



AMS Council - February 13, 2023

Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver

Feb 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM PST to Feb 13, 2023 at 10:00 PM PST

Michael Kingsmill Forum (Room 4301), Online for Approved Councillors Only (zoom link shared via email for approved councillors)

Meeting Details: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9334973816>

Agenda

I. Call to Order 6:00 PM

II. Territorial Acknowledgement 6:05 PM

III. Approval of the Agenda 6:08 PM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

IV. Membership and Attendance: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies 6:13 PM

A. New Members

B. Vacancies:

Architecture, Audiology, Journalism, , Population & Public Health, Regent, Science

C. Goodbyes

V. Speaker's Business and Remarks (5 minutes) 6:14 PM

VI. Statements from Students-at-Large (3 minutes each) 6:19 PM

UBC Bike Kitchen - Zoé Kruchten

UBC Trans Coalition

Guest 4

Guest 2

Guest 3

VII. Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees 6:40 PM

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented:

Advocacy Committee minutes dated December 5, 2022

Executive Committee minutes dated September 21, 2022

Executive Committee minutes dated September 28, 2022

Executive Committee minutes dated October 7, 2022

Executive Committee minutes dated October 12, 2022

Executive Committee minutes dated January 25, 2023

Executive Committee minutes dated February 1, 2023

VIII. Consent Items 6:42 PM

A. Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

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

6:47 PM

1. Code Changes 2023 - Referendum Campaigning

From the Elections Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Elections Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2023: Referendum Campaigning' and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Note Requires 2/3rd

2. Code Changes 2023 - Instant Run Off Voting

From the Elections Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Elections Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2023: Instant Run-Off Voting' and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

3. Code Changes 2023: Elections Appeals Committees

Presenter: Audrey Chow

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2023: Election Appeals Committees' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

4. Elections Committee - Code Suspension Campaign Spending Limits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council, on the recommendation of the Elections Committee, suspends Code Section IX, Sub-Section A, Article 2, Paragraph 9, Sub-Paragraph A to allow a one-time upper spending limit increase for individual candidates from \$450 to \$750.

5. Elections Committee - Code Suspension End of Voting

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council, on the recommendation of the Elections Committee, suspends Section IX, Sub-Section A, Article 2, Paragraph 6, Sub-Paragraph A to allow a one-time extension to the end of voting and the official campaign period from March 10th at 4 PM to March 10th at 5 PM.

IX. Presentations and Accompanying Motions

X. Executive and Committee Motions

A. Referendum - Bylaw Changes 2023: Indigenous Constituency and Miscellaneous Changes

6:52 PM

From the Governance Review Committee

"Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 6-10, 2023 on the following question:

'Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws in accordance with the changes presented in the document entitled 'Bylaw Changes 2023: Indigenous Constituency and Miscellaneous Changes?'

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes."

B. Referendum - General AMS/GSS Health and Dental Fee Increase Referendum to maintain coverage

7:02 PM

From the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee

"Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 6-10, 2023 on the following question:

'Do you support an increase of \$52.50 in the fee for the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Fee (\$277.50 to \$330) for the upcoming academic year to maintain similar levels of current coverage, which may include but is not limited to, dental care, drugs, and psychology coverage?

Note: If this fee increase does not pass, the AMS will be unable to maintain similar levels of current coverage, which may include but is not limited to, dental care, drugs, and psychology coverage (\$1250 for mental health), and significant cuts in coverage will be made?'

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes."

C. Referendum - AMS/GSS Health and Dental Fee Increase for Gender-Affirming Coverage Referendum

7:17 PM

From the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee

"Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 6-10, 2023 on the following question:

'If the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Fee Increase Referendum is approved, do you support an additional increase of \$8 in the fee for the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Fee (for a total fee of \$338) for the upcoming academic year for Gender-Affirming Coverage to support Trans students on campus, which may include but is not limited to transition surgical procedures not covered by provincial coverage and services, vocal surgeries, vaginal dilators, chest contouring, and laser hair removal?

Note: If the separate General AMS/GSS Health and Dental Fee Increase Referendum is not approved, then this Gender-Affirming Coverage fee will not take effect.'

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes."

D. Referendum - Bike Kitchen Fee Increase

7:37 PM

From the Steering Committee

"Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 6-10, 2023 on the following question:

'Do you support increasing the AMS Bike Co-op/Bike Kitchen fee to \$4.17 to support accessible and affordable transportation through increased programming, alleviate its

pandemic-related accumulated debt, and invest in sustainable and active transportation for the UBC community?'

Be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.”

XI. Constituency and Affiliate Motions

XII. Discussions and Consultation

XIII. President's Business and Remarks (5 minutes)

Presenter: Eshana Bhangu

XIV. Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

A. VP Academic & University Affairs

Presenter: Anisha Sandhu

B. VP Administration

Presenter: Ben Du

C. VP External Affairs

Presenter: Erin Co

D. VP Finance

Presenter: Lawrence Liu

E. Interim Managing Director

Presenter: Celia Chung

F. Senior Manager Student Services

Presenter: Kathleen Simpson

XV. Historical Update

Presenter: Sheldon Goldfarb

7:57 PM

XVI. Other Business, Including In Camera Discussions, Notices of Motions and Submissions 8:07 PM

A. Executive Business - In Camera

XVII. Next Meeting and Adjournment

March 1, 2023