

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Jackson Dagger (Ubysey), Ben Du (AVP Administration), Suzette Torres (Clubs & Commuters Engagement Coordinator), Lorrin 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.”

AMS Council minutes dated October 13, 2021	[SCD273-22]
AMS Council minutes dated October 27, 2021	[SCD274-22]
AMS Council minutes dated November 8, 2021	[SCD275-22]
AMS Council minutes dated November 24, 2021	[SCD276-22]
AMS Council minutes dated December 1, 2021	[SCD277-22]
In camera Council minutes August 25, 2021	[SCD278-22]
In camera Council minutes October 27, 2021	[SCD279-22]
In camera Council minutes November 8, 2021	[SCD280-22]
In camera Council minutes November 24, 2021	[SCD281-22]
HR Committee minutes dated November 15, 2021	[SCD282-22]
HR Committee minutes dated November 22, 2021	[SCD283-22]
HR Committee minutes dated December 20, 2021	[SCD284-22]
Sustainability Sub Committee minutes dated October 26, 2021	[SCD285-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 19, 2021	[SCD286-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated December 1, 2021	[SCD287-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated November 25, 2021	[SCD288-22]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated December 6, 2021	[SCD289-22]

... No objections

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

From the Human Resources Committee [SCD291-22], [SCD292-22]

“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 Bal, 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

... Carried

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.
- Postering:
 - 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 postering 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 postering 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:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Brewery question:
 - Need to address the potential move of the brewery into the Nest.
 - Or do we need to remove the fee?
 - Digital opt-outs: Requiring them for all opt-outable fees.
 - Health and Dental coverage:
 - Expanding to include virtual health care.

Julia Burnham:

- On the fee restructure and increasing funding for SASC:
 - Hope we learned the lesson of not lumping a SASC increase in with an unpopular fee restructure.
 - That ended up being detrimental to SASC.
 - We should be mindful of what is necessary and aware of risks.
 - 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.
 - They have a lot of money in reserve.
 - 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)

[SCD300-22]

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:
 - New CEO.
 - Sent out elections guide.
 - Excited to announce new annual campaign.
 - Workshops to assist people running to interact with past Executives.
 - Hiring Referendum coordinators.
- Student Experience Survey wrapped up:
 - 2500 or so responses.
 - Findings will come later this semester.
- Vaccine survey of AMS employees:
 - 90% said they were vaccinated.
 - Continuing to see how we can move forward on a policy.
- Working on raising staff wages across the board retroactive to January 1.
 - Revisiting the tier structure for pay.
- Policy and governance changes:
 - Policy renumbering.
 - 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:
 - Hired teams for the Hatch Art Gallery and the Clubs Resource Centre.
 - Onboarded them in December.
 - 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:
 - We want to do something more consistent.
 - 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.

[SCD301-22], [SCD302-22]

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 there was one 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
 - Chris Hakim (2019-20).
- 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.

Carmen Watson	GSS	X								
	GSS									
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Sabrina Moshenko	Indigenous Seat	X			Y					
	Journalism									
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology	X	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Gabrielle Matheson	Law	X	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Micah Mizushima	LFS	X	Y		Y	Y				
Sophie Penniman	Library-Archival									
Emily Gubski	Medicine	X			Y	Y				
Teddy O'Donnell	Music									
Emily Masse	Nursing									
Grace Li	Pharmacy	X								
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning									
Natalie Cappe (proxy for Kiera Vandeborne)	Planning	X	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Oluwakemi Oke	Ombudsperson									
Amy Deutscher	Regent	X								
Minaho Chiew	Science	X	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Rebecca Liu	Science	X								
Katherine Feng	Science	X	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Avery Chan	Science									
Julia Burnham	Senate	X								
Keanna Yu	Senate	X								
Sajedah Zaki	Social Work									
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	X	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Shadia Qubti	VST	X			Y					

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Owen Gibbs (Ubysey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Ben Du (AVP Admin), Mimi Neufeld (Policy Advisor), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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.
- Because of yesterday's findings at the Williams Lake Residential school, I'd like us to have a minute's silence.
- It's important to recognize the deeply colonial past of UBC.
- We need to integrate decolonial priorities into our values.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

"That the agenda be accepted as presented."

... No objections

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

New members: Ayo Lado (Nursing)

- 3rd year
- New NUS Rep
- Indigenous Wellness Coordinator at the Longhouse.

Vacancies: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2, Social Work

Goodbyes: Emily Masse (Nursing), Sajedah Zaki (Social Work)

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

The Speaker:

- We're virtual, which can be awkward.
- As directors, you have a duty of care to hold the Executives to account.

- Feel free to ask questions,
- If you want to speak, speak.
- This is a place of dialogue.

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

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

2. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Executive Committee minutes dated December 8, 2021	[SCD306-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 12, 2022	[SCD307-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated December 9, 2021	[SCD308-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated January 14, 2022	[SCD309-22]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

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

3. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED MATHEW HO: [SCD310-22]

From the Human Resources Committee

That the Chief Returning Officer, Communications Officer, and Events Officer's wages for December be increased by 5 hours weekly to compensate for additional work carried out (due to the Chief Electoral Officer vacancy).

From the Finance Committee [SCD311-22], [SCD312-22], [SCD313-22]
That an increase of \$3,000 be approved for the Special Projects line under Executive Committee for the Policy I-17 and I-18 external consultation project.

... No objections

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Gallery Furniture Replacement – Michael Kingsmill [SCD314-22], [SCD315-22], [SCD316-22]

- Furniture is part of the Gallery Lounge reimagining, which will also include introducing a video arcade.
- Furniture is often underestimated, but it's important.
- The current furniture is a mish-mash of an original concept and additional furniture gathered from around the building.
- We're looking to recycle some of that to be sustainable.
- The best will go to the Lev Bukhman Lounge.
- Other pieces will find other homes.

- The new furniture will include banquettes, tall stools, dining room chairs, soft chairs, and sofas.
- Cost will be \$62,695.64, including shipping and unpacking.
- From Contract Furniture Solutions, a supplier we're familiar with.
- Hope to award the contract by February 20.
- We're still selecting the fabric.
- Furniture will arrive in Vancouver July 15 and be delivered August 10.
- There's a long lead time for furniture.
- Asking to spend \$62,695.64 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund or the SUB Management Reserve.
- Has already been approved by the Executive and the Finance Committee.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- What will happen with the current Lev Bukhman Lounge furniture?

Michael Kingsmill:

- It's in sad shape. Wobbly.
- Would be included in the disposal of leftovers from the Gallery Lounge: given to community groups.
- Or the pieces will be taken apart, broken down.

Emily Gubski:

- Will any of the current furniture stay?
- Is the arcade included in the price?

Michael Kingsmill:

- This budget does not include the arcade.
 - That will be part of the budget for the larger reimagining process.
 - We do have a staff member who knows arcades and how to get us what we need at a good price.
- As to the current Gallery furniture, not all of it will go.
- Some of the tall stools are in very good shape; we'll keep those.
- Also some of the dining room chairs.
- It's the soft furniture that needs replacing.

Avery Chan:

- How long will the new furniture last until it needs to be replaced again?

Michael Kingsmill:

- The best average life for furniture with upholstery is about seven years.
- Depends on the type: steel furniture can last up to 15 years.
- Other factors: Is food present that might cause staining?
- Also, are the pieces being dragged around?
- There are different life cycles, but generally seven years.
- The Galley Lounge furniture has been there for six years.

Micah Mizushima:

- How much interest is there in an arcade?

Michael Kingsmill:

- I've heard expressions of interest from a number of sources.
- You see them in Vancouver sports bars, and we're moving in that direction, towards flat screens showing more sports.
- We're moving from upscale to a more vibrant approach: music, an arcade.

4. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

From the Executive and Finance Committees

"That \$62,695.64 be approved from either the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund or the SUB Management Reserve for new furnishings for the Gallery Patio and Lounge."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mary Gan:

- We should settle which fund it's coming from

Keith Hester:

- Both funds have enough money.
- The East Side Furniture Project is coming from the SUB Management Reserve Fund and came in under budget, so there is still money there.
- It would make sense to drain SUB Management.
- It's an old fund we don't replenish anymore.

Michael Kingsmill:

- There is about \$80,000 left over from the East Side Furniture Project.

Cole Evans:

- I think it's best to take it from SUB Management.
- It had \$180,000. We spent \$60,000 on the East Side Furniture Project. Now \$60,000 on this. Still \$60,000.
- The goal is to drain it since it's dormant.

5. MOVED MARY GAN, SECOND MATHEW HO:

"That the motion state that the funds will come from the SUB Management Reserve."

... No objections

6. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

From the Executive and Finance Committees

"That \$62,695.64 be approved from the SUB Management Reserve for new furnishings for the Gallery Patio and Lounge."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

Wage Rate Increases – Keith Hester

[SCD317-22]

- We've had difficulty hiring.
- Partly from labour shortages.
- Partly because of our wages: there's a perception that the AMS is Below Market.
- We've looked at Food & Beverage and at SASC.
- Also need to look at Services and Student Government.
- Looking to increase all wages from January 2022.
- This means abandoning the increase planned for June, which was going to be less.
- The increases will be:
 - Tier 1 \$15.20 – \$16.00
 - Tier 2 \$16.10 – \$17.00
 - Tier 3 \$17.00 – \$18.00
- With an additional increase of 25 cents after three months.
- We're also introducing the concept of part-time and full-time availability:
 - If you commit to working more hours (30-40 a week), you will get a higher rate than those working 15 hours.
- Also changing wages for employees in Conferences and Catering.
- SASC increases:
 - Outreach workers \$18.39 – \$19.50
 - Support workers \$21.64 – \$ 23.00
- Overall impact: \$206,000.
- But no budget amendment will be needed because the Business and Administration area did better than budgeted.

*The Speaker recused himself because this affects him.
Cole Evans took over as Chair.*

Mathew Ho:

- What happens to tips in the food outlets?

Keith Hester:

- The tips are distributed among the staff.
- They should declare this as part of their income.

Julia Burnham:

- I'm thrilled that we are increasing wages.
- I do have a question: Employees in Conferences & Catering are non-student staff.
- I am concerned about paying different rates for part-time versus full-time.

Keith Hester:

- We're introducing this concept of part-time versus full-time.
- If someone commits to full-time, we can make a schedule for them.
- If they're part-time, we're working around their schedule.
- And the qualifications would be different; they'd have more experience.

Cole Evans:

- This is a common practice in the hospitality industry.

Cole Quist:

- I'm curious about the research.
- Will this make the AMS a more competitive employer?

Keith Hester:

- I would like to be able to increase wages a lot more to get up to the Vancouver living wage.
- We have done market reviews to see what the market is paying.
- These rates will make us competitive: not top of market, but competitive.

7. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

From the Human Resources Committee

"That Council increase all hourly wage rates for student staff, effective January 2, 2022, as follows:

- The base rate, or Tier 1, to increase from \$15.20 to \$16.00
- Tier 2 to increase from \$16.10 to \$17.00
- Tier 3 to increase from \$17.00 to \$18.00."

... No objections

Neal Cameron resumed the chair.

J) Executive and Committee Motions

8. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD318-22], [SCD319-22]

From the Finance Committee

"That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council rescind Policy I-2 on cheque signing."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mary Gan:

- Policy I-2 doesn't reflect typical cheque signing procedures anymore.
- We no longer use rubber stamps – that's outdated.
- So we want to rescind.

9. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee

"That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council rescind Policy I-2 on cheque signing."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMILY GUBSKI:

[SCD320-22]

From the Elections Committee

“That Council approve the UBC-AMS Elections Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- We have worked on this contract with UBC so we can take part in elections for student Board of Governors members and student Senators at large.
- Also student Senators from the Faculties.
- Code says we have to have a contract to do this.

Kamil Kanji:

- Governance mostly liked it.

Julia Burnham:

- Practically, how will this work for this year?
- Will Constituencies run the Faculty Senate elections with their Constituency elections?
- There is an issue with this:
 - Constituencies don't always capture all the students in their Senate elections: there's the distinction between the Engineering Undergraduate Society, for instance, and the Faculty of Applied Science.
- Or will AMS Elections run these?

Cole Evans:

- I think that this year UBC will run the faculty student senator elections, like last year.

Grace Lee:

- We talked to UBC.
- They're taking nominations.
- We're hands off (in Commerce).

Cole Evans:

- UBC will run them this year
- Longer term we want to get them back into AMS hands.

Julia Burnham:

- The nomination forms go through UBC regardless of who runs the election; that's not a true indication.
- I'm concerned that the contract says the AMS runs the elections when it's not clear who is doing it this year.
- No one seems able to say what is happening.
- It's discomfiting.

Kamil Kanji:

- My understanding was that there was going to be a consultation with Presidents Council.

Cole Evans:

- Yes, we chatted about having the elections at the same time.
- The timeline is difficult this year.
- Presidents Council wanted to maintain the status quo.
- These are UBC elections, not AMS elections.
- I don't know if UBC wants to do them this year.
- I know they have concerns with the Constituencies doing them.
- This contract is not urgent as long as we get something before the BoG and Senate elections.
- We can table it and go to the Elections Committee to discuss further.

Julia Burnham:

- It would be great to have someone from the Elections Committee here.
- I'm concerned that it's almost February and we still don't know what's going to happen.

11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That this motion be tabled indefinitely."

... No objections

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussions and Consultation

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

Cole Evans:

- UBC announced today that they're going to return to In Person as of February 7.
- We believe the University needs to allow for multi-access learning, what some call hybrid learning.
- Strategic Plan:
 - Close to finalizing drafts for the Mission, Vision, and Values statements.
- Auditorium grant application is almost done and about to be sent: a monumental effort.
- Grad Class gifts:
 - The 2020 gift of a mural has been kickstarted.
 - We're getting an artist.
 - The mural will go near the Varsity Outdoors Club office.
 - The 2021 gift is in the works.
 - Discussing with Campus & Community Planning.
 - Looking for funds.
- Meeting with Services about LinkedIn Learning.
- Referenda:
 - SASC was at the Executive discussing raising their fee.
 - Health & Dental changes: new services.

- Bylaw changes: not major; have to comply with the next iteration of the Societies Act.
- Reorganizing policies.
- Elections coming:
 - I sent out a letter and a guide.
 - Already heard responses.

Questions

Julia Burnham:

- Glad the Grad Class 2020 gift is moving forward.
- How many gifts are still outstanding?
- Is anyone doing an analysis?

Cole Evans:

- We need to look at the model of this process.
- The gifts get decided at the end of term and then are forgotten.
- The Exec leaves and no one follows up.
- The backlog is ridiculous:
- We're still making the last payment on When Women Rise, a statue from years ago.
- There were plans for an Indigenous sculpture, but there were some concerns from the Musqueam, and the project died.
- The letters A-M-S were supposed to go up on the Knoll: that's still to be completed.
- Then there was the 2020 mural, and last year's money for outdoor learning spaces.
- We need to revisit how we do the Grad Class gift. Maybe reduce the scope.
- People want big, exciting projects, but they're hard to implement.

N) Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

VP Finance – Mary Gan

- Budget reforecast and next year's preliminary budget.
- Working with VP Admin on clubs.
- Working with Keith and Cole on Health & Dental Plan initiatives.
- Working with Eshana on a new project on student safety.
- Training new staff.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu

[SCD321-22]

- Sent letter to UBC about the lack of rapid testing.
- Also pushing for multi-access (hybrid) instruction: in person with a remote option.
 - This will be the future of teaching.
- Need to be compassionate to international students.
- Mental health for students
- UBC budget process and tuition consultation still happening.
 - We did not agree to get rid of the comment box.
 - That takes away the student voice.
- Affordability plan.
- Found a supplier for KF94 masks.
- Working with the University on getting rapid tests and masks.
- We will get our own masks for students. One for every student.

Questions

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Some Science students have been required to have N95 masks.
- Will the University supply these?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We have asked the University to provide these.
- We're working in tandem with them.
- It's hard to get access to N95 masks; they're expensive.
- We'll keep putting pressure on the University to get them while trying to obtain some ourselves.

Avery Chan:

- Are KF94 considered equivalent to N95 for masks?

Eshana Bhangu:

- I don't know.
- KF94 and N95 masks are good but I don't know if they are equivalent
- Forgot to mention that I'm working on the Academic Experience Survey.
 - If you have questions you want added email me.

Emily Gubski:

- Have the faculties been receptive to hybrid learning?
- Some more than others?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Hard to require instructors to do this.
- Issues like academic freedom come up and intellectual property theft.
- Instructors also say it's hard to keep students engaged online:
 - Make your recordings interesting, we say.
- And there's the issue of student privacy online.
- Medicine and Pharmacy are far ahead on this; not sure why.
- We secured funding for online learning in Term 1; that was the result of AMS advocacy.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson

- Hatch Art Gallery latest exhibit on the colonial aspects of the permanent collection.
- Supporting clubs:
 - Videoconferencing grant.
 - PPE/N95 masks, hand sanitizer.
- Soapstand and Waste Hub coming soon.
- Re-examining Clubs Days dates now that we know classes are back in person.
- Clubs survey.

Questions

Emily Reid:

- We asked for some of the old red chairs.

Lauren Benson:

- I will check on them.

Cole Evans:

- The East Side Furniture Project has been delayed; the new chairs haven't arrived yet.
- So we haven't moved the red chairs out yet.

Michael Kingsmill:

- AVP Ben Du has reached out to the EUS about this.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- What is the financial situation for the Hatch?

Lauren Benson:

- We are putting funding into upcoming exhibits.
- I will bring back a better answer next meeting.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib

Federal Lobbying

- UCRU lobby week underway.
- Exciting to see our asks come to fruition, like
 - abolishing interest on student loans,
 - increasing grant maximums,
 - obtaining faster permanent residency status for international students.

Provincial Lobbying

- Lobby week next week.
- Working with the ABCS and the GSS.

Other:

- Working to get SASC approved as a Naloxone dispenser.
 - Train your trainer program.
- U-Pass Audit underway.
 - Analyzing U-Pass subsidy usage.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Does the AMS have a response to the new guidelines from the PHO?
- And what are we doing about rapid testing?

Saad Shoaib:

- Through our provincial advocacy we support all measure to keep students safe.
- We do not have a stance on the provincial guidelines.
- Eshana can answer about rapid testing.

Eshana Bhangu:

- UBC will provide rapid testing for symptomatic people starting February 7.

- We are pushing them to provide rapid testing for everyone.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

- Hired new Housing Coordinator.
- Outreach.
- Tutoring beginning this week.
- All services operating now.
- Our Advocacy Office is working with the Student Legal Fund Society to provide funds for translation services.
- Working with e@UBC to clarify the link between it and our eHub.
- Finalizing MoU between Food Bank and the Acadia Food Hub.
- Food Bank working with Food & Beverage on food outlet vouchers.
- Harm reduction.
- SASC distributing Naloxone.
- Creating a data collection system to improve the Services.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Made repairs to the roof of the Nest.
- Working on the budget reforecast and the preliminary budget for next year.
- Working on changes to the Health & Dental Plan.
- Updated COVID safety plans.
- Working on a website upgrade.
- The financial systems upgrade is going well.
- We will be running a program for sustainable tote bags in the food outlets.
- Great all-staff meeting yesterday.
- Furniture for the Gallery.
- Wage changes – thanks for approving these.

O) Committee Reports (3 minutes each)

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu

- Going through the External Policy Manual.
- Priorities for lobbying.
- Next meeting will be about the Academic Experience Survey.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans

- Looking for a convenient meeting time.
- Bigger issue, for all committees: we need to come up with a better process for setting schedules.
- Scheduling committee meetings for Term 2 is historically difficult because of schedule changes.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan

- Finance Committee is the best committee.
- We've been meeting all the time, every week, in Term 1 and now.
- Budget reforecast soon.
- Helping VP Admin with club support funding.
- Gallery furniture.

- SPF applications.

Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji

- Have not met, but will meet on Friday.

Operations Committee – Lauren Benson

- First meeting next week.

Human Resources Committee – Romina Hajizadeh

- We sent motions tonight. Thank you for approving the wage increases.
- Looking for a new time to meet.
- Meeting minutes coming soon.

Student Life Committee – Aryan Mishra

- Discussed First Year Committee.

Julia Burnham asked to add a Discussion item on committee meeting hours.

Romina Hajizadeh asked to add a Discussion item on the Town Hall.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans

- Trying to find a time to meet.
- A report will come at the February 16 meeting.

Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate institutions – Lauren Benson

- Haven't met yet.

Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles and Ethics – Lauren Benson

- The point of this committee was to create a report.
- The report was done, but it was finished when I went on leave.
- Do we still need this committee?

Ad Hoc Brewery Committee – Cole Evans

- No updates.

P) Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes each)

- EUS and DUS hosted in January.
- Next meeting February 8, hosted by the AMS and the GSS.
- Will talk about elections.

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

Board of Governors – Georgia Yee

- Approved Campus Vision 2050 Land Use Plan terms of reference.

Senate – Julia Burnham

- Passed motion to extend the withdrawal deadline.

Questions

Kamil Kanji:

- Is there an update on getting Senate meeting minutes?

Julia Burnham:

- No update.
- Process issues.
- Reach out to your student senators if you have questions about what is going on in Senate.

R) Historical Update (10 minutes)

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Last time people expressed interest in the Lady Godiva Ride.
- There is a medieval legend about Lady Godiva riding naked through the streets of Coventry to protest taxes imposed by her own husband.
- Engineers at UBC and elsewhere picked up on this, perhaps via Canadian engineers serving in Coventry during World War I.
- There's still a Lady Godiva Week at U of T.
- The first reference at UBC actually had nothing to do with the Engineers; there's a report that one of the women at the women-only High Jinks ball in 1922 dressed up as Lady Godiva.
- But after that it was all Engineers.
- In 1950 the Engineers held a dance called Godiva's Gallop, though the Ubysey commented that they did not produce anyone in authentic Godiva costume.
- That would change, though.
- Meanwhile the Engineers started singing Godiva's Hymn with verses about the famous ride and a chorus saying, "We are, we are, we are, we are, we are the Engineers. We can, we can, we can, we can demolish 40 beers."
- By the 1960's and the time of "liberation," there was an actual ride, at first with a fairly modestly dressed woman, but in later years the event became more explicit and began to attract protests from the AMS Women's Committee and even the UBC President.
- There were lots of arguments over the ride in the Ubysey letters column, and AMS Council (then called the SRA) condemned it.
- The ride continued until 1989 and the massacre of female Engineering students at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. At that time the EUS said it no longer seemed appropriate to continue the ride.
- Contributing to the end of the ride was a change in Engineering demographics from being a predominantly male program. To judge by the Engineering representatives on Council you'd think the whole Engineering program was female now.
- One of the Engineering reps on Council fifteen years ago was Bowinn Ma; she's in the provincial government now.

Questions

Cole Evans:

- How much hazing was there back then?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- There was a long history of hazing at UBC.
- In the early days the Frosh had go through a House of Torture, wear dunce caps, and sing UBC songs on demand. There was even an electrocution ceremony.
- The University wanted hazing to stop, but it went on for years.

Emily Gubski:

- What did SRA stand for?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Student Representative Assembly.
- In the 1970's Council was reorganized and renamed, and included every student Senator.
- There were also no campus-wide elections; the SRA chose the President and the rest of the Executive.
- That lasted for five years.

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

Discussion – Committee Meetings

Julia Burnham:

- Re Committee meeting scheduling.
- There are strategies that could be used to promote attendance.
- It's important for committees to meet.
- At the GSS we gave food or Uber vouchers.

Emily Gubski:

- Snacks are a great idea, but I don't feel we need to bribe members to show up.
- We need to look at other ways.

Cole Evans:

- Interesting ideas.
- But if you're elected, you're expected to attend.
- It's not a good look that we need to entice people.
- Committees did use to have food budgets.
- But the issue is not so much people not showing up as scheduling: people are not available.
- First step is to figure out scheduling.

Teddy O'Donnell:

- My attendance hasn't been great, but meetings were scheduled during class time.
- I'd have to skip classes to attend.
- I don't need an incentive.
- There are times I just can't attend.

Saad Shoaib:

- I don't see food as a bribe; it's more just compensation.

- As to scheduling, look at Senate and BoG; see how they do it.

Julia Burnham:

- One thing I'd propose is having a fixed time set at the beginning of the year.
- Then Council members can incorporate their preferences for committees into that.
- The when2meet app doesn't work.
- Maybe if a committee settles on a time you can't make, you'll have to switch to another committee.

Minaho Chiew:

- It might be helpful to have a table to slot in each meeting and send this prior to committee appointments.

Saad Shoaib:

- Is this something Governance should look into? Or the President or the Executive?

Cole Evans:

- Been thinking about these things.
- When we do committee restructuring, we can come up with new rules.
- The goal would be to get it done soon to do a trial run, so when we have turnover with new committees and new chairs they can try things out if only for a couple of months.

Julia Burnham:

- For the short term, everyone on a committee can check their timing capacity and maybe swap committees.
- Encourage chairs to set a time.

T) Next Meeting and Adjournment

12. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

"That the meeting be adjourned."

... No dissent

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Next Meeting of Council February 2, 2022

Votes and Attendance

Name	Constituency	Present
Neal Cameron	Speaker	X
Cole Evans	President	X
Eshana Bhangu	VP Academic	X
Lauren Benson	VP Admin	X
Mary Gan	VP Finance	X
Saad Shoaib	VP External	X
Mitchell Prost	Student Services Manager	X
Cole Quist	Architecture	X
Romina Hajizadeh	Arts	X
Mathew Ho	Arts	X
Kamil Kanji	Arts	X
Sanjana Bedi	Arts	X
Aryan Mishra	Arts	X
	Audiology	
Max Holmes	BoG	
Georgia Yee	BoG	X
Grace Lee	Commerce	X
Jason Liao	Commerce	X
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry	X
Sadhvi Sail	Economics	X
Jade Law	Education	X
Emily Reid	Engineering	X
Ananya Swaminathan	Engineering	
Joey Yang	Forestry	X
Ezra Yu	GSS	X

Carmen Watson	GSS	
	GSS	
	GSS	
Sabrina Moshenko	Indigenous Seat	
	Journalism	
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology	X
Gabrielle Matheson	Law	X
Micah Mizushima	LFS	X
Sophie Penniman	Library-Archival	X
Emily Gubski	Medicine	X
Teddy O'Donnell	Music	X
Ayo Lado	Nursing	X
Grace Li	Pharmacy	X
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning	X
Amy Deutscher	Regent	
Minaho Chiew	Science	X
Rebecca Liu	Science	X
Katherine Feng	Science	X
Avery Chan	Science	X
Julia Burnham	Senate	X
Keanna Yu	Senate	
	Social Work	
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	X
Shadia Qubti	VST	
Oluwafunto Odukoya	Ombudsperson	

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Jackson Dagger (Ubysey), Noah Jassmann (student at large), Ben Du (AVP Admin), Anisha Sandhu (AMS Sustainability), Loris 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 6:03 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.
- It's important to recognize the deep colonial role we have.
- We need to move towards reconciliation.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

"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 ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED MINA CHIEW:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Executive Committee minutes dated January 19, 2022	[SCD322-22]
HR Committee minutes dated November 29, 2021	[SCD323-22]
HR Committee minutes dated January 5, 2022	[SCD324-22]
HR Committee minutes dated January 20, 2022	[SCD325-22]
Presidents Council minutes dated December 2, 2021	[SCD326-22]
Operations Committee minutes dated December 1, 2021	[SCD327-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated January 21, 2022	[SCD328-22]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

2022 AMS General Election Plans – Varsha Gangadharan, CRO

- Each candidate can spend up to \$450 no matter how many positions they run for.
- We are no longer requiring prior approval of campaign material.
- We will monitor candidates' material.
- No postering by candidates, for sustainability reasons.
- The Elections Committee can poster.
 - We are thinking of putting up profiles of the candidates, candidate bios.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- I am concerned about the Elections Committee spending time on producing physical materials: does it have time for this?
- Also, do we really think that posters increase engagement?

Varsha Gangadharan:

- Classes will be in person again. People will be on campus.
- Physical posters do get noticed and drive engagement.
- We will not poster on a large scale.
- We feel this will increase engagement.
- We want to ensure we reach everyone.
- Our team has allocated time for this.

Julia Burnham:

- Do you have a submission for this?
- It's hard to take this in just by voice.
- It would be good to have a document to see.

Gabrielle Matheson:

- I'm wondering about not screening candidate material in advance but monitoring it afterwards.
- How?
- What happens if candidates violate guidelines?

Varsha Gangadharan:

- There will be clear rules in the candidates' handbook.

Kamil Kanji:

- The Governance Committee is in discussion on all this.
- Code changes will be coming soon to say that only the Elections Committee can put up physical posters.
- And we will limit posters to listing the names of candidates.

Elect Change – Cole Evans

[SCD329-22]

- A campaign to engage more students in elections.
- Something I hope will become a staple in elections to increase voter turnout, to give students more reason to vote.
 - Designed to be an annual campaign to tell students that this is not just a vote, but a way to contribute to something bigger.
 - Each year we will pick a cause or campaign and determine how much we want to commit per vote.
 - We'll pick a cause everyone can get behind.
 - Each vote will count for a certain amount of dollars for the chosen cause.
 - The total raised will be the number of votes multiplied by the dollar value per vote.
 - There are no extra steps for the voter.
- Such a large part of the population still doesn't engage with the AMS election process.
 - We won't ever get 100%, but this encourages students to find out who's running, look at their bios.
 - It's a way they can feel good about voting.
 - Similar to the Bell Let's Talk campaign.
 - This will incentivize voting.
- For this year we're hearing a lot about vaccine inequity and getting to the end of the pandemic.
 - It's a natural fit to donate to this cause, to UNICEF to go to COVAX, the WHO's initiative for vaccine supplies.
- If we contribute \$2 per vote, we can donate \$30,000 if 15,000 students vote, which would be a 25% turnout, which would be bigger than before.
- The money would come from the International Projects Fund: it fits in with that.

Questions

Julia Burnham:

- This is a great idea.

- It would be great if next year the charity is voted on by Council.
- We need to see what resonates with people and avoid politicization.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Good idea.
- It aligns with our advocacy.

The Speaker noted that this is question period.

Cole Evans:

- Maybe we should allow questions and comments after presentations.

The Speaker:

- There is a motion coming.
- Comments can be made then.

Carmen Watson:

- Do we have data on our average voter turnout?
- Is it close to 25%?

Cole Evans:

- From 2017 through 2019 it was around 20%.
- Two years ago it dropped to 12%.
- Last year it was 6%.
- One year long ago we hit 40%.

Max Holmes:

- I have a question about financial sustainability.
- The fund we're taking this from has about \$50,000 in it.
- If we want to pay out \$30,000 a year, how would we fund that?
- Also, how did we come up with name Elect Change for this program?
 - It's not the most unbiased name.

Cole Evans:

- Don't know if \$30,000 a year is feasible after this year, but the focus now is on this year.
- The name is a play on words: monetary change and change in aid of a cause.
- If people hate the name, we can change it.

Mina Chiew:

- Council involvement on who to donate to would be great.
- Would we choose a charity, a non-profit?
- Local? Global?

Cole Evans:

- This will be up to future Councils.

- In future I could see it being more local things.
- We're not the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- This year because of COVID it has to be global.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Maybe this could be voted on by all students at an AGM.
- Or on a ballot.

Cole Evans:

- The thoughts are great; will pass them along for next year.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The focus now is on this year to encourage voter turnout.
- Students should be voting regardless of incentives.

Jason Liao:

- One caveat: when I see the International Projects Fund, I expect money to go to a cause regardless of whether I'm voting.
- Is it something we're supposed to use every year?

Cole Evans:

- It's a fund that accumulates money to spend on projects on campus with an international focus.
- We partner with the Global Lounge through it.
- But it's not that there's an expected donation every year.

Mary Gan:

- We do give the Global Lounge \$10,000 every year for international projects on campus.
- There is money accumulating.

Carmen Watson:

- How hard is the \$30,000 cap, and how many vaccinations would that pay for?

Cole Evans:

- It's maybe \$1.50 for a vaccine dose.

Julia Burnham:

- People are enthusiastic about this; that's why all the questions about what will happen in the future.
- The viability of funding is a key piece.
- Can you bring a report to Council on this so it doesn't get lost?

Max Holmes:

- Great idea for this year, but how far would \$30,000 go to increase turnout in other ways, like spending more on advertising?

Cole Evans:

- I'm not opposed to that, but there are two aims here: increasing turnout and donating to a cause.
- Not sure if giving an extra \$30,000 to the Elections team would have a large effect on turnout.
- Haven't done a deep dive into that or into the effect of referendum questions.
- It will be interesting to consider the factors affecting turnout this year.
- We will be back in person (knock on wood) and there will be a referendum.
- The last two years there were no interesting referendums.
- If there's no U-Pass referendum and no fee referendum, people are less motivated.
- There are a number of variables affecting turnout, and they're hard to control.
 - The number of candidates.
 - The number of referendum questions.
 - How interesting the questions are.
 - How hard people campaign.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- How about a survey after the elections asking students why they voted?

Cole Evans:

- That's possible.
- Have to worry about survey fatigue.
- It's really an Elections Committee question.

Mathew Ho:

- How would we ensure future charities are reputable and that money is actually going to the cause?

Cole Evans:

- COVAX and UNICEF are pretty reputable, but this is a good point in general.
- And we need to make sure our money is going to the cause and not paying administrative costs.

3. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:

From the Executive Committee

"Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the allocation of up to \$30,000 from the International Projects Fund for a donation to UNICEF Canada to procure vaccines for people around the world through the World Health Organization's COVAX initiative, the donation to be based on the Elect Change campaign to encourage students to vote in the upcoming AMS elections by designating \$2 to be donated for every vote cast.

Be it further resolved that Code Section XIII, Article 7 on donations be suspended to allow this donation to a third party."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The balance in the fund is \$52,611

... Carried

For (28): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Aryan Mishra, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Jade Law, Emily Reid, Ananya Swaminathan, Joey Yang, Carmen Watson, Sabrina Moshenko, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Teddy O'Donnell, Grace Li, Kiera Vandeborne, Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan, Jonathan De Souza, Shadia Qubti

The Speaker:

- Should people be allowed to ask more than one question at a time?
- Let's do a straw poll.

Cole Evans:

- If people ask a lot of questions at once, it's hard to remember them all.
- And it might prevent others from asking.

The Speaker :

- The straw poll shows that the majority are against asking more than one question at a time.

Max Holmes:

- We used to have a time limit.
- That limited the questions.
- If you can ask all your questions at once, that allows one line of questioning to be developed.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Maybe Governance should look at this.

J) Executive and Committee Motions

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussions and Consultation

Nest AC Project – Keith Hester & Michael Kingsmill

[SCD330-22]

Michael Kingsmill:

- This is an update to the air conditioning project.
- We have brought this to Council before.
- Project Rationale:
 - Climate Change: temperatures rising.
 - Complaints from students and outside users about the heat in summer.
 - Inflation: costs are increasing at about 1% a month, so in three years the project cost would increase by \$107,000.

- Timeline History:
 - 2019: UBC Mechanical Dept. Technical Services analyzed current situation.
 - 2020: Council approved funding to retain AME Consultants, our original engineers.
 - Their first report included prices not in our ballpark.
 - Their second report provided three options.
 - 2021: We asked Council to fund a more detailed study.
- The aim is to add cooling to several areas.
- The first budget was for \$2.6 million.
- Revised to \$1.6 million.
- In 2021 further study of feasibility led to a figure of \$900,000.
- Our target is \$400,000.
- Currently, the cost is \$661,000 plus soft costs, bringing the total to \$724,000.
- Have confidence we can get closer to our target.
- Tender pricing in March.
- Hopefully with Council approval, construction can begin in April and be completed by the end of August.
- Won't be in place this summer, but will be functioning for the next.

Max Holmes:

- What made the AMS lean towards AC and not heat pumps?
 - Heat pumps are more sustainable.
- Re tenders and timeline: prices can change.
- April is a tough time for Council.
- How quickly do you have to get the quote and get Council approval?
- How long will the price be good for?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Prices can be for 90 days or more likely 30 days.
- We flagged the end of March to come to Council.
- As to heat pumps, this is a complex issue. We can look into it.

Referendum Planning – Cole Evans

[SCD331-22]

Cole Evans:

- We're getting close to the deadline: next Council meeting.
- Tonight we're telling you where we're at, what we're thinking of.
- Then we'll come to Council on February 16 to approve the questions and maybe finesse them.
- Don't want to spend two hours on February 16.

Julia Burnham:

- I'm a little concerned that we're getting this now.
- There are two fee items, but no budgets.
- There's not enough material to make me feel comfortable.
- There are a lot of questions.
- The SASC fee increase is going to be a real hard sell.

- I don't have enough information to understand why it's necessary, and wouldn't expect any random student to.
- Is this for increased services or just to sustainably operate the current services?
- The Health & Dental increase:
 - Do we have a number from Studentcare?
 - How many students need to stay opted in to operate?
 - Is there an internal quota?

Cole Evans:

- Council will get more detailed materials next time.
- The SASC fee is driven by SASC; it's what they want.
 - SASC will present next time.
 - The reason not this time is that the Executive met with them and discussed how a fee raise would work.
 - There were two options:
 - A large increase at once to cover their needs or a graduated increase.
- For Health & Dental, the quota issue is not a concern.
- These are not the draft questions. We just want to look at the principle.

Max Holmes:

- I agree that we need more information.
- Fee increases are hard to pass.
- This is multiple increases in one year.
- The more you put on the ballot, the more you hurt the chances of them all passing.
- The SASC increase is an extremely significant one.
 - Was the previous increase not enough?
 - The work they do is very important, but this is a lot to ask students.
- On the optimization of the other fees:
 - For CPF I'd like to see the projection of expenses.
 - We're still in a relatively new building, but in the future there will be more wear and tear, and we may need more money, so I worry about decreasing it.
 - And we have to justify raising the membership fee.
- The Bylaw changes mostly make sense.
 - The only thing that could kill them is the proposal to say referendum questions could be rejected if Council thinks they would cause financial harm to the Society.
- On Health & Dental, I hope we've done consultation.
 - \$30 to \$40 is not an insignificant increase.
 - And just because it's opt-outable doesn't mean it will be easy to opt out.
 - This is the question most likely to cause things to fail.
 - And about the proposed virtual health care service: is there no virtual health care already offered on the plan?
 - I remember being able to call a virtual doctor.
 - Health & Dental is the question I have the most concerns with.

Mary Gan:

- We asked about Health & Dental in the Student Experience Survey:
 - There was interest in virtual health care.
 - Right now there is no specific virtual service.
 - There are long wait times for doctors: virtual health care could help; it does come with a cost.
 - We are currently looking at providers.

Cole Evans:

- Virtual health care would mean something like Maple Health or Telus Health: talking to a doctor on demand.
- Students have expressed interest in this addition.
- They did want it opt-outable.
- But it's a good point to note that if lots of fees are being raised, there may be problems.

Eshana Bhangu:

- SASC usage has gone up exponentially despite SVPRO (UBC's service on sexual assault).
- SASC is open longer hours than SVPRO and is seeing higher levels of usage than ever before.

Mathew Ho:

- We need context for the demand for virtual health care.
- The survey was done recently.
- Do you have data from before COVID?
- The demand may be higher because of COVID.

Mina Chiew:

- We can leverage engagement on social media.
- Most students don't even know what a referendum is.
- We need to explain what each question means.
- We need transparent financial statements so students understand where the money is going.
- We should use our platform to make things accessible, so students can make informed decisions.
- Are we allowed to encourage students to vote in a certain way?

Cole Evans:

- Yes. We will endorse a "yes" position.

Mina Chiew:

- A lot of students don't vote a certain way because students don't understand.
- We could use our current platforms to encourage students to vote yes.

Cole Evans:

- Great points.

- I will pass these comments on to the referendum team.

Julia Burnham:

- I want to express a degree of caution after navigating previous SASC referendums.
- There was no SVPRO and we still had a referendum question fail.
- Two previous SASC questions: one failed.
- The one in 2019 raising the fee to \$9.30 passed, but not overwhelmingly.
- That was a \$5 increase.
- This is substantially larger.
- Do students know the importance of SASC?
- Some will say they can go to SVPRO.
- We may need a massive campaign.

