STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubyssey), Jackson Dagger (Ubyssey), Ben Du (AVP Administration), Suzette Torres (Clubs & Commuters Engagement Coordinator), 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 6:04 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- We are on the traditional, ancestral, unceded land of the Musqueam people.
- What we call Vancouver is the occupied territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.
- As individuals with privileges and influence we should work for a more equitable world.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMILY REID:

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

… No objections

D) Membership and Attendance: Introductions, new member, declaration of vacancies

New members:

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

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”
H) Consent Items

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH: [SCD290-22]

From the Human Resources Committee
“That Council appoint Oluwafunto Odukoya to the position of Ombudsperson and Alec Lee to the position of Deputy Ombudsperson effective January 12th, 2022 and lasting until April 30th, 2022.”

... Carried

For (20): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Aryan Mishra, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Jade Law, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza

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

4. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH [SCD291-22], [SCD292-22]

From the Human Resources Committee
“That Council approve changes to the Strategy and Governance Lead job description as presented.”

... Carried
For (16): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Aryan Mishra, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bai, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Club Support Consultation Update – Ben Du [SCD293-22], [SCD294-22], [SCD295-22]

General:
- Survey findings about club support during the pandemic.
- Looking to bounce ideas off Councillors.
- By next Council there will be a full roll-out.
- We received 137 responses from 91 clubs.
- We also held two Zoom sessions, with 9 attendees.

Club Priorities:
- Storage space
  - We want to encourage more efficient use of space.
  - We are looking to enforce the no-show rules on bookings to avoid clogging up of resources.
- Clubs Days
  - It’s important to clubs.
  - Very few supported online booths.
  - In person booths got good traffic.
  - Want to hold another one, but with Omicron it would have to be outdoors.
  - Some concern about holding it late.
  - Concern about low sign-up rate for memberships:
    - We may encourage clubs to lower their membership fees.

The AMS and Clubs:
- Not all clubs are knowledgeable about the Operations Committee Policy Manual or about how to host a general meeting or create club bylaws.
  - One-page summaries may be useful.
  - Need to advertise templates for creating bylaws.
- Half the respondents found the AMS helpful in resolving club conflicts.
  - We may want to introduce a random satisfaction survey.
- Most clubs supported the videoconferencing grant.
- Most clubs supported seed money for new clubs.
- What can the Clubs Benefit Fund be best used for?
  - Purchasing PPE, the most popular answer.
  - Also helping fund higher quality events.
5. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.” … No objections

**Survey Update continued (Ben Du)**

CampusBase
- Protecting personal information was the Number One concern.
- Also user navigation.
  - We have migrated the data to Canadian servers and will now be PIPA compliant.
- Only one-third were familiar with CampusBase.
  - We will try to inform clubs better during Club Executive Orientations.
  - When the Clubs Resource Centre opens, we will use it to promote CampusBase.
- Not many were confident about their privacy being maintained.
  - This is a worry to us.
  - We will publicize the transfer to Canadian servers and look at other measures we can take.
- Most respondents were not happy with the amount of engagement via CampusBase.
  - We need to work on this to find out specific reasons for dissatisfaction.
  - We need to explore the implementation of crash prevention measures.
- Use of CampusBase is below what we would like.
  - 21% use CampusBase for club renewals only.
  - Hope to encourage more use, through Club Executive Orientations etc.
- The chat feature is the least user friendly feature on CampusBase.

**Questions**

Sheldon Goldfarb
- Just to clarify that we were not in violation of PIPA for storing data in the United States.
- We were compliant with PIPA before we transferred the data.

Ben Du:
- Students do prefer to have their data stored in Canada.
- And we get data from the University, which is required to store its data in Canada.

Emily Gubski:
- Students have complained about the lack of intuitiveness of the platform.
- Have you considered doing workshops about its features?

Ben Du:
- We will consult clubs on how they think we could improve.

Mathew Ho:
- The email address leak at the beginning may explain the lack of confidence about privacy protection.
Ben Du:
- The launch of CampusBase hit some rocky speed bumps.
- We did get over them.
- Certainly we’re invested in this.
- We will talk to Novalsys (the company providing CampusBase) to prevent another breach.
- We will be more proactive on this.
- I did want Councillor feedback on use of the Clubs Benefit Fund for PPE.
  - How should it be done?
  - By reimbursement or providing an up-front benefit?

Emily Reid:
- AMS purchasing in bulk is the best idea.
- Financial benefit next; that’s better than reimbursements:
  - Paying up front and waiting for reimbursement means significant credit card bills.

