

Presidents Council Meeting

Date: July 18, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:00PM PST

Present: Amelia (Music), Karisma (Engineering), Emma (Arts), Ryan (Law), Sophy (Forestry), Lucy (Proxy for Yik Khai/VSEUS), Esmé (AMS President), Abhi (AMS VP Finance), Brandon (Science), Aileen (Nursing), Glorianna (Proxy for Kelly/LFSUS) Charles (Medical), Thomas (Commerce), Ian (AMS VP Admin)

Late:

Regrets: Koda (Indigenous Students Society), Victor (Kinesiology), Willow (Planning), Yik Khai (Economics - VSEUS), Kelly (Land and Food Systems), Eunice (Regent College), Jasper (Dentistry), Sam (GSS), Allison (Library + Archival Studies), Allan (Pharmacy), Kamil (AMS VP Academic + University Affairs), CK (AMS Constituency Relations Lead)

Minutes taken by: Ian, Esmé, Josh, CK

I. Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at 7:05pm PST.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes of June 13, 2023

Minutes approved

III. Approval of Agenda

Esme (AMS) - Made some small additions to the agenda: added some details from CUPE to the orientations section about undergrad TAs + discussion on Orientations Steering Committee

Agenda approved

IV. Plans for Orientation

Update on plans for:

-Jumpstart

AUS - Thinking about doing something with Residences or Collegia

MUSA - Working to make sure Music students get their own stream of Jumpstart

SUS - Hoping to do a nighttime social

Ian - Any thoughts on Constituencies being part of the Jumpstart presentation?

FUS - Could we coordinate event schedules/social media?

Ian - Event schedules we're looking to put together a cohesive calendar on the site, social media would work for the presentation

-Imagine Day

FUS - We have our student services staff and FUS council giving a presentation to all incoming first years during the daytime, then we plan to host a little booth in the atrium during the day

AUS - Tote bag handout with As on them and a booth on Main Mall

EUS - Fr0sh is our thing, working with our OLs to make stuff work. We do an Engineering version of the pep rally too and a bbq (precooked) + a drawstring bag with stuff in it

MUSA - Booth at the Arts faculty fair

VSEUS - Booths at both Arts faculty fair and normal Imagine Day and we bring profs too

CUS - Thomas gives a speech and also has a chat with the dean on stage

LFSUS - Flash mob at the end of the lunch

-Fr0sh/Orientation Week(s)

FUS - September 18-22 we host Forestry Week (almost like a delayed Fr0sh week, additionally we have by-elections

AUS - 4 events in our KickstART (not allowed to do Fr0sh), looking at a prep on how we got involved in student leadership

LSS - Law school handles the first week, we do a wrap-up party on Friday and we plan on throwing orientation for first-gen lawyers to get them the knowledge intergenerational students might already have, along with other orientation stuff

EUS - (List of events) and an engineering retreat that we take first years on

MUSA - Doesn't need to do as much because it's a small faculty and we get to just intro in class. Main focus is ensuring Music students get their own thing and don't just get lumped into Arts

VSEUS - Similar to LSS, hoping to collab with Allard, we do a pin ceremony with incoming students but are having some issues with booking the room (need Great Hall for 2 back to back days w/ catering - talking with Ian about this) and we bring in student societies and stuff so that's our big thing - finally a big day called blue day that the faculty bankrolls and looking to work with CUS

SUS - We do a SUS first week and we are also gonna copy off the EUS BBQ and hoping to work with them. Week 2 we have a 2 day thing called Science RXN

CUS - Spark is our orientation in the second week, we do themes (Amusement sPark) and it is in collaboration with the faculty. Also coordinating with OLs to direct students towards free CUS things over paid stuff. Final week is Bizweek where we'll have BBQs and club boothing, we're expanding it to more events including a drag show and other things

NUS - Accelerated 2 year program, we do orientation on the last 2 days of August as the program is confusing so more focused on making sense of it. Mid-September we do a welcome back event which will probably be at the Pit

MUS - Part of orientation is actually a review of classes, paired with mental health and burnout prevention run by the faculty. Every evening the MUS does events and we do an instagram page every year with the events going on. Events include a beach potluck, pub night, and an Amazing Race event with a list of tasks including running downtown and VGH which is intended to orient everyone with Vancouver (takes like 6 hours). Our events work best in a smaller program like ours

LFSUS - We do a retreat in late September and our orientation week in mid September

-Orientations Steering Committee + Working Group

Esme (AMS) - Did anyone get an email in April about joining a working group about Orientations?

(General room understanding that email was received but never followed up on by the UBC Orientations team)

Esme (AMS) - We'll ensure that students get their voices onto the working group

CK's Note - We got onto the working group! W

Esme (AMS) - The Orientations Working Group itself is about how to improve Jumpstart [and Imagine Day], they want to make significant changes for Fall 2024, so it's important to have representation from students

-CUPE 2278 Orientations + Undergrad TA representation

Esme (AMS) - CUPE wants to make sure undergraduate TAs are involved with their union and should know their union rights. I'll share the emails of the CUPE 2278 Pres and VP in case anyone is interested in connecting with them to represent undergrad TA experience. Also encourage people to go to the Teaching Assistant (TA) and Research Assistant (RA) orientations even if they've been a TA or RA before because there will be info about the new collective agreement and how the union can further help TAs/RAs out

V. Interfaculty Cup

Last call to add your VP of Events' contact information to the contact form sbefore the agenda goes out for the first StudLife Caucus!! (also pls add the other relevant emails too)

Thomas mentioned the marketing/first contact value of Interfaculty Cup events in the chat, this will be discussed more in depth at StudLife Caucus but the overall marketing is super important, how do people feel?

AUS - We need more heads up about when the events are so that we can have the time to customize our own social media. More thought put into comms and a schedule put out ASAP so we can coordinate content

MUSA - It needs to be early and we need to know what is actually happening at the event

Esme (AMS) - Having one person coordinate (CK) would be good

EUS - Faculty Cup had a bunch more hype stuff, thoughts on how to build hype?

LSS - Coming from a competitive faculty is there a trophy? (yes)

EUS - We'll be less obnoxious this year we promise

AUS - Can we have the cup on more display at events so people know about it?

Esme (AMS) - We could do sticker taglines too? Like in 2016

SUS - Is there any way we could incorporate the trophy into the pep rally?

VI. Pride Parade Invitation

Sunday Aug 6th, 12-3! Meet at Roundhouse Community Centre? Wear Constituency

Colours ! Any other ideas for plans to make a fun meet-up?

Esme (AMS) - Will apply in September/autumn to actually be in the parade next year. In the meantime, how do we feel about watching together from the Roundhouse Community Centre?

<Lots of people speak about how they are going but already have their own plans (friends or constituency groups) so not really able to commit into AMS for the whole parade>

<Discussion on faculty colours>

- Red: EUS
- Orange: ISS? AMS can also help fill in here
- Yellow: MUSA
- Green: FUS + KUS
- Blue: CUS + VSEUS + SUS + AMS

- Purple: AUS + DUS
- Black: LFSUS + LSS

Decision: we'll all go to the parade with our respective plans but meet up at the Roundhouse Community Centre at 3pm for a photo of us all in constituency colours!

VII. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 8:21PM

VIII. Next Meeting Location

Who can host in August?

August: Amelia/MUSA

September: Ryan/LSS

October: Karisma/EUS