experience in that portfolio.
• We launched the Student Engagement Survey last week.
  o A lot of pick-up: 1600 responses so far.
  o Hoping for 2000-2500.
• Working with the Governance Committee on a governance review.
  o Sent a survey on that to Council.
• My assistant Dana is working on Orientations and Transition.
• Planning the All-Presidents Dinner for Term 2.
• Strategic Plan.
• Talking about referendum questions.

Questions
Emily Reid:
• Will there be an agenda soon for the next Presidents Council meeting?
• When will the meeting be?

Cole Evans:
• December 2.

Grace Lee:
• Will there be a discussion about forcing all the Constituencies to hold Senate elections at the same time?
• The CUS has 11 reasons not to do it.

Cole Evans:
• Yes, it’s on the agenda.
• I’ve sent out the proposal and received feedback.
• We will discuss it at the meeting.
• I anticipate that there will not be one solution.
• We will be looking at options.
• I want to make sure we’re not putting Constituencies in bad positions.
• No final decision will be made.

Grace Lee:
• The CUS nominations require six weeks, which creates a short timeline.
• Is this a proposal for this year?

Cole Evans:
• Probably not.
• I’m 99% sure this year’s CUS election cycle will not be affected.

Emily Reid:
• The EUS has had frequent, recurrent credit card issues.
• I would very much appreciate an actual credit limit.
• Personal credit card use is discouraged, but we have to do it when the EUS card is declined.

Cole Evans:
• I totally hear your frustration.
• The AMS has a society-wide limit.
• When it’s reached, everyone is frozen.
• It’s super-frustrating; that’s why we’re looking to switch systems.

Keith Hester:
• What I would do is get the AMS office to do an e-transfer for you.
• When we move to the new system, there will be higher limits, and one card won’t affect everyone else.

Emily Reid:
• We can’t use an e-transfer for ordering pizza.
N) Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu
- The Campus Safety Audit is getting great engagement.
  - Identifying hazards on campus via Google maps.
- Student Experience of Instruction (formerly known as student evaluation of teaching):
  - Great opportunity for student feedback.
  - This does have an effect on instructors re their promotion, tenure, and awards.
- OER Champions reception tomorrow.
  - Record number of nominations
- Affordability plan.
- I’m co-chair of the Student Senate Caucus, and the student senators drove through a motion for compliance with COVID regulations:
  - Students could face deregistration (but only if the University has made repeated attempts to get them to comply).
  - Will push for something similar for faculty and staff.

Questions
Kamil Kanji:
- Has the University committed to rectifying the issues identified in the Campus Safety Audit?

Eshana Bhangu:
- The audit is not done yet.
- We will compile the findings and take them to the University.
- We will be pushing the University to rectify issues.

Micah Mizushima:
- You will be trying to get UBC employees to comply with COVID regulations?

Eshana Bhangu:
- Senate only controls students, but I am going to push the University to have consequences in place for faculty and staff who do not comply.

VP Administration – Cole Evans for Lauren Benson
- Club applications need to be approved by the Operations Committee.
- Sustainability wrapped for the year.
- Hatch Art Gallery hiring is currently open; looking to get that done ASAP.
- Also hiring for the Clubs Resource Centre; hope to get that space up and running for Term 2.
- Meeting the AVP’s to see where the portfolio is at.
- I anticipate smooth sailing; it will be ready for Lauren to pick up when she’s back.

Questions
Katherine Feng:
- Procedural fairness training hasn’t happened: what are the plans for that?
Cole Evans:
- Unfortunately, that’s fallen to the bottom of the docket.
  - Hoping to get a presentation from UBC.
  - Hopefully better in Term 2.
- Working on Policy I-17 and I-18 (sexual violence and respectful community); working with the Policy Advisor:
  - These policies need a lot of work.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib
- Working with UCRU on federal lobbying brief:
  - Financial aid, mental health, support for students with disabilities.
  - Lobby week in mid-January.
- Working on UNA elections.
- Provincial committee accepted the AMS’s budget recommendations:
  - Indigenous language, mental health, sexual violence.
- U-Pass exemptions and subsidies for next term.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost
Safewalk:
- Vehicles undergoing maintenance.
- Naming competition for the shuttles.

