

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Anabella McElroy (Ubysey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Tova Gaster (Ubysey), Isabella Falsetti (Ubysey), Makyla Smith (Ubysey), Regina Hipolito (Ubysey), Matthew Asuncion (Ubysey), John Chen (Ubysey), Carly Hilbert (Roots on the Roof), Adam Dobrer (Hillel), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- UBC Vancouver is situated on Musqueam territory.
- We are on stolen, traditional and unceded occupied territories.
- We need to recognize our role and incorporate reconciliation into our lives.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED RACHEL KIM

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

... No objections

The Speaker noted that the motion to amend the Records Policy had been withdrawn.

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

New members: Koda Tootoosis (Indigenous Seat), Jennifer Lara (SALA), Cara James (GSS), Chhavi Mehra (GSS), Samia Syeoti Ramim (GSS)

Vacancies: Architecture, Audiology, Journalism, Library-Archival, Populations & Public Health, Regent, Science x 2

Goodbyes: Mandy Furr (Library-Archival), Ezra Yu (GSS), Sabbir Hossain (GSS), Eshita Swain (GSS)

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

The Speaker:

- Don't hesitate to speak up.
- Take care of yourself: use your \$1,250 in psychology benefits.
- I want you to feel comfortable enough to participate.
- I want you to be involved.

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

Charlotte Alden:

- I am concerned about the proposed changes to the records policy.
- This will mean students will not be able to access internal records.
- This is a bad move.
- I am biased as a reporter because at the Ubyyssey we pay attention to what goes on in the AMS.
- But this policy impacts more than us.
- The AMS says that it must be more transparent, but this does not increase transparency.

Audrey Chow:

- Thanks for your statement.
- Governance is going to take another look at this.
- We hope to bring it to the next Council meeting.

Mathew Ho:

- Thanks for your statement.
- This conversation has gone on for a few years.
- We need to hear all the voices on this matter.

Charlotte Alden:

- I encourage you to think about how transparent this organization wants to be.

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

2. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED KAYSAN ADRIYANTO:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented."

AMS Council minutes dated June 1, 2022	[SCD205-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated June 30, 2022	[SCD206-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated August 4, 2022	[SCD207-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated September 26, 2022	[SCD208-23]
Finance Committee minutes dated July 25, 2022	[SCD209-23]
Finance Committee minutes dated August 15, 2022	[SCD210-23]

Finance Committee minutes dated October 7, 2022 [SCD211-23]
Governance Review Committee minutes dated September 1, 2022 [SCD212-23]
Governance Review Committee minutes dated October 6, 2022 [SCD213-23]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

Consent Items Requiring a 2/3rds Majority

6. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That Council approve the following Consent Item:

From the President

That Council suspend Code Section VI, Article 6(1)(g) to allow the Sustainability Priorities Update to be postponed till November.”

... No objections

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

J) Executive Committee Motions

3. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI: [SCD214-23], [SCD215-23]

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Pronouns’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- This makes our elections more inclusive.

3. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Pronouns’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (20): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Lawrence Liu, Erin Co, Jennifer Lara Rodriguez, Audrey Chow, Ayesha Irfan, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara

Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Jasneet Bal, Kana Kawanishi, Koda Tootoosis, Julia Wang, Cissy Zhang, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng

4. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI: [SCD216-23], [SCD217-23]

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Nominations’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Quorum was not present when Governance approved this recommendation.

Audrey Chow:

- We had a forged nomination form.
- This makes the EA make sure they are confirmed candidates before the elections starts.

Mathew Ho:

- This would typically be confirmed by the All Candidates meeting.
- How is this different?

Audrey Chow:

- This puts it in writing.

5. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Nominations’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Quorum was not present when Governance approved this recommendation.

... Carried

For (22): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Lawrence Liu, Erin Co, Jennifer Lara Rodriguez, Audrey Chow, Ayesha Irfan, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Jasneet Bal, Sofia Cecic, Kana Kawanishi, Samia Syeoti Ramim, Koda Tootoosis, Victor Liu, Cissy Zhang, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng

5. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG

“That Kaysan Adriyanto and Ayesha Irfan be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2013.”