Max Holmes:

- One thing about campaigning: people don't read things. It's who speaks to them that matters.
- Pizza parties where Councillors phone friends were effective.
- If there had been a conversation on this all year, it could pass.
- Now, putting three fee increases on the ballot: you're going to have to pick your priorities.
- I really don't understand the virtual health service; it's not explained well.
- Surveys don't tell how people will vote in referendums.
- It would be helpful to see future budgeting.
- But mostly my concern is about the number of increases; if you run less, there's a greater chance of succeeding.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- In the marketing we need to emphasize the independence of SASC from SVPRO.
- We have to sell SASC, show the difference it makes.
- We oppose tuition increases, but want to raise other fees. I will vote yes, but we need to justify it.

Emily Reid:

- If all these questions are on the ballot, they could all fail.
- We have to consider the context of increases in tuition and housing costs, it being Year 2 of the pandemic: people may be making less money.
- Not sure this is a good time to be raising fees.
- I don't think these are important enough.
- Fees in general are the issue: students just see their fees going up.

Julia Burnham:

- I think the virtual health fee should not go ahead.
- It's the largest increase and there's controversy about it.
- The GSS wasn't crazy about it.
- There are existing resources for it.

Cole Evans:

- We could decide not to look at Health & Dental now.
- That leaves three.
- Don't shy away from a fee because it's tough to pass.
- Any referendum is tough; that's why we hire referendum coordinators.
- We should focus on what we as an organization want to pass.
- SASC is something my team is supporting; it needs to happen; SASC is way over capacity.
- Fee optimization could be done in a way that makes sure there is no increase.

Max Holmes:

- The amount of information we have is important.
- Students want to see justification for fee increases.
- Perhaps a more modest increase for SASC could be an option.

Cole Evans:

- The SASC fee is the important one. If there's one to focus on, it's that.
- We need to do something.
- There are strains on that service far beyond what was envisaged in the 2019 referendum.
- Probably Health & Dental won't make the cut.

Mathew Ho:

- Is there funding available to SASC other than through student fees?

Cole Evans:

- It's just fees or making cuts elsewhere.

UNA Campaign

Max Holmes:

- The AMS ran a campaign to support student candidates in the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) election.
- They were unsuccessful. They all came last.
- The AMS put time, effort, and resources into this.
- It's important to do a reflection on what went well and what didn't.
- The UNA is a quasi-municipal body.
- The AMS used to have a seat on it.
- There was an agreement to get rid of that.
- We then focused on electing representatives, but that didn't work.
- Currently, there are no voting student members on the UNA board.
- I'd like to hear more about what happened.

Saad Shoaib:

- \$7,400 was budgeted, mostly allocated to individual candidates.
- It was the first time we did this, and it was not completely unsuccessful.
- We had two aims:

- Encourage students to take part.
- Support students.
- The campaign did raise student concerns:
 - The UNA now knows the importance of those issues to student residents (sustainability, the SkyTrain to UBC).
- One of the goals was to raise awareness about what the UNA is and what it does.
- Our social media campaigns alone reached about 10,000 students.
- We interacted with students quite a lot.
- I will say: There were things we learned about planning and organization.
- The AMS is pushing for virtual elections to make them more accessible; we've begun discussions on that.
- We should not have created an AMS slate:
 - We should have marketed the candidates as student candidates, not AMS candidates.
- We should have started earlier: probably in the summer before.

Mathew Ho:

- What was turnout?
- How was the engagement?
- How many elected were incumbents?
- Does AMS endorsement do more harm than good?

Saad Shoaib:

- Voter turnout was low: 6537 votes cast on 1209 ballots (for seven positions).
- Four incumbents ran.
- Our candidates were at the bottom, though they put a lot of work into their campaigns.
- The AMS's job was to promote and support these candidates.

Max Holmes:

- If you look at the campaign, I think we did more harm than good.
- It looked like the AMS was trying to get members elected.
- I think it hurt our relations with the UNA.
- The voter turnout was the same as the previous time, so it doesn't seem there was an increase in engagement.
- Students told me they weren't contacted by the student candidates; there seem to have been problems with the campaign methods.
- This was a significant investment by the Society: \$7,000 is a significant amount.
- The UNA has an impact on what happens on campus.
- The MoU with the UNA was a mistake.
- This was a chance to correct it, but now that's gone.
- What really concerned me was that towards the end of the campaign I saw boxes of campaign material that had not been used.
 - This was from our expenditures.

4. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion calling for a report on the UNA election campaign.”

... No objections

5. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JULIA BURNHAM:

“Be it resolved that the Vice-President External issue a written report at the next Council meeting about the 2021 University Neighbourhoods Association election campaign.

Be it further resolved that the report include the following information:

- a detailed budget of the campaign,
- a list of campaign materials made and acquired by the Society,
- a list detailing which campaign materials were not used in the campaign,
- a breakdown of staff hours spent on the campaign,
- a summary and timeline of the campaign strategy, and
- any other relevant information about the lessons learned from this campaign.”

Max Holmes:

- This is the information I think is needed: resources used, expenditures, staff hours.
- When we try out something new and spend a significant amount of money and things didn't go how we wanted them to go, that's a good opportunity to produce a document that can be referred to in the future on what we learned.

Saad Shoab:

- I will say you're wrong to say this has damaged relations with the UNA.
- I've been in touch with all the UNA Board members; they said they want to grow and cement the relationship.
- That box of materials you saw came late; we couldn't use it.
- The UNA election process is very outdated.
 - Ballots go out in the mail.
 - We brought up online voting to make it easier for students to vote.
- Happy to bring a report if that's what Council wants.

Julia Burnham:

- I'm taken aback by the defensiveness here.
- Considering the fragility of memories, we need embedded information.
- To provide documentation for the future, codifying a report could be useful.

6. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JULIA BURNHAM:

“Be it resolved that the Vice-President External issue a written report at the next Council meeting about the 2021 University Neighbourhoods Association election campaign.

Be it further resolved that the report include the following information:

- a detailed budget of the campaign,
- a list of campaign materials made and acquired by the Society,
- a list detailing which campaign materials were not used in the campaign,
- a breakdown of staff hours spent on the campaign,
- a summary and timeline of the campaign strategy, and
- any other relevant information about the lessons learned from this campaign.”

... No objections

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

Cole Evans:

- Masks are coming.
- Hired three referendum coordinators.
- Policy and Governance:
 - My office is working on this with Mimi and Sheldon.
 - Renumbering the policies to make them easier to find.
 - The goal is to pass this at the March 2 Council meeting.
 - Mimi and my assistant Dana are working on Policies I-17 and I-18:
 - Two of the most important policies.
 - Need a lot of changes.
 - Lots of flaws.
 - That’s why it’s been a year-long process.
 - We’re bringing in a consultant.
- Eshana and I are meeting with UBC to discuss academic policy changes and the budget.
- Some small scale capital projects to be done this year.
- Looking to use our under-utilized funds:
 - Want to burn through what’s left in the old SUB Management Fund.
- Want to upgrade club spaces.
- Waiting for the full report on the Student Experience Survey.
 - Will bring recommendations to Council.
- Asking UBC to push Linked-In Learning to more students.
- Recreation Centre:
 - Recently some academic units have asked to designate it as an exam space.
 - I’ve been against that: it would limit recreational activity.
- Orientation and transition planning for next year:
 - Looking to have Canvas modules prepared so Councillors won’t just be thrown into the fire.
- The Goddess of Democracy will be relocated because where it is now is where the new Recreation Centre is going.
 - Moving to a permanent location.

Questions

Julia Burnham:

- Last time we asked for an update on the MoU for student Senate elections.

Cole Evans:

- I don't have an update.
- I will send an email to Elections.

Mathew Ho:

- Re the Goddess of Democracy: Has the final spot been decided?

Cole Evans:

- Not yet.
- Meeting the Vancouver Society in Support of Democratic Movement (VSSDM) about their priorities.
- The goal is to put the Goddess somewhere visible, where people can congregate, a permanent place so it doesn't have to be moved again.
- Haven't reached out to UBC (Campus & Community Planning) yet.

Max Holmes:

- Another student union had a statue inside their student union building.
- Have we looked at that idea?

Cole Evans

- We haven't.
- The problem with putting it inside is that it wouldn't satisfy the VSSDM about creating a place for gatherings.
- I think the preference is to keep it outdoors.
- But I'll consider it.

N) Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

VP Finance – Mary Gan

- Working on Q3 and budget reforecast.
- Training new financial systems administrator.
- Health & Dental funded Eshana's mask project.
- Looking at Health & Dental improvements.
- Promoting the increase to \$1500 in the mental health benefit.
- Helping clubs and Constituencies with their finances.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu

- Rapid testing from UBC:
 - UBC to distribute tests outside the Nest to those who are symptomatic, but not to the asymptomatic.
 - They're using provincial supplies, so have to follow the province's rules.
 - It's still a win, resulting from our advocacy.
 - We're pushing for wider distribution.
- Masks:
 - We're obtaining 65,000 KN95 masks with funding from the Health & Dental Committee.
 - Will be available for pick-up in the Nest.

- Low barrier.
- Student power.
- Consulting with the University on the Academic Misconduct Regulation.
- Working with SASC on Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- SC-17 advisory committee getting going.
- UBC Affordability Plan: we've been the driving force for it.
- The Academic Experience Survey is being formulated.

Questions

Romina Hajizadeh:

- I have a concern that student will hoard masks.
- Is there a plan?

Eshana Bhangu:

- It's important to show trust in students.
- I have faith in students that they won't take more than they need.
- Each package will have 10 masks.
- We can also order more.

Mathew Ho:

- Is the Nest the best location for UBC's distribution of tests?
 - Needs to be accessible.
 - Also if distributing as per provincial guidelines, that's a high bar.
 - And will the test location inside a crowded Nest cause increased risk to the UBC community?
 - Are efforts being made to support students that are not eligible for the tests?
- Will professors offer concessions consistently to symptomatic students?
 - Students should not be forced to go to class if they have symptoms.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Test distribution will not be in the Nest; it will be outside the Nest and very accessible.
- If UBC uses provincial supplies, it will have to follow provincial distribution rules, but we're pushing UBC to purchase its own kits; then it would be up to UBC to decide who gets them.
- As to professors, you always have some profs who are more understanding than others.
 - The UBC Calendar is a great resource for UBC's concession policy.
 - We're pushing for more recorded lectures and making sure professors are not pressuring students to come to class if symptomatic.
 - We sent a letter about this to the deans and the VP Academic.

Julia Burnham:

- Will the AES go on the election ballot to boost engagement?
- Will consultation on it be done at the Advocacy Committee or at Council?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We took it to Advocacy and got good feedback, e.g., a question on harm reduction.
- Council consultation would be a good idea too.
- I was planning to put it on the ballot. Maybe gifts too for engagement.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson

- Launched Clubs Recovery Benefits yesterday:
 - Online communication grant for clubs to use Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc.
 - Event assistance grant.
 - Safe events package, providing clubs with KN95 masks and hand sanitizer.
- Commons to reopen February 7:
 - New amenities.
 - Connecting commuter students to each other and to clubs.
- Sustainability:
 - Soapstand this Sunday.
- Hatch exhibit:
 - Where Have You Been?
 - High levels of foot traffic.
- Interactive Sustainability Centre
 - Open house February 14.
 - AMS Sustainability Week that week.

Questions

Romina Hajizadeh

- Can you talk about the budget for the Hatch?

Lauren Benson:

- Exploring funding.
- Looking at acquiring a new piece for the collection.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib

- Ended federal lobby week:
 - Getting great response from MP's on student financial aid, mental health, student employment, and students with disabilities.
- Beginning provincial lobby week, alongside the GSS and the ABCS.
 - Met the Greens today.
 - Liberals and NDP next week.
- Working on Naloxone training with SASC.
- Just formed a UNA-AMS Liaison Committee.
- U-Pass exemptions are closing.
- Partnering with student unions and the provincial government on a sexual violence prevention campaign.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Is there anything new from UCRU?

Saad Shoaib:

- Worked with them on the federal lobbying.
- Met with 40 MP's, the majority of them supportive of our asks, so we're hopeful about seeing results in Budget 2022.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

Food Bank

- Shifts filled.
- MoU for \$65,000 from UBC (VP Students Office) for additional purchases for Food Bank and Food Hub.
- EDI training.

Peer Support

- Boothing.
- Naloxone training with the Law Students Society.
- Harm reduction and fentanyl testing.

Tutoring

- Working with Beyond Tomorrow, the scholarship program for Black students.

Safewalk

- Training on sexualized violence.

Housing

- New coordinator started.

General

- Planning for recruitment.
- Working on the budget for next year.
- Choosing an agency for Services data collection.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Nest Air Conditioning project.
- Health & Dental Plan changes.
- Launched Block Party last week:
 - Already sold 4,000 tickets, even before announcing the line-up.
- Council approved wage changes last week, and we're rolling those out.
- Great news on the purchase of masks.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Will we continue the tradition of if councillors push the referendum question they get a ticket to Block Party?

Cole Evans:

- Councillors should support the referendum campaign regardless.

- But you will all get tickets because I love you.

O) Committee Reports (3 minutes each)

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu

- Discussed the Academic Experience Survey and the External Policy Manual.
- Looking at historical information to guide our advocacy.

Max Holmes:

- Where is the monthly report?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We didn't have quorum to approve our minutes.
- You should have them after the next Advocom meeting.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans

- Will meet Thursdays at 10:00 am.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan

[SCD332-22]

- No big updates.
- Looking at the reforecast.
- Sustainability Projects Fund applications being reviewed.

Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji

- Our monthly report will be done at the end of February.
- Great conversations on election issues.
- Worked on issue of Student Services Manager on committees.
- Cleaning up Code.

Questions

Max Holmes

- Will GovCom ever look at the usefulness of monthly reports?
- If people aren't doing them, do we need them?

Kamil Kanji:

- I will add this to our agenda.

Operations Committee – Lauren Benson

- Meeting this Friday.

Human Resources Committee – Romina Hajizadeh

[SCD333-22]

- HR does have a monthly report.
- Minutes will be in next time.
- We did a lot of finishing up old tasks.
- We discussed how to be more productive going forward.

Questions

Max Holmes

- Will HR be doing a review of chair compensation?
- If the chairs don't do the work, should they get compensation?

Romina Hajizadeh:

- We have been talking about compensation.

Student Life Committee – Aryan Mishra

- Will meet next Tuesday to discuss forming a first year committee.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans

- Summary will come to the next Council meeting.

Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate institutions – Lauren Benson

- We have yet to have our semester meeting.

Ad Hoc Brewery Committee – Cole Evans

- No update.

P) Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes each)

Cole Evans:

- Meeting next Tuesday to talk about elections.
- AMS and GSS are hosting.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes

- Not too busy: one quick meeting.
- Created advisory committee on Campus Vision 2050.
- Change to cycle: next meeting in March (instead of February or April).
- BoG elections coming up.
- Nominations due Friday.

Senate – Julia Burnham

- Met a few weeks ago.
- No new updates.
- Take advantage of the extension of the withdrawal deadline.
- Next meeting February 9.
- Senate is also having elections.
- If you have questions about running, reach out to student senators.
- Trying to get the minutes posted.
 - You can send a stern word about them to the email address on the Senate website.

Questions

Eshana Bhangu:

- Isn't it true that the Senate secretariat office is understaffed?
- That's why the minutes have not gone up: not from a desire to not be transparent.

Julia Burnham:

- I can't comment on staffing, but there's a significant amount of work to do.

R) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Last time people were surprised to learn there was a UBC song.
- In fact, there were several. One was called "My Girl's a Hullabaloo" and it goes on to say "she wears the gold and blue" (gold and blue being UBC's colours).
 - Here's a video with someone talking about their time at UBC, at the end of which she sings the song [plays video].
- The most famous song was probably "Hail UBC," written by a UBC student in 1931.
 - This was primarily a song for the football team, not yet called the Thunderbirds, so the original version of the song doesn't mention Thunderbirds, though a later updated version does.
 - Chris Eaton and the AMS Elections Committee sang it to Council one year before presenting the election results.
 - Here it is [plays video].

Questions

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Sheldon, can you update the song?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I can play the revised version next meeting.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- I want you to sing it.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I can play the updated version now if the video will work.

Everyone:

- Yes, please!

[Video of the updated version.]

Mathew Ho:

- Is the Old Auditorium [referred to in the first video] still around?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- It is still around. Near the Old Admin building and the Tuning Fork.

- It was built in 1925 as a semi-permanent building and was slated for demolition a while back, but the music people liked the acoustics, so it was renovated instead.

Eshana Bhangu:

- We have talented staff in the AMS office!
- Keith and Eric.

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

T) Next Meeting and Adjournment

7. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED JULIA BURNHAM:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... No objections

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Next Meeting of Council February 16, 2022

Votes and Attendance

	Constituen cy	Present	Elect Change
Neal Cameron	Speaker	X	
Cole Evans	President	X	Y
Eshana Bhangu	VP Academic	X	Y
Lauren Benson	VP Admin	X	
Mary Gan	VP Finance	X	Y
Saad Shoaib	VP External	X	Y
Mitchell Prost	Student Services Manager	X	
Cole Quist	Architecture	X	Y
Romina Hajizadeh	Arts	X	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	Y
Kamil Kanji	Arts	X	Y
Sanjana Bedi	Arts		
Aryan Mishra	Arts	X	Y
	Audiology		
Max Holmes	BoG	X	
Georgia Yee	BoG		
Grace Lee	Commerce	X	Y
Jason Liao	Commerce	X	Y
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry	X	Y
Sadhvi Sail	Economics	X	
Jade Law	Education	X	Y
Emily Reid	Engineering	X	Y
Ananya Swaninathan	Engineering	X	Y
Joey Yang	Forestry	X	Y

Ezra Yu	GSS		
Carmen Watson	GSS	X	Y
	GSS		
	GSS		
Sabrina Moshenko	Indigenous Seat	X	Y
	Journalism		
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology		
Gabrielle Matheson	Law	X	Y
Micah Mizushima	LFS	X	Y
Sophie Penniman	Library-Archival		
Emily Gubski	Medicine		
Teddy O'Donnell	Music	X	Y
Ayo Lado	Nursing	X	
Grace Li	Pharmacy	X	Y
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning	X	Y
Oluwakemi Oke	Ombudsperson		
	Regent		
Minaho Chiew	Science	X	Y
Rebecca Liu	Science		
Katherine Feng	Science	X	Y
Avery Chan	Science	X	Y
Julia Burnham	Senate	X	
Keanna Yu	Senate		
Sajedah Zaki	Social Work		
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	X	Y
Shadia Qubti	VST	X	Y

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Alex Alvarez (Bike Kitchen), Roan Reimer (Bike Co-op), Etienne Hossack (Bike Kitchen), Avery Thorp (Bike Kitchen), Aashna Josh (SASC), Ashni Gill (SASC), Anisha Sandhu (LFS Senate), Mimi Neufeld (AMS Policy), Lorris Leung (AMS Services) Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- UBC, the AMS Nest, and Vancouver are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of hul'q'umi'num-speaking Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh people.
- It's important to reflect on what those words mean, especially the word "unceded."
- These lands were never given to BC or Canada.
- As colonizers, we should recognize the privilege and criminality of what this means.
- It's important to recognize the legal claim in relation to the declaration of the British Crown about the rights to this land.
- We have to consider how best to integrate reconciliation with an acknowledgement of the crimes of the past while going forward to build a more equitable world.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED MAX HOLMES SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

"That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Move the Bike Kitchen referendum question to before the SES presentation.
- Add a discussion on executive and management performance."

Max Holmes:

- We have guests from the Bike Kitchen.

2. MOVED MAX HOLMES SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

"That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Move the Bike Kitchen referendum question to before the SES presentation.
- Add a discussion on executive and management performance."

... No objections

3. MOVED COLE EVANS SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... 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)

The Speaker:

- Don’t hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.
- You are here to hold the Executive and the organization to account.
- You are here to represent your constituency.
- This is your role as an officer of the organization.

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

Anisha Sandhu:

- I have been the Land & Food student rep to the Senate for the past two years.
- I’m now delivering on a campaign promise to announce the launch of the UBC Vancouver student senators website.

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

- Max Holmes asked to pull the Governance Committee minutes of January 28 because of an inaccurate comment in them.
- This was agreed to.

4. MOVED COLE EVANS:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

AMS Executive Committee minutes dated January 26, 2022	[SCD334-22]
AMS Executive Committee minutes dated February 2, 2022	[SCD335-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated November 22, 2021	[SCD336-22]
Steering Committee minutes dated November 19, 2021	[SCD337-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated January 28, 2022	[SCD338-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated February 4, 2022	[SCD339-22]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Bike Kitchen Referendum

5. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED MARY GAN:

From the President

“That Council adopt a Yes position in support of the Bike Kitchen fee referendum question.”

Max Holmes:

- Council is able to add referendum questions to the ballot, but this one came from a petition:
 - In less than 72 hours, the Bike Kitchen got over 1,000 signatures on a petition to add a referendum question on raising the Bike Kitchen fee from \$1.14 to \$5.
- The Bike Kitchen provides essential services for bikers on campus.
- There has been an increase in bikers on campus.
- The Bike Kitchen helps keep people out of cars.
- This motion is for Council to say we support the fee increase.
- It aligns with our climate emergency policies.

Alex Alvarez:

- I'm the shop manager.
- We have been operating since 1998.
- We do tool rentals and teach people to fix their own bikes.
- Bikes are an accessible, affordable mode of transport, providing an alternative so that people don't have to drive or take the bus.
- We run programs in the community, including an access night for LGBTQ people.
- In the Fraser Valley we provide bikes for migrant farm workers.

Roan Reimer:

- I'm the programs manager.
- We run workshops, teaching people how to ride in the forest, in winter, etc.

Alex Alvarez:

- We recycle metal and rubber.
- We also have a thrift store of parts and full refurbished bikes.

Roan Reimer:

- We originally had a \$1 fee (approved by referendum in 2013) which has gone up because of inflation to \$1.14.
- We want to increase that by \$3.86 to \$5.
- Times have been hard recently; we've been hurt by the pandemic.

Alex Alvarez:

- The last few years we have only been a repair shop.
- We would love to get our programs up and running again.

Roan Reimer:

- We saw signs of support at Clubs Days.
- Your support would help us a lot.

Cole Evans:

- It's super awesome to see the support you have received already.
- It's pretty easy to see that this is something for Council to support.
- What would that mean?
- Would we include the Bike Kitchen question in our campaign material?
- Or leave it to the Bike Kitchen?
- What is the expectation?

Romina Hajizadeh:

- I think we should advertise this.
- Lots of students are attached to it.
- This is important service to current UBC students and alumni.
- The Bike Kitchen is doing a great job.

Mathew Ho:

- If we are able to give encouragement, that would be a good idea.
- Can Council endorse referendums?

Max Holmes:

- We can, and if we endorse, it is expected that it would be part of our Yes campaign.
- My experience is that the bigger the base, the better.
- Not only will the Bike Kitchen benefit, but our questions will benefit.
- So I'd expect us to include them in our material.
- Of course, the Bike Kitchen can run their own campaign as well.
- They will get a \$1,000 funding credit from us.

Cole Evans:

- If the Bike Kitchen representatives can send me an email, we can coordinate between them and our referendum coordinators.

6. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED MARY GAN:

From the President

"That Council adopt a Yes position in support of the Bike Kitchen fee referendum question."

... Carried

For (18): Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Jasneet Bal, Jade Law, Emily Reid, Joey Yang, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Teddy O'Donnell, Kiera Vandeborne, Minaho Chiew, Avery Chan

Executive and Management Performance

7. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB, THIRDED COLE EVANS:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 6:36 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 6:59 pm.

J) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Student Engagement Survey (SES) Results – Cole Evans [SCD340-22], [SCD341-22]

- This was the most comprehensive collection of information about the AMS that we've run.
- We can improve our goals based on the data.
- Ran in November and December.
- Received about 2750 responses.
- An internal-facing survey.
- The results show that people are satisfied with the Nest and its diversity of businesses.
- People want more seating and lower prices.
- 76% think the AMS is doing a good job overall.
- They think we're doing a good job engaging, but don't know much about the Executive.
- A lot of students visit the building, grad students less so; also less from older students and those later in their degree.
- Most come to eat and drink; also to hang out and study.
- Those not visiting say it's because of online learning and avoiding public spaces during COVID.
- There's a high level of satisfaction with the Nest:
 - 96% feel safe
 - Lots think it's clean
- But there's less satisfaction with study spots.
- Blue Chip is the most attended outlet.
- They say customer service is great, the food is good; seating less so.
- Some want longer hours: perhaps that's a pandemic effect.
- Even split on preferred new food: Korean and breakfast.
 - Our test kitchen will rotate through these.
- One area to improve on is providing clear allergy information on menus.
- Good results on accessibility and design.
- Less so on noise and study space.
- Students don't know which outlets are AMS (Gallery) and which are not (Delly).
- High numbers are satisfied with our Services, but some are not aware of them.

- Top reason for those not using our Services: they don't need them.
- First years are less aware of the Services.
- Need more information on who to contact.
- Most people find out about us from word of mouth and social media, which is not bad, but we need to limit disinformation.
- People believe the work the AMS does benefits them.
- Need improvement to let them know how to get involved and how to contact their representatives.
- Pretty positive responses about AMS leadership.
- Room for improvement about trusting the AMS to spend money wisely; also on us being transparent and accessible.
- Good scores on EDI.
- 54% of the students do not recognize any of the Executives.
 - 40% recognize the President; the others are less known.
- Strong support for our handling of COVID-19, but not as many recognize the effect of AMS advocacy in influencing the University.
- More Health & Dental coverage wanted for vision, counselling, dental services, and prescription drugs.

Questions

Julia Burnham:

- You have data on ethnic background for restaurant preferences.
- Is there demographic data that can be used to gauge responses on other questions?
- It might help with equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

Cole Evans:

- Great point.
- We could do more cross-tabulations.
- This is just a preliminary presentation.
- We can go back to Leger (the polling company) and ask for more.

Mathew Ho:

- How do we change the perception about financial issues and accountability?

Cole Evans:

- Students don't know what their fees are spent on.
- We need to do a better job telling them.
- Most students don't know how big the AMS is and everything we do.
- On tuition increases, some might feel we're not doing enough.
- We do a lot of advocacy; this ties back in to students not being aware of what we're doing.

Keanna Yu:

- Do we have results from previous years for comparison?
- Especially on the visibility of the VP's.

Cole Evans:

- Unfortunately, this is the first time we have done a survey like this.
- The goal in the future is to show trends.
- A lot of these are brand new questions, especially on leadership.

Julia Burnham:

- Is there a policy on the SES like there is on the AES?
- That's how we protect the AES.
- It tells us we must ask certain questions year to year.

Cole Evans:

- Great question.
- One recommendation is to build this into our survey policy.
- The aim is to have one policy on surveys, for both the AES and the SES.

Mathew Ho:

- How long will you keep COVID questions on the survey?

Cole Evans:

- The COVID questions were designed to only be asked this year.
- I really hope we don't need to ask these questions again.

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU

"That Council accept the recommendations from the 2021 AMS Student Engagement Survey."
... No objections

Referendum – SASC Fee – Aashna Josh, Ashni Gill, Cole Evans

[SCD342-22], [SCD343-22]

Aashna Josh – SASC:

General:

- I'm the manager at SASC.
- I have worked in the anti-violence field for the last nine years and been an anti-racist educator.
- SASC is an anti-violence organization and sexual assault support centre.
- We take a grassroots approach and are trauma-centred and people-centred.
- SASC has been on campus for twenty years.
 - We were here before SVPRO, which modelled itself on us.
- We support people of all genders and are here for UBC students, staff, and alumni.
- We help those learning how to respond supportively.
- We have extended hours into the evening.
- We are part of the AMS, but also a social service.
- We have a manager, an assistant manager, a support team, and an education team.
- We have about 25-30 student volunteers.
- We work with those affected by sexualized violence.

- We are professionally trained in best practices, providing emotional support and crisis interventions.
- We do safety planning, accompany people to hospital and the police, and advocate to advisors about academic concessions.
- We work with community partners and collaborate with practicum students/student counsellors.
- We offer free public education and a healthier masculinities program.
- Fraternities and sororities are independent and thus not included, but we do work with them.
- We organize events and campaigns, e.g., a vigil for Trans-Day Remembrance.
- We run volunteer programs and provide free safer sex supplies, menstrual supplies, and harm reduction supplies.
- We do advocacy and have been working with Mimi (the AMS Policy Advisor) on AMS Policies I-17 and I-18.
- We do research, grant writing, and liaising with community partners.
- We do third party reporting, allowing students to report anonymously.

Recent developments:

- Statistics (service appointments):
 - 2018: 726
 - 2019: 1145
 - 2020: 1145
 - 2021: 2028.
- Tripled in four years, despite UBC's creation of SVPRO; might have expected a decline at SASC, but not so.
- The last four months of 2021 saw more appointments than in all of 2018.
- We have made our services more accessible:
 - Drop-in, email, extended phone service, texting, video.
 - This has contributed to the increase.
- Not many changes in structure except added an Assistant Manager.
- Not good to delay appointments:
 - It's hard for people to reach out.
 - We want to be available when they reach out.
- We expect the increase in usage to continue; it's a trend in western Canada.
- Been doing more of our outreach via social media, less in person during the pandemic.
- Fee increase:
 - Not ideal to always come for a fee increase, but our numbers are up.
 - Want to restructure our staff:
 - Currently four part-time support workers.
 - We want three full-time and two part-time to create more consistency and make sure we don't miss drop-ins.
 - This would add \$102,000.
 - Would add a couple of days of support people, helping us meet demand.
 - Would also create safer work conditions for our staff:
 - This is people-centred work.
 - Better if more people around.

- Expanding our support services:
 - External facilitators
 - Practicum student counsellors
 - A counselling fund
 - Transportation to hospital or home
 - Funding to house someone if needed.
 - This would be another \$17,000.

9. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED MATHEW HO

“That the time for the presentation be extended by 10 minutes.”

... No objections

Aashna Josh (continuing):

- Fee increase (continuing):
 - Education:
 - Adding a full-time educator (\$50,000).
 - A part-time social media coordinator (\$20,000).
 - Education is prevention.
 - Working with Elders, BIPOC, anti-racism, anti-colonial perspectives.
 - Policy development.
 - Harm reduction.
 - Add money to the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund (currently in deficit).
 - Increase retention of staff through wage increases (currently below industry standard).
 - Said goodbye to seven people; high turnover; want consistency of care.
 - Collective bargaining next year.
- Looking for a one-time increase of \$6.42 to \$16.
- Even if we kept our current structure, we'd have a shortfall with the current fee.
- With the increase, no shortfall.

Questions

Emily Reid:

- You will gain about \$400,000 per year.
- Your spending will be about \$180,000.
- You have not accounted for more than \$200,000.
- Can you provide a more detailed budget?

Aashna Josh:

- Some will go towards changes already taking place.
- Wages and benefits.

Emily Reid:

- There's a large amount of money involved and we don't have complete information.

10. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:

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The SASC has grown exponentially, and the AMS is proposing a fee increase to ensure the SASC can keep up with support and programming demands.

Do you support an increase in the fee for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund from \$9.58 to \$16 for the academic year 2022-23?

Note: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services and initiatives. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.

Note: The fee shall continue to be increased annually in accordance with the BC CPI.

Be it further resolved that Council adopt a Yes position in support of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund referendum question.

Be it further resolved that Council authorize the use of the Student Services to promote the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund referendum question being held March 7-11, 2022 and to support the Yes campaign.”

Max Holmes:

- Has this been discussed with the union?

Aashna Josh:

- We talked to the union stewards.
- They said to talk once this passes.
- We're going into collective bargaining anyway.

Max Holmes:

- Last time we saw three years of budget projections.
- When will we see the granular details this time?

Aashna Josh:

- We have the projections for this year now.
- We'll have the next two years soon; it depends on the collective bargaining.

Max Holmes:

- I don't think Councillors are asking for actual budgets, just projections for the next three years.

- This would provide an understanding of where the fee will be going.
- That was done three years ago when a fee increase was requested.
- You can look at what was done then.
- I appreciate the presentation today on the how the services will change, but we also want to see how the finances will change.

Aashna Josh:

- Some of that information was in the presentation:
 - The restructuring of staff and maintaining that.
 - Maintaining the services.

Cole Evans:

- We can bring a spreadsheet to the March 2nd meeting.

Keanna Yu:

- A concern mentioned at last Council:
 - While we agree that the services are super-necessary, the amount of the increase is so large that students may be apprehensive to accept it.
 - This is a significant increase.
 - And there's money from this increase that is not yet allocated.

Aashna Josh:

- It's difficult to plan for 3-5 years without knowing what the resources will be.
- The money will not just sit there; it will be utilized.
- SASC is a really valued service.
- If you look at it in those terms, it's not a large increase, about the cost of a cup of coffee.
- We took the guidance of the Executive Committee in setting the number.

Cole Evans:

- The \$16 amount basically matched what SASC wants to do in the short term.
- This is on the low end of what has been discussed.
- SASC would probably say they want more.
- This is a compromise.

Emily Reid:

- I don't think my initial question has been answered.
- There has been talk of potential services, but \$200,000 is not accounted for.
- We should have received a potential breakdown.
- I don't think students will be satisfied with this \$200,000 floating around.
- That should have been solidly planned for before getting to this point.

Ashni Gill:

- We need to note that we are in a \$40,000 deficit; part is going to that.
- Also to the initiatives fund.
- And planning for the future.

- Last time there was an increase from 426 to 726 students using the service in the year before the referendum, an increase of 300, and we asked for a \$6 fee increase.
- This time the increase in students is from 1145 to 2028, or almost 900.
- We should actually be asking for a \$12 fee increase.

Saad Shoaib:

- Students will see that this is an important increase.
- It's up to the AMS to inform students why this is happening.
- I see the concerns, they've been brought up before, but this is a reasonable fee jump.

Mina Chiew:

- Can we reword the question?
- Instead of saying going from \$9.58 to \$16, which some might see as a \$7 increase, can we say it will be a \$6.42 increase?
- Then campaign on \$6.42: cheaper than a Bubble Tea.

Keanna Yu:

- I'm not saying the amount should be higher or lower, but there is an attached risk.
- I want this to pass.
- If it doesn't, there there's no increase at all.

Max Holmes:

- The question is about financial planning.
- The expectation is on the Executive and Management .
- SASC has done what they needed.
- In previous years, this went to Fincom and due diligence was done by the Executive and Management.
- It's better to do that before the referendum.
- That would help pass the referendum.
- I've seen two SASC referendums.
- One passed: it had lots of financial planning beforehand.
- One suggestion for campaigning: saying that \$6 is like a Starbucks drink could backfire.
- Show how this will benefit students and continue the services.
- With fees and the cost of living going up generally, people are asking for financial documents; they want to see the potential future budget.

Julia Burnham:

- The request for more information is from a desire to make this pass.
- Fee increases are not popular.
- There are going to be questions.
- To have these financial pieces will help the Yes side

Lorris Leung:

- We do acknowledge that we never want to increase fees if we don't have to.
- We want to be able to provide continuity, given the increase in usage.

- As to more financial information, we'll be happy to provide a breakdown at the next Council, but I hope Council votes Yes tonight.
- Any money goes into operations; any left over goes back to students in the initiatives fund.

Cole Evans:

- Re Mina's point: should we amend the wording to say do you want to support an increase of \$6.42 instead of stating that the new fee will be \$16?

11. MOVED MINA CHIEW, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the question in the motion be amended to read:

Do you support an increase of \$6.42 in the fee for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund for the academic year 2022-23?"

Julia Burnham:

- If we make this change, there's a risk students will think we're trying to hide what the amount will be.
- It could do more harm than good.
- It may look like a sneaky move.
- I think we can justify the question the way it is.

Keanna Yu:

- Maybe include both: the increase and the final amount.

Cole Evans:

- Could do both.
- Then people don't have to do math.

Max Holmes:

- I don't think it makes much difference.
- By changing it, you draw attention to the change.

Katherine Feng:

- Having the old and new numbers provides context that students might appreciate.

12. MOVED MINA CHIEW, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

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... No objections

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Against (1): Emily Reid

Abstained: Kamil Kanji, Teddy O'Donnell

K) Executive and Committee Motions

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:

[SCD344-22]

“Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 7-11 on the following question with the attached preamble:

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To make fee opt-outs more accessible, the AMS will now require that all applicable fees can be opted-out digitally starting in 2023.

The Childcare Bursary Fund is proposed to be eliminated as the fund is no longer significantly active.

All fee reductions that are being proposed are due to the fact that large amounts of money have accumulated in the funds, and the AMS can reduce the fee while still delivering the same level of programming.

Do you support and approve the following changes and reductions to the AMS student fees?

i) Requiring all opt-outable fees to be opt-outable by digital means. (Note: Organizations collecting opt-outable fees shall ensure there is a digital opt-out option by the 2023-24 year.)

ii) Eliminating the \$1.18 fee for the Childcare Bursary Fund. (Note: This fund currently has approximately \$320,000 in it, and funding will continue to be disbursed from the remaining amount)

iii) Reducing the fee for the Clubs Benefit Fund from \$1.78 to \$0.75. (Note: This fund currently has approximately \$700,000 in it.)

iv) Renaming the Lighter Footprint/Sustainable Projects Fee as the Climate Action Fee and reducing it from \$2.66 to \$1.50. (Note: The fund associated with this fee currently has approximately \$580,000 in it.)

Note: The two reduced fees will continue to be indexed to the BC Consumer Price Index.

Be it further resolved that Council adopt a Yes position in support of the fee change referendum question.”

Cole Evans:

- These fee changes are pretty much in line with what was presented at the last meeting, except we are not going ahead with the reduction in the CPF fee and we are making a larger decrease to the Lighter Footprint Fee, to \$1.50.

Max Holmes:

- The messaging can be that these are all decreases.
- This is an opportunity to show that while we are increasing one fee, three fees are actually decreasing.

Emily Gubski

- There are negative perceptions about the AMS.
- This is a good opportunity to say we care about you and your money.

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16. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU: [SCD345-22], [SCD346-22],
[SCD347-22]

From the President

“Be it resolved that Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 7-11 on the following question with attached preamble:

In late 2021, the B.C. provincial government updated the Societies Act with new legislation. These proposed bylaw changes make AMS Bylaws compliant with those provincial amendments, and also include several other changes that modernize the Bylaws to reflect current practice.

The AMS is also proposing to amend the AMS Constitution to add a land acknowledgement and commitments to equity for members.

Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws and Constitution in accordance with the changes presented in the documents entitled Proposed Changes to AMS Bylaws and the AMS Constitution?

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

Cole Evans:

- Talked about these Bylaw changes last time.
- Decided to add the Constitution change too, the one we intended to pass at the AGM.

Max Holmes:

- Thanks for adding the bylaw on slates.

Cole Evans:

- The AMS hates slates.

17. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the amendment to Bylaw 11 for amending the budget be changed to read:

This provision notwithstanding, Council may create procedures in Code for the finance committee, by Two-Thirds (2/3) Resolution, to approve budget amendments for less than \$5,000.”

Katherine Feng:

- This requires a Code change to allow the Finance Committee to approve budget amendments of less than \$5,000.
- If Fincom does something irregular, then Code can be changed again.
- Better idea than trying to change the Bylaws again.

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19. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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Max Holmes:

- Re the digital option for opt-outs.
- If this option is available, it could be used more.
- It’s important to know the financial effect on the Society.

Cole Evans:

- All opt-outable AMS fees already have a digital opt-out option.

Mary Gan:

- It’s fees for other organizations that would be affected.

Max Holmes:

- Did we consult these other organizations?
- CiTR, the Ubysey, the Bike Kitchen?

Cole Evans:

- We’re going to wait till 2023-24 to give these groups time to put digital opt-outs in place.
- The goal of this is: If we’re saying a fee is opt-outable, it should be opt-outable.
- It shouldn’t be difficult to opt out of it.
- It’s more for future fees.

Max Holmes:

- Did you consult the groups?

Cole Evans:

- I briefly chatted. No formal consultation.
- I received an email notification from the Ubyyssey business manager saying he didn't think any change would affect them.
- Haven't received any legal advice on that.

20. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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21. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN: [SCD348-22], [SCD349-22]

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Postering' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- We have discussed these changes before.
- This allow the Elections Committee more discretion around posters; gives them more flexibility.
- They must still be sustainable; there are provisions in Code to prevent the complete coverage of campus with posters.

Eshana Bhangu:

- I am planning on being a candidate.
- Am I in a conflict of interest?

The Speaker

- There's no conflict on this motion, because it's about the Elections Committee, but there will be on the campaign material motion.

Eshana Bhangu:

- What does it mean to say the Elections Committee will poster in a sustainable way?
- We decided to scrap posters for sustainability reasons.

Cole Evans:

- The goal is to give the Elections Committee flexibility.
- They asked if they could create displays of the candidates.
- The Governance Committee is satisfied:
 - This will give discretion to the Elections Committee, but Council can keep check through Code.
 - That was the compromise at GovCom.

Max Holmes:

- I would encourage Council to vote against this.
- If posters are put around campus with candidate information, candidates will complain.
- It's a horrific idea.
- No one's begging to read the candidate information, but people will find the smallest things to complain about: posters will get weaponized.
- The Elections Committee can promote elections as in the current Code, but should do nothing else.

Emily Gubski:

- I agree that posters can be problematic, but this should be in the hands of the Elections Committee.
- There are major communities that do not have access to our major social media feeds.
- I read tons of posters.
- We need physical outreach.
- We cannot expect students to go find out about elections.
- When postering was allowed, it meant people knew about candidates.
- It was a mess when individual candidates could poster, but if the Elections Committee wants to do it, it would be remiss of us to deprive them of this opportunity.

Mathew Ho:

- It's hard to reach certain populations.
- The Elections Committee may be best to put out posters to make them aware.

Max Holmes:

- There is no evidence that posters increase turnout.

- Turnout comes from email blasts and candidates campaigning in person.
- 95% of the complaints I received when I was in charge of elections were related to posters.
- If we allow the Elections Committee to do this, we will call their impartiality into question.

22. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That this motion be referred back to the Governance Committee.”

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Just to let people know: If we don't make this change now, it can't happen for this election.
- We can't change election rules during the campaign period.

Kamil Kanji:

- We may look at this for future years.

23. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (13): Cole Evans, Saad Shoaib, Kamil Kanji, Jade Law, Emily Reid, Ezra Yu, Gabrielle Matheson, Teddy O'Donnell, Kiera Vandeborne, Avery Chan, Rebecca Liu, Minaho Chiew, Shadia Qubti

Against (6): Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Emily Gubski, Jonathan De Souza

24. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

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... Carried

For (9): Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Kamil Kanji, Emily Reid, Gabrielle Matheson, Kiera Vandeborne, Minaho Chiew, Rebecca Liu

Against (3): Mathew Ho, Emily Gubski, Teddy O'Donnell

25. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:

[SCD348-22], [SCD349-22]

From the Governance Committee

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Referred to committee

Max Holmes:

- When we call the question should we stop the chat function in Zoom too?

The Speaker:

- Good point.
- We will do this in the future.

26. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN: [SCD350-22], [SCD351-22]

From the Governance Committee

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- We also talked about this before.
- Want to reduce the backlog for the Elections Committee.
- It doesn't mean restrictions won't be enforced, just candidates can go ahead and publish campaign materials without getting them approved by the committee.

Emily Gubski:

- How are we moderating this?
- It could get out of hand.
- Will we rely on complaints?

Cole Evans:

- The Elections Committee would track what candidates are posting.
- There'd be peer enforcement; reporting to the Elections Committee.
- I don't foresee a huge issue.
- Violations will be dealt with.

Julia Burnham:

- Great to see this amendment.
- In the past, depending on the Elections Committee, every caption on Instagram would have to be approved.
- It was a real hindrance.
- There were 48-hour delays.
- Egregious violations used to happen anyway.

Emily Gubski:

- Getting everything approved can be tedious, I agree.
- Just have to be mindful:
 - The Elections Committee has to be clear on what is expected.

- The Elections Committee could still have candidates submit their material, not for approval, but just so they have knowledge of what's out there:
 - It's so easy to block the Elections Committee on Instagram.

Mathew Ho:

- It's stressful and time-consuming getting campaign material approved.
- Sounds worthwhile to look at the material afterwards.

27. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:

From the Governance Committee

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (12): Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Jason Liao, Emily Reid, Emily Gubski, Teddy O'Donnell, Kiera Vandeborne, Minaho Chiew, Jonathan De Souza, Shadia Qubti

Abstained: Saad Shoab, Kamil Kanji

28. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD352-22], [SCD353-22]

From the Finance Committee

"That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council amend the budget as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mary Gan:

- A couple of changes.
- Minor ones for the Executive.
- Remarkable ones in the Student Services:
 - Food Bank increase from \$70,000 to \$140,000.
- Also increase in candidate refunds and elections advertising and promotions.
- Increasing the Clubs Days budget.
- President's project line increased because of the Indigenous Culture Month.
- Less of a deficit projected than before: down from \$835,000 to \$773,000.

Keith Hester:

- \$8,000 decrease in contributions from the businesses.
- Business revenue was actually up, the businesses are doing well, but there was an increase in food costs, a labour shortage, and an increase in janitorial costs from UBC.

29. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council amend the budget as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

L) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

M) Discussions and Consultation

30. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

“That the agenda be amended to strike everything but the Historical Update.”

Julia Burnham:

- Is it appropriate to strike the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events, Principles and Ethics since we are dissolving this committee?

Cole Evans:

- The chair is not here.

Julia Burnham:

- If the chair is not here, then the motion should not happen.
- There was agreement to revise the motion:

31. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

“That the agenda be amended to strike everything but the Historical Update and to table the motion to dissolve the AMS Events, Principles and Ethics Committee.”

... No objections

32. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED EMILY GUBSKI:

“That Council be extended by 10 minutes.”

... No objections

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

[SCD354-22]

O) Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

VP Finance – Mary Gan

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu

VP Administration – Lauren Benson

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib [SCD355-22]

Manager, Student Services – Mitchell Prost

Managing Director – Keith Hester

P) Committee Reports (3 minutes each)

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu

Steering Committee – Cole Evans

Finance Committee – Mary Gan

Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji

Operations Committee – Lauren Benson

Human Resources Committee – Romina Hajizadeh [SCD356-22]

Student Life Committee – Aryan Mishra

Indigenous Committee – Nakoda Hunter & Kleo Skavinski

Ethics & Accountability Committee - Speaker

Elections Committee – Shania Muthu

Advisory Board – Cole Evans [SCD256-22]

Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate institutions – Lauren Benson

Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles & Ethics – Lauren Benson [SCD357-22]

Ad Hoc Brewery Committee – Cole Evans

Q) Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes each)

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes, Georgia Yee

Senate – Keanna Yu, Julia Burnham

Ombudsperson – Oluwakemi Oke

S) Historical Update (10 minutes)

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Cole asked about hazing a couple of meetings ago, and last time people wanted singing.
- I did sing to Council a year ago and there's a recording that I hope Neal can play later, but first the hazing – and I begin with one of my favourite pictures: The Electrocution.
 - There's a first year student being introduced to UBC by being hooked up to a couple of batteries and zapped with electricity. Quite a jolt, you might say.
- Anyway, that's an example of hazing, which is a form of initiation.
- Initiation began at UBC in Year 2, 1916.
 - Not in Year One, somebody said in the AMS magazine, because that year we were all newcomers, but in Year 2, there was a whole new set of newcomers, along with oldtimers who'd been there a full year already, and so ... Initiation, Hazing.
 - That year there was something called a House of Torture, in which first years were made to crawl on their knees, and other things would be done to them: they'd have cold cream rubbed in their faces or have their hair bleached.
 - Sometimes they'd have to wear green: green ribbons, or green dunce caps and they'd have to recite the UBC yells or sing a UBC song (I played a couple of UBC songs last time).
- In 1919 people thought this was getting out of hand, and called a Special General Meeting of the AMS. There'd been blindfolding, hair cutting, and even branding that year.
- A motion was brought forward to bring in milder forms of initiation, but it got voted down: the students voted to continue what the new student newspaper, the Ubyyssey, called "a barbaric ordeal."
- Other activities were part of Initiation, like dunking people in the library pond.
 - This was especially something the Engineers liked to do. Engineers versus Frosh became an annual event.
- Inter-faculty battles became common and not just at the beginning of the year.
 - The Engineers and the Artsmen had snowball fights that caused lots of broken windows.
 - Sometimes fire hoses were used.
 - One year the Province newspaper reported that there were black eyes and torn shirts.
 - The Senate stepped in and ordered an end to any clashes that "might become injurious."
 - Even the Ubyyssey said it was hooliganism. Green hats are okay, they said, but no more fights or fires.
- Fires, you may ask? Well, yes, there was a tradition of lighting bonfires; there were even bonfire competitions. Not exactly sure how that worked.
- Anyway, all of this died out by the end of the 50's, though there was a bonfire in 2008 as a protest against UBC development. And that is the end of my talk on hazing.
- And now the acronym song.
- The Speaker played a video of Sheldon singing the acronym song.

Questions

Emily Gubski:

- It says on the picture of the electrocution, Ubicee. Is that a typo?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- No, that spelling was the name of an old publication that preceded the Ubysey.
- It was a literary monthly.
- Then the Ubysey newspaper was created.
- That spelling of the name was created by combining UBC with Homer's Odyssey.

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

U) Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Next Meeting of Council March 2, 2022

Joey Yang	Forestry	X	Y							
Ezra Yu	GSS	X					Y			
Carmen Watson	GSS									
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	GSS									
Sabrina Moshenko	Indigenous Seat									
	Journalism									
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology									
Gabrielle Matheson	Law	X	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Micah Mizushima	LFS	X	Y		Y	Y	Y			
Sophie Penniman	Library-Archival	X	Y							
Emily Gubski	Medicine	X			Y	Y		N	N	Y
Teddy O'Donnell	Music	X	Y		A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Ayo Lado	Nursing	X						N		
Grace Li	Pharmacy	X								
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning	X	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Oluwakemi Oke	Ombudsperson									
	Regent									
Minaho Chiew	Science	X	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rebecca Liu	Science	X			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Katherine Feng	Science	X			Y	Y	Y			
Avery Chan	Science	X	Y							
Julia Burnham	Senate	X								
Keanna Yu	Senate	X								
Sajedah Zaki	Social Work									
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	X			Y	Y	Y	N		Y
Shadia Qubti	VST	X					Y	Y		Y

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Mimi Neufeld (AMS Policy), Elif Kayali (Ubysey), Khushi Patil (Ubysey), Tina Yong (Ubysey), Lorrin Leung (AMS 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 8:05 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- UBC, the AMS Nest, and Vancouver are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the hul'q'umi'num-speaking Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh people.
- These lands were never formally given up by the people with the legal rights to them.
- We need to incorporate that fact into our work.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That the agenda be amended to add a discussion on elections, also the election appeals decision, and a motion about the hours of the Chief Electoral Officer.”

... No objections

2. MOVED COLE EVANS SECONDED MINA CHIEW:

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

... No objections

Membership and Attendance: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies

New members:

Vacancies: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2

Goodbyes:

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

[SCD360-22], [SCD361-22]

- Two reports from the Election Appeals Committees.
 - The decisions were unanimous.
- Please engage in these meetings.
- It's important you use your opportunity to participate.

- Feel free to contact me through Zoom chat.
- Feel comfortable in this space.
- Use your mental health coverage.

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

F) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

3. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED SAAD SHOAB:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Presidents Council minutes dated January 13, 2022	[SCD362-22]
HR Committee minutes dated February 2, 2022	[SCD363-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated February 11, 2022	[SCD364-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated February 7, 2022	[SCD365-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated February 14, 2022	[SCD366-22]

... No objections

G) Consent Items

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

The Speaker declared a conflict of interest on this motion.

Katherine Feng assumed the Chair.

4. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED

From the HR Committee [SCD367-22]

"That Council accept the Speaker of Council job description as presented."

... No objections

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

H) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Gallery Renovations – Michael Kingsmill [SCD368-22]

- This is a follow-up to the presentation on Gallery furniture.
- Tonight is about the Reimagining of the Lounge.
- This has been brewing for a few months.
- Originally, the space was for an upscale restaurant called the Perch.
- Now the idea is to create something intimate and comfortable.
- The space has a mix of materials now, including furniture hand-me-downs.

- How we developed the concept:
 - Critical analysis.
 - Consulting users.
- Looked at the entrance.
- Looked at the interior space levels.
- Developed zoning plan.
 - Dance floor near patio.
 - Conversational seating area.
 - Arcade area.
- Other changes:
 - Replace current flooring with wood flooring.
 - Replace glass tiles on bar with wood facings.
 - Move towards darker earth tones.
 - Install a drop ceiling over a portion of the main seating area to address the scale issue.
 - Replace fluorescent lights with more subdued ambient lighting.
- An arcade will be by the north window, out of the main area, with acoustic padding.
- New entry with a mural.
- You already approved \$64,000 for furniture, and we've issued a purchase order for that.
- Now the main funding: \$154,000, mainly for flooring.
- With taxes this will come to about \$181,000.
- Will be coming back next time with a motion.
- Construction is to start up in early May and be complete by mid-August.

Questions

Cole Evans:

- This is an exciting project.
- Will help us be competitive with all the new outlets in the area.

Mathew Ho:

- Will food service be impacted by construction?

Michael Kingsmill:

- We will continue operations as much as possible.
- There will be a closure for a week to do the flooring.
- Also three days for the ceiling.
- Current staff will be deployed elsewhere.
- Patrons will have to go to one of our other outlets.

Mathew Ho:

- Will there be an effect on Gallery revenue?

Michael Kingsmill:

- There will be a loss of income during three weeks overall.
- For dollar amounts, I turn to Keith.
- It's still COVID and summer, so the capacity is not that high.

- Will work around external events like weddings.

Keith Hester:

- Any loss of income will be offset by some extra bookings.

Sexual Violence and Respectful Workplace Policy Reviews – Mimi Neufeld (Policy Advisor) [SCD369-22], [SCD370-22], [SCD371-22], [SCD372-22]

Mimi Neufeld:

- Updates to Policies I-17 and I-18 on Sexual Violence and Respectful Community.
- I-17 states that we have zero tolerance for sexual violence.
- I-18 is meant to ensure that all individuals are treated with respect, free of bullying, harassment, discrimination, and violence.
- Both were up for review by the Executive last August.
- The two policies are usually discussed together.
- The Executive Committee has been busy, so the review has been delegated to me and to Dana Turdy, the President's Strategy and Governance Lead.
- History:
 - May 2016: UBC's Sexual Misconduct Policy.
 - December 2017: The AMS began developing its own policies to provide an alternative institutional response and to fill in organizational gaps.
 - Both policies were approved August 2019.
 - Work began on updating the policies in June 2021.
 - Drafts in September.
 - I was brought on to help in October, when it became clear we needed to make substantial changes to the old policies.
 - Met with experts across campus. Also an external consultant (Bakau Consulting).
 - More research during the fall.
 - January: community consultation.

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

"That the time for the presentation be extended by five minutes."

... No objections

Mimi Neufeld (*continuing*):

- For consultation:
 - Creating surveys.
 - Targeted engagement with clubs and other groups.
- Drafting.
- Developing an education plan.
- Presented to the Executive Committee in December.
- Major changes:
 - Reassessing principles and values; need to flesh those out.
 - The policies need resources: money, staff, education, the capacity to do things.
 - Response, Disclosures, Supports, Assists: need to clarify.

- Need to provide training.
- Want to add Prevention Education: need to clarify that everyone needs to know about these policies.
- Reporting, Investigations, Adjudication: need correct procedures, trained staff.
- The policies must be person-centric, trauma-informed, and legally compliant.

Cole Evans:

- Mimi and Dana have worked hard on these policies.
- These are two of our most significant policies.
- Hoping to wrap up by the end of the fiscal year.

I) Executive and Committee Motions

6. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB: [SCD373-22], [SCD374-22]

From the Governance Committee

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: SSM and Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Saad Shoaib:

- This Code change is to ensure there is no conflict of interest involving the Student Services Manager.
- The intention is not to remove Mitchell; it’s for the future.

Cole Evans:

- Then we should make it effective May 1.

Saad Shoaib:

- I’d accept that as a friendly amendment.

Keith Hester:

- Should we look at this for all employees and not just for the Student Services Manager?

Saad Shoaib:

- The rationale was more that the SSM is like an Executive.
- We did discuss the issue of Board and Senate reps on committees.
- Don’t think there’s a similar conflict for other employees: they’re not in charge of budgets.

Keith Hester:

- I raise the point because two years ago there was an employee with a vote on the Finance Committee and we were discussing their wages.

Saad Shoaib:

- We can discuss this further at the Governance Committee.

7. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

From the Governance Committee

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: SSM and Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that this Code change not take effect until May 1, 2022.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (14): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Emily Reid, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Teddy O’Donnell, Kiera Vandeborne, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan, Shadia Qubti

Abstained: Minaho Chiew

8. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD375-22], [SCD376-22]

From the Governance Committee

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The Speaker passed the Chair to the President.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- This would allow an appeal to the AMS Elections Committee of a ruling in a Constituency election even if there has been no appeal heard in the Constituency.
- In the Computer Science election, the Election Appeals Committee expressed frustration that it couldn’t step in because there had been no appeal in the Constituency.
- In fact, there was no appeals process in the Constituency.
- This Code change makes it possible for an appeal to come to the AMS in case there is no Constituency appeal process.

Saad Shoaib:

- This also gives the Constituencies more support in an appeal process.
- Constituencies said they wanted more support.

Mathew Ho:

- Would appeals come directly to the AMS without Constituency involvement?
- I hope not.

Saad Shoaib:

- The intention was to allow an appeal in such a situation.
- It provides an option.

Emily Reid:

- Was it considered whether to require a time window for appeals?
- This way, with this proposal, Constituencies can just shove things off to the AMS.
- I'm worried about extra strain on AMS Elections.

Saad Shoaib

- This is just another option to provide support.
- A student can approach the paid staff of the AMS Elections Committee if the elections committee in the Constituency is not handling the question.

Emily Reid:

- Was there consideration of a mandatory appeals period?

Saad Shoaib:

- I don't remember.
- I can follow up. It should be in the minutes.

Cole Evans:

- If there are questions, we can table the motion until later in the meeting when Kamil (the Chair of the Governance Committee) will be here.

9. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That this motion and the following motion be laid on the table until the Governance Chair arrives."

... No objections

10. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Constituency Appeals' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Tabled

11. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED

[SCD377-22], [SCD378-22]

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Constituency Eligibility' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Tabled

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That on the recommendation of the HR Committee Council amend the hours of the Chief Electoral Officer to reflect the following: instead of 25 hours a week between 28 February 2022 and 11 March 2022, 37.5 hours a week; instead of 25 hours a week between 21 March 2022 and 25 April 2022, 20 hours a week.”

Note: The total number of hours paid remains unchanged.

Cole Evans:

- The CEO felt they were working more than 25 hours per week now; essentially full time.
- The HR Committee decided to reallocate hours, keeping the total the same.
- The CEO was amenable to that compromise.

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

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Note: The total number of hours paid remains unchanged.

... No objections

J) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

K) Discussions and Consultation

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

[SCD379-22]

Cole Evans:

- The Russian invasion of Ukraine is pretty saddening.
 - The AMS issued a statement.
- Elections are underway, with two VP’s running.
 - I’ve been taking on added responsibilities for the VP’s.
 - Also helping coordinate the elections.
- The Strategic Plan is coming along.
- Grad Class gift:
 - Moving along with mural near the VOC office and Grand Noodle.
 - Signed an agreement.
 - Hope it will be done by the end of the fiscal year.

- Referenda:
 - Supplies are in for the Yes campaign.
 - Goodies and stickers.
 - Trying to reach as many students as possible.
 - Not a lot of negative commentary out there, even on the fee increases.
 - The SASC budget projections have been submitted, as requested.
 - The SASC team is working on getting their referendum passed.
- Less than two months left in the Executive term: thinking about transitioning and Orientations.
- Looking to bring substantive governance changes to the March 23 meeting.
- Equity team working on Black History Month.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- On the Russia-Ukraine issue, should we push for divestment?

Cole Evans:

- UBC investments are hard to make discretionary changes to.
- They have legal constraints.
- Geopolitical issues are hard to get consent for.
- They were able to divest from fossil fuels by saying that was better for the Endowment.
- As to divesting in other situations, UBC has said it can't without consent from the donors.
- Of course, we bring these things up with UBC.
- I'm meeting with the VP Students Office about assisting Ukrainian students on campus.

Mathew Ho:

- I think there is an argument to be made around Russian investments on a financial sustainability basis.

Cole Evans:

- I can't speak for the University.
- In an ideal world, one could divest from Russian companies, but it's not that easy.
- I can check with UBC again.
- Even if they can divest, it would probably take time.
- Russia is very energy focused and UBC has already divested from fossil fuels.
- The AMS is also fully divested from fossil fuels and we don't have Russian assets.

M) Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

VP Finance – Mary Gan

- Funds and fees report is done.
- Going to start work on the budget for next year.
- Fincom approved \$88,000 from the Resource Group Fund to train organizers.
- Troubleshooting financial issues for clubs and Constituencies.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson

- I missed last Council because I was taking down the Clubs Days displays.
 - Clubs Days was very successful.
 - Lots of engagement.
 - Having it on Main Mall and having music helped.
- Soapstand boothed today.
- Sustainability held an event with SEEDS about climate-friendly food labels.
- Sensory Room.
- Hatch working on next exhibit.
- Commons going well:
 - Programing for club presidents and commuter students.

Questions

Katherine Feng:

- Was Clubs Days during Reading Week?

Lauren Benson:

- No, the week before.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib

- U-Pass exemptions closed.
- Creating an implementation plan for Ufile on housing.
- Met with the provincial student housing committee about best practices on rent increases, evictions, and sexualized violence.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

- Food Bank:
 - Report on more diverse food offerings.
 - Collaborating with two groups for fundraising.
 - Will be doing Food for Fines.
- Peer Support booting:
 - Substance abuse, fentanyl test strips.
 - Information on harm reduction.
- eHub:
 - Preparing for next Get Seeded event.
- Safewalk:
 - Working with UBC Accessibility about accessible transport.
- Housing:
 - Creating workshops about off-campus housing.
- Revamping hiring process to create more equity.
- Working on Services draft budget.
- New Services data collection system.

Lorris Leung:

- Please help in promoting the SASC referendum.

Cole Evans:

- Let's add a Discussion Topic on referendum promotion and Block Party tickets.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Block Party is at 5700 tickets sold, or 95% of capacity.
- Tonight is our first Pit Night in a long time.
 - Going to be wild, so be careful.
- Departmental plans for the next fiscal year.
- 10,000 tote bags at the outlets, a sustainability initiative.
- Distributing free KN95 masks and rapid test kits.
- Surveys.
 - Employees survey going out this week.
 - Service specific survey will be done in late March.

N) Committee Reports (3 minutes each)

Steering Committee – Cole Evans

- Meeting about Council agendas.
- Will probably discuss transition plans.
- Shout out to Eshana on getting test kits for asymptomatic students.
 - We have gotten positive feedback on the test kits.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan

[SCD380-22], [SCD381-22]

- Funds and fees report
- SPF applications being reviewed.
- Resource Groups proposal.

Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji

[SCD382-22]

- No report (at election debate).

Operations Committee – Lauren Benson

- Going over club applications and club expenditures
- Charging clubs for damage in the Nest.

Student Life Committee – Aryan Mishra

- Working on first year committee report.
- Having trouble getting a full meeting.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans

- Meeting in a couple of weeks.
- Haven't met since December because of scheduling.
- Have been meeting with my advisory board member; each Executive has an assigned member.
- Vacancy to fill.

Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate institutions – Lauren Benson

- Haven't had our semester meeting.

Ad Hoc Brewery Committee – Cole Evans

- No updates.

O) Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes)

Cole Evans:

- Met in February about elections.
- AUS is hosting next week:
 - Year end event planning.
- Some background on Block Party:
 - It came from the Arts County Fair that the AUS used to organize.
 - The Greek Village still celebrates ACF without calling it Arts County Fair.

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

Q) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

Sheldon Goldfarb

- The Russian invasion of Ukraine reminded me of when Russia invade Hungary in 1956, which had a very direct UBC connection because the upshot was that a Hungarian Forestry School fled and ended up relocating at UBC.
- Before that, the 1956 Russian invasion became a topic of debate at AMS Council over what if anything should be done to help Hungarian refugees.
 - Council eventually voted to raise money and hold a clothing drive.
- But the big result was the Hungarian Forestry School (called the Sopron School of Forestry) showing up on campus: professors, students, and all.
- For the next four years Sopron at UBC functioned as a parallel forestry school to UBC's already existing Faculty of Forestry
- Not too long ago I had an inquiry from the Hungarian Broadcasting Corporation about Sopron at UBC for a documentary they were doing on Kalman Roller, the dean of Sopron.

Questions

Emily Reid:

- Why just forestry?

Ananya Swaminathan

- Was it a forestry university?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I think it was a regular university, and just the Forestry School escaped.

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

Elections Event

Katherine Feng:

- Elections hosted an event that used student money.
- The idea was to increase awareness, which I appreciate, but since they used student funds, there should be a report.
 - The report could help the next committee.

14. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MICAH MIZUSHIMA:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on the election event.”

... No objections

15. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“Be it resolved that the Elections Committee produce a report on its pre-election event at the Gallery by the April 6th Council meeting

Be it further resolved that the report include information about the purpose of the event, expenses, attendance, and an assessment of how election awareness/engagement was impacted and reflections on what went well and what didn't.”

... No objections

Election Nominations

Katherine Feng:

- The election nomination process could have been handled better this year.
- There was confusion between UBC's role and the AMS's role.
- What training was provided to the Elections team, particularly on Senate elections?
- The board positions for the Student Legal Fund Society (SLFS) were not filled: no one was nominated.

Cole Evans:

- Am investigating.
- On the SLFS issue, this is probably equally an SLFS problem:
 - They're a separate organization.
 - It is not our responsibility to make sure their candidates are nominated.
- The Senate issue is different.
- It's not an AMS election, but it involves student representation, and is important.

Julia Burnham:

- Do we even know how the Senate elections are being run this year?

Mathew Ho:

- This year they are largely uncontested.

Julia Burnham:

- That's alarming.
- We don't even know what is currently happening, never mind why it's happening.

Mathew Ho:

- It's crucial to make sure people are aware.
- In the past Senate nominations closed after the AMS elections.
- It's concerning that the nomination period has shifted.
- This was not clearly communicated.

Keanna Yu:

- I am not criticizing this year's election team, but this is an opportunity to improve the process for next year.
- I'm a Senator myself and got very little information.

16. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the agenda be amended to add a motion on getting a report from the Elections Committee on nominations."

Julia Burnham:

- Just the Elections Committee?
- I think we should add the President and his office.

17. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the agenda be amended to add a motion on getting a report from the Elections Committee and the President's office on nominations."

... No objections

18. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED GABRIELLE MATHESON:

"That the President and/or the President's office staff work with the Elections Committee to produce a report on this year's nomination and communication process for student senator candidates and SLFS board candidates by the April 6th Council meeting."

... No objections

Election endorsements

Mathew Ho:

- I'm not sure what the process is this year for Councillors endorsing candidates.

Cole Evans:

- I don't have the answer.
- It's all the Elections Committee.

Referendum Planning and Block Party

Cole Evans:

- A chance to get free Block Party tickets.
- Promote the referenda and get a ticket to Block Party.
- You must perform a task.
- Even if you don't want a Block Party ticket we expect you to promote the referendum questions.
- We will email an action plan

Side Note on UBC Investments (Cole Evans):

- I've been in touch with UBC and am told that UBC has no direct investments in Russian or Belarus.
- UBC complies with all Canadian regulations.

Back to Referendum Planning and Block Party

Cole Quist:

- Why isn't there more information on the referendum questions on the website?
- The questions themselves aren't even listed.

Cole Evans:

- We will definitely make sure they're added.
- This promotion will be ramped up next week.

Emily Reid:

- What do we do if people we represent don't support the question?
- Where does fiduciary duty cross representative responsibilities?

Cole Evans:

- I'd still say AMS Council has endorsed the referendum.

19. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the Governance Committee motions be brought back from the table."

... No objections

20. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD375-22], [SCD376-22]

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Constituency Appeals' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kamil Kanji:

- This is based on a report from the Election Appeals Committee.

- It identified the fact that if a Constituency violates its own rules, the Elections Committee can't step in.
- Essentially, this still says the first step is to do an appeal within the Constituency, but if nothing happens, if there is no appeal within the Constituency, then the issue can go directly to the AMS Elections Committee.

The Speaker, being the chair of the Election Appeals Committee, recused himself and passed the Chair to the President.

Emily Reid:

- One of the points of contention was that Science doesn't require an appeal period.
- Was it considered that AMS Code be amended to require an appeal period as another way to fix this situation?

Kamil Kanji:

- I don't believe that was a consideration.
- If you feel we should look at this, we can, but I think the current Code change addresses the problem.

Gabrielle Matheson:

- How would this work in practice?
- Could candidates choose whether to appeal within their Constituency or to go direct to the AMS?

Kamil Kanji

- We would encourage them to appeal within their Constituency first, but if that appeal is not heard in a reasonable time or there is no appeal process provided for, they could come direct to the AMS.

Gabrielle Matheson:

- This will be made clear to students?

Kamil Kanji:

- This is up to the Elections Committee.

Mathew Ho:

- How will this work operationally?
- How will it be determined if a reasonable time has passed?

Kamil Kanji:

- The Elections Committee will decide.

Neal Cameron:

- As chair of the Elections Appeal Committee, I can report that the appeals committee felt it couldn't act because there was no internal appeal process in the Constituency.
- This Code change is a pretty direct response to that problem.

Max Holmes:

- We are getting too granular.
- We need to look at the change itself, not how it will be implemented.
- This is a simple change that would help with the election process.

Keanna Yu:

- Is there a way to add that the candidate needs to make reasonable attempts to contact their Constituency's appeal committee?
- I'm concerned that this change might allow the AMS to overstep.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- On Emily's suggestion to add something requiring Constituencies to have appeal procedures, that is already in Code.

Mathew Ho:

- So they are violating Code.

Max Holmes:

- Yes, but they often don't realize this.

Neal Cameron:

- We need to afford discretion to the AMS Elections Committee.
- The way the amendment is written makes it clear this is a last resort.
- We give responsibility to the Constituencies, but allow the AMS to provide another venue for appeals if a Constituency does not provide one.

21. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Constituency Appeals' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (18): Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Cole Quist, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Emily Reid, Ezra Yu, Carmen Watson, Ivran Rai, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Kiera Vandeborne, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan, Jonathan De Souza, Shadia Qubti

22. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB: [SCD377-22], [SCD378-22]

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Constituency Eligibility' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kamil Kanji

- This is another response to the Election Appeals Committee, which was asking us to clarify the Code.
- Currently Code says a Constituency can have different rules for who can run and who can vote.
- In the Computer Science election that's what happened (only Computer Science students could vote, but non-Computer Science students could run).
- This fixes that, requiring the same rule for running and voting.
- Still maintaining Constituency autonomy.

Neal Cameron:

- It's ridiculous that people can run in elections they can't vote in.

23. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Constituency Eligibility' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

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S) Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 pm.

Next Meeting of Council March 23, 2022

Votes and Attendance

Constituency		Present	SSM & Committee	Constituency Appeals	Constituency Eligibility
Neal Cameron	Speaker	X			
Cole Evans	President	X	Y		
Eshana Bhangu	VP Academic	X		Y	Y
Lauren Benson	VP Admin	X	Y	Y	Y
Mary Gan	VP Finance	X		Y	Y
Saad Shoaib	VP External	X			
Mitchell Prost	Student Services Manager	X			
Cole Quist	Architecture	X	Y	Y	Y
Romina Hajizadeh	Arts	X		Y	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	Y	Y	Y
Kamil Kanji	Arts	X		Y	Y
Sanjana Bedi	Arts	X			
Aryan Mishra	Arts	X			
	Audiology				
Max Holmes	BoG	X			
Georgia Yee	BoG				
Grace Lee	Commerce				
Jason Liao	Commerce				
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry	X			
Sadhvi Sail	Economics	X			
Jade Law	Education	X			
Emily Reid	Engineering	X	Y	Y	Y
Ananya Swaminathan	Engineering	X			
Joey Yang	Forestry	X			
Ezra Yu	GSS	X		Y	Y

Carmen Watson	GSS	X		Y	Y
	GSS				
	GSS				
Sabrina Moshenko	Indigenous Seat				
	Journalism				
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology	X	Y	Y	Y
Gabrielle Matheson	Law	X	Y	Y	
Micah Mizushima	LFS	X	Y	Y	Y
Sophie Penniman	Library-Archival	X	Y		
Emily Gubski	Medicine	X			
Teddy O'Donnell	Music	X	Y		
Ayo Lado	Nursing	X			
Grace Li	Pharmacy	X			
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning	X	Y	Y	Y
Oluwakemi Oke	Ombudsperson				
	Regent				
Minaho Chiew	Science	X	A		
Rebecca Liu	Science	X			
Katherine Feng	Science	X	Y	Y	Y
Avery Chan	Science	X	Y	Y	Y
Julia Burnham	Senate	X			
Keanna Yu	Senate	X			
	Social Work				
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	X		Y	
Shadia Qubti	VST	X	Y	Y	Y

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Mariam Arafa (Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, SPHR), Fares Burwag (Beneath One Sky UBC), Tabi Khagjl (SPHR), Gilli Cohen (Hillel), Ruby Grinberg (Jewish Students Association), Sagiv (Israel on Campus), Gabrielle Tselos (Israel on Campus), Jillian Marks (Israel on Campus), Ava Katz (Israel on Campus), Harrison Mitgang, Joshua Schechter, Maddy Aldebert, Thomas V, Zachary Goldthorpe, Daniel S, Noah Marciono (Delta Kappa Epsilon), Mitchell (UBC Conservatives), Eitan Feiger (Israel on Campus), Galok Ngai (Delta Kappa Epsilon), Josh Kim (Arts student at large), Audrey Chow (Arts student at large), Naton Ting (Arts student at large), Cynara Onyemondi (Arts student at large), Himani Ahmed (Arts student at large), SPHR Guest (SPHR), Matthew Cheesman (Social Justice Centre), Honan Dudin (UBC SPHR), Daniel Sax (Independent Jewish Voices), Mariam Ahmed (SPHR), Michelle Marcus (UBC Climate Justice), Amira (SPHR), Maddie (SPHR), Yasmin (SPHR), Maya (SPHR), Yanya (SPHR), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Mimi Neufeld (AMS Policy), Lorris Leung (AMS Services), Keith Hester (Managing Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- UBC, the AMS Nest, and Vancouver are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the hul'q'umi'num-speaking Musqueam and Tseil-Waututh peoples.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED MINAHO CHIEW, SECONDED MICAH MIZUSHIMA:

“That the agenda be amended to move the divestment motion after the elections presentation, before the sustainability presentation and after statements from students at large.”

... No objections

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend Code Section III, Article 1(8) to allow statements from four students at large.

Be it further resolved that Code Section III, Article 1(37) be invoked to limit debate for the meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jason Liao:

- Why are we limiting the time for statements from students at large?

Cole Evans:

- Paragraph 37 will move things along, limiting speaking time to 2-1/2 minutes.
- The idea is to make the meeting efficient.

Jason Liao:

- Can we still move to allow extensions?

[The answer given was Yes.]

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... No objections

4. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... No objections

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

New members:

Vacancies: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2

Goodbyes:

D) Speaker’s Business and Remarks (5 minutes)

The Speaker:

- This is a space for open and free debate.
- Code states that we are to cultivate unity and goodwill and show respect for differing opinions.

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

Mariam W.A.:

- Speaking on behalf of a coalition of 20 groups:
 - Social Justice Centre, Climate Justice, etc.

- Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International concluded that Israel is guilty of apartheid, a crime against humanity.
- If not supporting the oppressed, you are on the side of the oppressor.
- The University is investing in things that uphold apartheid.
- Israeli apartheid is not up for debate.
- The aim is not to demonize Israeli students, just as we do not demonize Chinese or Russian.
- There are strong precedents for divestment from US universities and the U of T.
- In 1989 AMS Council voted to call for divestment from apartheid South Africa.
- Those opposing this may say we're singling out Israel, but that is classic what-aboutism.
 - When we condemned Russia, we didn't condemn all invasions.
- This is a chance to stand up for human rights.

Adam Dobrer (Israel on Campus):

- This motion was passed without consultation with the Jewish community on campus.
- It is a sign of pervasive anti-Semitism.
- It is denying Jewish peoplehood, indigeneity, and connection to Israel.
- Israel is a multicultural democracy where every citizen has rights.
- Some Palestinians have chosen not to be citizens.
- This Council should acknowledge that both Israelis and Palestinians could live in peace and harmony.
- We have endured 1,000 years of persecution

Shadia Qubti:

- As a citizen of Israel, I do not agree that Israel provides equal treatment to all citizens.

Jason Liao:

- There was consultation with Jewish groups.

Adam Dobrer:

- Council should consider the rights of all.
- You consulted one Jewish group, Independent Jewish Voices, but it is not a representative Jewish group.
- The AMS has done nothing about anti-Semitism on campus.

Yahya Abdul Ghani:

- Palestinians are not paid attention to on campus.
- People who might talk about Palestinians are afraid of being blacklisted.
- UBC has to take a stance on this.
- If not, that means our plight doesn't matter.
- I hear talk here about ancestral, unceded territory.
 - I don't want to have to make a land acknowledgement about Palestine.

Jason Liao:

- We at University should be able to discuss freely.
- How will the University taking a stance help that?

Yahya Abdul Ghani:

- It would give a framework to Palestinians,
- It would recognize the occupation.
- It would allow people to speak without fear.

Ruby Grinberg (Jewish Students Association):

- It is with a heavy heart that I feel the need to stand in front of you to diminish the anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiments on campus.
- This motion is fallacious and should not pass.
- The Jewish people are indigenous to Israel.
- This is an attempt to erase the Jewish identity.
- It is unjustifiable to attack Israel as apartheid.
- We ask that the motion be voted against because it will further divide Palestinian and Jewish students.
- Our voices have been left out of the conversation.
- I should not be made to feel unsafe on this campus.

Cole Evans:

- I just want to thank everyone for coming out to discuss something you obviously all care about.
- We appreciate hearing your voices.
- We appreciate your presence.

Mathew Ho:

- It is important that we have a dialogue on this issue.
- The AMS ought to speak out more on human rights issues.

Ava Katz:

- I am the President of Israel on Camus.
- We asked to attend the Advocacy Committee meeting that proposed this motion, but we were never reached out to.
- We were not responded to by the committee chair.
- No member of Israel on Campus, Hillel, or Chabad was invited.
- Our voices were left out, our history disregarded.

F) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

5. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

AMS Council Minutes dated January 12, 2022	[SCD383-22]
AMS Council minutes dated January 26, 2022	[SCD384-22]
Sustainability Sub-Committee minutes dated January 28, 2022	[SCD385-22]
Sustainability Sub-Committee minutes dated March 4, 2022	[SCD386-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 9, 2022	[SCD387-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 23, 2022	[SCD388-22]
HR Committee minutes dated February 9, 2022	[SCD389-22]

HR Committee minutes dated March 2, 2022	[SCD390-22]
Advisory Board minutes dated November 15, 2021	[SCD391-22]
Steering Committee minutes dated February 24, 2022	[SCD392-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated February 25, 2022	[SCD393-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated March 4, 2022	[SCD394-22]

... No objections

G) Consent Items

Consent items Requiring a Simple Majority

6. MOVED , SECONDED

From the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society

“That Council approve the PhUS Announcements as the media source in which the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society publishes the results of its 2022 fee referendum.”