Food Bank:
- New freezer has been installed. Capacity increased to meet demand.
- Add a dollar campaign.
- Food coupon campaign.

eHub:
- RBC Get Seeded last week was very successful:
  - 120 attendees.
  - 13 startups presented.

Housing:
- Accepting applications for the outreach team.

Peer Support:
- Fentanyl training.
  - Will get test strips.
- Naloxone training.
- Looking into dedicated training branch.

Tutoring:
- Successful group and one-on-one sessions.
- Exam Jam event.
- Working with the EUS.
Managing Director – Keith Hester

- All-Staff meeting yesterday.
- Replacement of the financial system, to be completed by February.
- Started working on 2022/23 budget.
- Storms caused supply chain shortages.
  - Has meant trouble getting things and also cost increases.
- Engaged an agency to help us hire a Senior Human Resources Manager.

Questions

Micah Mizushima:
- In what areas are we experiencing trouble getting things?

Keith Hester:
- Mainly food items: dairy and chicken.

Kamil Kanji:
- And staff shortages?
- Are they due to the budget or lack of applications?

Keith Hester:
- Lack of applications.
- COVID has led people to reassess their career objectives and many have decided not to come back to the hospitality industry.

Emily Reid:
- Is that why Pie R is closed?

Keith Hester:
- Yes, and the Porch and the Flavour Lab.

O) Committee Reports (3 minutes each)

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu
- Haven’t met.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Got a strategic plan presentation.
- Planning Council social for the December 1 special meeting.

Questions

Emily Gubski:
- Can we add a matching T-shirt discussion to the December 1 agenda?
  - For the composites, like when people did it to match Dave Tompkins.

Cole Evans:
- Why don’t you just raise that informally in the party section of the meeting?
Finance Committee – (Mary Gan in absentia)
   • See submitted report.

Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji
   • Election items.
   • Governance review.
   • Internal policies and external policies.
   • Advisory Board revising.
   • Council agenda order again.
   • I-17 and I-18.
   • And now how to deal with the absence of the VP Admin.

Operations Committee – Cole Evans for Lauren Benson
   • Will meet soon.

Human Resources Committee – Romina Hajizadeh
   • Working with the CEO to hire other election positions.
   • Working on hiring an Ombudsperson.
   • Also want to look at salaries.

Romina Hajizadeh asked to add a discussion topic on a Town Hall.

Questions
Katherine Feng:
   • Are you reviewing committee chair transition reports?

Romina Hajizadeh:
   • We have been working on this.
   • Will try to get the missing ones.

Student Life Committee – Aryan Mishra
   • Trying to arrange a meeting time.

Elections Committee – Olivia Yu
   • Working with the HR Committee on hiring members of the Elections Committee.
   • Working on a contract for running Board and Senate elections; working on this with the Governance Committee.
   • Worked with the Indigenous Committee to arrange appointment of someone to fill the Indigenous seat on Council; may be an election.
   • Got agreement to allow pronouns and preferred names on the ballots.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
   • Met last week.
   • Terms are coming to an end soon.
   • We will bring a motion to reappoint at next Council.
   • May have some new appointees.
Fermentation Lab Committee – Cole Evans
- No update, but we have started thinking about a brewery in the Nest.
- The brewery may not be dead!
- Evaluating options.

P) Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes each)

Cole Evans:
- Met last week.
- I couldn’t attend.
- Land & Food hosted.
- That model (of rotating who hosts) has been working well.
- Next week the AMS is hosting the meeting.
- Talking about AMS elections.

Q) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports (3 minutes each)

Board of Governors – Max Holmes, Georgia Yee

Georgia Yee:
- Committees have met and discussed the following issues:
  - Learning technologies.
  - Indigenous initiatives.
  - Anti-racism.