... No objections

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussion and Consultation

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

[SCD218-23]

Eshana Bhangu:

- The Exec updates are on OnBoard.
- Food Security: successfully advocated for increased funding for Sprouts, Food Bank, Acadia Park, plus more. This is great.
- The Great Trek time capsule ceremony is this Friday
 - I want to see you all there.
 - We tried to hang a cairn but it fell and broke.
- Interfaculty cup first event was today – hosted by LFSUS.
- The AGM is on Monday.
 - There are important motions on advocacy.
 - Support CUPE unionization.
 - Food insecurity.
 - Tuition freeze.
 - Passing votes on these at an AGM really supports our advocacy.
 - 3:00 pm.
 - \$5,000 worth of prizes (tuition credit).
- The art pieces to be sold were picked up by the Heffel Auction House last week.
 - We can now display all our art.
- Indigenous Culture Month is almost over: thanks to all who came to the events.
- Blue Chip moving to PieR.
- Fee restructure.
- New financial system launching November 1.

Questions

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- What is the quorum for the AGM?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Around 550 (1% of our membership).

Mathew Ho:

- How have you advertised the AGM?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We are sending out an email blast.
- Word of mouth.
- Posters.

N) Executive Remarks

VP Finance – Lawrence Liu

[SCD219-23]

VP Academic & University Affairs – Dana Turdy

[SCD220-23]

Rachel Kim:

- Are you involved in the consultation process for UBC orientations?
- Commerce has some concerns.

Dana Turdy:

- This is a review of UBC's Jumpstart program.
- There is a working group that we will have a seat on.
- We have concerns as well.

Mathew Ho:

- The housing submission you mention: who is that for?
- And support for students suffering from world conflicts in their home countries: how do you define a conflict?

Dana Turdy:

- The housing submission is to the Housing Action Plan subcommittee, the UBC administration, and the Board of Governors.
- For the conflicts, we are supporting students from countries such as Iran and Ukraine.

Max Holmes:

- Re Jumpstart:
- Are these changes for the next academic year or the following year?

Dana Turdy:

- Some minor changes for next year.
- They only have funding for two more years, so they have to solve that first.

Mathew Ho:

- So conflict means more than just war?

Dana Turdy:

- Yes.

VP Administration – Ben Du

[SCD221-23]

VP External Affairs – Erin Co

[SCD222-23]

Max Holmes:

- Have you set up meetings with the new municipal leaders yet?

Erin Co:

- I was at the Provincial Lobby Week last week but will start setting up these meetings before Federal Lobby Week.

Mathew Ho:

- Can you provide more details on our Federal advocacy?

Erin Co:

- Financial aid.
- Grad student support.
- Mental health.
- Indigenous support .
- Supporting International Students.
- Supporting Students with Disabilities.
- Fighting Sexualized Violence.
- We have researched the MP's.
- Federal Lobby Week is in early December.

Audrey Chow:

- How successful was Provincial Lobby Week?

Erin Co:

- We made sure each meeting has a follow up meeting.
- We will contact them every three weeks.
- Just in the middle of their budget cycle now, so we hope to get some of our asks included.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

[SCD223-23]

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Where is your costume? [Everyone was dressed up for Halloween.]

Keith Hester:

- The person bringing it forgot it.

Sr. Student Services Manager – Kathleen Simpson

[SCD224-23]

O) Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee – Dana Turdy

[SCD225-23], [SCD226-23]

ESG Principles report

- Final report in the Council docket.
- Council passed a resolution requiring us to write a letter to the Board of Governors and to release a statement on Israel.
- We have done these.
- The third step was to write an ESG report.
- Most of the report is on UBC investments.
- Our recommendations are on page 7 of the report.
- We propose various options:
 - More advocacy research.

- More education.
- More direct action to the Board.
- No formal motion to adopt these.
- I would like your thoughts.

Max Holmes:

- Are you asking for direction today?
- Has Advocacy backed an approach?

Dana Turdy:

- Let's add a discussion item to the agenda on ESG principles.