Cole Quist:
- I do not favour the reimbursement process.
- The financial benefit is best.

Emily Gubski:
- Computer Science purchased in bulk and it worked well.
- Eliminates paperwork.

J) Executive and Committee Motions

6. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD296-22], [SCD297-22]

   From the Finance Committee
   “That Council approve Code changes to the Sustainability Projects Fund as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mary Gan:
- We want to allow the Society as a whole to access SPF.
- Overall we’d like to have more spending out of this fund.
- We want to allow the AMS Sustainability team to use the fund.

Katherine Feng:
- Good idea so the money doesn’t just sit there.
- Will there be action to increase the knowledge of the fund?

Mary Gan:
- Obviously, we want to do that.
- My team is going to be promoting all funds, including SPF.
• We are making promotional videos.

Emily Reid:
• How much of the fund is currently used?
• How do we ensure that students don’t miss out because the AMS is using the fund?

Mary Gan:
• We get about $146,000 per year.
• I think about $100,000 is used.
• We do have room.
• The priority will still be student projects.
• I don’t think there will be any reduction of availability to students.

Lauren Benson:
• The Sustainability Projects Fund video will be out soon.
• Obviously the priority goes to students.
• But the AMS team has lots of ideas.

Keith Hester:
• Will the Code change include AMS Departments?
• Blue Chip brought in reusable tote bags: would that be eligible?

Mary Gan:
• If this is approved, that would be okay.

7. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee
“That Council approve Code changes to the Sustainability Projects Fund as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

For (22): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra, Jason Liao, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Sabrina Moshenko, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Emily Gubski, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza, Shadia Qubti

8. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD298-22], [SCD299-22]

From the Finance Committee
“That Council approve Code changes for the Clubs Benefit Fund and the Constituency Aid Fund as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Mary Gan:
- We’re upgrading the expense management system.
- This will result in a new charge of $70 per user.
- This Code change will allow us to use these funds to cover the $70 cost for the Club and Constituency Treasurers.
- We won’t have to invoice them.

Mathew Ho:
- So this would not be a line item in a Constituency budget?

Mary Gan:
- Yes, it would be covered by the AMS Constituency Aid Fund.

9. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee
“That Council approve Code changes for the Clubs Benefit Fund and the Constituency Aid Fund as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (23): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Emily Gubski, Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne), Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussions and Consultation

Election Planning
Cole Evans:
- Close to election season.
- Usually we leave things to the last minute.
- Thought we should chat.
- The HR Committee has hired a CEO: Shania Muthu.
- Posterizing:
  - Had discussion.
  - Not resolved.
  - Probably should give heads-up to the Elections Committee: are we keeping the status quo?
- Campaign material approval:
  - Are we requiring candidates to get their campaign materials approved before using them?
  - That adds to the burden on the CEO.
Julia Burnham:
- We should not bring back posters for many reasons.

Eshana Bhangu:
- I agree: No posters.
- They cause sustainability issues.
- They create negativity among the candidates.
- As to campaign material being approved beforehand, the CEO is super busy, and this will be a burden on them.
- If candidates post inappropriate material, voters will see.

Kamil Kanji:
- Leave the ban on poster in place.
- We should listen to the seasoned voices on this.
- As to approvals of campaign material, Governance was discussing this, but it was not resolved.
- The CEO has a lot to do; I’m not sure this is the best use of their time.

Mathew Ho:
- We still need to ensure student participation, especially in the residences.
- We could allow poster by the Elections Committee.

Emily Gubski:
- Happy to keep the no-poster rule.
- Some candidates did find them valuable, especially in residences.
- Could put a limit on the number.
- People will have to become creative.

Minaho Chiew:
- Maybe have the CEO put something on the TV screens in residences.

Keanna Yu:
- I like that idea.
- I’m against reintroducing posters.
- In SUS we have followed the AMS lead and gone paperless.
- There are also undergraduate society elections – too many posters.
- Posters in residence require residence approval.

Eshana Bhangu:
- The process is very bureaucratic.
- Getting approvals ahead of time creates a high barrier.

Julia Burnham:
- Posters are movable – people move them, and then it’s impossible to be sure you’re not covering someone else’s poster.
- This led to petty arguments.
- It was a distraction and a stressor.
Also a waste of time.

Kamil Kanji:
- Conversations have gone in circles.
- That’s why we entrusted the Elections Committee to make this decision.
- It looks like no posters or a very limited amount.
- Perhaps on specific bulletin boards.
- Or maybe on TV screens.
- Maybe have the Elections Committee consult.