Max Holmes:
- Other issues:
  - Kelowna project.
  - Campus Vision 2050 terms of reference.
  - UBC expansion into Surrey.
  - IMANT investment report.
  - Student affordability plan.
  - Budget process.
  - Integrated Renewal Program: IRP Student.
  - Sustainability and Climate Action Plan:
    - Aiming for 85% greenhouse gas reduction by 2030.

Questions
Eshana Bhangu:
- What is IMANT?
- What is IRP Student?

Max Holmes:
- IMANT is the University’s investment manager.
- IRP Student is an IT renewal to deal with problems in the Student Service Centre platform, which will be replaced by Workday Student.
Senate – Julia Burnham
- Met November 17.
- Conferred degrees.
- Approved deregistration as a COVID regulation.
- Received a committee report on the Peter Wall Institute external review:
  - Scandalous breaches.
- Exploring hybrid teaching options.
  - Still working on the process.
  - Not that smooth.
- Report from the University Librarian.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Has the flooding affected the library?

Julia Burnham:
- I don’t know.
- There have been lots of delays for things like grad gowns.

R) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Last time I mentioned Eshana’s uncle, and there was a question about other lineages.
- I can think of two:
  - Alan Ehrenholz (AMS President, 2017-18, who originally ran as a joke candidate, the Engineers Cairn) was the son of 1980 Council member Don Ehrenholz.
  - Tristan Miller (VP Finance, 2012-13) was the grandson of Garry Miller, who held the same position (then called Treasurer) in 1945-46.
- I’d originally planned to present back in October, the day before the AGM, about notable AGM’s. Here are a few:
  - In 1961 the International Stunt Committee showed up with an army tank and declared they were launching a coup to spread chastity and virtue.
    - They also captured the outgoing and incoming Presidents.
  - Another time the President was kidnapped by the Engineers, wrapped up in toilet paper, and displayed at the AGM as a mummy.
  - In 1959 the Engineers set off fireworks and a stink bomb at the AGM.
  - In 1964 they tried to introduce a motion to abolish the AMS, but before they could do that, the Forestry students set off a smoke bomb, ending the meeting.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- What is that other Ubyssey article on the slide about a pyjama-clad man?
Emily Reid:
- We should have historical updates with just funny Ubyssey articles.

S) Other Business, Including In Camera Discussions, Notices of Motions, and Submissions

**Little Town Hall**
Romina Hajizadeh:
- The Arts Caucus would like to do a Town Hall at which UBC students can come ask questions of the AMS Executives.
- The idea is to make the AMS more accessible.
- We have talked to Science about this and reached out to the Executives.
- In the Nest February 4.

Kamil Kanji:
- Would be open to everyone, but being marketed to Arts and Science.
- 6-8 pm.
- One hour of questions.
- One hour of networking.

Jonathan De Souza:
- Doesn't Code say only the President can be the spokesperson for the Society?

The Speaker:
- You are correct, but this sounds like a more general discussion.

Cole Evans:
- That’s fantastic that you’ve been reading Code.
- I am the spokesperson to talk to the media. Only the President can do that.
- That doesn’t apply to a Town Hall.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- We will probably invite the Ubyssey.
- Affiliated colleges are welcome.

Mathew Ho:
- It’s important that Councillors keep in touch with the students.

24. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU, THRIRDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

*Council went in camera at 9:27 pm.
Council left the in camera session at 9:58 pm.*
25. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU

“That the meeting be extended by one hour.”

… No objections

26. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO, THIRDED EMILY REID:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

_Scouncil went in camera at 10 pm._
_Scouncil left the in camera session at 10:34 pm._

27. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That Code Section III, Article 1(7)(b) be suspended to allow for in camera votes.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… No objections

28. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU, THIRDED COLE QUIST:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

_Scouncil went in camera at 10:35 pm._
_Scouncil left the in camera session at 10:43 pm._

29. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED COLE QUIST:

“Motion to adjourn.”

… No objections

T) _Next Meeting and Adjournment_

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 pm.

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STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Joshua Kim (student at large), Kaitlyn Hugihara (student at large), Yohann Rurcage (student at large), Elif Kayali (Ubyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Yasmine Semeniuk (art student), Lorris Leung (AMS Senior Manager of Student Services), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:
- We are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded land of the Musqueam people.
- What we call Vancouver is the stolen territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.
- The holiday season is a time to reflect on these things.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

   “That the agenda be approved as presented.”

2. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

   “That the agenda be amended to add minutes and a report from the HR Committee.”

   Eshana Bhangu:
   - The documents would need a few minutes to read.

   Romina Hajizadeh:
   - They are very short, but they can wait till January.

3. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

   “That the agenda be amended to add minutes and a report from the HR Committee.”

   ...Withdrawn

   Kamil Kanji asked to add a discussion, Executive Update.
4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

… No objections

D) Membership and Attendance: Introductions, new member, declaration of vacancies

New members: Amy Deutscher (Regent College)

Vacancies: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker’s Business and Remarks (5 minutes)

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

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Governance Committee minutes dated November 8, 2021  [SCD256-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated November 15, 2021  [SCD257-22]
Presidents Council minutes dated September 28, 2021  [SCD258-22]
Presidents Council minutes dated October 26, 2021  [SCD259-22]
Steering Committee minutes dated November 5, 2021  [SCD260-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated November 15, 2021  [SCD261-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated November 22, 2021  [SCD262-22]

… No objections

H) Consent Items

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

From the Executive Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Louis Retief, Ron Gorodetsky, Jerry Jim, and Alessia Rodriguez be reappointed to the Advisory Board for a term starting January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023.”

… No objections
I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

*Midterm Executive Goals Update* [SCD263-22], [SCD264-22], [SCD265-22], [SCD266-22], [SCD267-22], [SCD268-22]

Cole Evans:
- Thanks for the extra time to get these goals to Council

General Executive Goals
- Pandemic recovery:
  - Thought we’d be further along than we are, but we’re not.
  - We’ll see what Omicron is.
- Community Engagement:
  - Always a goal.
  - New brand strategy launched on social media.
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI):
  - Equity Plan.
  - Consultation.

President’s Goals update – Cole Evans
- Strategic Plan and Governance Review:
  - Hired Nicolas.
  - Student Experience Survey.
- EDI:
  - Doubled staff capacity.
  - New subcommittee.
  - Goal plans in January.
- Indigenous Presence:
  - Indigenous Culture Month: super successful, learned lessons.
  - New student organization:
    - Touching base with the new Indigenous Committee about this.
  - Representation in the Nest:
    - Still waiting to solidify contacts with the Musqueam before going ahead.

VP Academic’s Goals Update – Eshana Bhangu
- I’ve had success on lots of my goals. I’ll talk about three:
  - Affordability:
    - Got close to half a million dollars allocated to the UBC Meal Share program.
    - Presented budget priorities to UBC, pushing for needs-based aid.
    - Serving on the Student Affordability Task Force and pushing for an Affordability Plan.
    - Opposing tuition increases.
  - Food Insecurity and OER:
    - Asking for $700,000 to $900,000 to address food insecurity, e.g., through a UBC Food Hub.
    - Seeking funding for the Agora, Sprouts, etc.
    - Quarantine bursary.
- Successful OER reception attended by the UBC Executive, members of the Board of Governors, Deans.
  - Return to In Person:
    - Successfully advocated for a mask mandate and a soft vaccination policy, including a Senate motion on compliance.
    - Lecture capture technology: retaining one of the good things to emerge from COVID.

VP External’s Goals Update – Saad Shoaib
Federal lobbying and advocacy
- Get Out the Vote campaign with UCRU in federal election.
- Worked with student unions across Canada.
- Received commitments from the Liberals and the NDP to remove interest rates on student loans and to double grant amounts.
- Working to fast track permanent residency for international students.

  Provincial
- Recommendations for provincial budget accepted:
  - Indigenous language revitalization.
  - Sexual violence prevention.
  - Mental health support.
- Working with the GSS on the annual lobby week.

- Transit
- Commitment from governments to fund 80% of the cost of expanding SkyTrain to UBC.
- Administered U-Pass exemptions.
- Increased funding for U-Pass subsidy.