... No objections

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

H) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Election Results – Shania Mathu

[SCD395-22]

- Turnout was 17.4% or about 10,000 students.
- Referenda:
 - The SASC fee easily passed.
 - Digital opt-out and fee reductions passed.
 - The Bylaws also passed.
 - The Bike Kitchen fee referendum did not pass; with 4405 votes it fell short of quorum.
- Ubysey Board of Directors elected:
 - Lauren Benson
 - Ben Morrison
 - Joshua Kim
 - Jalen Bachra
 - Milada Dzevitski.
- Senators at large elected:
 - Eshana Bhangu
 - Romina Hajizadeh
 - Georgia Yee
 - Dana Turdy
 - Anisha Sandhu.
- UBC Board of Governors Student Representatives elected:
 - Max Holmes.
 - Georgia Yee.

Executive positions elected

- VP Finance:
Rita Jin

- VP External:
Erin Co
- VP Administration:
Ben Du
- VP Academic & University Affairs
Dana Turdy
- AMS President
Eshana Bhangu

Accomplishments

- Voter turnout higher than in recent years.
- Easier with no pre-approval required for campaign material:
 - We simply monitored.
- There was increased engagement from being on campus in person.
- There was only one uncontested race.

Improvements

- Structure needs to be looked at:
 - Need dedicated positions for Constituencies, Board of Governors, Senate, AMS.
- Protection of electoral officials:
 - We faced a lot of harassment and bullying.
 - Need to look at confidentiality for officials.
- Pay and hours unfair:
 - We get paid for about one quarter of the work we do.
- Support staff/advisors needed.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Clarification of keeping the officials confidential?

Shania Mathu:

- Other universities (e.g., Western) have adopted this to keep the Elections Committee safe.
- There could be an Elections Regulator dedicated to dealing with violations, but they would be anonymous.
- This allows people to get upset with policy and not the person.

Katherine Feng:

- What is happening with the SLFS (Student Legal Fund Society) election?

Shania Mathu:

- Tried to work with them, but they were unresponsive.
- There was no one running.

- We are still working with them.

Max Holmes:

- Can we get a report on the SLFS election?
- I am concerned that they are not having an election.
- We give them money.

Cole Evans:

- I will connect with our director on their board.

Keanna Yu:

- Why was the results party a paid event?

Shania Mathu:

- In previous years the party was held in the Pit.
 - You had to be 19 to go in.
 - The CEO and the CRO this year are not 19.
 - We wanted to make it a celebration.
- As to being a paid event, we held an event in February in the Gallery.
 - It was a free event.
 - We wanted a large turnout.
 - There were no shows.
 - We thought by having it a paid event, as a trial, people would be more likely to show up.

Jonathan De Souza:

- During the election St. Mark's students couldn't vote because of a system error.

Shania Mathu:

- We tried to have them vote; it was a digital error.
- We couldn't repair it.
- In the transition report I will talk about this.

Kamil Kanji:

- Who should serve as advisors? The President?

Shania Mathu:

- Should not be an AMS Exec; the Elections Committee needs to be arm's-length.

Gabrielle Matheson:

- Beyond your recommendations for restructuring, do you have other recommendations if there can't be a restructuring?

Shania Mathu:

- Aside from restructuring, I don't see other realistic recommendations.
- Communication between the Elections Committee and the Constituencies needs to be addressed.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Are you suggesting one person for each Constituency?

Shania Mathu:

- My idea is that instead of someone for events and someone for communications, we completely restructure the Elections Committee and have one person for Constituencies, one for Affiliated Colleges, one for AMS elections ...

Eshana Bhangu:

- You made a great effort this year.
- The turnout this year was an enormous improvement even without a U-Pass referendum.
- And through the Elect Change program the 10,000 votes will produce \$20,000 to be donated.

Mathew Ho:

- What steps are you taking to ensure your recommendations are taken up next year?

Shania Mathu:

- It's important that this gets addressed by Council and the Governance Committee.

Max Holmes:

- I would caution HR and the Governance Committee against making massive changes.
- Things would benefit from deliberations.
- The Senior Manager of Student Services used to provide support.
- Do you think the issue would benefit from a review over the summer?

Shania Mathu:

- There's no rush.
- Just would like something in place by next term.
- Potentially over the summer.
- Could see it being the Student Services Manager.

7. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED MINAHO CHIEW: [SCD396-22], [SCD397-22], [SCD398-22], [SCD399-22], [SCD400-22], [SCD401-22], [SCD402-22]

From the Advocacy Committee

"WHEREAS the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 has declared that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territories are a 'flagrant violation of international law' and that they violate Palestinian human rights.

WHEREAS the United Nations has produced a database of companies which are wrongly contributing to the development of these illegal settlements.

And whereas this UN database includes six companies, shares of which are held by the University of British Columbia: Motorola Solutions Inc., General Mills Inc., Partner Communications Ltd, Bezeq the Israeli Telecommunications Corporation, Cellcom Israel Ltd, and Bank Hapoalim BM.

WHEREAS UBC also holds shares in three other companies that have been cited and documented by Investigate (produced by the American Friends Service Committee) and Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East to be violating Palestinian human rights: Caterpillar, Hewlett Packard and Lockheed Martin.

And whereas UBC has a responsible investment policy and has signed onto the United Nations responsible investment program.

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS will urge UBC and the Board of Governors to direct the UBC Endowment Fund to divest from the nine companies mentioned above.

Be it further resolved that the AMS will release a statement condemning the Israeli state's system of apartheid and its occupation of Palestine.”

- The Speaker said that in accordance with Code he will alternate between Council members and guests and will also seek to alternate between those speaking for and those speaking against.

Kamil Kanji:

- I know this has sparked a lot of passion and engagement.
- I want to express my personal support for this motion.

Adin Mauer:

- It's an honor to speak in front of the student body.
- I was born in Israel and grew up there.
- I have to express my opposition to what's being proposed.
- For Jewish students, this is saying a Jewish Israeli state is illegitimate.
- There's only one place where Jews can be safe.
- The motion forgets to note that Israel is a democratic state with a large Muslim population.
- It is somewhat offensive to read the proposed motion.
- This motion was produced without any consultation with Jewish groups.
- Instead of acting in a one-sided fashion, initiate a dialogue.
 - That would be more appropriate for a university environment.
 - Would you be comfortable being on the side that does not support dialogue?
 - We need to build up trust.

Max Holmes:

- As members of the Board of Governors, both Georgia and I are in a conflict of interest so will not be speaking to this.

8. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED MINAHO CHIEW:

“That the motion be amended to say ‘pen a letter’ instead of ‘urge’.”

Mathew Ho:

- What is the difference between penning a letter and urging?

Eshana Bhangu:

- It's a much more tangible action.

9. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED MINAHO CHIEW:

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... No objections

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Julia Burnham on behalf of Carmen Watson:

- In 1964 my maternal grandfather fled Palestine.
- It was no longer safe.
- My family's land no longer exists.
- I'm deeply empathetic to those fearing harm.
- I do not want to have to fear for my remaining relatives so that UBC's investments can grow.
- I am in favour of divestment.

There was discussion of how to speak if not clearly for or against the motion.

Matthias Leuprecht:

- I am against the motion.
- I don't want to be misconstrued as ignoring the suffering of Palestinians, but typically this sort of advocacy is done by a referendum campaign.
 - On tuition increases, fossil fuel divestment.
- In 1989 there was a similar motion on South African apartheid, but it was for actions to be taken within the AMS.
- I have issues mentioning countries by name.
- Last year our motion on Hong Kong didn't mention China.
- This year when we did mention a country's name it led to xenophobic comments.
- Motions at other universities this year did not mention Israel by name.

Emily Reid:

- What was the consultation done with either side of this debate, Israeli and Palestinian students, and with UBC Legal and UBC's investment managers?

Eshana Bhangu:

- This motion did not come from the AMS, but from an external group.
 - Any consultation would have been done by the group bringing the motion.
- We did not do consultation with Israeli or Palestinian groups or with UBC Legal or IMANT (UBC's investment managers).

Daniel Sax:

- This is not anti-Semitism.
- It is not a condemnation of Israeli or Jewish students.
- Divestment is a protest calling not for the end of Israel but for condemnation of apartheid.

Mariam Ahmed:

- We cannot deny the existence of Israeli apartheid.
- Conflating this with anti-Semitism erases the experiences of Palestinians.

Daniel Sax:

- I am a Jewish student representing Independent Jewish Voices..

Jason Liao:

- All the students here have voiced support for free discourse.
- We should refrain from divisive accusations.
- We should stay on the topic of the motion.

Adam Dobrer (Israel on Campus):

- The movers consulted with only one Jewish group, Independent Jewish Voices.
- Jews are not a monolith.
- The consensus Jewish opinion is that this motion will inflame anti-Semitism on campus.
- Many cannot distinguish between Israel and students.
- AMS Council has done no substantive consultation on anti-Semitism.
 - This is deeply concerning to me.
- I mourn the loss of every Jew, Palestinian, Druze, or Bedouin in this conflict.

- This divestment motion imposes a binary choice, but you can support both Palestinian and Jewish people.

Keanna Yu:

- If advocacy is usually done through referendum, why not use a referendum this time?

Eshana Bhangu:

- As committee chair, my role is facilitating conversation.
- I did advise that there have been referendums in the past.
- Going to the Advocacy Committee is not an illegitimate route.
- It's just a different way to proceed.

Mathew Ho:

- In principle, I don't see any reason to vote against this motion.
- We were quick to issue a statement on Russia and Ukraine, and we passed a motion on Hong Kong.
- It's important to highlight human rights.
- What does it mean to be a Councillor?
- We should represent all students.
- That's hard in practice.
- More work could be done to make sure this is not as divisive as it is.
- As the board of directors, we have a fiduciary duty to do what is best for students.
- I do have reservations about the wording.
- This is not a black and white issue.

Matthew Cheesman:

- On whether to go to referendum:
 - We learned from previous years when referendums didn't meet quorum.
- We specifically tailored this motion to refer to specific companies.

Mariam Ahmed:

- UBC students denounced the Russian invasion of Ukraine; countries were named.
- It's also not true that other student unions didn't mention Israel by name.
 - McGill did mention Israel.
- Hillel on its website says it doesn't want to hear from divestment supporters.
- We have consulted with Jewish students.
- It seemed to us you didn't want to be consulted.

Automatic calling of the question:

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (14): Jasneet Bal, Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Rebecca Liu, Aryan Mishra, Micah Mizushima, Teddy O'Donnell, Sophie Penniman, Shadia Qubti, Sadhvi Sail, Kiera Vandeborne, Carmen Watson, Joey Yang, Ezra Yu,

Against (15): Sanjana Bedi, Avery Chan, Saad Shoaib, Jonathan De Souza, Lauren Benson, Cole Evans, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Cole Quist, Emily Reid, Eshana Bhangu, Gabrielle Matheson,

Abstained: Mary Gan, Ananya Swaminathan

Mathew Ho:

- I am concerned about the legalities.
- Can UBC divest over ethical concerns?
- Public information from UBC says No.
- It seems to be fine if the divestment is on financial grounds.

Eitan Feiger:

- I'm a member of Israel on Campus, and I come in peace.
- This is not a zero-sum game.
- I would call into question some of the language in the resolution.
- Calling the Western Wall, one of Judaism's holiest sites, occupied Palestinian territory denies thousands of years of history.
- How does the Jewish presence violate Palestinian human rights?
- Why are the Palestinian leaders not involved in the peace process?

Michelle Marcus:

- I am a former Councillor and a member of Climate Justice UBC.
- I am proud to be supporting this motion.
- Climate and human rights injustice are important to us.
- This motion is sending a signal to corporations and government.
- We've seen the power before in fossil fuel divestment.
- We absolutely denounce anti-Semitism.
 - Many Jewish students were involved in drafting this motion.
- There are 20 groups in support.
- You can see the large numbers of students here in support of this.
- There are precedents like speaking out on the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- The UN has made it clear that what Israel is doing is illegal.
- We do not want to demonize Jewish and Israeli students; they are not responsible for the Israeli state.

11. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That Code Section III, Article 1(36) be suspended to allow people to speak more than twice."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- We have already passed a motion to limit debate.

12. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

For (13): Lauren Benson, Avery Chan, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Jason Liao, Shadia Qubti, Cole Quist, Emily Reid, Eshana Bhangu, Gabrielle Matheson, Carmen Watson, Ezra Yu

Against (17): Jasneet Bal, Sanjana Bedi, Minaho Chiew, Saad Shoaib, Jonathan De Souza, Cole Evans, Katherine Feng, Mary Gan, Grace Lee, Aryan Mishra, Micah Mizushima, Teddy O'Donnell, Sophie Penniman, Sadhvi Sail, Ananya Swaminathan, Kiera Vandeborne, Joey Yang

Emily Reid:

- For the chair of Advocacy Committee:
- UBC divested from fossil fuels.
- Are there differences between this and the fossil fuels situation?
- What is the power of the Board of Governors over divestments?
- Are there legal roadblocks to carrying this out?
- Was any consultation done with UBC Legal or investment managers?
- When other student unions passed motions like this, did it lead to their universities divesting?

Eshana Bhangu:

- There's not been extensive research on feasibility, but based on a short conversation, there are some roadblocks.
- UBC would consider the long-term health of its endowment.
- For fossil fuels, there was widespread divestment, so it didn't make sense to continue to invest.
- There's the Risk and Return perspective.
- IMANT brought this up: one could argue that it is risky to invest in companies involved in human rights violations.
- Divestment is a prolonged process.
- There are also legal roadblocks.
- According to UBC's VP Finance, UBC is not able to divest based on moral/ethical issues.
- If it's a risk/return situation, they can pursue it.

Gilli Cohen:

- Hillel has no policy that we will not consult with people supporting BDS.
- We will not endorse BDS because it would mean preventing Israeli professors and students from coming to campus.

A statement was read from Amit Aloni, president of a Jewish fraternity, who said:

- I am appalled by the anti-Semitic wording of the motion.
- Jews feel attacked when such motions are brought forward.

Michelle Marcus:

- I strongly dispute the notion that this is unfeasible.
- We heard the same arguments on the fossil fuel divestment issue, and they all turned out to be wrong.
- UBC is also looking to divest from Russian holdings, which is an even stronger precedent.
- The UN's principles of responsible investment feature human rights.
- The companies in the motion all provide financial risk.
- There's no difference from what the University is doing on Russian and fossil fuel investments and this.

Minaho Chiew:

- The UN does recognize what is going on as an occupation by Israel.
- Reputable organizations are pointing to human rights issues and using the term "apartheid."
- This is an issue of political will.
- It is important to send a message that UBC will not support injustice.

Cole Evans:

- From these conversations, it seems clear that AMS Council in principle supports the rights of Palestinians.
- But it's important that this be done right.
- Lots of Councillors have unanswered questions.
- It may be feasible, but we don't know that yet.
- The AMS purchases HP products; will the AMS no longer be able to do that?
- On the consultation question, the AMS has an equity plan to ensure consultation.
- Some people feel they have not been consulted.
- I see value in discussing this more.

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That this debate continue for another 30 minutes and that Cole be allowed to speak for another 60 seconds."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (26): Jasneet Bal, Avery Chan, Minaho Chiew, Saad Shoaib, Jonathan De Souza, Lauren Benson, Cole Evans, Katherine Feng, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Mary Gan, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Micah Mizushima, Teddy O'Donnell, Sophie Penniman, Shadia Qubti, Sadhvi Sail, Cole Quist, Emily Reid, Ananya Swaminathan, Eshana Bhangu, Gabrielle Matheson, Kiera Vandeborne, Joey Yang

Against (1): Carmen Watson

Abstained: Sanjana Bedi

Cole Evans:

- Lots of questions.
- This won't be effective if it fails or if there's 20 abstentions.
- I would suggest that it be sent to committee for further discussion to set this up for the best chance of success.

Ruby Grinberg:

- Jewish people are the only people who can determine what anti-Semitism is.
- UBC has investment in over 1,000 companies, and yet this motion is only about Israel.
- You can't have consultation with a group with similar views to you and call it consultation.
- At other campuses where this type of motion has passed, Jewish students have been attacked emotionally and physically.

Jillian Marks:

- I was a victim of anti-Semitism at McGill when BDS was there.
- I was standing with my necklace and Israeli flag and someone threatened to rip off my necklace.
- I don't feel safe now.

14. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED AVERY CHAN:

"That the motion be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that the AMS refer to the Advocacy Committee to look into advocacy towards UBC to adopt human rights based/ESG principles in all investments, in decreasing financial risk and exposure, including but not limited to:

Requesting that UBC disclose information regarding direct investments and undisclosed endowments, and

Consulting students and student groups on developing a strategy to achieve the aforementioned goal."

Shadia Qubti:

- I feel a lot about feeling unsafe.
- Here you are a minority and in Palestine you are dominant.
- If the motion is made general by adding this amendment, it will no longer be changing the balance of power; it will mean not listening to Palestinians.

Kamil Kanji:

- The amendment is not taking away from the other resolutions, only adding to it.

Cole Evans:

- What is the goal of this amendment?
- It has no date to report back.
- Is the amendment necessary?
- No actual actionable item is attached.

Matthew Cheesman:

- The amendment is fine with us in the coalition.
- Figuring out how UBC is investing seems fine.

Mathew Ho:

- I don't feel the amendment goes against other things in the motion.
- It might be useful to add a deadline.

15. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the amendment be amended to add August 30 and to specify the Board of Governors."

Julia Burnham:

- I don't feel this is a reasonable timeline.
- Maybe a progress report by that time.

Saad Shoaib:

- The deadline is setting up the new Advocom chair to fail.
- Maybe add in the VPAUA.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The VPAUA is on the committee anyway, so that's not necessary.
- Maybe change the date.
- Or just treat the date as the time when a strategy will be developed.

16. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the amendment be amended to add August 30 and to specify the Board of Governors."
... Carried

For (21): Sanjana Bedi, Avery Chan, Minaho Chiew, Saad Shoaib, Lauren Benson, Katherine Feng, Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Jason Liao, Aryan Mishra, Micah Mizushima, Teddy O'Donnell, Shadia Qubti, Cole Quist, Emily Reid, Eshana Bhangu, Gabrielle Matheson, Carmen Watson, Joey Yang, Ezra Yu

Against (3): Jonathan De Souza, Cole Evans, Sophie Penniman

Abstained: Kiera Vandeborne, Rebecca Liu

17. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED AVERY CHAN:

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Requesting that UBC disclose information regarding direct investments and undisclosed endowments, and

Consulting students and student groups on developing a strategy to achieve the aforementioned goal by August 30, 2022.”

... Carried

For (20): Sanjana Bedi, Avery Chan, Minaho Chiew, Lauren Benson, Mathew Ho, Mary Gan, Kamil Kanji, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Micah Mizushima, Teddy O'Donnell, Sophie Penniman, Shadia Qubti, Cole Quist, Emily Reid, Eshana Bhangu, Gabrielle Matheson, Carmen Watson, Joey Yang, Ezra Yu

Against (2): Jonathan De Souza, Cole Evans,

18. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED MINAHO CHIEW:

From the Advocacy Committee

“WHEREAS the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 has declared that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territories are a ‘flagrant violation of international law’ and that they violate Palestinian human rights.

WHEREAS the United Nations has produced a database of companies which are wrongly contributing to the development of these illegal settlements.

And whereas this UN database includes six companies, shares of which are held by the University of British Columbia: Motorola Solutions Inc., General Mills Inc., Partner Communications Ltd, Bezeq the Israeli Telecommunications Corporation, Cellcom Israel Ltd, and Bank Hapoalim BM.

WHEREAS UBC also holds shares in three other companies that have been cited and documented by Investigate (produced by the American Friends Service Committee) and Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East to be violating Palestinian human rights: Caterpillar, Hewlett Packard and Lockheed Martin.

And whereas UBC has a responsible investment policy and has signed onto the United Nations responsible investment program.

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS will pen a letter to UBC and the Board of Governors to direct the UBC Endowment Fund to divest from the nine companies mentioned above.

Be it further resolved that the AMS will release a statement condemning the Israeli state's system of apartheid and its occupation of Palestine.

Be it further resolved that the AMS refer to the Advocacy Committee to look into advocacy towards the UBC Board of Governors to adopt human rights based/ESG principles in all investments, in decreasing financial risk and exposure, including but not limited to:

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Jason Liao:

- This is one of our last meetings.
- We should consider our legacy.
- I would like to support the divestment resolution and the denunciation of apartheid.
- The third part is asking to denounce the occupation of Palestine.
- We can make an ESG argument for divestment and we can't dispute that this is apartheid.
- I've heard a lot of debate on the occupation of Palestine.
- It's not our job to have an opinion on a debate on an issue that's lasted more than a century.
- I'd like to divide.

19. MOVED JASON LIAO:

"That the motion be divided."

... Withdrawn

20. MOVED EMILY REID, SECONDED TEDDY O'DONNELL:

"That the motion be referred to Advocacy Committee for further discussion."

Emily Reid:

- It's not clear what UBC will or can do.
- Some people were not communicated with.
- There was only one discussion at Advocom.
- This is not nearly due diligence.
- We could be harming student groups.
- We need more consultation with groups that asked for consultation; they were not consulted properly.
- This may also tarnish our relations with UBC.
- We'll be laughed at if we bring a half-baked motion.

Gabrielle Matheson:

- I am against this motion to refer.
- I met with representatives of the Social Justice Centre and Hillel.
- Referring will negate the work of the 20 groups who brought forward the motion.
- The feasibility issue obscures the heart of the matter: Is the AMS going to take a stance or not?

Minaho Chiew:

- I support Gabrielle.
- Tabling this will negate the hard work done since 2021.
- AMS Council represents students, not the Board of Governors.
- If 20 student advocacy groups are here today, that shows student support for this motion.

Mathew Ho:

- I feel it's important not to dismiss the feasibility argument.
- We should ensure that what we are advocating for is something UBC can do.

- And yes, there are 20 student groups in favour of this motion.
- There are also other groups.

Adam Dobrer (Israel on Campus):

- The fact that these 20 groups did all this work is well and good, but there was a failure by the AMS to consult with other groups.
- I'm sorry if your hard work is going down the drain because of the lack of due diligence by the AMS Advocacy Committee.
- This motion will make Jewish students unsafe.
- How can they trust this Council?

Teddy O'Donnell:

- I am in favour of referring.
- Twenty student groups support the motion.
- None who oppose it were consulted.
- The only Jewish group consulted is one dedicated to supporting Palestinians on this issue; it's not a fair representation of the Jewish community as a whole.
- Especially with a motion this divisive, it's important that there be more consultation.
- I see no reason not to refer and do more consultation.

Cole Evans:

- The work doesn't go down the drain; it doesn't disappear.
- We often do this: when there are opposing perspectives, it goes to committee.
- Not that the motion is being rejected, just being sent back for discussion.
- The work put into this motion will not be wasted.

Daniel Sax:

- This is about Palestinians feeling unsafe.
- This motion passed unanimously at Advocom because of the threat to Palestinian lives.

Minaho Chiew:

- I oppose tabling this.
- There was consultation with Independent Jewish Voices.
- Israel on Campus denies Israeli apartheid.
- Hillel's website says they will not debate with opposing groups.
- This is making a political statement.

Carmen Watson:

- Can the SJC elaborate on the consultation process?
- I think we are conflating consultation and consensus.

Mariam Ahmed:

- We were very diligent in consulting Councillors and other groups.
- We did consult Jewish students, but since the IOC and Hillel both deny apartheid, it would be unreasonable to consult them.
- It would not be safe for us to consult them.

Emily Reid:

- The motion to refer to Advocacy addresses the concern of the safety of consulting with other groups.

Keanna Yu:

- It would be hard to consult if even the idea behind apartheid is denied.

Michelle Marcus:

- Advocacy passed this motion.
- Councillors had time to bring amendments.
- We reached out to Councillors to propose amendments.
- We need to consider the voices we're centring; they all come from Palestinian civil society.
- We are against referring to Advocacy.

Mathew Ho:

- Lots of controversy on both sides.
- Would referring to Advocacy solve this?

Automatic calling of the question on referring to the Advocacy Committee.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

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Against (6): Minaho Chiew, Lauren Benson, Cole Quist, Sadhvi Sail, Ananya Swaminathan, Ezra Yu

21. MOVED EMILY REID, SECONDED TEDDY O'DONNELL:

"That the motion be referred to Advocacy Committee for further discussion."

... Defeated

For (7): Saad Shoaib, Jonathan De Souza, Cole Evans, Aryan Mishra, Teddy O'Donnell, Emily Reid, Kiera Vandeborne

Against (19): Sanjana Bedi, Lauren Benson, Avery Chan, Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Romina Hajizadeh, Kamil Kanji, Jason Liao, Rebecca Liu, Gabrielle Matheson, Micah Mizushima, Sophie Penniman, Shadia Qubti, Cole Quist, Sadhvi Sail, Ananya Swaminathan, Carmen Watson, Joey Yang, Ezra Yu

Abstained: Mathew Ho, Grace Lee, Eshana Bhangu

Automatic calling of the question on the main motion:

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (24): Sanjana Bedi, Eshana Bhangu, Avery Chan, Saad Shoaib, Lauren Benson, Cole Evans, Katherine Feng, Mary Gan, Romina Hajizadeh, Kamil Kanji, Grace Lee, Rebecca Liu, Gabrielle Matheson, Aryan Mishra, Micah Mizushima, Teddy O'Donnell, Sophie Penniman, Shadia Qubti, Cole Quist, Emily Reid, Kiera Vandeborne, Carmen Watson, Joey Yang, Ezra Yu

Against (2): Jason Liao, Sadhvi Sail

Abstained: Minaho Chiew, Ananya Swaminathan, Jonathan De Souza, Mathew Ho

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Against (2): Emily Reid, Teddy O'Donnell

Abstained: Eshana Bhangu, Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Grace Lee, Jason Liao, Ananya Swaminathan, Kiera Vandeborne, Jonathan De Souza

23. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

"That Council take a 15 minute break."

... No objections

Council resumed at 9:57 pm.

24. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That Council be extended by 2 hours and all the updates and reports except the Executive updates be removed."

... No objections

Annual Sustainability Report to Council – Jason Pang

[SCD403-22]

Accomplishments:

- Reached net zero.
- Offsetting carbon emissions and supporting the Great Barrier rainforest.
- Five-year greenhouse gas management plans.
- AMS Waste Hub for Styrofoam, batteries, soft plastics.
- Soapstand – dish and laundry soap.
- Collaboration to create Food Hub.

Sustainability Projects Fund

- Tenth anniversary of the fund.
- It used to be \$2.52 per student, but now because of the referendum has been reduced to \$1.50, with its name changed to the Climate Action Fund.
- Some concerns:
 - Confusing for students; they may not realize the fund is for things like the waste diversion project and not just for climate justice.
 - Need to keep sustainability in the name.
 - We may not have enough funds.
 - There's a \$580,000 reserve, but as the use of UBC's Climate Emergency Fund shows, there's a large need.
 - We should be increasing the fee, not reducing it.
 - Lack of managing capacity:

- Sustainability is growing.
- There used to be a SPF fund administrator, but no more.
- We need to make sure we align with our values.
 - Candidates in the recent election supported greater funding for sustainability.
 - Decreasing the fund contradicts our goals and priorities.
 - The fund should never have been decreased.
- There should be increased staff consultation.
 - I was not consulted; nor was the Sustainability Subcommittee.
 - Staff weren't involved.

Questions

Cole Evans:

- This was not a sustainability update.
- This is not an appropriate way to bring up disagreements with Council policy.
- Do you have any context to add to the actual sustainability report?

Jason Pang:

- I was just trying to present what I've been experiencing this year.

Katherine Feng:

- Despite this not being a typical sustainability report, given that Jason felt the need to come to Council to express his concerns, are there structural changes that need to be made to address this, to make space for these concerns to be raised?

Jason Pang:

- I would love that.
- When there's a big change, there's a big effect on the staff.

Max Holmes:

- One reason the referendum passed is that the fund increased and was not well used.
- Is a fund the best model for sustainability projects?
- Are there other solutions in the budget?

Jason Pang:

- I didn't know there was a reserve because of a lack of transition.
- I was very stringent about applications because I didn't know we had \$580,000.
- I thought we only had \$145,000 and kept spending to \$122,000.

I) Executive and Committee Motions

25. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD404-22], [SCD405-22]

From the Finance Committee

"Be it resolved that \$209,273.98 be approved from the Capital Projects Fund for the Gallery Lounge summer 2022 renovation."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The balance in CPF is approximately \$2.3 million.

Michael Kingsmill:

- The plan is to make the Gallery more comfortable and intimate.
- Currently, it has a confused palette of materials.
- Seeking to create something more cohesive.
- The furniture purchase has already been approved by Council.
- Going to replace the mix of tiles with uniform wood flooring, install a drop ceiling, and replace the current lights with more subdued ambient lighting.
- Also going to add an arcade.

Max Holmes:

- Where did the \$60,000 for the furniture come from?

Keith Hester:

- The SUB Management Fund.

Max Holmes:

- We're not supposed to spend more than 50% of the intake of the CPF.

26. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the motion be amended to add a clause to allow more than 50% to be spent."

Max Holmes:

- Our Code says we need multiple quotes.
- Do we have any besides this one?

Michael Kingsmill:

- For sure, but not for all parts of the project.

Cole Evans:

- Getting multiple quotes usually refers to times when we contract out a whole project to a single company.
- We don't typically bring multiple quotes on each aspect of a project.
- Here Michael is the project manager; it would not be reasonable to require quotes for each part of the project.

27. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the Code suspension be broadened to allow us to dispense with obtaining three quotes."
... No objections

28. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the motion be amended to add a clause to suspend Code Section IX B, Article 6(5)(a)."
... No objections

29. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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Max Holmes:

- Next time include the balance and the percentage of the annual intake.
- The CPF is supposed to be a rainy day fund for when the building is older.
- Things add up.
- Councillors need to know the full financial picture.

Carmen Watson:

- Does this increase the capacity of the Gallery?

Michael Kingsmill:

- From 204 to 214.

Shadia Qubti:

- Do we have a department dedicated to procurement?

Cole Evans:

- No, that’s why these provisions are in Code.

30. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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Abstained: Micah Mizushima, Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng

31. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD406-22]

From the Health & Dental Plan Committee

“That AMS Council approve a 4.86% increase to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Fee beginning the 2022-23 year, from \$264.63 to \$277.50 per student.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mary Gan:

- We charge the students a lot less than the plan costs.
- We increased the mental health benefit from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
- The plan is running at a bit of a deficit; being funded out of the reserve.
- This motion is to bridge the gap.
- Without a referendum, we can increase the fee by up to 5%.
- The cost of the plan is rising, so we need to increase the fee to cover usage.

Max Holmes:

- This has already been submitted to the Board of Governors.
- Was it noted as pending approval?

Mary Gan:

- Yes.

32. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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Abstained: Grace Lee, Micah Mizushima, Minaho Chiew

J) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

K) Discussions and Consultation

AMS Services – Data Collection Software request – Lorris Leung

[SCD407-22]

- This is a request for funding from the Capital Projects Fund.
- The Services need a data collection system.
- Currently each Service collects its own data.
- We're looking to adopt one integrated system.
- Have researched various systems; sought out three vendors, received two quotes.
- Kwixand's quote was between \$11,000 and \$14,000.

- We consulted IT.
- Will be using Microsoft software.
- Total cost will be \$18,547.

Mathew Ho:

- Does this involve data storage?
- We have had concerns about data collection storage before.

Lorris Leung:

- It's all being done with Microsoft.
- Microsoft licences.
- All data will be stored in the AMS.

Katherine Feng:

- Has the Privacy Officer been consulted?

Lorris Leung:

- Not yet, but I can consult with Sheldon.

Keith Hester:

- We will not be storing any personal information.

Lorris Leung:

- We will be using AMS staff logins.

Mathew Ho:

- Will this be meeting our needs?

Mitchell Prost:

- We will be meeting with the Coordinators to ensure that their needs are met.

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

Cole Evans:

- We had a very successful referendum campaign.
 - Even bigger turnout for the SASC referendum than last time.
 - The other two questions got 90% support.
 - Super exciting for us.
- Strategic Plan:
 - Continuing to work on this.
 - Survey is out about core themes.
 - Looking at goals and targets next.
 - Wrapping up.
 - Nicholas will come to give an update.
- Transitioning Eshana.
- Equity Team:
 - Winding down for the year.

- New Action Plan.
- Looking at adding Indigenous artwork to the Nest.
- Policy work: renumbering policies, etc.
- Working on a governance review RFP.

Questions

Micah Mizushima:

- I want to go back to the concerns raised by Jason about sustainability.
- We should be addressing those concerns.
- I feel Jason didn't feel heard.
- The way his concerns were dismissed was not appropriate.

Cole Evans:

- I wasn't dismissive.
- Jason raised valid concerns, but the way he brought them up was not appropriate.
- At no point did he reach out to me.
- I wanted him to know that Council was not the venue for this.
- We will reach out to Jason.
- We want to improve our Sustainability Department.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Weren't his concerns in the presentation submitted beforehand?
- Wouldn't the Executive have known?

Cole Evans:

- As the person who sets the agenda, my concern was that the presentation given did not reflect the what the actual presentation was for.
- It was supposed to be an update on the activities of the year.

Mathew Ho:

- Re the Strategic Plan:
- Are we on track with the timeline?
- Will the ad hoc committee be able to look at the documents?

Cole Evans:

- Yes, the intention is we will show the documents to the committee.
- We are still on track to finish by the end of the fiscal year.
- No sense of panic or concern.

33. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JULIA BURNHAM:

"That the agenda be amended to remove the rest of the updates except the one from the VP Finance."

... No objections

Lauren Benson asked to add a discussion item about presentations to address Romina's questions.

M) Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

VP Finance – Mary Gan

[SCD408-22], [SCD409-22]

- Final Budget Report and Rationale.
- Doesn't look the way it used to.
- Now it's similar to UBC's budget report:
 - Showing fund balances, fees.
- Offering transparency.
- The report is often a barrier; too jargon-filled, lots of numbers.

N) Committee Reports (3 minutes each)

Finance Committee – Mary Gan

[SCD410-22]

O) Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes each)

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

Q) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

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

Sustainability Presentation:

Lauren Benson:

- I was aware Jason was going to speak to the referendum tonight.
- We had a conversation on that.
- I was thinking more of the presentation would be on sustainability updates.
- But I did want to make sure Jason had time to express his concerns.

Micah Mizushima:

- Jason did email Cole that this was coming.
- This should not have been a surprise.

Kamil Kanji:

- Was the VP Admin aware of the slides before they came to Council?

Lauren Benson:

- I gave them a brief lookover.
- I didn't realize how much would be on the concerns.

Keanna Yu:

- The response to Jason was quite sharp.
- It could have been a private conversation offline.

Mary Gan:

- Was Jason aware we were planning to change the fee amount and the name?

Lauren Benson:

- He was not.
- It was not an intentional thing, just an oversight on my part.
- I deeply regret not consulting him.

Max Holmes:

- Some of the concerns that are being brought up tonight can be addressed offline.
- Perhaps an Executive can inform the rest of the Executive.
- Lessons learned.

Cole Evans:

- I sent an email.
- I will talk with Jason, and we'll fix it.

Performance of the VP Administration – Kamil Kanji

34. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB, THIRDED JASON LIAO:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 11:23 pm.

The meeting came out of camera at 12:03 am.

35. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI

“That the meeting be extended by 2 hours.”

... No objections

36. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG, THIRDED MATHEW HO:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 12:05 am.

The meeting came out of camera at 12:27 am for a five minute break.

Human Resources Update – Cole Evans, Keith Hester

37. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED LAUREN BENSON, THIRDED JULIA BURHAM:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting went in camera at 12:34 am.

The meeting came out of camera at 1 am.

38. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That Council refer the relevant HR matters to the Ethics and Accountability Committee.”

... No objections

S) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 am.

Next Meeting of Council April 6, 2022

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Present	Gallery Renovations	Divestment Advocacy	Health & Dental Plan	Call question 1	Suspend Code	Debate go on	Aug 30 in ESG	ESG	Call question 2	Refer	Call question 3
Neal Cameron	Speaker	X											
Cole Evans	President	X	Y	A	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Eshana Bhangu	VP Academic	X	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Lauren Benson	VP Admin	X	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Mary Gan	VP Finance	X	Y	A	Y	A	N	Y		Y			Y
Saad Shoab	VP External	X	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Mitchell Prost	Student Services Manager	X											
Cole Quist	Architecture	X	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Romina Hajizadeh	Arts	X	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A
Kamil Kanji	Arts	X	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Sanjana Bedi	Arts	X		Y		N	N	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Aryan Mishra	Arts	X		Y		Y	N		Y		Y	Y	Y
	Audiology												
Max Holmes	BoG												
Georgia Yee	BoG												
Grace Lee	Commerce	X	Y	A	A	N	N	Y		Y	Y	A	Y
Jason Liao	Commerce	X	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry					Y	N	Y					
Sadhvi Sail	Economics	X		Y		Y	N	Y			N	N	N
Jade Law	Education												
Emily Reid	Engineering	X	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ananya Swainathan	Engineering	X		A		A	N	Y			N	N	A

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: From Sororities: Ava Brampton (Gamma Phi Beta), Nicole Hudon (Gamma Phi Beta), Melanie Kilchherr (Alpha Omicron Pi), Lynn Campbell (Kappa Kappa Gamma), Julia Savage (Kappa Kappa Gamma), Laura Seyler (Kappa Kappa Gamma), Lauren Jones (Kappa Kappa Gamma), Ellie Sherman (Delta Gamma), Sophia Anderson (Alpha Delta Pi), Alison McFarland (Alpha Gamma Delta), Janessa Toye (Alpha Gamma Delta), Violet McPhee (Alpha Gamma Delta) Deirdre Lee (Alpha Gamma Delta), Adele Lo (Kappa Alpha theta), Madi Renner (Kappa Kappa Gamma), Emma Prantner (Kappa Alpha Theta), Aya Darwash (Alpha Phi), Caroline Mo (Gamma Phi Beta), Elizabeth Horner (Alpha Phi), Hayley Banks (Alpha Phi), Sophie Foogere (Alpha Phi), Sophia Renn (Kappa Alpha Theta), Ella Kravtchenko (Delta Gamma), Elizabeth Boland Janke (Alpha Phi & Panhellenic President), Eleni Bascombe (Delta Gamma)

Other Guests: Louisa Hadley (Ostrom Climate), Romilly Cavanaugh (Ostrom Climate), Ben Du (AVP Admin), Lorris Leung (Senior Manager, Student Services), Michael Kingsmill (Design Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- UBC, the AMS Nest, and Vancouver are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the hul'q'umi'num-speaking Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMILY REID:

“That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Add motions for the Sororities and the Pit speakers.
- Move up the Ostrom presentation.

Max Holmes:

- Has the Pit motion gone to committee?

Mary Gan:

- It was approved at both Finance and the Executive.

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED EMILY REID:

“That the agenda be amended as follows:

- Add motions for the Sororities and the Pit speakers.
- Move up the Ostrom presentation.”

... No objections

Emily Reid asked to add a Discussion topic on employee conduct.
Max Holmes asked for a Discussion topic on the Strategic Plan.

3. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... No objections

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

New members: Rachel Thomas and Thomas Dunsmore (Commerce)

Vacancies: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2, Indigenous Seat

Goodbyes: Sabrina Moshenko (Indigenous Seat)

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

The Speaker:

- This is a space for open and free debate.
- You should hold the Executive to account.
- Use your benefits.
- Code states we should act with goodwill.
- I want you to feel that this is a space where you can feel comfortable.
- Get in touch with me if you have any questions.

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

Statements concerning Sororities:

Eleni Bascombe - UBC Sororities:

- I am speaking not just as a sorority woman.
- It’s good to have a woman’s environment.
- My sorority sisters supported me when I experienced sexual harm.
- I’m privileged to belong to an organization that is so concerned.
- UBC Sororities introduced me to a network that helped me succeed.
- Deconstituting us and taking our funds would mean denying us a safe space and goes against the ideals UBC claims to espouse about marginalized groups.

- The AMS is using its power to take money from the Sororities.
- This does not sit well with me.
- If you take our funds away, you are denying it to our members.
- Money came from thousands of women on campus.
- Women have paid for this.