Romina Hajizadeh:
- I’m more leaning to just not having posters altogether.
- And who knows if the elections will have to be virtual again because the government may bring in restrictions.

Emily Gubski:
- Posters have been a hassle.
- I still agree with not having them, but they do have value.
- Online communities can be difficult to reach.
- I like the idea of going to residences.
- The poster ban is unfair to those who can’t reach online communities.

Mathew Ho:
- I don’t support postering but am concerned that the ban limits candidate exposure.
- Just because someone has a strong online presence doesn’t mean they are the best candidate.

Cole Evans:
- Code allows the Elections Committee to poster.
- They could poster on behalf of each candidate.
- As to campaign material, it seems people feel that it does not need to be pre-approved.

**Faculty Senator Elections**

Cole Evans:
- Each faculty has its own student senator.
- In the past the undergraduate societies have run these elections, but there have been issues.
- That’s why UBC took them over last year.
- But the UBC-run elections had a low turnout.
- This year there is no plan.

Emily Reid:
- It’s really important that UBC manage these.
- We in Engineering do not represent all of the Faculty of Applied Science, so it’s unfair if we run the Applied Science senator election.
- It means an Engineering student always wins.
- I don’t think it makes sense to give this back to the Constituencies.
Julia Burnham:
  • Do you know the turnout numbers from last year?

Cole Evans:
  • No.

Julia Burnham:
  • It’s probably too late now to deviate from the current path.
  • The priority is to have an accurate election.
  • The rules for Senate elections are different from those for AMS elections.
  • I’d like the Senate campaign to follow AMS rules.

Cole Evans:
  • The options I see are either UBC runs them like last year, or they’re run as part of the
    AMS general election, under the same umbrella.
  • Pros and cons to each of those.

Eshana Bhangu:
  • Lots of unsuccessful senator at large candidates want to run in the Faculty-specific
    elections.
  • It’s a huge thing if the Faculty-specific elections take place at the same time as the at
    large elections.

Grace Lee:
  • We are okay with moving our student senator election.
  • We don’t want it part of the general election.

Julia Burnham:
  • Would UBC provide information if the AMS ran all the separate Constituency elections?

Cole Evans:
  • Right now that’s a hypothetical question.

Julia Burnham:
  • Simultaneous elections would be bad.

Keanna Yu:
  • I agree that the Senate elections should be run by UBC, but it’s frustrating.
  • There’s a lack of awareness.
  • Could AMS Elections offer promotional support?

Cole Evans:
  • I’ll make a note to the Elections team on promotion.

Eshana Bhangu:
  • I encourage everyone to get involved in the elections.
• It’s very enriching.
• Executives will be happy to chat with you if you want to run for an Executive position.

Cole Evans:
• To be clear, it’s enriching holistically, not materially.

Referendum Planning
Cole Evans:
• Alongside the elections, we are planning to have some referendum questions.
• Exec minutes include the discussions.
• Here are some of the potential questions:
  o Fee restructure:
    ▪ Reduce some.
    ▪ Also increases, e.g., for SASC to make sure we can sustain their growth: the number of students using SASC has tripled since the last referendum.
  o Bylaw changes:
    ▪ Housekeeping:
      • Executive job descriptions.
      • To be compliant with upcoming changes to the Societies Act.
    ▪ Potentially larger changes to the structure of the Board: working on some ideas.
  o Brewery question:
    ▪ Need to address the potential move of the brewery into the Nest.
    ▪ Or do we need to remove the fee?
  o Digital opt-outs: Requiring them for all opt-outable fees.
  o Health and Dental coverage:
    ▪ Expanding to include virtual health care.

Julia Burnham:
• On the fee restructure and increasing funding for SASC:
  o Hope we learned the lesson of not lumping a SASC increase in with an unpopular fee restructure.
  o That ended up being detrimental to SASC.
  o We should be mindful of what is necessary and aware of risks.
  o Will this be affecting the Resource Groups?
• On the Health and Dental question, don’t ask unless you have a clear Yes-No question.

Cole Evans:
• Our goal for this restructure is not to be mandating changes to clubs and other student groups.
• We aren’t planning to tell clubs we’re slashing their fees.
• We will get prior consent.
• Same with the Resource Groups.
  o They have a lot of money in reserve.
  o We raised the idea of a temporary freeze.
They had some concerns.
- We’re not forcing things through.
- Just want to make sure money from students is being spent.
- Any Health and Dental question would be a fee change to increase services, e.g., virtual health care or legal services.