VP Finance’s Goals Update – Mary Gan
Health & Dental Plan
- Doubled the subsidy allocation from $50,000 to $100,000.
- Looking at plan add-ons.
- Improvements coming.

Treasurer Learning Hub
- Authorization forms and other resources are now part of a Canvas course.

Funds and Fees
- Fee restructure in the spring.
- Reducing or eliminating fees where we can.

Student Service Goals Update – Mitchell Prost
Opportunities for Growth
- Hiring, transition, training courses.
Housing Service
- Launched in September.
- Lots of development recently.
- Two teams supporting students with housing needs:
  o In person and virtually.
- Education and outreach:
  o Planning more event based initiatives.

Services Review
- Reviewing the report from 2019.
- Pre-planning for the 2022/23 review.
- Will include EDI, guided by the AMS Equity Action Plan.

Questions
Julia Burnham:
- How will Council be involved in the fee restructure?

Mary Gan:
- Am doing consultation with fee-receiving groups.
  o Would like to pause some fees for a while and draw on reserves.
- Haven’t solidified numbers yet.
- After doing that, will come to Council.

Julia Burnham:
- Concerned about the amount of things being taken on by the VP External.
- How will it all get done?
- Also, how will Indigenous student support be included in the January lobbying?
- And climate action: are you looking to a provincial collective rather than UCRU?

Saad Shoaib:
- On Indigenous student support, have begun discussions with the Indigenous Committee about federal lobbying.
- Working with UCRU to identify Indigenous representatives to bring to Lobby Week.
- On climate change we identified gaps between what we were advocating from one year to another:
  o We have started discussions with other provincial student lobby groups and climate action groups to create a unified platform.
  o Can bring an update in January.
- As to the length of the goals, I have a reputation for long writing.
  o I wanted to provide context.
  o The document seems lengthy, but the goals are being worked on day to day.
  o I’m making progress on every goal.
  o These are achievable, realistic goals, based on my experience as the AVP.
Julia Burnham:
- What is the timeline for the Campus Safety Audit?
- How has SASC been involved in the University’s sexual violence policy (SC-17)?

Eshana Bhangu:
- The Campus Safety Audit report will be ready in January.
  - Hoping to get it to the VP Students.
- On SC-17 implementation, have been touching base with SASC:
  - They will have a seat in the implementation group.

Julia Burnham:
- Looking for more detail on first year engagement and electoral engagement.

Cole Evans:
- First year engagement is with the Student Life Committee, as assigned by Council.
- On electoral engagement, the short term plan is to provide support to the Elections team.
  - I’m not taking part in the elections, so I am going to focus on getting people enthusiastic about running.
    - Giving briefs on running for election.
    - Will send out an election package to groups on campus.
    - A how-to-run package.
- Referenda are coming up as part of the election season.
  - Will be working with the Elections Committee on different strategies for voter turnout:
    - Better email and advertising.
    - Using the main AMS social media accounts, not just the Elections Committee social media.

Julia Burnham:
- When will we receive an update on the VP Administration’s goals, especially the Hatch?

Cole Evans:
- Will probably wait for Lauren to come back.
- As to the Hatch, the position has been posted for two weeks.
  - A couple of interviews have been scheduled.
- Want a general conversation about the Hatch:
  - We don’t have a lot of experience with art galleries.
  - I think we need a better long-term solution.
  - My current idea is to get more involvement from the relevant departments at UBC.
  - I want to make sure the artistic community at UBC is more involved in that space.

Emily Gubski:
- What will it mean to advocate to expand the mental health network?
Mary Gan:
- We will work with Studentcare, asking them to find more providers to expand the network.

Mina Chiew:
- Are there any plans to create mental health projects like the one for the Black Caucus?
- There are other equity-deserving groups on campus with their own intersectional needs.

Eshana Bhangu:
- This is very important.
- The Black Well-Being Study is a start.
- I hope it will transcend the Black experience and be applied to other equity-deserving groups.

Mathew Ho:
- Will there be more done on prevention of substance abuse?