Cole Evans:

- Thanks to you and all the sorority women here for coming.
- We're having a discussion later on this motion.
- Personally, it has always been my intention to not take away the fees paid by your members.
- We as an organization don't necessarily have a right to take this, and our Executive understands the value sororities bring to the University and provide for women and female-identifying individuals.

Max Holmes:

- Councillors can look at the motion.
- It's to return the money to the Sororities.
- The AMS hasn't taken away the money.
- The AMS actually plans to return those fees.

Eleni Bascombe:

- I want to talk about club status.
- It's important for the AMS to support women's spaces because women are a marginalized group fighting for their right to access AMS resources.

Elizabeth Boland-Janke:

- UBC sororities are one of the largest groups on campus.
- Many women would attribute their success to the Sororities.
- Passing a motion to deconstitute AMS Sororities takes away our home, our connections.
- If we are deconstituted, we feel we will lose our status.
- If the Sororities money is put into the AMS Clubs Benefit Fund, we will be pursuing the AMS for unjustified custody.

Max Holmes:

- I think these comments can be taken as motivation to pass the motion to return the money.
- The fraternities were deconstituted and did not lose access to services.
- It's not a requirement to be a club in order to access services.

Cole Evans:

- Sororities are a bit different from fraternities.
- Some degree of recognition will be needed from the institution for the chapters to be valid.
- We can find a way to make sure that happens even without club status.

Emily Gubski:

- The community does value the work you do.
- We just want to make sure clubs are aligned with the AMS Mission Statement.

Eleni Bascombe:

- Our concerns do relate to UBC and AMS support.
- Room bookings are also important to us.
- How can we host events?

Statement from the former Chief Electoral Officer:

Olivia Yu:

- For the past few months I have expressed my disappointment with the AMS.
- I still feel like I am living in a black hole after what happened.
- I want to move on.
- I wanted to have this discussion in November, but was shut down.
- I wanted to speak on LBGTQ issues to the HR Committee, but it didn't have time for that and then HR Committee members outed my gender identity before I was ready to do so.
- Events leading up to my departure were disrespectful.
- You should have listened to both sides before taking action.
- That would have been procedural fairness.
- I turned to social media, but was shut down.
- I hope this is my last time in this room.

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

H) Consent Items

Consent items Requiring a Simple Majority

4. MOVED , SECONDED

From the President

“That the report from the Elections Committee on its pre-election event and the report from the President’s Office and the Elections Committee on this year’s nomination and communication process for student senator candidates and SLFS board candidates be delayed until April 20th.”

Katherine Feng asked that this motion be pulled from the consent agenda.

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

5. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Governance Committee

[SCD411-22], [SCD412-22]

“That Council amend Policy I-21 on Committee Appointments in accordance with the report entitled ‘Policy Changes 2022: Digital Voting’ as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Ostrom Climate – Formerly Carbon Offsetters – Romilly Cavanaugh and Louisa Hadley

[SCD413-22]

Louisa Hadley:

- We look at direct and indirect emissions.
- In 2019 the AMS produced 791 tonnes of carbon-dioxide equivalent.
 - Mainly from employee commuting, use of natural gas, district energy.
 - Also waste, packaging, electricity.
- Next step:
 - Reduce emissions.
 - Aiming to reduce by 30% by 2025.
 - Net zero each year by purchasing offsets.
 - The ideal is to reduce your own emissions so you have to buy fewer offsets.
- Strategies and Tasks:
 - If the AMS implements all our ideas by the final year, you will be on track to meet the target.
- In 2021, completed inventory, purchased offsets.
 - Reduced to zero: carbon neutral.
- 2022 target of 673 tonnes.
- Task will be tracking greenhouse gas data, complete inventory, develop carbon pricing plan.
- Since employee commuting is a major source of emissions, do a survey and use it to develop plans to reduce emissions.
 - Survey already completed.
- Recommissioning:
 - 10% reduction in natural gas consumption
 - Waste audit.
 - Travel policy.
 - Switch to renewable natural gas.
- What cannot be eliminated will have to be offset.
- 2023 tasks:
 - Complete inventory.
 - Switching heating.
 - Replacing natural gas ovens with electric ovens and stoves.
 - Engage with retailers to get greener packaging.
 - UBC and the AMS will need to purchase offsets.

- 2024:
 - Complete inventory.
 - Switch vehicles to electric.
- 2025:
 - Final year of plan.
 - Purchase offsets for final quarter of building's emissions.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Does the waste audit check the kinds of waste?
- What keeps waste from going to the wrong places?
- Reduction of commuting - will these details come?

Romilly Cavanaugh:

- The waste audit is to get a better idea of the quantity and types of waste to make sure it going to the right place.
- Looking at strategies to reduce emissions from commuting.

Avery Chan:

- Re switching to renewable natural gas, how would this work logistically?

Romilly Cavanaugh:

- There is some complexity.
- The Nest is not a standalone building.
- There may be some restrictions, but it is a product readily available.

Mathew Ho:

- Would the AMS have to put in pipes etc.?

Romilly Cavanaugh:

- Nothing would have to change in the building; no new piping.
- It means paying a premium to encourage a switch to renewable.

AMS Services Data Collection Software – Lorris Leung & Mitchell Prost

[SCD414-22], [SCD415-22]

Mitchell Prost:

- This is a follow-up from the previous discussion about a data collection system.
- We have received feedback and have changed the motion to reflect this feedback.
- So far we do not have a centralized data system.
- Need to get data for the next Services Review.
- Looking for funds from CPF.
- Fincom said to reduce our central budget to offset.

Katherine Feng:

- Has any work been done to figure out the consequences of using over 50% of the annual intake of this fund?

Mary Gan:

- We can look into it.
- We do get quite a bit of funding.

Max Holmes:

- I think it would be helpful for Council to see a report on this fund.
- When the building gets older, it will need retrofitting.
- We need to know the future effects to understand the financial decisions we're making.

6. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

"Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council approve an expenditure of \$18,547 from the Capital Projects Fund to fund the development and implementation of the AMS Services data collection and reporting solution.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee the approval of the Student Services Manager's Computer Hardware line item be decreased to \$11,000 from \$19,500 for the 2021-22 budget.

Be it further resolved that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 6(5)(a) to allow more than 50% of the annual intake of the CPF to be spent."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

J) Executive and Committee Motions

7. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD416-22], [SCD417-22], [SCD418-22]

From the Finance Committee

"That Council approve \$10,505.60 from the SUB Management Reserve for the supply and installation of banners located next to the AMS Nest."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Fund balance is approx. \$60,000 unallocated

Mary Gan:

- The banners will be very pretty and will be great at promoting the Nest.

Kamil Kanji:

- Weren't we going to communicate with UBC about the wording?

Cole Evans:

- This is just approving the budget, not the design.

Julia Burnham:

- There should be a reason for this besides being pretty.
- Will they improve foot traffic?

Cole Evans:

- This project has been in the works for several years.
- The intention has been to get signage around the building to identify it as a place to eat, study, etc.

Mathew Ho:

- Are the banners sustainable?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Yes, the fabric is biodegradable.
- They have a life expectancy of seven years.

Katherine Feng:

- Are they necessary?
- Costing a lot of money.
- And what is the SUB Management Reserve?

Cole Evans:

- Aside from the Capital Projects Fund, we have other funds.
- This one is not in Code.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- This fund used to be in our Code and Bylaws, but it was thought to be redundant, so we removed it, but there is still money left in it to spend.

Katherine Feng:

- How much will it cost to replace the banners after seven years?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Replacement would cost \$3,250: that's for the fabric.
- A lot of the cost now is for the column arms and for installation.
- As to the value, advertising pays.
- These will be at the four corners of the building, creating strong recognition.

Ananya Swaminathan:

- I'd like to know more about this fund.
- Could it be used for other things?

Eshana Bhangu:

- This is a beneficial project.
- We can change the banners.
- \$10,000 for 7 years is only \$1,400 a year.

Emily Gubski:

- We have used this fund for other things, like building upgrades.
- I am pro banners.
- It seems like a good plan.

Mathew Ho:

- What is the structural longevity of the arms?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Until the end of time.
- They're stainless steel.
- The infrastructure is very longterm.
- The banner fabric will wear out, but the rest of the installation will last for many years beyond the seven.

8. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Finance Committee

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

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... Carried

9. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

[SCD419-22]

From the Executive and the Finance Committee

"That on the recommendation of the Executive and the Finance Committee the sum of \$22,430.80 be approved from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Reserve for the purchase of replacement speakers for the Pit Pub."

Note: Current balance in the fund is \$373,080

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Keith Hester:

- The Pit is our oldest outlet; it's been around for more than 50 years.
- The speakers keep blowing.
- Every Pit Night the bass music is too loud.
- We've been trying to repair, but the parts aren't available.
- The Executive and the Finance Committee have both approved.

Julia Burnham:

- What is the lifespan of the speakers?
- When will we need to do this again, especially since we are going with the cheapest price?

Keith Hester:

- The old speakers had a lifespan of 6 or 7 years, and we installed them in 2015.
- The price is the cheapest, but we're not going with the cheapest model.
- The models were the same in all the quotes.

10. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

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11. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

From the President

"That the report from the Elections Committee on its pre-election event and the report from the President's Office and the Elections Committee on this year's nomination and communication process for student senator candidates and SLFS board candidates be delayed until April 20th."

Cole Evans:

- I did not get a report.
- The CEO needs more time.

12. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHNAGU:

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... Carried

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussions and Consultation

UBC Sororities – Ben Du [SCD420-22], [SCD421-22], [SCD422-22], [SCD423-22]

“Be it resolved that UBC Sororities be deconstituted as an AMS Club due to club bylaw violations of the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual, pursuant to Section 4.3(b)(i) and 4.3(b)(vii).

Be it further resolved that the AMS Code Section IX B, Article 3(6) be suspended, the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual Section 4.3(g)(v) be suspended, and that AMS Council accept the Acknowledgement of Terms between UBC Sororities and the AMS.”

- Lauren Benson, the VP Administration, declared a conflict of interest.

Ben Du:

- I am the current AVP Administration.
- As the VP Admin is in a conflict, I am taking the lead on this.

Background

- In November 2019 AMS Council deconstituted the IFC (the Inter-Fraternity Council) and then the issue of the Sororities was brought up, but delayed by COVID.
- Now we have done a review and found that numerous sections of the Sororities constitution are inconsistent with AMS policies.
 - UBC Sororities must incorporate NPC (National Panhellenic Conference) rules into its rules: that violates our rule saying no AMS club can be controlled by an outside organization.
 - We also have rules for clubs saying they must be open to all AMS members and can't be restricted by gender expression or identity.
 - UBC Sororities is also subject to an NPC rule about investigations which violates AMS rules.
- We shared these findings with the Sororities.
- We asked if they'd be willing to amend their bylaws.
- They said they are unable to because of their connection to an international organization (NPC).
- AMS policy says a club may be deconstituted for violating AMS policies.
- AMS policy also states that funds belonging to a deconstituted club are to be transferred to the AMS Clubs Benefit Fund.
- In this case the funds total more than \$161,000.
- The Sororities told us that losing these funds would be detrimental to them and they talked of pursuing legal action.
- The AMS Clubs Benefit Fund is doing quite well.
 - We get \$90,000 annually from students fees for this fund.
 - We also get other revenue from deconstitutions.
- The AMS does not need to add \$161,000 to this fund.
- We reached an agreement with the President of UBC Sororities about transferring the funds.
- This would avoid legal conflict, reputational damage, and political repercussions.

- The Sorority members are also members of the AMS.
- The only risk is loss of revenue to the Clubs Benefit Fund.

13. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the presentation be extended by four minutes.”

... No objections

Ben Du:

- Accepting this agreement would minimize the effect on the Sororities.
- There is some uncertainty about deconstitution, but this agreement will enable them to remain compliant with NPC rules.
- The only risk is loss of club privileges.
- Both sides are committed to maintaining a working relationship.
- This motion was passed at the Operations Committee.
- It keeps the best interests of both parties in mind.
- We want to minimize the impact on day-to-day activities.

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“Be it resolved that the current motion be struck and replaced with the following:

WHEREAS UBC Sororities is in violation of numerous AMS policies.

WHEREAS the Operations Committee has determined that UBC Sororities should be deconstituted in accordance with procedures outlined in the Operations Committee Policy Manual and other relevant policies.

WHEREAS UBC Sororities provides important services and support to women and femme-identifying persons in the UBC community.

WHEREAS the AMS recognizes the importance of the services and support that UBC Sororities provides.

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Operations Committee and Finance Committee to transfer the entirety of the remaining funds in the UBC Sororities club account to a legally registered organization.

Be it further resolved that Council suspend AMS Code Section IX B, Article 3(6) and the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual Section 4.3(g)(v) until the transfer is completed, after which they shall come back into effect, and that AMS Council accept the Acknowledgement of Terms between UBC Sororities and the AMS.

Be it further resolved that Council direct all personnel of the Society not to transfer any money back to deconstituted clubs while the relevant section of Code is suspended unless granted approval by AMS Council.”

Cole Evans:

- We don't need to deconstitute right away.
- The big thing is to work out the agreement and authorize the transfer.
- The IFC deconstitution did not happen at Council, but at the Operations Committee, which is where deconstitutions should happen.

Max Holmes:

- I don't like being surprised at Council by massive motion amendments at the last minute.
- Are we transferring the money before or after deconstitution?
- There's a recognition issue.
- Better to refer this back to committee.

Saad Shoaib:

- What is the reasoning for a "legally registered organization"?
- Would they still be a legally registered organization if they are deconstituted?

Ben Du:

- We received information from the Sororities President that a bank account has been created.
- They are seeking to be incorporated, but I don't think there needs to be a legally constituted body for us to transfer the funds.

Cole Evans:

- It's just good practice.
- We should not just give the money to a non-incorporated body.
- We went through something similar with IFC.
- Want to make sure we're checking our boxes with our money.

Mathew Ho:

- There are more concerns than just the financial ones.
- If the Operations Committee has decided on their status, are they already deconstituted?
- Is the Acknowledgment of Terms the final document?
- Will you address the use of club space?

Cole Evans:

- The point of my motion is to remove the deconstitution piece because here is not where we do deconstitutions.
- But this needs to come to Council for the Code suspension because OpsCom has already voted to say they're going to deconstitute.
- If there are residual concerns about recognition, bookings, etc., those can be looked at elsewhere; they don't have to come to Council.
 - Send those to the Operations Committee to work those points out.

Julia Burnham:

- I feel this should be tabled.

- It is inappropriate to have this massive change come to Council last minute.

15. MOVED JULIA BURNHAM, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

“That the question be called on the amendment.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

16. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

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Abstained: Romina Hajizadeh, Rachel Kim, Thomas Dunsmore, Ananya Swaminathan, Ezra Yu

Saad Shoaib:

- I think the amended version is best.
- Returning the money is the main thing.
- It's important we maintain a relationship between the AMS and the Sororities.
- We should make sure they still have access to AMS resources

Katherine Feng:

- When the IFC was deconstituted, there was an attempt at an MoU, but no money back.
- How will this work going forward with future clubs?

Cole Evans:

- With IFC, the relevant body (the Operations Committee) decided not to approve the MoU.
- Then it took a legal path.
- We were close to having a similar conversation to this.
- You'd have to ask IFC why it was not pursued.
- As to other clubs, we've just passed an amendment to make clear this is an exception.
- Clubs are subsidiaries of the AMS.
- Hard to comment further without a crystal ball.
- This doesn't come up too often.
- UBC Sororities has existed a long time.
- If there's another hundred-year-old club with a lot of money, that's maybe something to look at.
- But at the moment we don't anticipate anything further.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- I do support giving UBC Sororities their money.
- They need it to operate.

Eshana Bhangu:

- I am voicing strong support for the amended motion to give them their money back and arrange bookings.

Julia Burnham:

- I still feel this should be tabled as it is a massive amendment.
- I am concerned about the way the AMS is communicating about deconstitution.
- It highlights the fact that we can't have organizations like this as clubs.
- Also having status as an AMS Club is not the be all and end all.
- Climate Justice, the Calendar, and the Plug flourish without being clubs.
- IFC continues to exist.
- I hope this is being communicated to the sororities.
- There seems to be a disconnect.

Emily Gubski:

- This motion is not about determining whether they're being deconstituted or not.

- We are wanting to be able to transfer money back to them.
- We also want to recognize all the valuable work sororities do.
- There's no need to pick at little pieces.

17. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That this discussion end."

Max Holmes:

- Why are we telling people they can't discuss certain things?
- That's inappropriate.

Eshana Bhangu:

- This motion just takes out the part about deconstitution.
- We're not saying it's inappropriate.

Emily Reid:

- Cutting people off when we're discussing \$160,000 is unfortunate.

The Speaker:

- This motion would end the discussion and move us onto the actual motion

18. MOVED EMILY GUBSKI, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That this discussion end."

... No objections.

19. MOVED EMILY REID, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

"WHEREAS UBC Sororities is in violation of numerous AMS policies.

WHEREAS the Operations Committee has determined that UBC Sororities should be deconstituted in accordance with procedures outlined in the Operations Committee Policy Manual and other relevant policies.

WHEREAS UBC Sororities provides important services and support to women and femme-identifying persons in the UBC community.

WHEREAS the AMS recognizes the importance of the services and support that UBC Sororities provides.

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Operations Committee and Finance Committee to transfer the entirety of the remaining funds in the UBC Sororities club account to a legally registered organization.

Be it further resolved that Council suspend AMS Code Section IX B, Article 3(6) and the AMS Operations Committee Policy Manual Section 4.3(g)(v) until the transfer is completed,

after which they shall come back into effect, and that AMS Council accept the Acknowledgement of Terms between UBC Sororities and the AMS.

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Emily Reid:

- The original motion was meant to make sure the \$161,000 will not be lost to UBC Sororities when they are deconstituted.
- The amended motion still ensures that.
- UBC Sororities has not ceased to exist.
- The Operations Committee highly recommends sending the money back.
- This allows the Operations Committee to continue its processes while the relevant AMS Code is suspended.

Ben Du:

- As to the concern about a recurrence with other clubs, no other club has such a large account balance.
- No other club has such a complex international affiliation.
- UBC Sororities has been with us since 1922.
- The conversation with UBC Sororities doesn't end after this discussion.
- The Acknowledgement of Terms says the parties will continue to maintain a relationship: there is no full stop.

Eleni Bascombe (UBC Sororities):

- I appreciate this discussion.
- We are looking forward to creating a working relationship with the AMS.

Mathew Ho:

- Should we have a time frame for this MoU?
- With the IFC, we came close to an agreement, but then it didn't happen.

Cole Evans:

- That wasn't a time thing.
- It was more of an approval thing which dragged on.
- I don't think timing is a big issue.
- It's in everyone's interest to work this out relatively quickly.

Ben Du:

- The part of the motion saying money has to be transferred to a legal institution may delay the process.
- The fundamental aim tonight is to transfer upon deconstitution.

Cole Evans:

- On the legally registered issue: This means we have to transfer money to an organization that has oversight.
- We can't just send it to three people who open a bank account.
- This protects the AMS.
- UBC Sororities is not a legal organization.
- I recognize this could take more time but I feel it is important.

Emily Reid:

- I understand the concerns about a time extension.
- I think it will take time to address all concerns.
- The last thing OpsCom wants to do is surprise anyone.
- The last thing we want is legal issues.

Ben Du:

- I would like to recognize the cooperation of the President of UBC Sororities.
- There was lots of stress.
- The term "deconstitution" is not pleasant.
- UBC Sororities has a bank account under its name.
- That would be the destination, but I understand the need for a legally registered entity.

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

Cole Evans:

Strategic Plan

- We were going to talk about it tonight, but I'll bring a draft next time.
- We're pretty close, but not quite there.

AMS Awards Gala

- Thanks to all who showed up.
- Thanks to Emily and Joanne for all their work.

Equity

- New draft of Equity Plan coming to next Council.
- Looking for more Indigenous engagement in the Nest.

Governance

- Worked on lots of things.
- Had to water some things down. Running out of time.
- Looking into a governance review RFP for next year.

Policy

- Policy renumbering for next meeting.
- Revised versions of Policies I-17 and I-18 (sexualized violence and respectful community) being worked on.

Questions

Katherine Feng

- One of the motions on elections included the President working on the report.
- What has the President done?

Cole Evans:

- I would be happy to work on the report, but it's hard without context.
- I have received no context from the Elections Committee.
- Am waiting to receive details.
- Have followed up with the Chief Electoral Officer, who's aware that the report is due.
- I will keep following up.

Mathew Ho:

- What further action can you take if the follow-ups produce nothing?

Cole Evans:

- I don't want to speculate on what may happen.

Jonathan De Souza

- Will the issue about St. Mark's students not being able to vote be included in the report?

Cole Evans:

- It's important to make sure that's addressed.
- Council indicated they want a larger conversation on elections.

N) Executive Business and Remarks

VP Finance – Mary Gan

- Preliminary budget.
- Reaching out to Constituencies, promoting funds and grants.
- Vaccine coverage.
- Mental health coverage: can we sustain the \$1500 benefit? It was originally just for this year.
- Released AMS Budget report, making it more accessible.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Can you tell us more about the future of the businesses?
- When are we reopening the closed ones?
- What are we doing to attract and retain talent?

Keith Hester:

- The ones that have not opened are PieR and Flavour Lab.
- Others have reopened.
- Flavour Lab will open in May. Hiring in progress.
- PieR probably in the fall.
- Re attracting talent:
 - Currently doing a wage review to benchmark against the market.
 - Already made some wage changes: 5% increase in January.
 - Looking at different ways of marketing.
 - Apprenticeship program with culinary colleges.
 - Going to hiring fair.

Max Holmes:

- How close did the Executive come to spending all the money they budgeted for this year?

Mary Gan:

- Some have underspent.
- That's been a concern over the years: projects are planned, but ...
- So this year we are doing reductions.
- We have actuals to reference.
- We'll cut accordingly.

Max Holmes

- Since some have underspent will we look at improving salaries with this extra money?

Mary Gan:

- Wages are going up.

Cole Evans:

- A new tier structure is coming for student staff, making positions more competitive.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu

- The Affordability Plan was unanimously approved at the Board of Governors.
- Harm reduction strategy submission to the Board of Governors.
- The Academic Experience Survey (AES) has launched: looking to increase response.
- The Anti-Racism Task Force wrapped up.
- Disability Task Force.
- Transitioning.
- Provost's term ended. New Provost Pro Tem is Gage Averill. I'm on the search committee for a permanent Provost.

Questions

Mathew Ho

- Re tuition increases:
- Could we have done anything better to stop them?

Eshana Bhangu:

- This is not unique to this year.
- Tuition increases every year.
- We did make a submission expressing frustration over the fact that student voices are dismissed.
- 90% of students say they don't want increases
- We commented that they took away the open comment box on the survey form.
- The Affordability Plan is critical now.
- Tuition is not the only thing that causes affordability issues.
- I told the University that if there was no Affordability Plan we'd be protesting.
- That worked. There's an Affordability Plan.

Kamil Kanji:

- The AES and UBC's SEI (student evaluations) are going out at the same time.
- What are we doing to avoid overlap?
- What are we doing to increase engagement?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The SEI goes out at the end of courses.
- We are switching up the graphics on the AES and sending out a mass email.
- Getting the response rate up is a top priority.

Avery Chan:

- Campus Vision 2050 Advisory Committee:
 - AMS attendance is not great.

Eshana Bhangu:

- I had a class conflict but have been in touch with the committee and do review the material.
- This will be a top priority for me as President next year.
- Back to advocacy around tuition increases: the increases were actually low in relation to inflation; that affected how governors voted.

21. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

"That Council suspend Code to allow for an additional three questions."

... No objections

Katherine Feng:

- Could we have an update on UBC's VP Finance and Operations?

Eshana Bhangu:

- That's disappointing.
- It's Peter Smalls; he's leaving.
- He'd been very receptive to the AMS.
- The role has been split into two interim positions, and the appointees are both people the AMS has worked with and has confidence about.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson

- Club renewals: final wave has ended except for two.
- Club awards were given out at the AMS Gala.
- Hatch Art Gallery:
 - Current exhibit - "When will it be Over?" - ends this Friday.
 - That's the final exhibit; it featured works from the permanent collection.
 - Discussing transition.
- Commons:
 - Looking at inventory.
- Sensory Room:
 - Shipments arriving.

- Sustainability team wrapping up.
 - Soapstand machine now offering hand soap.

VP External – Saad Shoaib

- UBC SkyTrain project public engagement process in May.
 - The AMS will put out a campaign on this.
- Working with Events to have Naloxone available at Block Party.
- U-Pass exemptions will remain the same for next year:
 - TransLink is allowing an exemption for those outside the Lower Mainland
- Federal Budget 2022 comes out tomorrow.
- Will work with UCRU on the response
- Transitioning Erin.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Any updates about UCRU?

Saad Shoaib:

- Passed new Lobby Week policy on how meetings with MP's will be set up.
- Conversation with CASA on future Climate Action advocacy.

Max Holmes:

- SkyTrain advocacy: did we give feedback to Vancouver City Council?
- A UNA Director is stepping down: was the AMS unable to put forward a candidate?

Saad Shoaib:

- In the UNA bylaws the UNA Board has the power to appoint, and they appointed the candidate in the last election who missed being elected by 8 votes.
- Re SkyTrain advocacy:
 - We have been working with UBC.
 - Will engage with Vancouver Council.
 - Didn't last time, but there will be several opportunities in the future.

Max Holmes:

- Did the AMS advocate for a student to be appointed to the UNA?

Saad Shoaib:

- The process was in closed session, but we did note that whoever is appointed should be willing to work with the AMS.

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Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

- Food Bank has received \$32,500 to support food purchases from UBC and will be receiving another \$32,500 soon.
- Peer Support Week on mental wellness.
 - Boothing about harm reduction.
 - Fentanyl testing strips.

- Naloxone training.
- Chill zone at Block Party.
- Tutoring:
 - Year-end review sessions.
- Housing:
 - Education outreach team hired.
 - Increased hours.
- General:
 - Interviewing for Coordinators.
 - Data collection system.
 - Looking at results from Services survey.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Year end coming up.
- Met with auditors. Will be here in June.
- Working with Mary on Preliminary Budget.
- Getting ready for orientations for incoming Exec.
- Helping incoming Exec with hiring staff.
- Block Party sold out: 6,500 tickets sold.

Questions

Max Holmes

- Some businesses are working reduced hours.
- What are we doing to attract talent?
- Are wages increasing?
- What are the issues with recruitment?

Keith Hester:

- We are doing a wage review to benchmark against other organizations.
- Wage banding.
- Gallery renovation should attract staff and customers.

O) Committee Reports

Advocacy – Eshana Bhangu

- The Policy Advisor is working on the Council-directed statement to the Board of Governors.
 - She is consulting with the relevant groups.

Max Holmes:

- Was there any advocacy done to the UNA to appoint a student?

Eshana Bhangu:

- No such item was brought to the committee.

Steering – Cole Evans

- Did not meet.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan

- Reviewing budget changes for preliminary budget.
- Banner project.
- Pit A/V project.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Will the Finance Committee be setting up a process to bring up new ideas?

Mary Gan:

- All the incoming Executives this year are AMS staff.
- Could work with Execs about over and under-spending.

Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji

- Working on substantive governance changes in response to recent issues.
- Committee restructuring.
- Making sure we're compliant with the Societies Act.

Cole Evans:

- The recent bylaw changes give Fincom the power to approve budget changes under \$5,000 in accordance with procedures in the Code.
- Need to create those procedures.
- Other bylaw changes may prompt Code changes too.

Operations Committee – Lauren Benson

- Busy with the Sorority issue.
- New club applications.

HR Committee- Romina Hajizadeh

- Hiring Speaker, CEO, Ombudsperson.
- Five-tier wage structure approved by committee; will send it next time.
- Approving JD's.

Questions

Katherine Feng:

- When did the committees last submit minutes?

The Speaker:

- This can be added to Other Business.

Katherine Feng:

- Have past committee chairs received their transitional honoraria?

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Past committee chairs will be paid for their transition reports.

Max Holmes:

- Has the HR Committee looked into the performance of committee chairs?
- And are you looking into the pay structure of Executives?

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Regarding committee chairs, we looked into it, but came up with nothing tangible.
- Also, restructuring is being discussed.
- We didn't talk about Executive salaries, but we did talk about transitional honoraria.

Mathew Ho:

- It's close to year end and we are still discussing transitions from last year.
- Should we look at this process?

Student Life Committee – Aryan Mishra

- Having issues meeting.
- We want to finalize grad gifts.

22. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That Council suspend Code to allow up to 8 questions to be asked.”

... No objections

Questions

Eshana Bhangu:

- Has the Student Life Committee met?
- How many times have you met this year?

Aryan Mishra:

- Just one time with quorum.
- We met three times without quorum.

Max Holmes:

- Only one meeting all year?
- Why are we just seeing this issue now?
- If members are not attending, why are they not being asked to leave and then replaced?
- Has this been brought to Council?

Aryan Mishra:

- I set meeting times, but people did not attend.

Cole Evans:

- What is the plan for a grad class gift?
- Will the SLC delegate its authority?

Aryan Mishra:

- We plan to do grad gifts this week or next.

Katherine Feng:

- If the committee has met only once since September, the chair is not fulfilling his hours.

Kamil Kanji:

- What are the plans for improvement?
- Can Council delegate the Grad Class gift to someone else?

Cole Evans:

- Council could suspend Code and delegate the authority.

23. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That Code be suspended to allow for unlimited questions

... Carried unanimously

Julia Burnham:

- Has the subcommittee been filled?

Aryan Mishra:

- I didn't know there was supposed to be a subcommittee.

Julia Burnham:

- Have you asked for submissions?
- Ceremonies and Events need this information asap.
- Graduation is in May.

24. MOVED MINAHO CHIEW, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to delegate responsibility for the Grad Class gift.”

... No objections

25. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That AMS Code Section V, Article 11 (2)(g) and Section IX-B, Article 6(7)(c) be suspended to delegate the responsibility of the grad gift distribution and discussion of the Student Life Committee to Finance Committee, effective immediately.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

Eshana Bhangu becomes chair.

Ethics & Accountability Committee – Neal Cameron

- No report.

Questions

Cole Evans:

- Are there meetings scheduled?

Neal Cameron:

- Yes, there are.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans

- Meeting next week.
- Holding a transition meeting next month with the new Executive.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Who is on the Advisory Board?

Cole Evans:

- Louis Retief, Ron Gorodetsky, Jerry Jim, and Alessia Rodriguez.
- There is a vacancy.

Affiliate Institutions – Lauren Benson

- Will schedule a meeting.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Will it discuss the Affiliates not being able to vote in the last election?

Lauren Benson:

- Yes.

Kamil Kanji:

- Did the committee meet last term?

Lauren Benson:

- Yes.

AMS Events Principles and Ethics – Lauren Benson

- Haven't met since completion of report.
- But there's been feedback, so we may meet again to revise.

Kamil Kanji:

- When will we see the revised report?

Lauren Benson:

- Next meeting.

Ad hoc Brewery – Cole Evans

- Haven't met.
- There's no business to discuss.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Will there be a transition report on the history of this committee?
- We'll be losing the wisdom of Cole.

Cole Evans:

- There really isn't much transition work to do.
- All work on the old project has been abandoned, so now it's just starting from scratch.
- There is historical context available from staff.

Emily Gubski:

- We did discuss restarting the project as an AMS thing.
- Is this still happening?

Cole Evans:

- There are ideas floating. Ideas from management.
- We need a business case study done first.
- Do we want to start charging the fee?
- My wisdom is that we'd probably have to go to referendum again to restart the process.
- We're a ways off from a tangible proposal.

Max Holmes:

- Can we consider putting the brewery in the Pit?

Cole Evans:

- That was my suggestion: attaching to the Pit.
- That's still my opinion.
- It doesn't need a committee.
- My recommendation is just to dissolve.
- Or else you'll just get No update, No update every meeting.

Emily Gubski:

- Since this committee is functionally non-existent, does the Chair get paid?

Cole Evans:

- If they were not an Executive, they would get compensation, but it's been me this year, so none.

- If we appoint a non-Executive, that would be an issue.
- That's why I recommend dissolution.

Micah Mizushima:

- Have you spoken to Land & Food?

Cole Evans:

- Still on the table, but not connected to the Brewery Committee at this time.

26. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That Council be extended by 6 hours."

... No objections

Presidents Council – Cole Evans

- Met for second last time.
- Arts and LFS hosted.
- There is one more meeting scheduled, but due to exams it will probably be cancelled.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes

- Affordability plan approved unanimously:
 - Shout-out to the AMS for its years of advocacy.
- Tuition increase approved.
 - The increase will be 2% domestic and returning international, 4% incoming international.
 - There were four votes against (the three students and one faculty member).
- Budget approved.
 - Climate Emergency commitment.
 - Future of SkyTrain.
- Presentation from the Dean of Dentistry.
- NUS fee for Gateway health building.
- Gateway health building going ahead.
- Other projects.
- Deans appointment policy.

Questions

Kamil Kanji:

- The tuition vote was closer last year.
- What did the student governors do to encourage other governors to vote no?

Max Holmes:

- We do keep conversations to the meetings.
- Last year inflation was lower.
- This year the increase is below inflation.

- UBC will have to cut.
- If you account for inflation, students will actually be spending less on tuition next year.
- I struggled with this, but in solidarity with the students voted no.
- Also we got the Affordability Plan approved, and that convinced some governors that the University is addressing this.
- The majority of costs are housing; the question is how to address that issue.
- It is not sustainable for the University not to increase tuition.
- We need additional government funding.
- A lot of governors are frustrated that they have to vote yes.
- A review has been announced by the government, and that may lead to more funding.
- Last year's vote was unusual.

Mathew Ho:

- Has the AMS letter on divestment been sent to the Board?

Max Holmes:

- The letter has not been sent.
- Investment policy is not part of the budget process; it can be set any time.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The letter is being worked on by the Policy Advisor.

Kamil Kanji:

- What priorities from the VPAUA submission were included in the budget?

Max Holmes:

- I do think the AMS's priorities were largely approved.
- Eshana gets far more impact than I do as a member of the Board's finance committee.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Not all of the dollar amounts were accepted, but all the areas we asked for were mostly funded to a degree.

Senate – Julia Burnham

- All Student Senators ended in March.
- The new ones haven't started.
- Senate hasn't met.

Questions

Kamil Kanji:

- Is Senate on track for completing the goals for the current Triennium session?

Julia Burnham:

- The Triennium doesn't end till 2023.

- That would be a good question for the next Senators.

Q) Historical Update - Sheldon Goldfarb (10 minutes each)

- History of Cole's involvement with the AMS.
- Started as an AUS Councillor.
- Then elected to AMS Council and became Chair of the HR Committee.
 - Changed the name of the Elections Administrator to the Chief Electoral Officer.
 - Revamped the Advisory Board.
 - Rewrote parts of Code.
- Then became VP Administration.
 - Brought in the new sustainability strategy (ASAP).
 - Upgraded the Clubs Resource Centre.
 - Introduced the Nest Experience Survey.
 - Reopened the Norm Theatre.
- Elected President.
 - Had to deal with COVID.
 - But able to organize the second quorate AGM in 40 years.
 - Chaired Council in the absence of a Speaker.
 - Revamped the Advisory Board again.
- Re-elected President.
 - First time that happened since Bill Dobie 28 years before.
 - Worked on our new OnBoard Council platform.
 - Launched ambitious Auditorium Project.
 - Got an Equity Plan produced.
 - Launched a new Student Experience Survey.
 - Got a new Strategic Plan underway.
 - And of course still dealing with COVID: masks and vaccines.

Cole Evans:

- I appreciate all this.

Mathew Ho:

- What is Cole's favourite plane?

Cole Evans:

- Big fan of 787-9.
- A350 does give it a run for its money.

Mina Chiew:

- Favourite potluck food?

Cole Evans:

- Mac and cheese.

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

- It was agreed to remove the transitions discussion.

27. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, THIRDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session 10:30 pm.

S) Next Meeting and Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:30 am.

Next Meeting of Council April 20, 2022.

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Present	Sororities amendment	Sororities final	
Neal Cameron	Speaker	X			
Cole Evans	President	X	Y	Y	
Eshana Bhangu	VP Academic	X	Y	Y	
Lauren Benson	VP Admin	X			
Mary Gan	VP Finance	X	Y	Y	
Saad Shoaib	VP External	X	Y	Y	
Mitchell Prost	Student Services Manager	X			
Cole Quist	Architecture				
Romina Hajizadeh	Arts	X	A	Y	
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	Y	Y	
Kamil Kanji	Arts	X	Y	Y	
Sanjana Bedi	Arts				
Aryan Mishra	Arts	X	Y	Y	
	Audiology				
Max Holmes	BoG	X			
Georgia Yee	BoG				
Rachel Kim	Commerce	X	A	Y	
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	X	A	Y	
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry				
Sadhvi Sail	Economics				
Jade Law	Education	X	Y		
Emily Reid	Engineering	X	Y	Y	
Ananya Swaminathan	Engineering	X	A		
Joey Yang	Forestry	X	Y	Y	
Ezra Yu	GSS	X	A		

Carmen Watson	GSS				
	GSS				
	GSS				
	Indigenous Seat				
	Journalism				
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology	X		Y	
Gabrielle Matheson	Law	X	Y	Y	
Micah Mizushima	LFS	X	Y	Y	
Sophie Penniman	Library-Archival				
Emily Gubski	Medicine	X	Y	Y	
Teddy O'Donnell	Music	X	Y	Y	
Ayo Lado	Nursing	X	Y		
Grace Li	Pharmacy				
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning				
Oluwakemi Oke	Ombudsperson				
	Regent				
Minaho Chiew	Science	X	Y	Y	
Rebecca Liu	Science				
Katherine Feng	Science	X	Y	Y	
Avery Chan	Science	X	Y		
Julia Burnham	Senate	X			
Keanna Yu	Senate				
	Social Work				
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	X	Y	Y	
Shadia Qubti	VST	X	Y	Y	

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Tina Young (Ubysey), Anabella McElroy (Ubysey), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Nicolas Romualdi (Strategic Plan), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 pm with Max Holmes in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- UBC, the AMS Nest, and Vancouver are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the hul'q'umi'num-speaking Musqueam people.
- Learning happened here long before UBC was established.
- We are privileged to be here.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the agenda be amended to move up the VP Admin discussion.”

... No objections

Mathew Ho asked to add a Discussion Topic on transition/committee reports.

2. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

... No objections

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

New members:

Vacancies: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2, Social Work, Indigenous seat

Goodbyes:

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

Max Holmes:

- I'm not Neal.
- I'm chairing so Cole can talk.
- We have a busy agenda, and it's exam time, so I want an efficient meeting.
- It's 4/20 today; students are celebrating.

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

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

3. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented."

Executive Committee minutes dated March 23, 2022	[SCD425-22]
Executive Committee minutes dated March 30, 2022	[SCD426-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated March 14, 2022	[SCD427-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated March 21, 2022	[SCD428-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated March 28, 2022	[SCD429-22]
Governance Committee minutes dated April 4, 2022	[SCD430-22]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated March 16, 2022	[SCD431-22]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated March 30, 2022	[SCD432-22]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated April 6, 2022	[SCD433-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated March 4, 2022	[SCD434-22]
Finance Committee minutes dated April 1, 2022	[SCD435-22]

... No objections

Consent Items

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

4. MOVED SAAD SHOAIB, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

From the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society [SCD436-22]

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(6) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in Pharmacy from \$66.68 to \$76.68 starting in Winter Session 2022/23, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.

From the President

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ad Hoc Brewery Committee be dissolved.

... No objections

Consent Items Requiring a 2/3rds Majority

5. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

From the Governance Committee [SCD437-22], [SCD438-22]
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the Code of Procedure as presented in the report entitled "Code Changes 2022: Digital Voting."

From the Governance Committee [SCD439-22], [SCD440-22]
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code changes entitled "Code Changes 2022: Proxies" be accepted as presented.

From the President [SCD441-22]
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Code changes entitled "Code Changes 2022: Steering Committee" be accepted as presented.

... No objections

H) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Strategic Plan – Cole Evans and Nicolas Romualdi [SCD442-22]

Cole Evans:

- Quick update.
- We have a working draft.
- Still a work in progress.
- Six themes, plus sub-themes.
- Hopefully will come back for approval in the next fiscal year.