Eshana Bhangu:
- SASC is a great service.
- They are overwhelmed and need more support.
- As to the Resource Groups, there are few groups I have greater respect for.

Emily Reid:
- Make sure funding questions are not bundled.
- A few years ago Engineering vote No.

Cole Evans:
- The only fee line we’d consider increasing is SASC.
- The other changes would only be reductions to AMS fees and maybe temporary freezes on other groups’ fees if they have large surpluses.
- We are looking to optimize the fees.
- We don’t want to tie unpopular decisions to things that are good.
- We’re not forcing through unpopular referenda.
- We’re just trying to be efficient.
- We want to make sure we’re only collecting student money where it is needed.

Julia Burnham:
- A cautionary note about freezing fees.
- Executives change over.
- There’s no guarantee an Executive can make for subsequent years.
- I’d be very cautious about temporarily freezing fees.
- Make sure you’re able to unfreeze fees if you freeze them.

M) President’s Business and Remarks (5 minutes)

Cole Evans:
- The University announced a delay of in person till February 7.
  - Classes will be online till then.
  - The AMS was consulted and made sure the priority was student safety.
  - There are issues with students feeling isolated.
  - Also for international students who made arrangements and now find the situation has changed again.
  - I’m optimistic there will be a return to campus this semester, but I’ve been wrong before on the pandemic.
- Equity goals attached.
  - Reviewed the Equity Action Plan in April.
• Elections coming:
  o New CEO.
  o Sent out elections guide.
  o Excited to announce new annual campaign.
  o Workshops to assist people running to interact with past Executives.
  o Hiring Referendum coordinators.
• Student Experience Survey wrapped up:
  o 2500 or so responses.
  o Findings will come later this semester.
• Vaccine survey of AMS employees:
  o 90% said they were vaccinated.
  o Continuing to see how we can move forward on a policy.
• Working on raising staff wages across the board retroactive to January 1.
  o Revisiting the tier structure for pay.
• Policy and governance changes:
  o Policy renumbering.
  o Other governance changes will be sent out if we decide to move forward.
• Welcome back, Lauren!
• VP Administration stuff that I did in her absence:
  o Hired teams for the Hatch Art Gallery and the Clubs Resource Centre.
  o Onboarded them in December.
  o Approved new clubs.

Questions
Minaho Chiew:
  • Will there be a graphic for the Equity Action Plan to go on Instagram?
  • Will there be centralized staff training on equity? One workshop? Or a few?

Cole Evans:
  • I will pass the Instagram suggestion on to Maia to make the plan more prominent on our social media channels.
  • Re the workshops:
    o We want to do something more consistent.
    o We ran brief workshops last year, but the goal going forward is to have more of them: not one and done.

Kamil Kanji:
  • Any progress on the Strategic Plan?

Cole Evans:
  • Coming along pretty well.
  • Nicholas and I check in regularly.
  • Impressed with the work he’s done.
  • We have that working group that he can tap into.
N) Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

**VP Finance – Mary Gan**
- Fee restructure consultations.
- Exciting Health and Dental changes approved today:
  - Increase in mental health coverage from $1000 to $1500, retroactive to September 1.
- Also looking at a virtual health care option.
- Hired a financial systems administrator.
- Starting budget reforecast for February.

*Questions*
Emily Reid:
- What is the timeline for the new financial system?

Mary Gan:
- Still in the implementation process.

Julia Burnham
- Congratulations on increasing mental health coverage.
- One of the most tangible things the AMS could do for mental health.
- A lot of people will benefit from this.

Keanna Yu:
- Were there other changes considered for health coverage?

Mary Gan:
- We looked at other areas (e.g., dental), but the focus was on mental health.
- It’s a balancing act: we want to make sure the plan is affordable, but we also want to make sure the benefits are up to par.
- Mental health and dental are the two most used areas.

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu**
- We held the AMS’s first ever press conference, to advocate for online exams.
  - That was driven by students reaching out to say they were symptomatic but felt pressured to attend in person to write their exams.
  - There was some diversity of views.
  - Commerce moved its exams online.
  - Arts gave its instructors the option to do so.
  - This was successful advocacy on our part.
  - Also advocated for automatic deferred standing and for the replacement exams to take place sooner than next summer.
- Climate Emergency Week.
  - With AMS Sustainability and campus partners.
- Working to accommodate international students now that in person has been postponed till February 7.
  - UBC is emphasizing safety.
I appreciate that there is a diversity of views on the issue of returning to campus.