Eshana Bhangu:
- Been working with the Social Justice Centre.
- Gave them a thousand fentanyl strips.
- We had some issues getting them from Vancouver Coastal Health.
- I hear students on this; they want to make it a priority.
- This wasn’t here at the start of my term, but I’m raising awareness now with UBC.
- The nearest drug-testing site is an hour and a half away, hence the use of fentanyl strips.

**Student Services Update – Mitchell Prost**

Utilization:
- Huge number of Food Bank visits, increasing exponentially.
- COVID has had a huge impact.
- There’s been an increase overall in the use of Services:
  - 3590 interactions overall from May through October.
  - Food Bank saw a huge increase; extremely concerning.
  - Safewalk is down and trying to recover:
    - Lots of students are new.
    - Reputation building.

Individual Services
- Advocacy:
  - Assisted various students with academic and non-academic concerns.
  - Helps with Senate hearings, writing letters to professors and administrators.
- eHUB:
  - Entrepreneurship service.
  - Ran mentoring sessions.
o Hosted networking sessions.
  o Our coordinator is an entrepreneur.
• Food Bank:
  o Emergency food relief.
  o Coupon programs.
• Housing:
  o New service.
  o Workshops.
• Peer Support:
  o In person and virtual programs.
• Safewalk:
  o Two new shuttles.
  o Want to increase awareness of Safewalk.
• Tutoring:
  o Group sessions in person and virtually.
  o Also one-on-one.
  o Collaborating with the Constituencies.
  o Mostly serving first and second year students.
  o Two new shuttles.

Questions
Julia Burnham:
• How has the amalgamation of Vice and Peer Support gone, especially in relation to the drug poisoning crisis?
  • Vice was specifically for substance use.

Mitchell Prost:
• Just the name Vice has disappeared.
• In Peer Support we have two branches:
  o Peer Support, which is still trying to find its footing.
  o Vice.
  • The work that Vice did before is still going on.

Mathew Ho:
• Can you talk more about staff retention, hiring, and turnover?

Mitchell Prost:
• Several coordinators continued; some are new.
• There was not as much carryover as we aimed for.
• The aim is for assistant coordinators to become coordinators.

Emily Gubski:
• How will you get through to the students to tell them about the Services?

Mitchell Prost:
• We did a lot of boozing in September and October to reach first year students.
• Also Imagine Day.
• Reached out to the Affiliated Colleges.
• Did presentations; that's new this year.
• New posters in the residences.
• TV ads in the Nest.
• Ads on buses that come to UBC.
• Lorris is working on a comprehensive marketing plan.

Mathew Ho:
• Re food security: Are you developing partnerships other than the one with the Acadia Food Hub?
• Are there opportunities to collaborate with off-campus organizations to serve students who travel to campus and can't really use on-campus resources?

Mitchell Prost:
• There are lots of conversations about the role of the AMS.
• The AMS is already stretched thin with Food Bank and shouldn’t stretch more.
• We are students.
• Some things may be better left to professionals, the University.
• A lot of work we do is advocacy, e.g., through the UBC Food Security Initiative.
• There’s also the Greater Vancouver Food Bank (we work with them through Acadia):
  o They’re diverse and broader than us.
• We’re an emergency resource.
• We hope not to be the main resource.
• As to students not on campus, we advocate to the UBC Meal Share program.
  o They can get food vouchers, financial aid, bursaries.

J) Executive Committee Motions

7. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED SOPHIE PENNIMAN: [SCD270-22]

From the Human Resources Committee
“That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee the AMS Elections Committee Job Description Changes be accepted as presented.”

Romina Hajizadeh:
• These are changes I brought November 24, but Council wanted some time to look them over before approving them.
• We have actually already hired for the positions; apologies.

Emily Reid:
• The changes are decent in intent, but they seem more colloquial than is proper for an AMS job description.
• Also, the document says the Elections Committee is independent and autonomous: is it?
8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMILY REID:

“That this motion be referred back to the HR Committee.”

Julia Burnham:

- I would encourage hiring an HR manager.

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMILY REID:

“That this motion be referred back to the HR Committee.”