Max Holmes:

- Re: the lobby trips – do updates go to Advocacy?

Dana Turdy:

- Erin does report back to Advocacy.
- The committee is also revising the External Policy Manual

Mathew Ho:

- Glad to see that the External Policy Manual is being revised.
- Is there an opportunity for other Councillors to be involved?

Dana Turdy:

- Advocacy is always open to Councillors.
- We meet every other Monday at 5:30.

Finance Committee – Eshana Bhangu

- Approved Clubs Benefit Fund and Sustainability Benefit Fund applications.
- Talking about fee restructuring.

Governance Committee – Audrey Chow

- We are looking at election processes.
- Taking another look at the Records Policy.

Operations Committee – Ben Du

- Meeting weekly now to review new club applications.
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Mathew Ho:

- Are staff screening applications first?

Ben Du:

- The Clubs and Societies Working Group, which includes admin and finance staff, review these first before they go to the committee.

HR Committee – Cynara Onyemordi

- Approved giving Governance Review Committee Chair remuneration.
- Looking at streamlining processes.
- GV3 policy (on transitions).

Student Life Committee – Eshana Bhangu (Vice Chair)

- Only the Engineering reps showed up.
- Interfaculty cup and Great Trek conversations.

P) Report from President’s Council – Eshana Bhangu

- No updates

Q) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson (10 minutes each)

R) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

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

Submission

- SUS Fall Election Certification Report [SCD227-23]
- Eshana has resigned as chair of the Finance Committee.

6. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That Lawrence Liu be appointed Chair of the Finance Committee effective immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.”

... No objections

ESG Goals – Dana Turdy

- Advocacy have looked at direct actions to the Board of Governors.
- Research is needed for a direct action campaign, which could include a referendum asking UBC to divest from certain of its holdings based on human rights criteria.
- The Board will be looking at UBC’s responsible investment policy in the spring, so an AMS referendum in March would be timely.

T) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of Council is November 2, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Attended	Code Changes 2022: Pronouns	Code Changes 2022: Nominations
Neal Cameron	Speaker	Y		
Eshana Bhangu	President	Y	Y	Y
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	Y	Y	Y
Ben Du	VP Admin	Y	Y	Y
Lawrence Liu	VP Finance	Y	Y	Y
Erin Co	VP External	Y	X	Y
Kathleen Simpson	Sr. Student Services Mgr.			
Jennifer Lara Rodriguez	Architecture	Y	Y	Y
Audrey Chow	Arts	Y	Y	Y
Ayesha Irfan	Arts	Y	Y	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	Y	Y	Y
Kaysan Adriyanto	Arts	Y	Y	Y
Cynara Onyemordi	Arts	Y	Y	Y
	Audiology			
Max Holmes	BoG			
Georgia Yee	BoG			
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	Y	Y	Y
Rachel Kim	Commerce	Y	Y	Y
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry	Y	Y	Y
Yash Ahlawat	Economics			
Jade Law	Education			
Christian Kyle	Engineering			
Sofia Cecic	Engineering	Y		Y
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry	Y	Y	Y
Cara James	GSS			
Chhavi Mehra	GSS			
Mopelola Akinjala	GSS			

Samia Syeoti Ramim	GSS	Y		Y
Koda Tootoosis	Indigenous Seat	Y	Y	Y
	Journalism			
Victor Liu	Kinesiology	Y		Y
Julia Wang	Law	Y	Y	
Cissy Zhang	LFS	Y	Y	Y
	Library-Archival			
Maddie Elder	Medicine			
Kaitlyn Darrach	Music			
Ayo Lado	Nursing			
Charlene Yang	Pharmacy			
Hussein Elhagehassan	Planning			
	Population & Public Health			
Alec Lee	Ombudsperson			
	Regent			
	Science			
Cindy Wang	Science	Y	Y	Y
Katherine Feng	Science	Y	Y	Y
	Science			
Melina Amirsharafi	Senate			
Keaanu Yu	Senate			
Muge	Social Work			
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's			
Shadia Qubti	VST			