Nicolas Romualdi:

- New version of the Mission Statement.
- New Vision Statement.
- New Values.
- Those are all close to being the finished product.
- Also six themes requiring more work. Plus sub-themes.
- Have consulted students; there's been support for these themes.
 - Student Services and Engagement
 - Advocacy and Stakeholder Relationships
 - Sustainability, Equity, Good Governance
 - Systems and Infrastructure Management
 - Sustainable Student-Oriented Businesses
 - Employee Experience and Development.
- Mission, Values, Vision: already done consultation. Nearly ready.
- Themes:
 - One round of consultation.
 - Now seeking feedback from Council and incoming Councillors.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Can we use words like “student rights” in the Advocacy section?

Nicolas Romualdi:

- So not just interests, but rights. Okay.

Emily Gubski:

- What is the timeline going forward?

Cole Evans:

- We will hunker down over the next two weeks.
- We’re past the difficult work: establishing the themes.
- The easy part is explaining the themes.
- Hope to submit a draft at next Council meeting.
- Then to the general student body.
- Then a final draft for final Council approval, probably end of May or early June.

Kamil Kanji:

- Next year’s Executive will need buy-in.
- Have they been consulted?
- Are they committed to this?

Cole Evans:

- The point is that the Society have buy-in whoever is in the Executive.
- I know the next President is not going to drop it on May 1.
- I don’t see concerns with future buy-in.
- We can amend the plan.
- I see a good path forward on this.
- With any plan you need to create a culture.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Why are sustainability and equity together?

Cole Evans:

- Surprisingly, the main Equity theme didn’t play as well as others in consultation, but we did want to retain it; it’s interwoven in various themes.
- We also have the standalone AMS Equity Plan.
- I’m not too concerned equity will be forgotten.
- We looked at using the term ESG (Environmental, Social, Governmental), but it’s such a corporate term – but that’s how we landed on Theme 3 (Sustainability, Equity, Good Governance).

Mathew Ho:

- Will there be more definitions coming for Performance Indicators?

Cole Evans:

- Definitely something we'll look to include to make things clear for the future.

Studentcare Contract Extension – Mary Gan

[SCD443-22], [SCD444-22]

- We have a letter of agreement.
- Essentially it outlines the duties of Studentcare: they administer the Health & Dental Plan.
- Main changes:
 - From September 2022 to August 2024.
 - \$1 increase in service fee per student, to \$11.90; the first increase since partnering with Studentcare.
 - The result of inflationary pressures.
 - May be able to negotiate a lower fee.
- Needs to be approved by the AMS and GSS Councils.

6. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

“That the Letter of Agreement and Understanding between the AMS and Studentcare be approved.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried unanimously

For (14): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Rachel Kim, Thomas Dunsmore, Jasneet Bal, Ivran Rai, Emily Gubski, Jonathan De Souza

North Lower Level Pocket Lounge Reno – Cole Evans

- This project was looked at a couple of years ago, but got postponed.
- It's for the pocket lounge across from GNE (Grand Noodle Emporium).
- Currently it has an interesting collection of furniture.
- We want to add more seating and microwaves.
- Initial budget of \$45,000.
 - We cut it by over 60%.
- From SUB Management reserve fund, a dormant fund we're trying to spend out.
- Vinyl flooring, painting, more outlets, new furniture, new microwaves.
- More efficient seating.
- Will be beside our new mural.
- Cost \$17,000.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Re the contingency: is it 3% or 2.29?

Cole Evans:

- It is 3% calculated off \$14,000 (pre-tax).

7. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED SAAD SHOAI B: [SCD445-22], [SCD446-22], [SCD447-22]

From the Finance Committee

“That Council approve \$17,000 from the SUB Management Reserve for the renovation of the Lower Level North Pocket Lounge.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The balance in the SUB Management Reserve Fund balance is approximately \$49,500 unallocated.

... Carried

For (14): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Rachel Kim, Thomas Dunsmore, Jasneet Bal, Ezra Yu, Ivran Rai, Jonathan De Souza

I) Executive Committee Motions

8. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED COLE EVANS: [SCD448-22]

From the HR Committee

“That the revised tier pay rate schedule for executive support staff be accepted as presented.”

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Moving from three tiers to five.

Cole Evans:

- The changes are based on feedback from student staff saying the current tiers don't reflect the work performed.
- We want to pay people more accurately based on their responsibilities.
- Previously the three tiers were:
 - 1) entry level, no supervisory responsibility
 - 2) supervisor
 - 3) special skills.

- Now expanded to five tiers, with Tier 5 requiring high qualifications and lots of responsibility.
- This structure will mean people will get paid more accurately.
- It will also make us more competitive with other positions on campus (e.g., Work Learn).

9. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the HR Committee

“That the revised tier pay rate schedule for executive support staff be accepted as presented.”
... Carried

For (12): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Rachel Kim, Thomas Dunsmore, Jasneet Bal, Ivran Rai, Jonathan De Souza

Abstained: Kamil Kanji, Ezra Yu

10. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:
22]

[SCD449-22], [SCD450-

From the Governance Committee

“That the Code changes entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Executive Commitments’ be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kamil Kanji:

- The changes will require Council approval of the Executives’ external commitments.
- The President would also have more managerial authority over the rest of the Executive.
- There will be a standing in camera item once a month to discuss performance-related matters.

Eshana Bhangu declared a conflict of interest.

Saad Shoaib:

- The President and Vice-Presidents will report to Council individually?

Kamil Kanji:

- Each Vice-President will report individually; the other Vice-Presidents will not be present, but the President will be.
- Then the President will report alone.
- Then the President will leave.

Charlotte Alden:

- Why does it have to be in camera?

Kamil Kanji:

- Because it is HR-related.
- The meeting can move out of camera if desired by Council.

Mathew Ho:

- I am concerned about the utility of the in camera sessions.
- We already have Executive updates.

Kamil Kanji:

- This is to discuss performance issues.
- That's not in Executive updates.

Cole Evans:

- Pretty standard for boards to deal with personnel matters.
- Let's say a Vice-President is only coming into the office 20% of the time.
- The President can, as the manager, ask about this, but if it's still a problem, can inform Council in camera – without throwing the Exec under the bus publicly.
- This is important if giving the President more managerial duties.
- Council as the employer gets to have regular formal updates rather than singling someone out when there's a problem.

Charlotte Alden:

- This supports accountability of the Executives to Council, but the Executives are not elected by Council but by the students at large.

Cole Evans:

- In personnel matters, this is a more effective way to bring up issues.
- Better than our current system.

Kamil Kanji:

- We don't want things to linger and then come up at the end of term.

11. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

From the Governance Committee

“That the Code changes entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Executive Commitments’ be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (14): Cole Evans, Eshana Bhangu, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Rachel Kim, Thomas Dunsmore, Jasneet Bal, Ivran Rai, Emily Gubski, Jonathan De Souza

Abstained: Ezra Yu, Avery Chan

12. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED SAAD SHOAI B: [SCD451-22], [SCD452-22]

From the Governance Committee

“That the Code changes entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Committee Meetings and Chair Reports’ be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kamil Kanji:

- In response to past issues, we’re making sure committees meet regularly.
- Also changing reporting requirements: instead of monthly written reports, it will be three times a year: March, November, August.

13. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED SAAD SHOAI B:

From the Governance Committee

“That the Code changes entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Committee Meetings and Chair Reports’ be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (13): Cole Evans, Lauren Benson, Mary Gan, Saad Shoaib, Cole Quist, Mathew Ho, Kamil Kanji, Rachel Kim, Thomas Dunsmore, Jasneet Bal, Ivran Rai, Avery Chan, Jonathan De Souza

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, THIRDED KAMIL KANJI:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

Council went in camera at 7:45 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:22 pm.

15. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED TEDDY O'DONNELL:

"That the agenda be amended to add a motion to reprimand the VP Administration."

... No objections

16. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED TEDDY O'DONNELL:

"That Council reprimand the VP Administration for poor performance."

Charlotte Alden:

- Can someone define poor performance?

Cole Evans:

- Not performing well.

17. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED TEDDY O'DONNELL:

"That Council reprimand the VP Administration for poor performance."

... Carried

For (7): Romina Hajizadeh, Kamil Kanji, Rachel Kim, Thomas Dunsmore, Sadhvi Sail, Teddy O'Donnell, Jonathan De Souza

Against (3): Cole Quist, Jasneet Bal, Ivran Rai

Abstained: Cole Evans, Mathew Ho, Avery Chan

J) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

K) Discussion and Consultation

Policy Recategorization – Cole Evans

[SCD453-22]

Cole Evans:

- Changing our policy structure.
- Will come to Council next week for approval.

Kamil Kanji:

- Should this be under the governance review?

Cole Evans:

- No, this is just a reorganization.

Transitions and Committee Reports

- It was agreed to move this to the end of the agenda.

L) President's Business and Remarks

Cole Evans:

- 10 days until year end.
- Finalizing everything I can in my portfolio.
- Strategic Plan.
- Equity Action Plan.
- Communications working on the website.
- Working on transitioning Eshana.
- New exec team orientations.
- Year-end goals coming next week.
- Grad Class gift – finalizing soon.
- Grad class mural will start soon.
- Policy recategorization

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Any comments on the SLFS situation?

Cole Evans:

- They are having a general meeting soon.
- We will work with them to make sure they are using their money appropriately.

M) Executive Business and Remarks

VP Finance – Mary Gan

[SCD454-22]

- Preliminary budget.
- H&D reviewing costs for next year.
- Exec goals for VP Finance.
- Transitioning Rita.
- Hiring.
- Working with Constituencies to promote funds and grants.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu

- Wrapping up end of year.
- Orientations and Jumpstart.
- Transitioning.
- Academic Experience Survey is out.

Questions

Mathew Ho

- Any response to President Ono's response to the AMS divestment statement?

Eshana Bhangu:

- It was a premature response.
- We have not made our official statement.

- I'm not surprised.
- We will still publish the statement and send the letter.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson

Questions

Kamil Kanji:

- The Events and Principles report was supposed to come this meeting.
- Where is it?

Cole Evans:

- I'll ask.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib

- TransLink/Mayors Council survey got released today.
 - We will launch our campaign tomorrow.
- Budget 2022 focused on urgent priorities.
- UCRU was disappointed not to see student supports in the federal budget.
- UCRU Elections on now.
- Our VP External-elect (Erin Co) is running for chair of UCRU.
- U-Pass exemptions up.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

- Hiring: Hope to be done next week.
- Filming for Services.
- Data software – looking at our needs.
- 1226 visits to the Food Bank in March: huge jump in usage.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Council approved Gallery renovation.
 - Closed first three weeks in May.
 - The Pit will open during the day
- Will open Flavour Lab in May.
- Working on year end.
- Orientation for new Exec next week.
- Worked on preliminary budget.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- What happened after Block Party?
- The waste left over.

Keith Hester:

- We organized with UBC to help clean up.
- They did not have staff over the weekend, so it had to wait till Monday.
- The wind carried it everywhere.

- Key learning – extra dumpsters.
- We cleaned up but there were not enough trash cans.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Flavour Lab: Not many people know about it.
- How are you going to market this?

Keith Hester:

- Was supposed to open a year ago.
- Trouble getting staff.
- It will be a test kitchen.
- Low cost food items.
- Testing food for other outlets.
- Cultural food too.
- The marketing plan is being put together now.

Mathew Ho:

- Is Pie R open?

Keith Hester:

- We want to open it in September.
- We have had trouble getting staff.

N) Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee – Eshana Bhangu

- Haven't met.
- Re the divestment statement – working on it.

Questions

Kamil Kanji:

- Do you have a committee report?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We did not meet, so there's nothing to report on.

Mathew Ho:

- Will there be opportunities to participate in the statement?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Want it to go out sooner rather than later.
- The Exec will issue it.

Steering Committee – Cole Evans

- Agenda amendment.
- In camera once a month.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan

[SCD455-22]

- Working on budget.
- SPF applications.
- March report submitted.

Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji

[SCD456-22]

HR Committee – Romina Hajizadeh

[SCD457-22], [SCD458-22]

- Hiring Speaker and Ombudsperson.

Elections Committee – Shania Muthu

[SCD459-22], [SCD460-22]

Cole Evans:

- I added comments to these reports.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans

- Haven't met.
- Transition meeting for incoming Exec next week.

Ad Hoc Committee AMS Events Principles and Ethics – Lauren Benson

Kamil Kanji:

- The requested report from this committee did not come.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes

- Hasn't met since last Council.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Did Santa Ono's divestment statement go through the Board?

Max Holmes:

- The President speaks for the President's Office.
- The Board chair speaks for the Board.

Senate –

Eshana Bhangu:

- Motion passed to end ties with Russian academic institutions.

Kamil Kanji:

- Has the vice-chair for Senate been selected?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Yes, I was elected today.

Rachel Kim:

- Can you elaborate on the Russian institutions?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The motion called for an end to academic agreements with Russian governmental entities.

P) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

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

Transition and Committee report

Due to lack of quorum the meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

R) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of Council is April 27, 2022.

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Present	Student Care Extension	Lower Level Pocket Lounge	Exec Staff Tier Structure	Code Change: Exec Commitments	Code Change: Committee meetings and Chair Reports	VP Admin Reprimand
Neal Cameron	Speaker							
Cole Evans	President	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Eshana Bhangu	VP Academic	X	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Lauren Benson	VP Admin	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Mary Gan	VP Finance	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Saad Shoaib	VP External	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Mitchell Prost	Student Services Manager	X						
Cole Quist	Architecture	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Romina Hajizadeh	Arts	X						Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Kamil Kanji	Arts	X	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Sanjana Bedi	Arts							
Aryan Mishra	Arts							
	Audiology							
Max Holmes	BoG	X						
Georgia Yee	BoG							
Rachel Kim	Commerce	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Sadhvi Sail	Economics	X						Y
Jade Law	Education							
Emily Reid	Engineering							
Ananya Swaninathan	Engineering							
Joey Yang	Forestry							
Ezra Yu	GSS	X		Y	A	A		

Carmen Watson	GSS							
	GSS							
	GSS							
	Indigenous Seat							
	Journalism							
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Gabrielle Matheson	Law							
Micah Mizushima	LFS							
Sophie Penniman	Library-Archival							
Emily Gubski	Medicine	X	Y			Y		
Teddy O'Donnell	Music	X						Y
Ayo Lado	Nursing							
Grace Li	Pharmacy							
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning							
Oluwakemi Oke	Ombudsperson							
	Regent							
Minaho Chiew	Science							
Rebecca Liu	Science							
Katherine Feng	Science							
Avery Chan	Science	X				A	Y	A
Julia Burnham	Senate							
Keanna Yu	Senate							
	Social Work							
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shadia Qubti	VST							

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Leo Evans (Allard), Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- This meeting is taking place on the traditional unceded lands of the Musqueam people.
- What we call Vancouver is the occupied territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.
- It is important to reflect on what has happened and what is to come.
- We are on stolen land.
- There has been colonial injustice.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH SECONDED COLE EVANS

“That the agenda be amended by amending the AMS Ombudsperson motion.”

... No objections

2. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the agenda be amended to strike the Strategic Plan update and the Equity Plan motion.”

... No objections

3. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED MINAHO CHIEW:

“That the agenda be amended by striking the BIFRT clause of the Executive Transition motion.”

... No objections

4. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED SAAD SHOAIB:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

... No objections

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

New members:

Vacancies: Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2, Indigenous Seat

Goodbyes:

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

The Speaker:

- Thanks for an interesting year.
- Use your mental health benefits before the end of August.
- It's been a privilege working with you.

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

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

5. MOVED MARY GAN, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented."

Finance Committee minutes dated March 18, 2022

[SCD461-22]

Finance Committee minutes dated April 11, 2022

[SCD462-22]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

Cole Evans takes the chair.

Consent items Requiring a Simple Majority

6. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH:

From the HR Committee

[SCD463-22]

Be it resolved that AMS Council appoint Alec Lee to be the AMS Ombudsperson for a term from May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023.

Be it further resolved that the terms of the current Ombudsperson and Deputy Ombudsperson be extended to May 13th, 2022.

From the HR Committee

[SCD464-22]

That AMS Council appoint Neal Cameron to be the AMS Speaker of Council from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023.

... No objections

The Speaker resumed the chair.

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

7. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

From the President

[SCD465-22]

That Council amend Section 2, Article 12 of the Code of Procedure as presented to ensure Councillors are completing orientation material.

... No objections

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Executive Goals – Final Report

[SCD466-22], [SCD467-22], [SCD468-22]
[SCD469-22], [SCD470-22], [SCD471-22], [SCD472-22]

Cole Evans:

General Executive Goals

COVID-19 recovery

- AMS restart plan:
 - Thought we'd be back to normal by October, but delayed by Delta and Omicron.
 - Still the highlight of the year: we did a pretty good job keeping our building safe.

Community engagement

- Our social media saw exponential growth:
 - Now have 8000 followers.
- Elections guide for candidates. More outreach.
- New brand guidelines.
- Recently launched a new website:
 - Same base, but new visuals.
 - Cleaner style.

EDI

- Consultation.
- Equity Plan approved.

President's Goals

Strategic Plan and Governance Review

- Strategic Plan is 80-85% done.

- Up to Eshana to get it over the finish line.
- Governance improvements:
 - Spent a lot of time on these, but more to do.
 - Need a full review.
 - That will happen under Eshana.
 - Didn't want to rush the rest
- Launched first ever Student Experience Survey.

EDI

- Doubled the number of staff involved.

Indigenous presence

- New student organization may be coming.
- Working on increasing Indigenous representation in the Nest.
- First Indigenous Cultural month.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu

- My team and I have completed 100% of our goals.

Affordability plan

- Unanimously approved by the Board of Governors.
 - The AMS had the primary role in that process.
 - A lot of our priorities were reflected in the UBC budget.

Food Insecurity/OER/Housing

- Successful Textbook Broke campaigns.
- OER award.

Return to In Person

- Things we successfully advocated for:
 - \$1.5 million for lecture capture technology.
 - Mask mandates.
 - Vaccine requirements.
 - Drop date extension.
- Also advocated for:
 - Online exams. Had some success. Some faculties went online; others left it up to the professors.
 - Deferred status for students.
- Also ordered K95 masks, used by clubs, Constituencies, and students.

- It's been an enriching and rewarding year as VP Academic.

VP External Affairs – Saad Shoaib

Federal Lobbying and Advocacy

- 2021 federal election: voting issues.

- Got a commitment from Elections Canada for a polling station on campus next time.
- Advocated for the permanent removal of interest on student loans.

Provincial Lobbying and Advocacy

- Made recommendations on revitalization of Indigenous languages.
- Advocacy about:
 - Sexual violence prevention.
 - Mental health.
 - SkyTrain to UBC:
 - In July the government committed 80% of what is needed.
 - Working with TransLink and UBC.
- Lobby Week with GSS.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson

Communication

- Launched COVID-19 dashboard on our website.
- Sustainability dashboard in the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
- Kept students engaged via CampusBase, survey.

Capital Improvements

- Making the Nest reflective of student needs.
- Temporary prayer rooms now moved to the Life Building.
- Converted the Commons into a space for commuter students and clubs.
- Developing a sensory room.

Clubs Recovery Benefit

- Launched a three-part support system.
- Wanted to support clubs no matter how they chose to function during the pandemic.
- Supported the use of Zoom, Slack, etc.
- Supported meetings in person.
- Respecting students' comfort levels.

VP Finance – Mary Gan

Health & Dental Plan

- Implemented \$1,500 mental health benefit increase.
- New \$250 coverage for Gardasil HPV Vaccine, a very expensive drug.
- Doubled the subsidy allocation.

Treasurer Learning Hub

- Consolidated authorization process and training for treasurers.
- Aiming for a seamless experience for financial staff and treasurers.

Funds and Fees

- Reduced or eliminated some fees.

- New budget report: more digestible.
- Promoted the funds.

Questions

Julia Burnham:

- If Sheldon does a presentation a decade from now on you, what will be your most lasting accomplishment?

Cole Evans:

- The equity plan.

Eshana Bhangu:

- This was a massive year getting the University to do things we thought they'd never do:
 - Masks.
 - Vaccines.
 - And the major thing was the Affordability Plan.
- Overall advocacy.
- The COVID-19 response.

Mary Gan:

- The increase in mental health coverage.

Saad Shoaib:

- The work on student financial aid.
- Saw a lot of commitments being made.
- Removal of interest on loans.
- Working on debt removal.

Lauren Benson:

- Being in an operational position during COVID was not always easy, but my team was able to reopen.
- Opening the Interactive Sustainability Centre and reopening the Commons.
- Two outdoor Clubs Days, especially the second one on Main Mall.

Mathew Ho:

- It's important to make sure the AMS doesn't operate in a bubble.
- There are so many organizations.
- Do you have a reflection on engaging with groups?

Cole Evans:

- Student unions across the country are in transition.
- It's different than 10 or 20 years ago.
- A lot of time is spent trying to figure out how best to navigate the world of digital/social media.
- Lots of groups can take part.

- There's a lot of noise.
- How do we engage with stakeholders?
- In 1960 an AGM would be a big deal.
- Now no one's going to show up in person, so let's go virtual.
- Working with other groups.
- We are also going through transition on a micro-level.
- Since 2015 there's been more and more staff, businesses.
- Still figuring out how to fill our new big clothes/shoes.
- In three to five years we'll be stabilized after getting through the growing pains.

Julia Burnham:

- It would be useful to have a standardized format for the exec goals reporting.
- Can you do that for next year?

Student Services Manager's Final Report – Mitchell Prost

[SCD473-22]

- Total interactions with the Services this year: 10,674 (last year 4,381).
 - Really big jump because of COVID.
- 21-22 budget was for \$551,378.
 - Used \$501,316 (91%).
- Cost per interaction: \$47.50 .
- Introduced web-based financial tracking system and new data collection system.
- Continued outreach and engagement.

Advocacy

- Interactions: 352 (last year 85).
- Spent 81% of budget.
- \$50 per interaction.
- More applications on denial of academic concessions.
- Many complaints about delivery of online courses, unfair grading.
- 54% domestic, 45% international.

eHub

- 749 interactions (805 last year).
- More mentorships this year.
- Also events, workshops.
- Spent 75% of budget.
- Cost per interaction \$21.50.

Food Bank

- 7496 Interactions, May 2021–March 2022.
 - 315% increase.
- \$89,350 budget.
 - Went over budget, spent \$116,836.

- Actually spent \$214,000, but received donations, e.g., \$65,000 from UBC's VP Students Office.
- 76% of our costs covered by donations.
- Need and demand has increased.
- Operational changes:
 - Back to grocery store model.
 - New data collection system to be more secure and reliable.
 - New freezer.
 - More culturally diverse food.

Housing

- Our newest service.
- 70 interactions (none last year).
- Cost per interaction \$190.50.
- A lot of the work so far has been planning.

Peer Support

- One-on-one support sessions.
- Workshops and initiatives.
- 447 interactions.
- Cost per interaction: \$101.
- Online sessions this year.
- Harm reduction: Naloxone and test strips.
- New skills training for mental health.

Safewalk

- 531 interactions (up from 218).
- Cost per interaction: \$259.
- The service hit hardest by COVID:
 - 94% reduction in use at first.
 - Now seeing steady increase.
- Added two new electric shuttles that can drive on walkways.
- New jackets.
- New training protocols.

AMS Tutoring

- 1029 interactions, down from 1275 the year before because last year there was an emphasis on end of the year review sessions.
- Went over budget, but will be receiving money, so will likely end up under budget or on budget.
- Cost per interaction: \$76.50.
- Had to deal with working in a virtual setting.
- Continued to engage with Constituencies.
- Partnered with a program for Black Canadian students.

Questions

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Can you define “interaction”?
- Do you have pre-COVID numbers?

Mitchell Prost:

- The pre-COVID numbers are not in this report, but Safewalk was up in the thousands and went down.
 - Food Bank has gone up significantly.
 - Most stayed the same.
- Interactions are different for different Services:
 - For Safewalk it’s a walk or a drive.
 - For Tutoring, it’s attendance.
 - For Housing and Advocacy, it’s the number of people supported.
 - For Peer Support, it’s one-on-one sessions.
 - For eHub, attendance.

Mathew Ho:

- Has the cost per interaction remained steady over the years?

Mitchell Prost:

- Cost per interaction is a tricky number to interpret.
- Each service provides different services.
- There’s no typical number.

Auditorium Update – Cole Evans

[SCD474-22], [SCD475-22]

- Came earlier this year with a proposal of \$3.2 million for a major renovation.
- It was an idealistic path, based on grant funding and other funding.
- This year didn’t go as planned:
 - Couldn’t finalize funding till recently.
 - Had work to finish with Get Thrifty.
- We’re still doing some work.
- Reduced scope: \$1.25 million.
- We have a \$925,000 ask in to the University, and \$337,000 was approved by Council towards a combined Get Thrifty/Auditorium project.
- Want to spend as soon as possible because of inflation, especially in construction.
- Want to be able to give the Auditorium some life:
 - New fire suppression equipment.
 - Cosmetic work in the lobby.
 - A/V (new screen).
 - New dressing rooms.
 - New flooring.
- It will make a huge difference to the space.
- Will do the work alongside the Get Thrifty work.
- Will go to tender in May or so.

- This is not the full scope, but still a significant investment at minimal cost to the Society.
- Reserved some elements to complete later:
 - Gender neutral and accessible washrooms.
 - Better theatre tech.
- Expect to apply for a grant.
- Will keep the future work in mind while doing the current work.
- Still the biggest project since the Nest/Life Building.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Longevity of the upgrades?

Cole Evans:

- Quite a long lifespan.
- Theatre lights upward of 30 years.
- New tech is designed to last; that's why it's so expensive.
- The rest (furnishings) will last 15-20 years.
- Will have viable long-term infrastructure.

J) Executive and Committee Motions

8. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

From the President

[SCD476-22], [SCD477-22], [SCD478-22],
[SCD479-22], [SCD480-22], [SCD481-22]

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS Policy renumbering be accepted as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the revised policy GV1: Policies be accepted as presented.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Section XII: Recognition and Honoraria be struck from the AMS Code of Procedure.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the revised policy CM3: Surveys be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Cole Evans:

- Reorganizing to make the policies more accessible.
- Assigning categories.
- Similar to what the Board of Governors does.
- You will be able to find all the financial policies together, and so on.
- We're also making some minor policy changes, and transferring Executive transition procedures from the Code to the transition policy, so we can review it.
- Changes to the Media Policy are to clarify roles, responsibilities, and procedures for creating statements.
- The new Prizes and Awards Policy is partly from the Code (Councillor of the Year) and partly bringing together the rules for other awards and prize draws.
- Changing the old Academic Experience Survey policy to make it a general policy on surveys, adding in the Student Engagement Survey.
- Amending the Policy on Policies to add designated staff members and Executives for each policy.

Julia Burnham:

- Why didn't we review the Executive transition procedures instead of just copying and pasting Code?
- They should be reviewed.

Cole Evans:

- 100% agree: both parts of the new transition policy need to be reviewed: the committee chair part too.
- 100% support HR Committee looking at it.

Mathew Ho:

- In the Awards policy, is there something about giveaways in which the first 20 people to do something get a prize?

Cole Evans:

- That would not be covered.

Mathew Ho:

- If it's not covered in this policy, are there other policies that do cover these, or is it fine?

Cole Evans:

- Right now it's fine.
- The Executive office does surveys with random draws.
- Wanted to establish general parameters so they're all consistent.
- Making sure draws are done randomly.

9. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

"That the motion be amended to add:

BIFRT policy GV3 be referred to the HR committee for immediate review."

... No objections

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

11. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED AVERY CHAN: [SCD482-22], [SCD483-22]

From the HR Committee

"That Council increase the current Executive Transitional Honorariums from \$1200 to \$2500."

The Executive declared a conflict of interest.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- The HR Committee received a report from the Executive Committee on the history of the honorarium.
- It began at \$1,500, then was reduced to \$1,200 in a year of budget cuts, and hasn't been increased since.
- So we want to raise this.
- There has also been discussion of compensating incoming Executives for the work they do before they take office.

Julia Burnham:

- We need to distinguish between transition and onboarding.
- Transition is what the outgoing Executives provide.
- Onboarding would be a new piece for the incoming Executives.
- The incoming Execs need the most support.
- I have a concern with the way the increase is trying to reflect the work done after Execs leave office.
- I definitely did not work more than five hours as an outgoing Exec after I left office.
- I'm worried that this is an over-correction.
- I'm really worried about the outgoing piece being emphasized when it's the incoming piece that needs reform.
- There's lots of work for the incoming Executives: perhaps their contracts should begin before May 1.

Avery Chan:

- The policy describes how the transition duties are split up (a transition report and various other duties).
- Where did this come from?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- This is all in the Code, and it is simply being moved to the policy.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Julia raises valid concerns, but I encourage Council to approve this for our current Exec.
- The honorarium has not been increased for many years.

Julia Burnham:

- I do think this needs to be passed, but it needs to be re-examined.
- We need to establish what our expectations are.

Mathew Ho:

- Who would do the review of this policy: Governance Committee or HR?

Romina Hajizadeh:

- HR would be the best place.
- Governance could also look at it.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- The HR Committee currently has the responsibility in Code, and this responsibility is being transferred to the policy.
- Code says Council may direct the HR Committee in consultation with the Finance Committee to review the amount of the honorarium.

12. MOVED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, SECONDED AVERY CHAN:

From the HR Committee

"That Council increase the current Executive Transitional Honorariums from \$1200 to \$2500."

... Carried

For (10): Romina Hajizadeh, Mathew Ho, Rachel Kim, Thomas Dunsmore, Ivran Rai, Micah Mizushima, Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan, Jonathan De Souza

- *Mathew Ho requested an in camera discussion on Committees and Transitions.*

13. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:
22]

[SCD484-

From the President

"That Council suspend Section IX B, Article 8(1) of the AMS Code of Procedure until the next meeting of Council, at which the Preliminary Budget shall be presented for approval."

Note: The budget is currently attached for information only.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

14. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

"That the motion be amended to make it not the next meeting, but the meeting after."

... No objections

15. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:

From the President

“That Council suspend Section IX B, Article 8(1) of the AMS Code of Procedure until the second meeting of Council in the new fiscal year, at which the Preliminary Budget shall be presented for approval.”

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Cole Evans:

- Finance Committee did not approve the preliminary budget.
- They need more time.

16. MOVED COLE EVANS, SECONDED MARY GAN:

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... No objections

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussions and Consultation

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

Cole Evans

- After four years this is my last Council meeting.
- Thought I’d touch on the things I’ve been able to accomplish over my past two years as President:
 - Brought in Equity staff.
 - Tripled the SASC footprint.
 - Second quorate AGM in 40 years.
 - Started work on the Auditorium project.
 - COVID-19 advocacy.
 - Worked with the University to get \$5 million in student aid.

- Mask mandates and vaccine requirements.
- Good media coverage.
- First ever Indigenous Culture Month.
- First ever Student Engagement Survey.
- Kickstarted the Strategic Plan that I know Eshana will get done in May (or I will come back from the grave).
- Fee optimization and bylaw changes.
- This room has been a big part of my AMS life.
- Going to get some R&R now; also moving to a new house.
- You won't see me here until September.
- Thank you so much for the past year.

Mathew Ho:

- Thank you for all you did.

Cole Evans:

- It's been a pleasure.

N) Executive Remarks

VP Finance - Mary Gan

[SCD485-22]

- Preliminary budget needs some more work.
- Health & Dental: Happy to say we've been able to bring in the HPV vaccine.
- Transitioning Rita.
- Hiring with Rita.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Eshana Bhangu

- I am transitioning and being transitioned.
- Winding up projects.
- Making Jump Start more accessible.
- Meeting with the new Provost pro tem to keep our priorities out front.
- Anti-racism task force launched report.
- Concerns about the Director of Campus Security: if the accounts are true, the AMS condemns those values.

Questions

Avery Chan

- Re the RBC divestment issue:
 - Is there an update on lessening ties?
 - A statement?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We did meet with Climate Justice UBC and had an extensive discussion.
- Also talked to the Advisory Board.
- It's difficult to support the campaign, not because of the values, but because the mission of the AMS does not include advocating to companies.

- There are lots of companies, and it would become problematic if we start advocating to one.
- It would mean dedicating resources (money, hours) to companies instead of to Campus Vision, club support, housing, etc.
- It's not a matter of the principle: we are strong advocates of climate justice and supporters of Indigenous people.
- The campaign does not fall under our mandate as a student society.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Re the new Campus Security Director: how did he make it through the hiring process?

Eshana Bhangu:

- I certainly will push on that.
- It's troubling that it wasn't caught in the vetting process.
- Full disclosure: I was on the committee.
- None of this came up in the process.

Mathew Ho:

- Re the KN 95 masks that we procured:
- Do you have more information on the process?

Eshana Bhangu:

- No further updates.
- They are approved and certified masks.
- When we originally got the masks, we did see the certification.
- We tried to get back in touch with the supplier, but there have been delays.

VP Administration – Lauren Benson

- Hatch show complete.
- Club renewals.
- Helping Ben with interviewing.

VP External – Saad Shoaib

- My final update.
- Engagement campaign for TransLink survey.
- Completed UCRU elections:
 - Erin Co is the new chair of UCRU.
- I'd like to thank Council for all the guidance, discussion, and long nights.

Questions

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Various SkyTrain routes have been proposed.
- Does the AMS endorse a specific route?

Saad Shoaib:

- We worked with UBC on the route that was chosen.
- It provides the most affordable housing and sustainability.

Mathew Ho

- Is there a long-term strategy for UCRU?

Saad Shoaib:

- Advocacy and Governance.
- The AMS plays a large role in what UCRU endorses.
- There's going to be a fee that the AMS will have to deal with: by referendum or another route.
- I encourage returning Councillors to be supportive of UCRU.

Mathew Ho

- Has the Palestine issue come up at UCRU?

Saad Shoaib:

- There hasn't ever been a geopolitical issue brought up in my time.
- I don't want to speak for the future board, but it wouldn't be within the mandate of UCRU, which is to advocate for high quality, accessible, affordable education.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

- Hiring for Services.
- 13 of 14 positions filled
- Final budget.
- Video projects.
- Thanks for a great year.
- I'm excited to come back for another one.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Interviews for new Executive staff.
- Orientations.
- Auditors.
- Launched new website: huge improvement.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Are scallops coming back to the Honour Roll?

Keith Hester

- Yes, but we're having trouble finding ones that are Oceanwise.

Mathew Ho:

- Timeline?

Keith Hester:

- No, since they're off the menu, but we are looking for suppliers.

O) Committee Reports

Advocacy – Eshana Bhangu

- No update.

Steering – Cole Evans

- Tiny Code change last meeting.

Finance Committee – Mary Gan

- Approving SPF applications.
- Reviewed policy I-14 (credit cards).
- Finished goals for the year: exciting.
- Have approved funding for grad class gift.

Questions

Mina Chiew:

- What is the gift?

Cole Evans:

- A combination:
 - Contributing to last year's gift: the outdoor learning space project.
 - Digital wall in the Life Building for art and signage.
 - Indigenous language project in Nest: working with local Indigenous translator to provide translations for signs.

Governance Committee – Kamil Kanji

- Been a pleasure serving in a crazy, fun year.

Questions

The Speaker:

- Gov Com had a long docket.
- Where are you at with this?
- How will you keep these items alive?

Kamil Kanji:

- They will be in the transition report.
- I will meet with the incoming chair.
- Several Councillors are staying on.

Operations Committee – Lauren Benson

- Wrapped up for the year, except for one piece of business.

HR Committee- Romina Hajizadeh

- Thanks for your support on our motions (Ombuds, Speaker, transitional honorarium).

Cole Evans:

- Really impressed with your work.
- Managing the fire.

The Speaker:

- Did the HR committee advertise before March 1 for the CEO?

Romina Hajizadeh:

- I think we were a bit late.
- We were debating whether to make changes.

Ethics and Accountability Committee – Neal Cameron

[SCD486-22]

- Pursuant to a March 23rd Council motion, Ethics & Accountability met twice in April and produced two reports.

Katherine Feng:

- The recommendations are:
 - Ensuring Council staff (Ombudsperson, CEO, Speaker) get training.
 - Ensuring opportunities for feedback.
 - Looking into non-student staff to provide training.
 - Ensuring impartiality of staff members.

Neal Cameron:

- These recommendations come from the committee with the understanding that we were tasked with things outside our mandate.

Advisory Board – Cole Evans

- Met for a transitional meeting.
- Eshana now has the torch.

Affiliate Institutions – Lauren Benson

- Still hoping to organize a meeting.

Questions

Kamil Kanji:

- Has the committee met this term?

Lauren Benson:

- No, we only meet once a semester.
- Pushing it to the wire.

Kamil Kanji:

- If a meeting is not scheduled, this is a Code violation.

AMS Events Principles and Ethics – Lauren Benson

- The updated report will be sent to Council tomorrow.

Presidents Council – Cole Evans

- No update.

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

Board of Governors –

- No update.

Senate – Eshana Bhangu

- Ukraine-Russia issue.

Q) Historical Update - Sheldon Goldfarb (10 minutes)

[SCD487-22]

- Update for the Hungarian Foresters:
 - Last time I said Sopron was part of a larger institution, but actually it was a standalone School of Mining and Forest Engineering in Hungary.
 - So it wasn't just one part of an institution that came to UBC; it was the whole Sopron School.
 - And there's a plaque on campus about this.
- Interesting aspects of our recent elections:
 - First time there is not a single white person on the AMS Executive.
 - Third time that four of the five Execs are female.
 - Eshana is our 17th female president.
- First female president: Norah Coy, 1917.
- Second one not till 1950: Nonie Donaldson, after the male president resigned, and she was next in line in the order of succession.
- Always at least one male and one female on the Exec.
- Rigid gender divisions for several decades (1920-45): the President was always male; the Secretary always female.
 - Not that this was a rule in the constitution.
 - But the culture was strong for this.
- Many more female presidents starting in the 1980's, including Rebecca Nevraumont in 1987, the year of a huge Welcome Back Barbecue at which members of the Executive (not including Rebecca) climbed on top of a Trojan Horse and tossed out Trojan condoms.
- Then there was Janice Boyle, who after being president in 1994-95 went on to be Speaker of Council.
- From 1994 through 2004, six of the 10 presidents were female.

- Then because of Spencer Keys Council abolished slates, and we stopped having female presidents for a while.
- But there have been several recently, and now Eshana.

Questions

Cole Evans:

- Did Spencer Keys get slates banned in the Bylaws?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- No, just in Code.
- It was the recent Bylaw amendments, spearheaded by Cole, that banned them in the Bylaws.

Mathew Ho:

- Were execs always paid?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- No.
- Until the governance review of 1994, they were not paid, except for a small honorarium, though the President and the VP Finance got their tuition paid.
- All our Execs have received a salary since 1995.

Romina Hajizadeh:

- Was the work level the same?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- No, typically the Execs would take jobs for the summer.
- We were smaller.

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

17. MOVED KAMIL KANJI, SECONDED ROMINA HAJIZADEH, THIRDED SAAD SHOAB:

“That the meeting move in camera.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 9:00 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:30 pm.

Councillor of the Year

Cole Evans:

- The Executive chatted.
- There was a strong slate of Councillors to choose from.
- It was not an easy decision.

- This year's Councillor of the Year is someone who showed steadfast commitment during and outside Council in working with other Councillors and the Executive, being receptive to feedback from the Executive and other Councillors.
- It is our pleasure to make the Councillor of the Year award to Kamil Kanji.

Kamil Kanji:

- Thanks so much.
- Quite a pleasure to serve alongside of such wonderful people.
- Cool to learn from all of you.

Eshana Bhangu:

- I want to thank people for their engagement.
- Thanks to you for all your work.
- It's our work that makes change.
- Want to thank my fellow Executives: Saad, Lauren, Mary, Cole.
- I spent most of my time working with Cole and pulling his leg.
- Thoroughly enjoyed my time.

Kamil Kanji:

- Does Cole have a farewell speech?