... No objections

10. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED SOPHIE PENNIMAN:

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... Referred to committee

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMILY REID:

**From the President**

“That AMS Council suspend the relevant section of Code to allow the Human Resources Committee to appoint interim personnel, and hire, for the positions of Chief Electoral Officer and Ombudsperson effective immediately and ending January 7, 2022.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- There will be one and a half months with no Council meeting.
- We have two positions we have to hire.
- This will give the HR Committee the power to hire.
- It’s been done before.
- All this means is that we don’t wait for Council; we don’t wait a month; we hire immediately.

12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMILY REID:

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K) Discussion and Consultation

Executive Update
Kamil Kanji:
- There’s some concern about the Executive’s recent trip to Toronto, especially the fact that the VP Administration went and claimed expenses even though she’s on medical leave.

Cole Evans:
- That conference was budgeted for and booked in advance, before Lauren went on leave.
- It was too late to change the itinerary; the money would be spent regardless.
- The leave was in effect, and she didn’t receive any compensation.
- Lauren did ask if it was okay.
- I said yes, the money’s already spent: better to use it than waste it on an empty seat and hotel room.
- She wasn’t paid while away.
- I didn’t think sidelining her from a professional development conference was the best thing to do.
- We thought about it; we discussed whether it was appropriate.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- I did not know about this conference.
- Wish we’d been given a heads-up
- I wish in general that we’d been getting a heads-up about the VP Administration.
- We could have sent the AVP.

Cole Evans:
- I can’t talk too much about the details of Lauren’s leave.
- I don’t think a public conversation would have helped her.
- This organization should have better mechanisms about how things are going in the Executive portfolios:
  - Some of us have been looking at governance changes about that.
- It’s important first to look after the health of individuals.
- Now I’m confident we can take care of this portfolio till January.

Julia Burnham:
- Executives do not seek permission to go to conferences.
- A better question is about the utility of a conference on higher education to our operational portfolios.

Cole Evans:
- Lots of topics were covered at the conference:
  - EDI
  - Indigenous peoples
  - Leadership.
I went in 2019 as VP Administration, and that’s why I knew it was relevant.
It’s difficult to find conferences.
This is one of the few relevant to the VP Administration’s role.

Julia Burnham:
Could each Executive state one thing they learned at the conference?

Saad Shoaib:
There was a presentation on Indigenous partnerships, on how to involve Indigenous voices.
Also good on government advocacy.

Eshana Bhangu:
Higher education is relevant to the VPAUA portfolio.
There were some National Geographic photographs on climate change.
Also the Indigenous Voices presentation, on not just tokenizing: engagement rather than consultation.
Also a cybersecurity presentation.

Mitchell Prost:
A presentation from the Toronto Raptors on hiring, staff management, and good leadership.

Mary Gan:
The Raptors President on leadership.
Also cybersecurity:
Finance deals with lots of information that needs to be processed securely.

Cole Evans:
HR-related items:
In 2019 conflict management.
In 2021 how to include and empower people from the BIPOC community.

Kamil Kanji:
Thank you.
I appreciate the transparency.

L) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

Sheldon Goldfarb:
Last time Mathew asked about the Ubyssey article about pyjama-clad men.
This turns out to be an article on the men in male residences objecting to the presence of women because that would mean they couldn’t walk around in their pyjamas anymore.
There were no student residences till after World War II, and then they were all single-sex.
• That was a light-hearted article, but probably true.
• However, sometimes the Ubyssey runs joke stories that aren’t true at all.
• Some examples:
  o Pierre Berton running amok as “the Beast” rampaging over campus.
  o An article about the swimming pool being full of herpes.
  o An article saying the Registrar’s computers had crashed, destroying thousands of student records.
  o The cartoon that suggested the TRIUMF reactor had nearly blown up.
  o A photo display in which it was said that there was a petition campaign underway to have a dome built over Buchanan Tower “to facilitate rain drainage” and also to paint the tower pink to fit in with the sunsets.

M) Other Business, Including In Camera Discussions, Notices of Motions, and Submissions

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N) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of Council is January 12, 2022.

13. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED SANJANA BEDI:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.
## Votes and Attendance

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