

## STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Annabella McElroy (Ubysey), Bernice Wong (Ubysey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Iman Janmohamed (Ubysey), Isabella Faletti (Ubysey), Ashley Haines (Elections Administrator), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant), and members of the Divestment Coalition: Mariam, Jasmine, Amy, Dalia, Yasmira, Dean Maddie, Jude, Ashley

### **A) Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm.

### **B) Territorial Acknowledgement:**

The Speaker:

- We are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Musqueam people.
- We should reflect on the lands we live and study on.

### **C) Approval of the Agenda**

#### 1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

“That the agenda be amended to remove the Executive updates.”

#### 2. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE

“That the motion be amended to remove the Committee Updates.”

... No objections

#### 3. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

“That the agenda be amended to remove the Executive and Committee updates.”

... No objections

#### 4. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

“That the agenda be approved as amended.”

... No objections

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

**New members:** Muge (Social Work)

**Vacancies:** Architecture, Arts, Audiology, Indigenous Seat, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Regent, Science x2

**Goodbyes:** Avery Chan (Science)

**E) Speaker's Business and Remarks (5 minutes)**

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

Mariam (Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, SPHR)

- Representing the divestment coalition.
- 20 student groups.
- Council passed a motion we brought forward to condemn Israeli apartheid and divest from nine companies.
- As a result of the motion, there was supposed to be a letter sent to the Board of Governors, a statement condemning Israel, and a drafting of principles to be presented to the University about investment and human rights.
- There's widespread student support for divestment on campus and it is your obligation as elected student representatives to listen to the student body and implement the motion that was approved.
- By May 29 there was supposed to be a draft of the letter to the Board of Governors, but it's four months later and we have seen nothing.
- The investment principles were supposed to be drafted by the end of August.
- We are here to request an update.
- We want transparency.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Thanks for coming out.
- Council takes these motions seriously.
- We did consult with the coalition and with others representing a different point of view.
- The statement was issued in June.
- The letter went out yesterday.
- As to the investment principles, the Advocacy Committee has been working on that, and the deadline was extended until the end of October.

Mariam:

- The letter to the Board has been sent?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Yes.

Mariam:

- How will we see it?

Eshana Bhangu:

- It's on the Board of Governors website.

## G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

### 5. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

AMS Council minutes dated May 10, 2022	[SCD153-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 10, 2022	[SCD154-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 17, 2022	[SCD155-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated Sept 15, 2022	[SCD156-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated June 30, 2022	[SCD157-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated August 4, 2022	[SCD158-22]

... No objections

## H) Consent Items

### Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

### Consent Items Requiring a 2/3rds Majority

“That Council suspend Code Section IX A, Article 2(6)(a) requiring that the Official Campaign Period for elections be 10 school days in length.”

Thomas Dunsmore asked that this motion be pulled and added to Executive and Committee motions.

## I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

***Ubysey – Annabella McElroy, Bernice Wong, Nathan Bawaan, Charlotte Alden*** [SCD159-23]

About Us:

- Pronounced you-buh-see.
- Publishing since 1918.
- Been independent since 1995 after a referendum.
- Funded by a \$7 student fee; you can opt out.
- Daily stories online.
- Print edition every two weeks.
- Last year we had over 1.3 million page views.
- Our alumni are in every Canadian media outlet.
- We are elected by Ubysey staff.

How We Work

- 7 written sections (News, Sports & Rec, Culture, Blog, Opinion, Features, Science).
- 3 visual sections.
- Managed by paid editors.

- Most of our articles are written by volunteers.
- Charlotte Alden is the coordinating editor
- Each section is autonomous.
- Editors control what is published.
- If you have an idea for a story see them first.

#### How We Work With the AMS

- We operated under the society until 1994, until we ran some questionable content.
- We've been independent since 1995 after a successful referendum.
- Covering you is part of our mandate.
- We'll likely be in touch for interviews.
- AMS executives, employees, Councillors, etc. can't write for us (conflict of interest), but any of you can submit opinion letters.
- We lease an office (Room 2208) in the Nest, where we usually spend all of our time, in exchange for one full page ad per month.
- You probably won't always like our coverage.
- If you did, we wouldn't be doing our job.

#### You and The Ubysey

- You are entitled to fair comment.
- We don't do "gotcha" journalism.
- "On the record" means you are aware what you say may be printed and attributed to you.
- Just because we are recording does not mean we're on the record.
- Everything you say in a public Council meeting or online is on the record.
- You can also talk to us off the record or anonymously in certain cases.
- We don't send questions or drafts in advance.
- If you don't respond to a request for comment, we'll probably publish anyway.
- We do try to give you a reasonable amount of time to respond.
- If there's anything you think we should know, get in touch

#### Opinion letters and Columns

- Opinion letters must be relevant to UBC students, staff and faculty.
- We can edit your letter for length and clarity.
- Councillors and Senators can participate in the "AMS Decoded" and "Relate to the Senate" sections

### **J) Executive and Committee Motions**

#### 6. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

"That Council suspend Code Section IX A, Article 2(6)(a) requiring that the Official Campaign Period for elections be 10 school days in length."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ashley Haines:

- Nominations ended Sept 15 at noon.
- That night was the All Candidates Meeting.
- Not fair to ask candidates to start campaigning the next day.
- We would have started the following Monday (September 19), but that turned out to be the memorial day to mark the Queen's death.
- We also could not go right through to September 30 because that is National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

7. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

"That Council suspend Code Section IX A, Article 2(6)(a) requiring that the Official Campaign Period for elections be 10 school days in length."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

8. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

"That Mathew Ho (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023."