- Fighting hard for accommodation for students in other time zones.
- Working on rapid testing compliance.
- Advocating for better testing on campus.
- Collaborating with SASC for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Campus Safety Audit almost completed.
  - Will come to next Council.
  - Going to UBC.

Questions

Romina Hajizadeh:
- What is the AMS stance on moving back to in person?
- I’d prefer more decisive decisions.
- Two week delays are emotionally and financial taxing, overwhelming.
- What are we advocating for?

Cole Evans:
- Tough one: can’t reveal confidential discussions.
- There were a lot of different options.
- We focused on telling the University to ensure the community was safe, but we’re well aware that online school is pretty taxing.
- What is the balance?
- Our stance is that when it’s safe to return, it’s best to return.
- February 7 was a middle date, taking into consideration the effect of being online on mental health and affecting plans for the semester.

Eshana Bhangu:
- This was a circuit break.
- Partly tied to booster shots for our age group.
- We also need to keep in mind the immuno-compromised and those who live with vulnerable family members.
- Some say it’s time to live with the virus, but some people can’t.
- I hate online school, but someone in my class is going home to an immuno-compromised family member.
- Decisions are taken with the most vulnerable in mind.
- Money is also an issue; international students are not ATM machines.
- All this was raised in every conversation.

Mathew Ho:
- What about course recordings?

Eshana Bhangu:
- We are 100% in favour of lecture capture technology.
- If not for our advocacy, all the lectures in first term wouldn’t have happened.
VP Administration – Lauren Benson
- It’s very nice to be back.
- Mostly catching up.
- My team did a great job while I was gone:
  - Soapstand.
  - The Interactive Sustainability Centre.
- Looking forward to going forward with the Hatch and the CRC team.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib
- Provincial lobby week in February.
  - Partnering with ABCS and the GSS.
- Federal lobbying, meeting with MP’s.
- U-Pass subsidies now open.
- AMS-UNA advisory committee ToR to next Council.
- City of Vancouver tax on single-use products:
  - It’s been clarified that the tax does not apply on campus.
- Working with the Services, got confirmation that SASC can be a Naloxone distributor on campus.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Anything from UCRU?

Saad Shoaib:
- We are preparing for the federal lobby week with them.
- We are making recommendations on student financial aid, international student support, and mental health.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost
Safewalk
- Resumed operation this week.
- Hiring and training Safewalkers.

Food Bank
- Reopening this Thursday.
- Reducing the number of people allowed in at one time because of COVID.
- Want to expand cultural food options.

Housing
- Hiring new coordinator.
- Term 2 launch next week.

Peer Support
- Continually developing programs.
- Mental health and substance abuse training.
General
- SASC is a Naloxone distributor.
- Got spending plans from our Services for financial reforecasting.
- Only the Food Bank and Safewalk are open in person.
- January is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- What safety measures is Safewalk taking?

Mitchell Prost:
- We have dividers between the seats in the car.
- Open windows.
- Reducing the number of people in the car at one time.
- Walks are not an issue.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
- Wage rate revisions.
- Replacement of furniture in the Gallery:
  - Well received at Executive.
  - Going to the Finance Committee.
  - Then Council.
- Working on the reforecast and next year’s budget.
- The financial system replacement is still ongoing; slightly behind schedule because of Omicron.
  - Hope to launch at the end of February instead of the beginning.
- New brand guidelines being rolled out.

O) Committee Reports (3 minutes each)

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu
- No quorum at our last few meetings.
- Scheduling issues.
- Will try to meet this month.
- Will discuss the External Policy Manual.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans
- Scheduling when to meet.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan
- Starting to meet on Fridays.
- SPF projects, Gallery furniture, policies.
- Ben’s club support project.
- Budget reforecast.
Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji
- Scheduling a time to meet.

Operations Committee – Lauren Benson
- Club changes.
- Club applications and approvals.

Human Resources Committee – Romina Hajizadeh [SCD303-22], [SCD304-22], [SCD305-22]
- Hired Ombudsperson and Deputy Ombudsperson.
- Thanks to the current Ombudsperson for her help.
- Thanks to the committee for showing up over the break.
- Hired the CEO – hopefully we’ll have a good election.
- Will be looking at salaries, transition reports.

Student Life Committee – Aryan Mishra
- Scheduling a meeting.
- First year council to be discussed.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans
- Scheduling a second term meeting.
- Supposed to be in person.