Cole Evans:

- My good-bye was in my updates.
- This has been the most crazy, chaotic, stressful, fun year ever.
- There were times I wanted to throw myself out the window.
- Any AMS President will say, You can't wait to leave, but you never regret being President.
- To all the Councillors, you are the next set of leaders in the AMS.
- This organization does really important work, great work.
- There's lots to be done.
- Always remember what motivated you to be in this position.
- Keep that energy.
- Be nice to each other
- As President I thank you all.

S) Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Next Meeting of Council May 10, 2022.

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Present	Exec transition Honorarium		
Neal Cameron	Speaker	X			
Cole Evans	President	X			
Eshana Bhangu	VP Academic	X			
Lauren Benson	VP Admin	X			
Mary Gan	VP Finance	X			
Saad Shoaib	VP External	X			
Mitchell Prost	Student Services Manager	X			
Cole Quist	Architecture				
Romina Hajizadeh	Arts	X	Y		
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	Y		
Kamil Kanji	Arts	X			
Sanjana Bedi	Arts				
Aryan Mishra	Arts				
	Audiology				
Max Holmes	BoG				
Georgia Yee	BoG				
Rachel Kim	Commerce	X	Y		
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	X	Y		
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry				
Sadhvi Sail	Economics	X			
Jade Law	Education				
Emily Reid	Engineering				
Ananya Swainathan	Engineering				
Joey Yang	Forestry				

Ezra Yu	GSS	X			
Carmen Watson	GSS				
	GSS				
	GSS				
	Indigenous Seat				
	Journalism				
Ivran Rai	Kinesiology	X	Y		
Gabrielle Matheson	Law				
Micah Mizushima	LFS	X	Y		
Sophie Penniman	Library-Archival				
Emily Gubski	Medicine				
Teddy O'Donnell	Music	X			
Ayo Lado	Nursing	X			
Grace Li	Pharmacy				
Kiera Vandeborne	Planning				
Oluwakemi Oke	Ombudsperson				
	Regent				
Minaho Chiew	Science	X	Y		
Rebecca Liu	Science				
Katherine Feng	Science	X	Y		
Avery Chan	Science	X	Y		
Julia Burnham	Senate	X			
Keanna Yu	Senate				
	Social Work				
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	X	Y		
Shadia Qubti	VST				

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Mathew Ho (at large), Kamil Kanji (President's Office), Romina Hajizadeh (President's Office), Emily Covell (President's Office), Joshua Kim (President's Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm with Eshana Bhangu in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- This meeting is taking place on the unceded territory of the Musqueam people.
- Wherever you are, you are on stolen and unceded land.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED MINAHO CHIEW:

"That the agenda be accepted as presented."

2. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED JONATHAN DE SOUZA:

"That the agenda be amended by moving the committee appointments before the budget items and the minutes."

Katherine Feng:

- Some people need to leave early.

3. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED JONATHAN DE SOUZA:

"That the agenda be amended by moving the committee appointments before the budget items and the minutes."

... No objections

4. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED MINAHO CHIEW:

"That the agenda be accepted as amended."

... No objections

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

New members:

Vacancies: Audiology, GSS x 3, Indigenous Seat, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Regent, Social Work, Arts x 4, Architecture

Goodbyes:

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

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

G) Executive and Committee Motions

Ben Du takes the Chair.

5. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

From the Executive Committee

"That Council suspend the policy on Committee Appointments to allow Council to fill committees in person at a Council meeting."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Eshana Bhangu:

- Our policy says five days' notice, then two days of voting, then Council confirmation.
- This would delay things till June 1.
- So we will do the selection of appointees in Council.
- We have committees that need to convene.
- My office will look into changing the policy.

6. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

From the Executive Committee

"That Council suspend the policy on Committee Appointments to allow Council to fill committees in person at a Council meeting."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (17): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Jade Law, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Julia Wang, Maddie Elder, Charlene Yang, Minaho Chiew, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza

Eshana Bhangu resumes the Chair

Councillor Appointments

Advocacy Committee (4):

Nominees: Audrey Chow (Arts), Minaho Chiew (Science), Julia Wang (Law), Maddie Elder (Medicine), Avery Chan (Science)

Chosen: Audrey Chow, Minaho Chiew, Julia Wang and Maddie Elder

HR Committee (5):

Nominees: Jonathan De Souza (St. Mark's), Audrey Chow (Arts), Avery Chan (Science), Rachel Kim (Commerce), Cissy Zhang (Land & Food)

Finance Committee (3):

Nominees: Thomas Dunsmore (Commerce), Kana Kawanishi (Forestry), Maddie Elder (Medicine)

Operations Committee (4):

Nominees: Mitchell Prost (Services Manager), Audrey Chow (Arts), Thomas Dunsmore (Commerce), Jonathan De Souza (St. Mark's)

Student Life Committee (4):

Nominees: Victor Liu (Kinesiology), Sofia Cecic (Engineering), Cindy Wang (Science), Georgia Yee (BoG)

Governance Committee (5):

Nominees: Audrey Chow (Arts), Katherine Feng (Science), Georgia Yee (BoG), Rachel Kim (Commerce), Cissy Zhang (Land & Food)

Health & Dental Plan Committee (1):

Nominees: Katherine Feng (Science), Charlene Yang (Pharmacy)

Chosen: Katherine Feng (Science)

Student Legal Fund Society (1):

No nominees

University Ombudsoffice Committee (2):

Nominees: Katherine Feng (Science), Mathew Ho (student at large)

CiTR (2):

Nominees: Katherine Feng (Science), Mitchell Prost (Services Manager)

7. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED JONATHAN DE SOUZA: [SCD001-23]

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Audrey Chow, Minaho Chiew, Julia Wang and Maddie Elder (4 x non-Executive Councillors) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Jonathan De Souza, Audrey Chow, Avery Chan, Rachel Kim and Cissy Zhang (5 x non-Executive Councillors) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Thomas Dunsmore, Kana Kawanishi and Maddie Elder (3 x Councillors) be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mitchell Prost, Audrey Chow, Thomas Dunsmore, and Jonathan De Souza (4 x non-Executive Councillors) be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Victor Liu, Sofia Cecic, Cindy Wang and Georgia Yee (4 x non-Executive Councillors) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Audrey Chow, Katherine Feng, Georgia Yee, Rachel Kim and Cissy Zhang (5 x non-Executive Councillors) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Katherine Feng (1 x non-GSS Councillor) be appointed to the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Katherine Feng and Mathew Ho (2 x Councillors or Students at Large) be appointed to the University Ombudsperson Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Katherine Feng and Mitchell Prost (1 x Councillor and 1 x Councillor or Student at Large) be appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors for a period effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in May 2023."

... No objections

8. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Erin Co (Executive or non-Executive Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Audrey Chow (non-Executive Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Rita Jin (Executive or non-Executive Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Audrey Chow (non-Executive Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Governance Committee effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Ben Du (Executive or non-Executive Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Eshana Bhangu (Executive or non-Executive Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022."

... No objections

At Large Appointments

Advocacy Committee (3)

Nominees: Julia Dhillon, Michael Vento, Daniel Anene-Alosa, Kiahraa Nath, Sadhvi Sail, Yatee Malhotra, Alex Liang, Jinghan Xu, Joseph Vento, Sagorika Haque

Chosen: Julia Dhillon, Sagorika Haque and Jing Jan Zhou

Finance Committee (2)

Nominees: Alex Liang, Yatee Malhotra, Sadhvi Sail

Chosen: Alex Liang and Sadhvi Sail

Operations Committee (2)

Nominees: Yatee Malhotra and Alexis Gwartney

Student Life Committee (1)

Nominees: Daiwik Shah, Amirnima Danaei

Chosen: Amirnima Danaei

Governance Committee (1)

Nominees: Alina Bhimji, Joseph Vento, Daniel Anene-Akosa
Chosen: Alina Bhimji

Art Gallery Subcommittee (1)

Nominees: Kristina Hockley, Calvin Luo, Ishita Sharma, Marie Erikson
Chosen: Ishita Sharma

9. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW: [SCD002-23]

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Julia Dhillon, Sagorika Haque and Jing Jan Zhou (3 x Students at Large) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Alex Liang and Sadhvi Sail (2 x Students at Large) be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Yatee Malhotra and Alexis Gwartney (2 x Students at Large) be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Amirnima Danaei (1 x Student at Large) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Alina Bhimji (1 x Student at Large) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Ishita Sharma (1 x Student at Large) be appointed to the Art Gallery Subcommittee for a period effective immediately and ending in May 2023.”

... No objections

H) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

10. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED ERIN CO:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.

Executive Committee minutes dated April 7, 2022
Executive Committee minutes dated April 27, 2022

[SCD003-23]
[SCD004-23]

... No objections

I) Consent Items

J) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

K) Executive and Committee Motions

Ben Du takes the Chair

11. MOVED RITA JIN, SECONDED ERIN CO:

From the Executive Committee

“That Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 8(1) requiring a preliminary budget.”

Note: There will just be a final budget this year.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Eshana Bhangu:

- There are Code requirements about the preliminary budget being delivered by April 30.
- It should have been presented at the April 27 meeting, but that Council postponed it to the second meeting of this new cycle, i.e., June 1, with the final budget due by June 30.
- It didn't make all that much sense to do all that work on the preliminary budget when three weeks later the final budget would come.
- We want to focus on the final budget.
- The preliminary budget is for the outgoing Executive, and they're not even here anymore.

12. MOVED RITA JIN, SECONDED ERIN CO:

From the Executive Committee

“That Council suspend Code Section IX B, Article 8(1) requiring a preliminary budget.”

Note: There will just be a final budget this year.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (10): Dana Turdy, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Ezra Yu, Cissy Zhang, Charlene Yang, Jonathan De Souza

Abstained: Julia Wang

Eshana Bhangu takes back the Chair

L) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

M) Discussions and Consultation

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

Eshana Bhangu:

- The first week on the job has been rewarding and enriching.
- Onboarding, orientations.
- Working on significant revisions to the Strategic Plan: aiming for end of June.
 - Aim is to engage Councillors.
 - A Strategic Plan only works if the Board buys into it.
 - We'll need all your support and engagement and thoughts.
- Working on Policies PC1 and PC2 (Sexual Violence and Respectful Community) with the Policy Advisor.
- Onboarding the new Exec.
- Financial Discipline: Executive Committee supportive.
 - Will tell more next time.
 - Want the Execs to do monthly budgets and conduct variance analyses.
 - Historic problem of under-spending.
 - One of my goals is to end the yo-yoing between under and over-spending.

O) Executive Remarks

VP Finance – Rita Jin

- Transitioning.
- Procedural guide.
- Training staff.
- Updating Canvas course.
- Credit cards for large groups.
- Reviewing financial report for funds.
- Transitioning to new financial system.

Questions

Rachel Kim:

- When will Constituencies get credit cards?

Rita Jin:

- This month.
- Reach out to us.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Dana Turdy

- Onboarding.
- Meeting University stakeholders.

- Attending committee meetings, e.g., Campus Vision Advisory Committee, search committees.
- Academic Experience Survey promotion:
 - Over 1000 responses so far.
 - Hoping for closer to 2000.
 - It's the summer, so it's lower.

VP Administration – Ben Du

- Onboarding is going smoothly.
- Introductory meeting with stakeholders for Sustainability, e.g., on carbon management, SEEDS partnership.
- Hatch Art Gallery focusing on summer prep.
 - Assessing the permanent art collection.
- Clubs:
 - Canvas course for club orientations.
 - Revision of Operations Manual to make the sections easier to understand.

VP External – Erin Co

- Onboarding going well.
- Meeting key government stakeholders.
- Meeting with the GSS.
- SUDS and campaign positions are open.
- SkyTrain to UBC campaign has wrapped up.
- I was elected chair of UCRU.
- Oriented to the UNA.
- Planning for SUDS
- Signed up to lobby on the BC budget.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

- Services team training.
- Data service project underway.
- Food Bank reopens Thursday.
- Finalizing three new promotional videos.

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Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Looking at talent for Welcome Back Barbecue.
- Flavour Lab opening on Monday.
- Working on year end. Auditors coming in June.
- Orientations.

P) Committee Reports

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

Board of Governors – Georgia Yee

- Board today. Very short.
- Received mandate letter from the province.
- Discussed institutional autonomy.
- Next meeting June 29.
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Senate – Melina Amirsharafi

- April 20 was the first meeting.
- New Arts course.
- Stand on Ukraine finalized.
- Saw the UBC Budget.
- Committee appointments.

R) Historical Update - Sheldon Goldfarb (10 minutes)

Great Trek

- This year is the 100th anniversary: October 28, 1922.
- Organized by your predecessors.
- Famous picture of students filling the frame of the unfinished Science building.
- But what was it all about?
- 1908: UBC was created on paper, but where would the campus go?
- Eventually settled on West Point Grey.
- Construction started in 1913 or 1914, but interrupted by World War I.
- Funds were diverted to the war effort.
- The University did open in 1915, but in temporary quarters in Fairview near the VGH.
- After the war there was still no resumption of construction at Point Grey.
- Students were crowded at Fairview.
- Under the leadership of AMS President Ab Richards, they began a campaign in 1922 to build the campus.
- Over the summer students went home and gathered signatures on a petition, then gathered more in Vancouver when they returned in the fall: 56,000 signatures altogether calling on the government to build the Point Grey campus.
- The climax of the campaign was the “Pilgrimage” on October 28.
- Students marched downtown, then rode streetcars to 10th and Sasamat or 4th and Alma, then marched along wagon roads the rest of the way, singing their campaign song and accompanied by floats on trucks or horsedrawn wagons.
- Once they arrived, they climbed into the Science building and formed the human UBC, then dropped stones into the memorial cairn.
- Widespread support in the community.
- The student leaders then travelled to Victoria to deliver the petition to the government.

- The government agreed to pay the \$1.5 million needed to restart construction, and the new campus opened in September 1925.
- One of the first buildings was the library, now the central stone core of IKB.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- How much is \$1.5 million today?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- I would have to look into this [the answer is over \$25 million].

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

13. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED DANA TURDY, THIRDED MINAHO CHIEW:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 8:43 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:50 pm.

T) Next Meeting and Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Next Meeting of Council June 1, 2022

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Present	Committee Appointment Policy suspension	Preliminary Budget Code Suspension
Neal Cameron	Speaker			
Eshana Bhangu	President	X		
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	X	Y	Y
Ben Du	VP Admin	X	Y	
Rita Jin	VP Finance	X	Y	Y
Erin Co	VP External	X	Y	Y
Mitchell Prost	Student Services Manager	X		
	Architecture			
Audrey Chow	Arts	X	Y	Y
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	Arts			
	Audiology			
Max Holmes	BoG			
Georgia Yee	BoG	X		
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	X	Y	Y
Rachel Kim	Commerce	X	Y	Y
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry			
Yash Ahlawat	Economics			
Jade Law	Education	X	Y	
Christian Kyle	Engineering			
Sofia Cecic	Engineering			
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry	X	Y	
Ezra Yu	GSS	X		Y
	GSS			
	GSS			

	GSS			
	Indigenous Seat			
	Journalism			
Victor Liu	Kinesiology	X	Y	
Julia Wang	Law	X	Y	A
Cissy Zhang	LFS			Y
Mandy Furr	Library-Archival			
Maddie Elder	Medicine	X	Y	
Deeandra Miranda	Music			
Ayo Lado	Nursing			
Charlene Yang	Pharmacy	X	Y	Y
Huessein Hassan	Planning			
Alec Lee	Ombudsperson			
	Regent			
Minaho Chiew	Science	X	Y	
Cindy Wang	Science	X	Y	
Katherine Feng	Science	X	Y	
Avery Chan	Science			
Melina Amirsharafi	Senate			
	Senate			
	Social Work			
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	X	Y	Y
Shadia Qubti	VST			

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Annabella McElroy, Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Lorris Leung (Senior Manager of Student Services), Mathew Ho (at large), Kamil Kanji (President's Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- This meeting is taking place on the traditional unceded lands of the Musqueam people.
- It is important to reflect on colonialism and injustices.
- We must make sure these land acknowledgments are not tokenized.
- We need to incorporate reconciliation into our work.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED MINAHO CHIEW:

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

... No objections

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

New members: Sabbir Hossain, Mopelola Akinjala and Eshita Swain (GSS)

Vacancies: Arts x 4, Audiology, Indigenous Seat, Journalism, Music, Population & Public Health, Regent, Social Work

Goodbyes: Deandra Miranda (Music)

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

The Speaker:

- You have \$1500 coverage for counselling services; be sure to use it.
- This is the place where you hold your executive to account.

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

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

2. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED CHRISTIAN KYLE:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

AMS Council minutes dated February 2, 2022	[SCD005-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 4, 2022	[SCD006-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 10, 2022	[SCD007-23]
Finance Committee minutes dated April 22, 2022	[SCD008-23]
AMS GSS Health and Dental Plan minutes dated April 25, 2022	[SCD009-23]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

Consent items Requiring a Simple Majority

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

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

J) Executive and Committee Motions

3. MOVED RITA JIN, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE: [SCD010-23], [SCD 011-23]

From the Finance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Finance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Subsidies for Club Membership and Constituency Events' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Rita Jin:

- This change will make sure funds are more accessible.
- Will now be able to apply for three special projects, not just one.
- There will be subsidies to cover club membership fees (from the Clubs Benefit Fund) and Constituency event ticket costs (from the Constituency Aid Fund).
- Making sure funds go back to students.

Max Holmes:

- Providing subsidies for Constituency events: what does that cover? Conferences?
- Will each application go through the Finance Committee? It will be a lot of work.
- This will open up the fund to lots of things.

Rita Jin:

- A Constituency event is any event a Constituency chooses to hold, like the SUS Celestial event.
- We want to increase the use of our resources and make students feel supported coming out of the pandemic.

Christian Kyle:

- Will this be widely publicized?
- You'll get a million applications.
- The Engineers have lots of events.
- How much money is in the fund?
- What is the screening process?

Rita Jin:

- Will market to all Constituencies.
- \$20,000 in fund. We've decreased collection because so much is not used.
- The process is still in discussion.
- Will be similar to Health & Dental and U-Pass subsidies; you will submit documents in support of an application.

Max Holmes:

- Every Constituency has retreats, events.
- The \$20,000 will go fast if this is open to all members for all Constituency events.
- We're creating a Code change without a set of criteria.

Rita Jin:

- This will not be for retreats, but for events open to members.

Rachel Kim:

- The document in OnBoard lays out criteria.
- Not for events that happen on a year to year basis, not for retreats.
- Commerce would benefit.

Dana Turdy:

- Is there a way to add something about demonstrating financial need?

Rita Jin:

- As for other subsidies, financial need will need to be demonstrated.
- The Finance Committee will discuss further.

Max Holmes:

- It's confusing what this would be used for.
- Maybe refer the Code change back to committee.

Rita Jin:

- Code changes like this allow the Finance Committee to create a rubric.

- We can leave that to the Finance Committee.

Christian Kyle:

- This fund has \$20,000.
- How much goes in every year?
- How much was used last year?

Rita Jin:

- There is no set figure.
- There are consistent deposits into these funds.
- If it becomes depleted, the Finance Committee can exercise its discretion over allocating the subsidies.

Max Holmes:

- Sounds like we haven't done the rubric yet.
- This is not due diligence.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- We could amend the Code change.

Rita Jin

- I will bring the completed rubric once it's approved by Finance Committee.

4. MOVED RITA JIN, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

From the Finance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Finance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Subsidies for Club Membership and Constituency Events' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (18): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Kana Kawanishi, Ezra Yu, Victor Liu, Julia Wang, Maddie Elder, Ayo Lado, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan, Shadia Qubti

Against (2): Christian Kyle, Jonathan De Souza

Abstained: Mopelola Akinjala, Minaho Chiew

5. MOVED RITA JIN, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:
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[SCD012-23], [SCD013-

From the Finance Committee

"That the amended policy FN-2 be accepted as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Rita Jin:

- This is the credit card policy.
- It's not been updated for some time.
- This will streamline the process for applying for a credit card.
- There are some terminology changes.
- If a card is suspended it can be reinstated at the discretion of the VP Finance.
- If personal expenses are charged, there is a procedure for returning money to the fund.

Christian Kyle

- Do requests go to you or the Finance Committee?

Rita Jin:

- This is monitored by me and the staff.
- It does not go to the Finance Committee.

Max Holmes:

- How many requests do we get a year?
- Is there regular reporting for accountability purposes?
- Having one person responsible can lead to things going bad.

Rita Jin:

- There is a credit limit on the whole organization.
- We only give cards to those who need them, and they're only for Constituencies or groups.
- Re accountability: the accounting staff see this as well, not just the VP Finance.

6. MOVED RITA JIN, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

From the Finance Committee

"That the amended policy FN-2 be accepted as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (21): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Ezra Yu, Victor Liu, Julia Wang, Maddie Elder, Ayo Lado, Minaho Chiew, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan, Jonathan De Souza, Shadia Qubti

7. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That Christian Kyle (1 Councillor) be appointed to the Student Life Committee effective immediately and ending at a meeting in September 2022.”

Christian Kyle:

- I know the committee hasn't done much.
- I want to look into AMS Events.
- I know EUS events.
- I want to run events that students want

8. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That Christian Kyle (1 Councillor) be appointed to the Student Life Committee effective immediately and ending at a meeting in September 2022.”

... No objections

9. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

“That Christian Kyle be appointed Chair of the Student Life Committee effective immediately and ending at a Council meeting in September 2022.”

... No objections

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussions and Consultation

Budget 2022-23 – Rita Jin

- Our revenues come from student fees, our businesses, and investments.
- We get what is left over after non-discretionary fee transfers have been made.

Assumptions

- 55,000 students enrolled.
- Pit open.
- Great Trek anniversary.
- SUDS in the summer.
- New professional development line in Exec budgets.
- COVID-19 restrictions lifted.

Revenue:

- Slightly higher than last year.

Expenses:

- Jump in Council expenses because of Trek anniversary.
- Student Services up because of Food Bank and SASC.
- Events: More for planning the Welcome Back event.

Deficit:

- Looks scary (\$1.16 million), but it's not just from this year.

Business:

- Supply chain issues.
- Increased costs.
- But moving into a more positive situation after COVID.
- New Food & Beverage outlet: Flavour Lab.
- Gallery reopening.
- Transitioning to Microsoft Dynamics Central, streamlining.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- Councillors should be able to see the complete budget prior to it coming to Council for approval.
- We should not compare our business performance to the pandemic years but to the period before the pandemic.
- We are making less than before.
- If we include inflation, we are making even less.
- How conservative are our estimates?
- The businesses are meant to make a positive contribution.
- The \$1.2 million deficit jumps out at me.
- Maybe it's okay as a pandemic number, but to continue with a deficit that size will have financial effects.
- What else is contributing to the deficit?
- How can Councillors provide feedback if they don't see the budget?
- What is the feedback mechanism?
- There was no preliminary budget.

Rita Jin:

- People can come to the Finance Committee.
- It's continuing to explore the budget.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Council is more high level.
- Fincom is the place to go for details.
- But given that there was no preliminary budget, we will share the budget with Councillors.

Max Holmes:

- Can we hear more about what are the short and long term effects of continual deficits and how will we address this?
- Should we be more disciplined?
- Why are we adding a new professional development budget line?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The professional development line is for student staff to ensure they are being trained; it's not for Executives.
- We are also paying for the governance review and the Great Trek celebration.
 - UBC is not contributing that much for the celebration.
 - Because it's a student event, we took charge.

Keith Hester:

- Re operational deficit:
 - The budget is an estimate.
 - We need to look at actuals.

Max Holmes:

- If we are in deficit, what is the effect?
- Is it actual?

Keith Hester:

- Yes and no.
- What we project to spend is not what we end up spending.
- The actual deficit may be lower.

Christian Kyle:

- Do we readjust based on actuals?

Keith Hester:

- We adjust spending based on previous years.
- The last two years we made a surplus in the Health & Dental department because of the pandemic.
- The previous two years we made a surplus because of our businesses.
- This year is a recovery year.
- We're looking at full profitability next year.

Eshana Bhangu:

- It is one thing to say we're out of the pandemic, but we're still recovering and we're not going back to 2019.
- There's a new normal.

Max Holmes:

- If the operational deficit is \$1.2 million, how will this affect the society?

Keith Hester:

- We borrow short term against our internal revenues.
- We don't make a deficit every year.
- It gets covered off the next year.

Max Holmes:

- Do we state what we're borrowing from our reserves?

- I'm trying to understand our financial health.

Keith Hester:

- In recent years we made surpluses, so the deficit was not an issue.
- Before that we were in deficit and were not in great shape, in part because of the refinancing process.
- After that, the businesses began producing surpluses.
- We made surpluses from Health & Dental the last two years.
- Before that the surpluses were from the businesses.

Max Holmes:

- If we have an operational deficit, are we borrowing off the Health & Dental reserve?
- Isn't it only for Health & Dental?
- I thought funds are supposed to be used for specific purposes.
- Are we okay because of the money in our reserves?

Keith Hester:

- Yes.

Max Holmes:

- How much of the reserves are we having to use to cover the deficit?
- It would be helpful to have that information.

Christian Kyle:

- Can we see the one-time costs?
- It would be great to see the full budget.

Eshana Bhangu:

- We are carrying a deficit of \$725,000 from last year.
- Now it is up to \$1.2 million.
- Over \$100,000 is from one-time costs (Food Bank, Great Trek, Governance Review).
- Labour costs have gone up and have not been offset as much as usual by the businesses.

Keith Hester:

- Labour costs up: we changed our tier structure in May.
- The businesses are almost at revenue levels prior to the pandemic, but costs have gone up.
- We have tried to trim costs elsewhere.
- Expecting \$372,000 profit this year.

Max Holmes

- Re differences
- We do adjust fees by inflation?

Budget 2022-23 – Keith Hester

[SCD014-23]

COVID recovery

- Not back into normal.
- Can't look at 2019 and say we should be back to that.
- There's a new normal.
- Rising costs, in part from the Russia-Ukraine War.
- Supply chain issues.
- Labour shortages: the Great Resignation, 35,000 job vacancies.
- We're having difficulty hiring staff.
- Pie R is still not open: can't find people to cook pizza.
- Predicting revenue of \$9.3 million, which is almost back to 2019 levels (\$10.2 million then), but costs have risen.
- Just before the pandemic, the businesses were making a slight loss.
- The Pit is going to open more to bring in more revenue.
- Flavour Lab is projected to make money.
- The Gallery's revenue is expected to go up.
- The Porch will be the same as before the pandemic; food costs are affecting it.
- Trying to open Pie R next January; it will be down from pre-pandemic revenue.
- Blue Chip up from before pandemic.
- Honour Roll about the same as before the pandemic.
- Grand Noodle about the same.
- Contribution (bottom line):
 - Flavour Lab loss (generally businesses make a loss in their first couple of years); it will be carried by other areas.
 - Conferences & Catering have huge labour cost, so low contribution.
 - Altogether Food & Beverage will make a small loss.
- Food & Beverage Plan:
 - Gradual recovery from COVID.
 - We kept most places open, just opened Flavour Lab.
 - Still no Pie R.
 - Replaced Merit Travel with Thirstyyy.
 - Replaced Vancity with Blue Chip Extra.
 - Korean hot dog outlet replacing the Bloomsbury gift shop.
 - Conferences & Catering supports clubs.
 - C&C focusing on growth offsite; major competitor went bankrupt.
- Completing financial system migration.
- Ramping up cyber security.
- HR is busy trying to retrain and attract talent.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- The predicted revenue (\$9.3 million) is less than we used to get, despite inflation.
- Why? Competition?

- The business contributions from Food & Beverage and Conferences & Catering are negative.
- Aside from tenant services, we're not making money.
- It would be helpful to see actuals in the final budget: did we lose as much as projected?
 - Don't want to cut costs if we don't need to.
- Can we increase what we charge the tenants?

Keith Hester:

- We are not out of the pandemic; we're still in recovery mode.
- Restrictions are starting to lift, but we are not at pre-COVID levels yet.
- Food insecurity has increased.
- People don't have as much disposable income, so that means less business for us.
- Hopefully that will come back.
- Inflation needs to come down.
- As to leases:
 - A number came up for renewal in 2019, and we did increase rents.
 - Others will be coming up for renewal, and they will increase too.
 - We have the ability to increase annually in accordance with CPI, but haven't done that because our tenants have been struggling.

Max Holmes:

- AMS businesses, as opposed to our tenants, don't pay rent.
- What's accounting for their increased costs?
- Is it labour?

Keith Hester:

- Labour and the costs of goods and the cost of repairs.

Mathew Ho:

- During the pandemic Honour Roll only did sushi on demand.
- Now they prepare ahead of time.
- Has that increased costs because of wastage?

Keith Hester:

- We have reverted to making the sushi ahead of time rather than to order, but wastage costs are minimal; however, fish costs have gone up 40%.

Governance Review – Eshana Bhangu

- Doing the initial scoping.
- This is something I ran on and promised.
- Last governance review was in 2016 with external firm (MNP).
- Two options:
 - Go with an external company (costing \$70,000 or more).
 - Internal review by an ad hoc committee.

- My recommendation is go the internal route.
- Not the best use of our money to spend on an external company, given our deficit.
- Also external companies don't necessarily understand our structure.
- Looking for a nod of approval on this.
- Also, what would you like to see in a governance review?

Thomas Dunsmore:

- What are the benefits of going with an external consultant?
- Why did they do that in 2016?
- I'd like to see more students at large involved.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The advantage of going with an external company last time had to do with the fact that we were looking at business and management issues; maybe it did make sense for that.

Katherine Feng:

- I agree that some external firms don't understand the nuances of the AMS.
- Have we ever done an internal review?
- In the last review how many recommendations were followed through on?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Would have to get back to you on the numbers.
- There were issues with timing, turnover of Executives.
- Not all of the recommendations were implemented.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- There were 16 recommendations.
- One major one that was implemented was reducing the size of Council by reducing the number of representatives from the larger Constituencies.
- Most of the proposals were implemented, including for instance the system of Executive goals.
- One that couldn't be was the recommendation to increase the term of Councillors to two years.
 - Everyone liked the idea, but no one could figure out how to make the logistics work.
- We have done both internal and external reviews over the years.
- One internal one was in 2009, on committee reform.
- Even when we hire an external company, there's also an internal committee involved; in 2016 there was a Governance Review Committee and then a Governance Review Implementation Committee.

Eshana Bhangu:

- This time we would have an ad hoc committee of Council, with responsibility ultimately residing with the Executive, the President.

Christian Kyle

- I feel an internal review is the right call.
- In the EUS external organizations have a hard time understanding the structure, and it's a huge waste of money.
- And the review process and the implementation process become separate with an external consultant.

Eshana Bhangu:

- I have some numbers now: 10 of the 16 recommendations from last time were implemented.
- There'd likely be more buy-in for internal recommendations.

Max Holmes:

- The last governance review took too long; it was a two-year process: first Governance Review, then the Implementation Review.
- There was leadership changeover in the middle.
- New ideas came forward that weren't in the original review.
- Internally a review can be done in one year.
- Bylaw changes can be put forward next March.
- The ad hoc committee should be populated by Councillors as much as possible.
- The board will be responsible; that will be helpful to move things along.
- There should be regular updates to Council.
- Last year on the Strategic Plan there was not enough Council involvement.

Avery Chan:

- You could look at partnering with students or courses the way Sustainability does.

Katherine Feng:

- What can be done to prevent the problem of presenting at the end of the year and then having it forgotten?

Eshana Bhangu:

- I will give this more thought.
- There will be mechanisms in the terms of reference.
- Aiming for a referendum, so will have to be ready by January-February.
- Before the end of my term we will have the changes passed.

Max Holmes:

- Never aim to have things approved in April.
- Get them ready before referendum time.

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

Eshana Bhangu:

- The first month flew.
- Working on Governance Review.

- Making significant revisions to the Strategic Plan.
- Developing a policy on compensation for equity-denied groups.

- Council orientation on the weekend.
- Implementing UBC Indigenous Finance Guidelines to reduce barriers for Indigenous students.
- Great Trek anniversary planning; want to work with the Musqueam.
- Executive goals.
- Equity Action Plan.
- Anti-racism Task Force recommendations.
- Campus vision 2050.
- Financial discipline.

N) Executive Remarks

VP Finance – Rita Jin

- Code changes.
- Budget.
- Finance and Health & Dental committee meetings have started.
- Health & Dental Plan.
- Credit cards.
- Increasing transparency and marketing of the finance department.
- Mental health coverage.
- TikTok, Instagram reels.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Dana Turdy

- Academic Experience Survey (AES) closed last night: 1090 responses.
 - Waiting on data; report to come to Council.
- Campus Vision 2050: UBC's land use planning process.
 - I sit on the community advisory committee.
 - We will send a submission with our priorities.
 - There will be opportunities for engagement.
- BC is decriminalizing possession of small quantities of opioids.
 - This is exciting in terms of harm reduction.
 - We will advocate for changes to UBC policies.
- VPAUA caucus last night.
- Regular meetings with UBC.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- UBC is implementing a new meal plan for residences.
- Is the AMS involved in this?
- Have we given feedback?

Dana Turdy:

- Hadn't heard of this.

- Will look into it.

Katherine Feng:

- How does the AES response rate compare to previous years?

Dana Turdy

- 2021: 2756.
- 2020: 2170.
- Usually around 2000.
- Lower engagement this year as it went out later than usual.
- It's usually right before elections.
- This year it went out in April, at the end of term during finals.
- Unfortunate.
- Next year will make sure it goes out early.

VP Administration – Ben Du

- Campus Base CWL login issue has been resolved.
- Sustainability priorities being planned.
- Soapstand maintenance done:
 - Affordable and convenient laundry detergent.
- Meeting with SEEDS, wanting to renew partnership.
- Hatch Art Gallery
 - Exhibition with SASC.
 - Verification process of permanent collection.
- Clubs:
 - Exec orientation.
 - Canvas course.
 - Club renewals – extended the deadline by 35 days to prevent 43 accidental deconstitutions.
 - Total number of clubs: 311.
 - New club applications being accepted.

VP External – Erin Co

- BC budget consultation coming up.
 - Always held in September but this year moved to June.
 - Usually we get a speaking spot, but this year no; they want to give other student unions a chance.
 - They also limited submissions to 300 words.
 - We've expressed our disappointment.
- Campus Vision 2050.
- Hired campaigns and SUDS coordinators.
- Equity based grants.
- Meetings with other student unions and government stakeholders.
- Municipal elections coming in October.

Questions

Katherine Feng:

- The new submissions format for the BC budget is not long enough.
- Have you let the government know?
- What areas are you prioritizing?
- Are there other avenues for feedback?

Erin Co:

- We have expressed our disappointment on this.
- We can advocate directly to the ministry.
- This week doing research on what to prioritize.

Max Holmes:

- Re advocating on housing.
- There have been multiple proposals at Vancouver City Council about the Broadway Plan.
- Has the AMS sent submissions or gone to meetings about housing connected to this?

Erin Co:

- We get invites to speak at Mayors Council about SkyTrain.
- Always focused on affordable housing.
- On the UNA board too.

Minaho Chiew:

- What was the original submission number before reduction to 300 words?

Erin Co:

- Before it was like a Canvas quiz and you could attach a document with no word limit.
- That's what we'd like.

10. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED JONATHAN DE SOUZA:

"That Council suspend Code Section III, Article 1(13) to allow more questions."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

Max Holmes:

- The VP External used to advocate to City Council as well as the Mayors Council.
- Are we going to Council about the housing project?
- Are we making student voices heard?
- And is it wise to spend time complaining about the submission process?
- Maybe the focus should be on working within the process.

Erin Co:

- On housing we are planning to send people to speak to City Council.
- So far haven't because I want to send them to meetings well equipped.
- We include affordable housing in all our submissions.
- We are figuring out how to best advocate for students.
- As to complaining about the process, we are not complaining for the sake of complaining. We're complaining to be able to make adequate recommendations.

Mathew Ho:

- Do you have UCRU updates?

Erin Co:

- We are electing committee chairs.
- Then governance review and priorities.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

- Supporting my new staff.
- Food Bank reopened after brief closure.
 - Amendment to budget.
- Safewalk:
 - Usage review to see how to adjust the number of teams.
- Housing:
 - Housing week in July: Renting best practices.
 - Good relations with housing groups.
- Advocacy:
 - Respondent resource specialist at UBC.
- Peer Support hiring.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- How are we hoping to expand the Housing Service beyond one-on-one support and providing information?
- Are there relationships with tenants unions?

Mitchell Prost:

- We heard the need for centralizing resources.
- We are looking at ways of creating new communities and supplying more information on housing.
- We have a housing database and housing postings.
- The original idea was for an educational resource centre about housing.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Updating employee handbooks.
- Auditors coming in two weeks.
- Performance reviews for my direct reports.
- Financial systems replacement.
- Flavour Lab opened May 16, getting great reviews.

- Gallery renovations ongoing, but it's reopened.
 - Still some things to do, in December.
 - New furniture in August.
- Working on staff recruitment: 35 vacant positions.
- Lorris Leung is leaving us, unfortunately, as Senior Manager of Student Services.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- The union contract expired a year ago.
- There are inflationary pressures.
- Is this a priority?

Keith Hester:

- We were supposed to meet on Friday, but that was postponed.
- We have been reaching out to the union since the contract expired.
- We're very much aware of the issue.
- Want to make sure our people are looked after.

O) Committee Reports

Advocacy – Erin Co

- Meeting tomorrow.

Steering – Eshana Bhangu

- Meeting on Friday.

Finance Committee – Rita Jin

- Met twice.
- Approved Mugshare cups to promote sustainability.
- Code changes that came tonight.
- New subsidy for Childcare Bursary Fund.
- Set our goals.
- Clubs terms of repayment.

Governance Committee – Audrey Chow

- Met once.
- Set some goals around elections.
- Spoke about Fincom budget amendments.
- Looked at creating a procedure for removing committee members.

Operations Committee – Ben Du

- Met once.
- Reviewed goals and responsibilities.
- Appointed a vice-chair.
- Approved a new club outside our regular window: Ukrainian Student Union.
- Review of video surveillance policy.

Speakers Business – Neal Cameron

- Anne in Communications wants to do a behind the scenes of AMS Council.
- We need to give Council 24 hours' notice.
- You have the right to request to not be on camera.

HR Committee – Audrey Chow

- Met once.
- Set some goals.
- Discussed Executive honorariums, especially the idea of splitting them: half when an Exec is incoming, half when outgoing.
- Hiring CEO and Deputy Ombudsperson.

Questions

Katherine Feng:

- The honorarium for chair transition reports has still not been paid.
- Still waiting from a year ago.

Audrey Chow:

- I will look into it.

Advisory Board – Eshana Bhangu

- Met in April.
- Trying to schedule the next meeting.

Affiliate Institutions – Ben Du

- No report.

Presidents Council – Eshana Bhangu

- Haven't met yet.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes

- Met May 10.
- Provincial mandate letter approved.
- June meetings.

Questions

Dana Turdy:

- When is the properties committee meeting?

Max Holmes:

- June 15 or 16.

Senate – Keanna Yu

- Two new student senate caucus chairs.
- Approved Indigenous admissions pathway for dentistry.
- Science – first year focus approved.
- Law students opposed getting rid of the current system of dropping the lowest 12 credits and replacing it with Broad Based Admissions. This was referred back to committee.

Ombudsperson – Alec Lee

- No report.

Q) Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb (10 minutes)

The Archivist read excerpts from two years in *The Hundred-Year Trek*, first 1932-33:

- Depression, cutbacks, lots of events cancelled.
- Surplus as a result, and the AMS got criticized for not spending enough.

Then 1974-75:

- Complaints about UBC food services.
- There were no AMS food outlets yet.
- There was no aquatic centre, but the AMS held a referendum to approve one despite opposition from the Engineers.
- Campus housing shortage.
- Paintings went missing from the AMS art collection.
- An AMS election was decided by a coin toss.
- An Engineers' prank put the UBC Bursar on the AMS election ballot.

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

AMS Budget 101

[SCD015-23]

11. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE, THIRDED CHRISTIAN KYLE:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 9:36 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 10:00 pm.

12. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

"That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Kamil Kanji as a student representative at large, and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council's decision."

... No objections

Executive Commitments – In Camera

13. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED RACHEL KIM, THIRDED ESHANA BHANGU:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 10:05 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 11:17 pm.