... No objections

9. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED JONATHAN DE SOUZA:

[SCD160-23]

"That Sanshine Tan be appointed as the AMS CRO for a period effective immediately and ending April 28, 2023."

Audrey Chow:

- Applied and interviewed.
- Experience in elections in Canada and constituency elections.
- Most capable candidate.
- Hope for smooth and fair elections

Katherine Feng:

- There are Councillors that are participating in campaigns.
- Should they abstain?

The Speaker:

- If you are actively involved in a campaign you should abstain.

10. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED JONATHAN DE SOUZA:

"That Sanshine Tan be appointed as the AMS CRO for a period effective immediately and ending April 28, 2023."

... Carried

**For (13): Eshana Bhangu, Ben Du, Dana Turdy, Audrey Chow, Yash Ahlawat, Jasneet Bal, Sofia Cecic, Kana Kawanishi, Ayo Lado, Cissy Zhang, Jonathan De Souza, Shadia Qubti, Cindy Wang**

**Abstained: Kaysan Adriyanto, Thomas Dunsmore, Katherine Feng, Rachel Kim, Cynara Onyemordi**

11. MOVED CISSY ZHANG, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW: [SCD161-22], [SCD162-22]

"That Council accept the Job Description 'Sept. 8 Updated CRO Job Posting' as presented, effective immediately until March 2023."

Audrey Chow:

- Allows CRO to start in September not November.
- Helps with the by-election.

12. MOVED CISSY ZHANG, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW :

"That Council accept the Job Description 'Sept. 8 Updated CRO Job Posting' as presented, effective immediately until March 2023."

... Carried

**For (13): Eshana Bhangu, Ben Du, Dana Turdy, Audrey Chow, Yash Ahlawat, Jasneet Bal, Kana Kawanishi, Ayo Lado, Cissy Zhang, Jonathan De Souza, Shadia Qubti, Cindy Wang, Julia Wang**

**Abstained: Thomas Dunsmore, Katherine Feng, Cynara Onyemordi**

#### **K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions**

#### **L) Discussions and Consultation**

#### **M) President's Business and Remarks (5 minutes)**

**Eshana Bhangu:**

- Released Indigenous Financial Guidelines.
- Looking at the mental health coverage issue.
  - We raised it temporarily to \$1,500 as an emergency pandemic response.
  - That cost us \$1.3 million and was not sustainable.
  - The amount was to revert to \$1,000, but we've heard from students that it's unfair to take the increase away.
  - Our solution is to set it at \$1,250.
  - We want this to be a permanent change.
- Working on Interfaculty Cup.

**N) Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes)**

Eshana Bhangu:

- Great meetings.
- Discussing governance review.

**O) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports (3 minutes each)**

**Board of Governors – Max Holmes**

**Senate – Keanna Yu, Julia Burnham**

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

13. MOVED THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED MATHEW HO, THIRDED RACHEL KIM:

“That the meeting move in camera.”

*The meeting entered an in camera session at 7:04 pm.*

*The meeting left the camera session at 7:45 pm.*

**Q) Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting of Council September 28, 2022

Votes and Attendance

		Job Description	CRO Appointment	attended
Neal Cameron				X
Eshana Bhangu	President	Y	Y	X
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	Y	Y	X
Ben Du	VP Admin	Y	Y	X
	VP Finance			
Erin Co	VP External			
	Student Services Manager			
	Architecture			
Audrey Chow	Arts	Y	Y	X
	Arts			
Mathew Ho	Arts			X
Kaysan Adriyanto	Arts		A	X
Cynara Onyemordi	Arts	A	A	X
	Audiology			
Max Holmes	BoG			
Georgia Yee	BoG			
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	A	A	X
Rachel Kim	Commerce		A	X
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry	Y	Y	X
Yash Ahlawat	Economics	Y	Y	X
Jade Law	Education			
Christian Kyle	Engineering			X
Sofia Cecic	Engineering		Y	X
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry	Y	Y	X
Ezra Yu	GSS			
Sabbir Hossain	GSS			
Mopelola Akinjala	GSS			
Eshita Swain	GSS			



	Indigenous Seat			
	Journalism			
Victor Liu	Kinesiology			
Julia Wang	Law	Y		X
Cissy Zhang	LFS	Y	Y	X
Mandy Furr	Library-Archival			
Maddie Elder	Medicine			
Kaitlyn Darrach	Music			
Ayo Lado	Nursing	Y	Y	X
Charlene Yang	Pharmacy			
	Planning			
	Population & Public Health			
Alec Lee	Ombudsper son			
	Regent			
	Science			
Cindy Wang	Science	Y	Y	X
Katherine Feng	Science	A	A	X
	Science			
Melina Amirsharafi	Senate			
Keannu Yu	Senate			
Muge	Social Work			
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	Y	Y	X
Shadia Qubti	VST	Y	Y	X