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).

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I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

*Get Thrifty/AMS Auditorium Upgrades Update – Cole Evans*

[SCD223-22], [SCD224-22], [SCD225-22], [SCD226-22], [SCD227-22], SCD228

- 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:

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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.

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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, THIRDED 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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