Fermentation Lab Committee – Cole Evans
- This is the most useless committee we have.
- It’s been around for five years, but there is no fermentation lab.
- I’d like to motion to make this the Brewery Committee.

10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:
   “That the agenda be amended to add a committee renaming motion.”
   ... No objections

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:
   “That the Fermentation Lab Committee be renamed the Ad Hoc Brewery Committee.”
   ... No objections

P) Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes)

Cole Evans:
- Meeting tomorrow.
- Hosted by the EUS.
Q) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports (3 minutes each)

Board of Governors – Georgia Yee
- Next meeting January 25.
- Difficult to navigate the nomination form for the BoG and Senate elections.

Questions
Eshana Bhangu:
- What discussions are happening at Board about a safe return to campus?

Georgia Yee:
- We are continuing to have conversations with public health officials.
- This has to do with academic delivery as well.
- The Senate needs to be consulted.
- More discussion re testing capacity.

Senate – Julia Burnham
- Senate last met in December.
- Finalized changes to COVID regulations.
- MoU with UNBC.
- New admissions programs for Black and Indigenous students.
- Emeritus appointments.
- Honorary degrees update: working group struck.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- Will students be on the honorary degree working group?

Julia Burnham
- A UBC Vancouver student senator is on it.
- I believe there is also one from UBCO.

Kamil Kanji:
- When will Senate minutes be posted?

Julia Burnham:
- This is a common complaint.
- There’s an intense workload for Senate staff.
- Student senators are trying their best to make sure meetings are minuted in a timely way.

Eshana Bhangu:
- The Senate secretariat is understaffed.
R) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Kamil asked a while back about Presidents of Colour and their achievements, so here goes.
- First of all there are no Black Presidents.
- There have been Black vice-presidents, going back all the way to 1958-59, when Jairus Mutambikwa, an international student from what is now Zimbabwe, was elected.
  - He was very much involved in WUSC, the organization supporting refugee students.
- There was VP Academic Brenda Ogembo in 2004-05, who helped create the African Awareness Club and who took part in the lobbying for an African Studies program at UBC.
- Much more recently there’s been Kuol Akuechbeny (VP Finance 2019-20) and Sylvester Mensah Jr. (VP Administration 2020-21).
- As to Presidents, there have been Asian Presidents from east and south Asia, and also from the Middle East.
  - Also one Indigenous President, Kristen Harvey (2002-03, the year we brought in U-Pass).
- We don’t actually keep records on this, so I’ve mostly gone by the pictures in the composite photos, and we don’t have composites for every year, so the first president, Valgeet Johl, who by the name sounds south Asian, but I don’t know for sure.
  - One of her accomplishments was to fight the notorious Lady Godiva Ride.
  - She was president the year we had three presidents, and one of the others was Paul Sandhu, also south Asian.
- The first President of Colour was Raghbir Basi (1952-53), an international student from the Punjab who helped get International House started.
- Others:
  - Donald Jabour (1956-57)
  - Simon Seshadri (1986-87)
  - Michael Lee (1989-90), currently running to become leader of the BC Liberals
  - Erfan Kazemi (2001-02), who brought in the first Strategic Plan and First Week
  - Amina Rai (2004-05)
  - Bijan Ahmadian (2010-11)
  - Caroline Wong (2013-14)
  - Ava Nasiri (2016-17)
  - Marium Hamid (2018-19), the only President to have been Student Services Manager
- Altogether 14 Presidents of Colour out of over 100, so less than 14%, but if you just look at this century there have been 8 out of 20, or 40%, which is more in line with UBC’s current demographics.

Questions
Mathew Ho:
- What is the Lady Godiva Ride?
Sheldon Goldfarb:
- The Engineers paraded a naked woman on campus on horseback.

Emily Reid:
- We have archives!

Neal Cameron:
- What’s the most explicit thing in our archives?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- I think Emily was talking about the EUS archives.
- The Slipstick (the Engineering publication) has raunchy photos, I’m sure.

Mathew Ho:
- What year were there no composites?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- They stopped doing them around 1968 and didn’t resume till the 80’s.

S) Other Business, Including in Camera Discussions, Notices of Motions and Submissions

Town Hall
Romina Hajizadeh:
- Was going to be February 4, but has to be delayed because of Omicron.
- Will announce a new date.

T) Next Meeting and Adjournment

12. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... No objections

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Next Meeting of Council January 26, 2022.
## Votes and Attendance

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