S) Next Meeting and Adjournment

Council lost quorum at 11:17 pm and thus adjourned.

Next Meeting of Council June 22, 2022

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Attended	Code Changes 2022: Club Subsidies	Revised Policy FN2 Credit Cards
Neal Cameron	Speaker	Y		
Eshana Bhangu	President	Y	Y	Y
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	Y	Y	Y
Ben Du	VP Admin	Y	Y	Y
Rita Jin	VP Finance	Y	Y	Y
Erin Co	VP External	Y	Y	Y
Mitchell Prost	Student Services Manager			
	Architecture			
Audrey Chow	Arts	Y	Y	Y
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	Audiology			
Max Holmes	BoG			
Georgia Yee	BoG			
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	Y	Y	Y
Rachel Kim	Commerce	Y	Y	Y
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry			
Yash Ahlawat	Economics			
Jade Law	Education			
Christian Kyle	Engineering	Y	N	Y
Sofia Cecic	Engineering			
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry	Y	Y	Y
Ezra Yu	GSS	Y	Y	Y
Sabbir Hossain	GSS			
Mopelola Akinjala	GSS	Y	A	
Eshita Swain	GSS			
	Indigenous Seat			
	Journalism			
Victor Liu	Kinesiology	Y	Y	Y
Julia Wang	Law	Y	Y	Y
Cissy Zhang	LFS			
Mandy Furr	Library-Archival			
Maddie Elder	Medicine	Y	Y	Y

	Music			
Ayo Lado	Nursing	Y	Y	Y
Charlene Yang	Pharmacy			
Huessein Hassan	Planning			
	Population & Public Health			
Alec Lee	Ombudsperson			
	Regent			
Minaho Chiew	Science	Y	A	Y
Cindy Wang	Science	Y	Y	Y
Katherine Feng	Science	Y	Y	Y
Avery Chan	Science	Y	Y	Y
Melina Amirsharadi	Senate			
Keanna Yu	Senate	Y		
	Social Work			
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	Y	N	Y
Shadia Qubti	VST	Y	Y	Y

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Annabella McElroy, Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Lorris Leung (Senior Student Services Manager), 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 meeting is taking place on the traditional and unceded lands of the Musqueam people.
- We need to learn from, acknowledge and reflect on this history.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED BEN DU, SECONDED CHRISTIAN KYLE:

“That all remarks and reports other than President’s Business and Remarks be removed from tonight’s agenda.”

“That Code Section VI, Article 7(1)(g) be suspended in order to postpone annual report on sustainability priorities until July.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

2. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That Council suspend Code Section III, Article 1(23) for tonight’s meeting to allow the Chair to take part in debate.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

3. MOVED BEN DU, SECONDED CHRISTIAN KYLE:

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

... No objections

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

New members: Kaitlyn Darrach (Music), Max Holmes (Arts), Mathew Ho (Arts), Kaysan Adriyanto (Arts), Cynara Onyemordi (Arts)

Vacancies: Architecture, Audiology, Indigenous seat, Journalism, Planning, Population & Public Health, Regent, Social Work

Goodbyes: Huessein Hassan (Planning)

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

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

Adam Dobrer:

- Thanks for having me.
- On March 14th the Advocacy Committee broke Code.
- They failed to provide notice and upload the agenda on time.
- The committee only got a Palestinian point of view.
- Their process was not fair.
- No Jewish voices were heard.
- It was as if our history did not matter.
- Does this body really have fair free open debate and equity and inclusion?
- There was a failure to give us a meaningful voice.
- We are a marginalized community.
- Before and after the meeting there was name calling.
- We just wanted to share our perspective.
- This has shattered our sense of safety and belonging.
- The AMS claims to include all communities
- I don't believe you.
- The AMS must do better.

Max Holmes:

- The Governance Committee should look into agendas being posted online.
- This is a systemic issue.
- If the statements were made in the Nest by AMS members it would fall under our harassment and discrimination policy.
- It should be reported to the Ombudsperson.

Mathew Ho:

- Committee chairs handle most things.
- The committees should have a mechanism for feedback and review.

Adam Dobrer:

- This issue is not new.
- I have seen this since 2018 and nothing happens.
- The AMS has not had meaningful conversations with the Jewish community on campus.
- The committees need to hear more than one point of view

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

5. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented."

Council minutes dated February 16, 2022	[SCD016-23]
In Camera Council minutes dated February 16, 2022 (to view these minutes please contact Sheldon)	[SCD017-23]
Council minutes dated March 2, 2022	[SCD018-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated May 25, 2022	[SCD019-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 1, 2022	[SCD020-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated January 14, 2022	[SCD021-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated February 14, 2022	[SCD022-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated March 14, 2022	[SCD023-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated June 2, 2022	[SCD024-23]
Operations Committee minutes dated May 20, 2022	[SCD025-23]
Finance Committee minutes dated April 27, 2022	[SCD026-23]
Finance Committee minutes dated May 24, 2022	[SCD027-23]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 1, 2022	[SCD028-23]
Finance Committee minutes dated June 6, 2022	[SCD029-23]
AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan minutes dated April 25, 2022	[SCD030-23]
HR Committee minutes dated April 22, 2022	[SCD031-23]
HR Committee minutes dated May 25, 2022	[SCD032-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated May 30, 2022	[SCD033-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 6, 2022	[SCD034-23]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

Max Holmes:

- Pull motions 3,4 and 5 and put them under committee motions
- Only do the hours increase motion

Consent items Requiring a Simple Majority

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

6. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED MATHEW HO: [SCD035-23], [SCD036-23],
[SCD037-23], [SCD038-23]

"Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee that the hours for Campaigns and Community Engagement Commissioner be increased from 15 to 20 hours per week effective immediately until July 1, 2022."

"Be it further resolved that the associated Job Description be approved as presented."

"Be it further resolved that Council accept the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee that the hours for Campaigns and Outreach Commissioner be increased from 10 to 15 hours per week."

"Be it further resolved that the associated Job Description be approved as presented."

... No objections

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Governance Review

Eshana Bhangu:

- The plan is to create a Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee.
- This gives Council oversight over the process.
- The mandate will be approved by Council.
- The committee will remain focused on student government and Council.
- Management was dealt with last review.
- Procedures are there.

7. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

[SCD039-23]

From the Executive Committee

"Be it resolved that the Terms of Reference for the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee be adopted as presented."

"Be it further resolved that Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Mathew Ho, Max Holmes and Cynara Onyemordi (5 x non-executive Councillors) be appointed to the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in March 2023."

Note: The President and a representative of the Governance Committee also sit on this Committee.

... No objections

8. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED MATHEW HO

"That Max Holmes (a non-Executive Councillor on the Committee) be appointed Chair of the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in March 2023."

Note: The aim is that any proposed Bylaw changes be ready to go to referendum in March 2023.

... No objections

Executive Goals

Eshana Bhangu:

- We are presenting our goals for the year.

- Hold us accountable.

President's Goals – Eshana Bhangu:

Affordability and accessibility

- Livable income.
- Financial aid for international students.
- Getting a seat on the student affordability committee.
- Lowering housing costs.
- Accessible childcare.
- Food security – secure more money.
- Review the policy on international students' eligibility for need based aid.
- Get rid of obsolete fees.

EDI

- Internal policy for equity-deserving groups.
- Full time equity and inclusion staff member.
- Indigenous finance guidelines.

Governance, Services, Sustainability

- I want to ensure we produce reviews and realize the recommendations.
- Want to review how we support subsidiary organizations.
- New club financial systems – review this immediately with the VP Admin.

Questions

Lola Akinjala:

- Re affordability for international students
- Will this include Grad students?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Yes.
- Right now a lot of needs-based aid is available for domestic students.
- For international students the aid is merit based.
- We need to provide more needs-based aid to international students on campus.

VP External Goals – Erin Co

- Financial affordability.
- Hold the Government to account for their promises.
- Equity based grants, Canada Student Grant, BC Access Grant, BC Grad student scholarship.

Housing affordability

- Expanding the shelter allowance in the student living allowance.
- BC Student housing loan program.

- Campus Vision 2050.

Wellness and Safety

- Standards for sexualized violence preventions.
- Hear2 talk.
- More mental health support.
- More harm reduction initiatives.

International student support

- Canadian Experience Class express entry – broader support.
- Work integrated learning programs and Co-op for international students.

VP Finance Goals – Rita Jin

New subsidies

- AMS club membership fee subsidy.
- Constituency event fee subsidy.
- Child care bursary subsidy.
- Use Constituency Aid fund and Clubs Benefit Fund.
- Get students involved in communities.
- Child care is a huge expense for a student.
- Use child care bursary fund.
- Expansion of the Clubs Benefit Fund and Constituency Aid Fund.
- Would fund more than one project a year.
- Improved accessibility and inclusivity in the AMS/GSS health and dental plan.
- Looking at a virtual health plan.

VP Academic Goals – Dana Turdy

Affordability

- Campus Vision 2050 – high density affordable housing for students.
- Textbook Broke and OER Campaign.
- Food security strategy and campaign.

Sexual Violence Prevention and Awareness

- SASC 20 year anniversary.
- Sexual assault awareness month.
- SC 17 review.

Student Health & Wellness

- Harm reduction.
- Substance testing clinic on campus.
- Mental health supports.

Accessibility

- Disability task force.
- Universal accessibility as part of Campus Vision 2050.
- The government just mandated that universities have accessibility plans.

VP Administration Goals – Ben Du

- Spaces and programming enriching our community.
- This building can foster community on campus.
- Infrastructure and programming.
- Resource groups enhancement.
- Inclusive spaces review.
- Community focused programming.
- Commons will open full time in September.
- Nest safety inclusive spaces review.

Hatch

- Looking at ways to maximize the potential.
- Two new coordinators hired.

Subsidiaries

- Increase their engagement.
- New club allocation process with have a two-week deadline review.

Club support – financial and operational

- Assistance with events.
- Conference for undergraduate societies.

Efficient Operations

- Campus Base online help centre.
- Club office refresh and more storage.
- Improvements to room bookings.
- Safety and damage prevention plans for high risk Net bookings.

Advancing sustainability through meaningful action

- Net Zero 2050.
- ISC and lending library.
- Sustainability corridor.
- ASAP review (sustainability action plan).
- Encouraging environment friendly food choices.
- Friendly food labels.
- Make students aware of their environmental footprint.

Student Services Goals – Mitchell Prost

Triannual review of the Student Services.

- Usage collection data.
- Include all marginalized groups.
- Analysis of EDI.

Increased awareness and usage of the AMS Student Services

- New videos.
- Work with stakeholders to support food security.
- Increased services on other locations on campus.

Continued development of the AMS Housing Service

- Increased hours.
- A housing related referral.
- Do more campaigns and events promoting.

Executive Committee Goals

- Communication and engagement.
- First week, 100 anniversary of the Trek.

Consultation framework

- Develop guidelines.
- Data driven and mandate focused work.
- We need to impact our students.
- Put EDI in goals.
- Cross portfolio collaboration.
- Policy reviews (PC1 PC2 and CM4).

9. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

[SCD040-23]

“That the Executive Goals be accepted as presented.”

Max Holmes:

- Can the Exec update the goals document to include campaign promises?
- Can you bring this document for next Council?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We will vote on goals separately.
- If they don't pass they will come back next meeting.
- The goals are how you measure our success.

Mathew Ho:

- Re data driven work
- Based on collective data – we should focus on the data review.

Max Holmes:

- How will the goals be measured using data?

Christian Kyle:

- How will these goals be accessible and advertised?
- How will your progress be updated?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Our updates should include our progress.
- There is a mid-term review.
- We will create content once the goals are approved.

10. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That the Executive Goals be accepted as presented.”

... Carried

For (19): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Ayo Lado, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan

Abstained: Max Holmes

11. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

[SCD041-23]

“That the President’s Goals be accepted as presented.”

Max Holmes:

- Re Equity seeking groups and permanent staff position
- Is the position in the budget?
- How will we define “Equity Seeking”?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The position is in the budget.
- Re the policy – we are consulting, will bring this to Council, looking at the way UBC handles this.

Mathew Ho:

- Can you clarify the goal about barriers preventing student groups from accessing their funds?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The resource groups have difficulty accessing their funds, making it seem like there are barriers and eroding trust in the AMS.

12. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

“That the President’s Goals be accepted as presented.”

... Carried

For (17): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Max Holmes, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Ayo Lado, Cindy Wang, Avery Chan

Against: Christian Kyle

13. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

[SCD042-23]

"That the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs Executive Goals be approved as presented."

Max Holmes:

- The action items don't read as action items; they sound like your job.
- Should Council make our own evaluation process for these goals?
- Why no specificity on the goals?
- E.g.: "more affordable housing" how will you do this?

Dana Turdy:

- I could be more specific and create more quantitative targets.

Max Holmes:

- The executive platforms were more specific.
- I think there should be more specificity on evaluation or how you will accomplish these goals.

Mathew Ho:

- ESG goes beyond climate justice
- How will these goals be implemented?
- ESG principles need to be expanded.
- EDI doesn't have action items.

Dana Turdy:

- Noted.
- Do you want ESG in multiple goals.

Mathew Ho:

- More ESG goals in your action items.

Dana Turdy:

- The University was focused on the environmental aspect of ESG so that's what why it's in the climate section of my goals, but it's supposed to apply to my other goals.

Audrey Chow:

- Do you have tangible goals to support sexual assault survivors?

Dana Turdy:

- The AMS's Sexual Assault Support Centre is an essential service for students.
- I want students to engage with SASC.
- I help liaise between UBC's SVPRO and SASC.

Audrey Chow:

- How will you advocate concerning the University's responsible investment strategy?

Dana Turdy:

- I will advocate for more transparency and push the University to commit in writing to ESG principles.

Audrey Chow:

- The University just released a report.
- Will you use this?

Dana Turdy:

- This is what I'm basing my process on.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Affordability goals – awareness.
- Who are you making aware? Students know.

Dana Turdy:

- This is more about advocating to the University.
- Seeking funding from the University.
- Increasing awareness of what we are doing.
- Focusing on food security.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Re the Indigenous goals
- You didn't mention consulting with these groups.

Dana Turdy:

- I want to create consultation guidelines
- We don't do our consultation very well.

- I will work closely with the Indigenous Committee.

Max Holmes:

- Glad to hear there will be an engagement process coming
- Did you consult the Indigenous Committee on this already?
- UBC has Indigenous action goals.

Dana Turdy:

- I consulted with the Indigenous Committee when I was campaigning.
- I will try to make sure the Indigenous Strategic Plan is implemented.
- I will ask the Indigenous Committee to tell us what they want.

Mathew Ho:

- Accessible housing and food affordability – is there something short term on this?

Dana Turdy:

- The task force recommendations are essential.
- It is important that we be involved in this process.
- In the short term looking to the Food security initiative.
- Getting the University to commit to more short term need funding.
- Working with the University on affordability issues

14. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

"That the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs Executive Goals be approved as presented."

... Carried

For (13): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Ayo Lado, Avery Chan

Against (3): Audrey Chow, Max Holmes, Cynara Onyemordi

Abstained: Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Minaho Chiew, Cindy Wang

15. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

[SCD043-23]

"That the Vice-President Administration's Executive Goals be approved as presented."

Max Holmes:

- You had the better format for goals.
- Re the Clubs Resource Centre, how will your reforms be different than past ones?
- We keep changing this space.

Ben Du:

- We have two approaches.
- Previously we did not take advantage of September when people explore what the AMS has to offer.
- Also, we will be hosting events in the space, e.g., coffee for commuters.
- The Clubs Resource Centre will welcome commuters.
- We will not be changing the concept of the space.
- We want to maximize the space's opportunities.

Rachel Kim:

- Can you tell us more about Constituency support?
- Re the conference – what would the value be to constituencies?

Ben Du:

- We are currently planning this conference.
- We will consult what people want.
- We understand that these people are already trusted to represent their Constituency.
- Each undergrad society acts as a self-contained unit.
- There are ideas that could and should be shared between Constituencies.
- Contents of the conference – team-building strategic governance.
- It will help undergraduate societies to collaborate.
- Changing Clubs Days to Clubs Fair and will welcome undergraduate societies to be involved.
- This has worked for them in the past.

Rachel Kim:

- Do you have other action items to support Constituencies?

Ben Du:

- Growth for all aspects of University life – clubs, constituencies, affiliated colleges.
- What we do might apply to other help out Constituencies.
- We will take feedback from everyone so we can improve the process.

Avery Chan:

- Can you give more details on how you will work on Campus Base this year?
- 24 hour support would be good.

Ben Du:

- Campus Base tries to do a lot.
- It is a centralized platform for clubs.
- The issue has always been about support.
- An online help centre is integral to this system.

- We have done a recent survey that we can use to improve this system.

Minaho Chiew:

- Can you provide more information on the lending library?
- Also, what does operation assistance look like and how would it increase membership?

Ben Du:

- The lending library will have small tools.
- The Thingery idea last year was too broad.
- This will be for household items that student use occasionally.
- We are circulating a survey to find out what students need.
- Re operational support: The clubs and Constituencies need to tell us what support they need.

Max Holmes:

- How will you sustain club growth and expansion?
- Clubs Fair: how will you incorporate the businesses to make sure this brings new students in the building?

Ben Du:

- To sustain club growth we will use the Clubs Benefit Fund.
- It increased by 50% in the last 3 years.
- We consistently underspend this fund.
- Re the Clubs Fair:
- We are looking to incorporate our outlets in this fair.
- If we can expand to MacInnes field and the plaza, this would create a corridor through the building.
- We are seeing if our outlets can booth outside.

Mathew Ho:

- Re professional development conference – who would pay?
- Club events and safety protection – can you elaborate?

Ben Du:

- We have funds that would work for a conference.
- It would go through the Finance Committee.
- We want to prevent damage caused at club bookings.
- We are going to require a damage prevention plan.

... Carried

16. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

[SCD043-23]

"That the Vice-President Administration's Executive Goals be approved as presented."

For (22): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Max Holmes, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Ezra Yu, Victor Liu, Julia Wang, Cissy Zhang, Maddie Elder, Ayo Lado, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan

17. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED MATHEW HO: [SCD044-23]

"That the Vice-President External's Executive Goals be approved as presented."

Max Holmes:

- There's not much specificity.

Erin Co:

- We want to consult first.
- This will be data driven.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Re Campus Vision 2050.
- What steps will you take re affordability?

Erin Co:

- I sit on the UNA board.
- I will advocate from the student perspective.

Mathew Ho:

- Can rapid transit to UBC be tied to affordable housing?

Erin Co:

- There will have to be a decision on the stations before advocating for housing in the areas.

Audrey Chow:

- Will you advocate with other student unions about student loan repayment assistance?

Erin Co:

- Yes, I am chair of UCRU (the federal lobby group).
- We will include this in our UCRU goals and do a federal budget submission in August.

Max Holmes:

- I hope we will talk about how we prioritize to the Government.
- We need to be aligned with other universities on our advocacy.
- I don't see items engaging with City Council.
- The VP External engages with City Council.
- This has dropped off over the past few years.

- An election is coming – how will student voices be heard?

Erin Co:

- We are in Electoral District A.
- We will advocate with students from all over the Lower Mainland.
- We engaging with Mayor Stewart.
- Keeping up with what City Council is doing and speaking opportunities.

Mathew Ho:

- Re SUDS
- What student leaders are involved?
- How will this benefit the student body?

Erin Co:

- SUDS is a conference for student leaders.
- This benefits students as we share ideas with other student unions.
- This builds bridges with other student unions.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Can you expand on how you will advocate for students with disabilities?

Erin Co:

- The University recognized a 40% course load as full time.
- The Government doesn't recognize this.
- We want to ensure grant criteria are inclusive.

18. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the Vice-President External's Executive Goals be approved as presented."

... Carried

For (20): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Max Holmes, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Cissy Zhang, Maddie Elder, Ayo Lado, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan

Abstained: Minaho Chiew

19. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED AVERY CHAN:

[SCD045-23]

"That the Vice-President Finance Executive Goals be approved as presented."

Max Holmes:

- What I see is a broad expansion of fund use.
- Our funds have decreased, and we have a \$1.2 million deficit.

- I worry about approving an increase in funding when we are in a deficit.

Rita Jin:

- None of what you see uses the Health and Dental fund.
- We are looking at fee collection restructuring.
- I am making sure our funds are operating at a sustainable rate.

Mathew Ho

- The action items seem similar for your goals
- Is using averages the best
- Our clubs spend money very differently from each other

Rita Jin

- Applications are reviewed on a case by case basis
- Our policies should be founded on research
- Average cost of.....
- Event costs and membership fees have been separated

Max Holmes

- Constituencies and subsidiaries complain about lengthy delays

Rita Jin

- New financial system
- Ready for clubs by Sept

20. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED AVERY CHAN:

"That the Vice-President Finance Executive Goals be approved as presented."

... Carried

For (17): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Cissy Zhang, Maddie Elder, Ayo Lado, Minaho Chiew, Cindy Wang

Against (1): Max Holmes

21. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

[SCD046-23]

"That the Student Services Manager Goals be approved as presented."

Max Holmes:

- Code is clear that the President is responsible for the Services review.
- Then you assist in the process.

Mitchell Prost:

- This is based on what the Executive Committee has going on.
- The President's office will lead this.
- The SSM then assists with the process.
- The SSM will be heavily involved.

Eshana Bhangu:

- We will follow this procedure.

Max Holmes

- Why is SASC involved in your goals?
- They are not part of Services.

Mitchell Prost:

- They are included in the Services Review.

22. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

"That the Student Services Manager Goals be approved as presented."

... Carried

For (19): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Jade Law, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Maddie Elder, Ayo Lado, Minaho Chiew, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan

Abstained: Max Holmes, Cissy Zhang

23. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED CHRISTIAN KYLE:

"That the Governance Committee motions be postponed until the July 13th meeting."

... No objections

AMS Budget

[SCD047-23]

24. MOVED THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

From the Finance Committee

"That the AMS 2022/23 Budget be accepted as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes

- I am worried about the financial state of the Society.
- We have spent \$4 million out of the Health & Dental Fund.
- Do you foresee the businesses covering our deficits in a sustainable way?

- Is our current financial model sustainable?
- How long can we stay on this path?

Keith Hester:

- I agree with you.
- We have to change our financial model.
- The businesses should supplement our income.
- They should not be our crutch.
- Long term we need to increase our general fee and do a fee restructure.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- I feel comfortable with the budget.
- There were opportunities before the meeting to ask questions.

Max Holmes:

- Generally, the process this year was not good.
- The Finance Committee started in June.
- There was no preliminary budget.
- I don't agree with ad hoc meetings just before Council.
- Why is AMS Events increasing salaries by over \$50,000?
- Why are we contracting people and increasing the budget?
- This increases the price of our events.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The Welcome Back Barbecue is more this year as we are trying to expand the event.

Keith Hester:

- Contract expenses for getting talent have gone way up.

Max Holmes:

- That's \$30,000 out of \$60,000.
- We are increasing wages too.

Keith Hester:

- The salaries for Welcome Back and Block Party have been put into the general line item.

Max Holmes:

- So WBB will be making less money.

Keith Hester:

- Yes.
- Production and talent expenses have gone way up.

Mathew Ho:

- The line items for Block Party show an increase in expenses compared to the last budget.

Keith Hester:

- Talent costs more.
- We have increased ticket pricing.

Rita Jin:

- As to the general budget review process, Fincom members were appointed May 10.
- We met as soon as possible.

Eshana Bhangu:

- I agree the process was rushed.
- The last Executive did not get a preliminary budget done.
- The ad hoc meetings were scheduled to make up for this.
- Your feedback noted.

Audrey Chow:

- The deficit is worrying to me.
- Do we have a long-term strategy to bring this back in line?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We need a general fee increase.
- The business projections will help this year.
- We have to stop pulling from funds.
- We need to correct some of our bad habits.
- Replying on the businesses is not sustainable.

Mathew Ho:

- Why is there a bigger increase for HR and Executive offices than some of the other line items?

Keith Hester:

- Because of the creation of an Equity position.

25. MOVED THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

From the Finance Committee

"That the AMS 2022/23 Budget be accepted as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (13): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Kana Kawanishi, Ezra Yu, Victor Liu, Minaho Chiew, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Jade Law

Against (2): Max Holmes, Cynara Onyemordi

Abstained: Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Christian Kyle, Cissy Zhang, Ayo Lado, Avery Chan

J) Executive and Committee Motions

26. MOVED BEN DU, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE: [SCD048-23], [SCD049-23]

From the Operations Committee

"That Council, on the recommendation of Operations Committee, amend Policy SR4 on Video Surveillance, as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ben Du:

- The main amendment is to include video surveillance in vehicles operated by the AMS to increase safety and security.
- Cameras will only record activity inside the vehicle.
- We record images only, not sound.
- Deleted 15 days after the recording.
- This will help if we ever need it in investigations.

Mathew Ho:

- Re designated staff members: why does this include staff in the design office?

Ben Du:

- This policy is not just video surveillance in vehicles but also in the building.
- We need design office staff for logistical and operational info.

Max Holmes:

- I am concerned about the effect on Services.
- Cameras in Safewalk cars – will this reduce the use of our service?
- What are the limitations on what the footage is used for?

Ben Du:

- There is a limit on accessing the footage.
- The responsibility lies with those listed.
- If an investigation is needed and the incident happened in the Safewalk vehicle, access will be required.

Eshana Bhangu:

- TransLink does this for safety.

Mitchell Prost:

- There will be signs up so that users will know and can give their consent.

- This is common practice.
- I don't see it affecting the use of the service.

27. MOVED BEN DU, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

From the Operations Committee

"That Council, on the recommendation of Operations Committee, amend Policy SR4 on Video Surveillance, as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (15): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Ezra Yu, Victor Liu, Ayo Lado, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan

Against (1): Max Holmes

Abstained: Kana Kawanishi, Minaho Chiew

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Add a discussion on addressing the deficit.

28. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE [SCD050-23]

"That Eesha Jamal (1 x student-at-large) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the last Council meeting in August 2022."

... No objections

29. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED BEN DU: [SCD051-23]

From the Executive and Finance Committees

"That AMS Council approve \$48,048.00 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund to purchase the Rational combi oven."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The balance in the fund is \$300,000

Max Holmes:

- Does this fund have enough intake to consistently cover items like this

Keith Hester:

- There is sufficient funding in the fund.
- We transfer money to it from the Capital Projects Fund.
- There haven't been too many uses of the fund, given how new the Nest is.

30. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED BEN DU:

From the Executive and Finance Committees

"That AMS Council approve \$48,048.00 from the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund to purchase the Rational combi oven."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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... Carried

For (17): Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Max Holmes, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Cissy Zhang, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng, Avery Chan

Abstained: Ezra Yu, Ayo Lado, Minaho Chiew

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussions and Consultation

Mandatory Face Coverings

Eshana Bhangu:

- It's getting hard to enforce the mask requirement.
- UBC is the only university in the province still with this requirement, and it is set to expire on June 30.
- We do not have the capacity to enforce the mandate.
- We don't need to follow UBC.
- I advocated for the mandate originally, but it no longer carries weight.
- Should we immediately shift to strongly encouraging masks or keep the mandate until June 30?

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Rescind with notice.

Christian Kyle:

- We have a mandate that we are not enforcing.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The Exec feel we should rescind as of June 30.

Rachel Kim:

- Students have to wear masks in other university buildings.
- We should seek consistency.

Mathew Ho:

- We should follow UBC.

Max Holmes:

- There is a human rights complaint against the Province on behalf of disabled and immunocompromised people over lifting the mask mandate.
- Are we considering students with disabilities in this decision?
- Masks make for a more accessible building.
- If enforcing is generally increasing mask wearing in the Nest, then we should enforce.
- I don't feel comfortable making a decision tonight.

Ben Du:

- Wearing a mask is a small gesture.
- Minimal compromise.
- We can still strongly encourage mask wearing even if we rescind the requirement.

Christian Kyle:

- I think we need to enforce it or lift it.
- If we are worried about immunocompromised students, we should enforce it.

Kaitlyn Darrach:

- I give campus tours.
- It is conflicting messaging: I tell people to wear masks, but people in the Nest aren't wearing them.

Eshana Bhangu:

- We can't enforce it.
- We do not have the capacity.

Audrey Chow:

- Realistically when we say "recommend" people will not wear masks.

Max Holmes:

- People mean different things by enforcement. When TransLink made masks mandatory, they didn't kick people off buses for not wearing them.
- But mandates have increased mask usage.
- There is also a possibility we could get a human rights complaint.
- This decision could have a legal effect on the Society.
- I think we need to do more due diligence before we make a decision.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Are you suggesting we get a legal opinion?

Max Holmes:

- There should be some conversation about the consequences of our decision.

Ayo Lado:

- It is important that we revisit this and not rush to vote tonight.
- There needs to be more thought put into this.

Eshana Bhangu:

- There are two options:
- Revisit next Council.
- Or on June 30 change from mandatory to optional.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Can we do June 30 if UBC does it?
- They would probably have a legal opinion before they lift their mandate.
- Can we add an option to follow UBC.

31. MOVED THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion on rescinding.”

... No objections

32. MOVED THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED CHRISTIAN KYLE:

“ Be it resolved that Policy BU1A be rescinded on the condition that UBC also lifts their mask and face covering mandate on June 30.

Be it further resolved that this decision be reviewed and discussed at the July 14th Council meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Rachel Kim:

- What happens if UBC continues with their mandates?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Then we continue and review at our next meeting.
- If UBC lifts their mandate or not we will revisit July 13.

Mathew Ho:

- Will we have legal advice?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Yes, if UBC continues their mandate.

Max Holmes:

- We are a separate society and have a responsibility to do due diligence.
- We need our own legal opinion.
- I would feel more comfortable giving this responsibility to Exec Committee.

33. MOVED THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED CHRISTIAN KYLE:

“ Be it resolved that Policy BU1A be rescinded on the condition that UBC also lifts their mask and face covering mandate on June 30.

Be it further resolved that this decision be reviewed and discussed at the July 14th Council meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3^{rds}

... Defeated

For (4): Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Victor Liu

Against (7): Ben Du, Audrey Chow, Max Holmes, Kana Adriyanto, Ayo Lado, Minaho Chiew, Katherine Feng

Abstained: Dana Turdy, Rita Jin, Erin Co, Mathew Ho, Cynara Onyemordi, Kana Kawanishi, Ezra Yu, Cindy Wang

34. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED CHRISTIAN KYLE:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to delegate to the Executive.”

... No objections

35. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

“That Council suspend the relevant sections of Code to delegate BU1A to the Executive Committee.”

... No objections

Deficit Management

Cynara Onyemordi:

- I think we need to have a plan to get a report on how to address and resolve the AMS deficit.

Rita Jin:

- The deficit rolls over each year.
- We can create a report for you for August Council.

Max Holmes:

- The fact that we have spent down our funds needs to be addressed in this report.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Can you also link back on how your actions will affect the deficit?

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

[SCD052-23]

Eshana Bhangu

- Creating policy on equity deserving groups
- More engagement with Musqueam on Great Trek celebration.
- Working on strategic plan.
- Talking with Indigenous committee to ensure they have access to their fund.
- Pride month – Pride Pit night.
- Strategic Plan and Governance Review.

Mathew Ho:

- When will get an update on the Strategic Plan?
- Is there still room for councillor involvement?

Eshana Bhangu:

- It will be going to committees.
- There will be one on one Council engagement.

36. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That Council be extended by 1.5 hours.”

... No objections

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

Eshana Bhangu:

- Happy Birthday to Joanne
- Thanks to Lorris, who made immense contributions to the Society.

37. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG, THIRDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 9:53 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 12:25 am.

O) Next Meeting and Adjournment

Adjourned at 12:30 am.

Next Meeting of Council July 13, 2022

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Annabella McElroy (Ubysey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Matthew Asuncion (Ubysey), Iman Janmohamed (Ubysey), Michael Kingsmill (Design Office), Annabelle Liao (Sustainability), Bernadette De Vera (Sustainability), Kamil Kanji (President's Office), Emily Covell (President's Office), Joshua Kim (President's Office), Romina Hajizadeh (President's Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- The meeting is taking place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people.
- We are on unceded stolen land.
- We need to learn from, acknowledge, and reflect on this history and injustice.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the agenda be accepted as amended."

... No objections

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

New members: Alina Bhimji (Arts)

Vacancies: Architecture, Audiology, Indigenous seat, Journalism, Music, Population & Public Health, Regent, Science, Social Work

Goodbyes: Minaho Chiew (Science), Max Holmes (Arts)

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

The Speaker:

- Apologies for the Zoom issues; we're working on it.

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

F) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

2. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented."

AMS Council minutes dated March 23, 2022	[SCD053-23]
AMS Council in camera minutes dated March 23, 2022	[SCD054-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 8, 2022	[SCD055-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 15, 2022	[SCD056-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated June 29, 2022	[SCD057-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 15, 2022	[SCD058-23]
Operations Committee minutes dated June 10, 2022	[SCD059-23]
Operations Committee minutes dated June 24, 2022	[SCD060-23]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated June 16, 2022	[SCD061-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 13, 2022	[SCD062-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated June 20, 2022	[SCD063-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated July 4, 2022	[SCD064-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated July 11, 2022	[SCD065-23]
HR Committee minutes dated June 8, 2022	[SCD066-23]
AMS Council minutes dated April 6, 2022	[SCD067-23]
AMS Council in camera minutes dated April 6, 2022	[SCD068-23]

... No objections

G) Consent Items

Consent items Requiring a Simple Majority

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

3. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED ERIN CO

From the President

"That Code Section X, Article 3(3)(i) be suspended to allow the Services presentation on strategies and plans to be postponed until August."

"That the terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee be amended as presented." [SCD069-23]

"WHEREAS last year Council approved the temporary reduction of the CUS membership fee to \$199.00 to provide financial relief during the pandemic, and [SCD070-23]

WHEREAS it is still necessary to take account of the effects of the pandemic, Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council approve setting the CUS membership fee at \$275.00 for the 2022/2023 year, and that the President notify the Board of Governors."

... Carried

H) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Sustainability Priorities – Bernadette De Vera, Ben Du, Anabelle Liao

[SCD071-23], [SCD072-23], [SCD073-23]

Bernadette De Vera:

- First priority is to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.
- This year a 15% reduction.
- Internal carbon price plan.
- Waste audit.
- Reduce emissions from employee commuting.
- New travel policy to reduce emissions during travel.
- Will purchase carbon offsets.

Annabelle Liao:

- Two current projects: waste scale and composter.
- Updating equipment and software for the waste scale
 - New location.
- Citypod composter being revitalized after long inactivity.

Bernadette De Vera:

- Increasing amount of reusable food plates.
- Reducing need for single use items.

Ben Du:

- Soapstand to be relocated.
- We've learned lessons.
- Will conduct routine performance checks.

Annabelle Liao:

- Interactive Sustainability Centre officially opened in February 2022.
 - For coordinating events.
 - Implementation plan in place.
 - Collecting student input about programs.
- Lending Library: equipment to be borrowed at low cost.

Ben Du:

- Climate Friendly food labels.
- To better inform students and shift power to everyday consumers.
- Will implement in Flavour Lab and then expand to other outlets.

Bernadette De Vera:

- Price strategy to support climate goals.

Annabelle Liao:

- Decolonization and reconciliation work.
- Incorporating Indigenous lens into the Sustainability Action Plan.

Bernadette De Vera:

- Addressing the lack of presence of AMS Sustainability on social media.
- Action Plan to be reviewed in 2023.
- Performance tracking mechanism.

Questions

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- Re climate friendly labels:
- Affordable food may be climate unfriendly.
- Students will feel guilty if they can't afford the climate friendly food.

Ben Du:

- Yes, it is part of privilege to afford sustainable food.
- We are implementing this as a pilot at Flavour Lab, which is one of our more affordable outlets.
- There are several criteria for choosing our food: not just environmental, but also the financial impact.

Eshana Bhangu:

- We are focusing on the positives: highlighting foods that are good for the environment.

Mathew Ho:

- Some of these have been around for a few years.
- Which of these projects have worked and haven't worked?
- How will you make people aware of these services?
- I didn't realize we had a composter.

Annabelle Liao:

- The composter was not in use during the pandemic; and even before, renovations to the Life Building meant we didn't have access to it.
- Hope to have it running by September, and will reach out to students.

Cissy Zhang:

- Jason Pang, the former AVP Sustainability, had questions about the Sustainability Projects Fund.
- How will you be dealing with the surplus in it?
- What are your plans to increase engagement for this fund?

Bernadette De Vera:

- We're focusing on restarting the Sustainability Subcommittee.
- We're also creating videos highlighting successful projects from the past that were funded by the SPF.

Rachel Kim:

- Does Sustainability provide support and guidance to Constituencies on how to be more sustainable?

Ben Du:

- Absolutely, and not just in sustainability.
- We're trying to engage with Constituencies generally.
- The Sustainability Subcommittee would help.
- Also hoping to encourage information sharing between Constituencies and through our subcommittees.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The Sustainability Action Plan is also applicable to Constituencies.

Audrey Chow:

- Re the Food Security Initiative: are you working with the Digital Food Hub?

Bernadette De Vera:

- Yes, we are still working with them.

Cissy Zhang:

- Another concern from Jason Pang:
- We seem to be relying on Ostrom Climate more than before.
- What is the cost?

Bernadette De Vera:

- Haven't spent anything yet on consulting Ostrom.
- Our focus has been on working with campus partners on carbon offsets.
- Will be rolling out these projects without Ostrom.

Eshana Bhangu:

- If Jason has other concerns, we're very open to hearing from him.
- He can reach out to me and Ben.

4. MOVED BEN DU, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU

"That AMS Council accept the 2022/23 Sustainability Priorities as presented."

... No objections

I) Executive and Committee Motions

5. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

"That Alina Bhimji (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first Council meeting in September 2022."

... No objections

6. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE: [SCD074-23], [SCD075-23]

From the Governance Committee

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- The idea is to increase committee members’ motivation to attend meetings.
- It doesn’t force the chair to remove them, just gives them the powers.

Mathew Ho:

- Will the chair have discretion to issue a warning?

Audrey Chow:

- The chair must issue a warning first before they can remove a member.

7. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

From the Governance Committee

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (15): Eshana Bhangu, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Julia Wang, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Jonathan DeSouza

Against (1): Cindy Wang

Abstained: Christian Kyle

8. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED RACHEL KIM: [SCD076-23], [SCD077-23]

From the Governance Committee

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

Note Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- Replacing oral reports with written.
- Will reduce time in Council and will allow Councillors to look over the reports ahead of time and then ask questions at Council.

9. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Executive Remarks' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (12): Eshana Bhangu, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Kana Kawanishi, Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

10. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED CISSY ZHANG: [SCD078-23], [SCD079-23]

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Proxies revised' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- This allows any Council members, not just Constituency reps, to send proxies to committee meetings.
- Executives may have to miss a committee meeting, but now they will be able to send someone in their place.
- It will also help meet quorum.

Christian Kyle

- How often do we lose quorum because an Exec can't make it?

Audrey Chow:

- On my committee it's often hard to hit quorum, so any extra person is helpful.

11. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED CISSY ZHANG:

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Proxies revised' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (11): Eshana Bhangu, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Kana Kawanishi, Cissy Zhang, Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

Against (1): Christian Kyle

12. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW: [SCD080-23], [SCD081-23]

From the Governance Committee

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Interim Hours and Compensation’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- This is in response to a vacancy.
- Ensures compensation for 20 hours.
- I want to clarify that this is only for people filling Executive vacancies.

13. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

“That the motion be amended to add the following clause:

Be it further resolved that this applies only to Executives of the Society.”

... No objections

14. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

From the Governance Committee

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Interim Hours and Compensation’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that this applies only to Executives of the Society.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (15): Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Charlene Yang, Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

Against (1): Christian Kyle

Abstained: Eshana Bhangu

15. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW: [SCD 082-23], [SCD083-23]

“That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Budget Amendments 2nd revision’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- This allows budget amendments under \$5,000 to be approved by the Finance Committee without going to Council.
- This will expedite the budget amendment process for minor amendments.

Mathew Ho:

- Will these now appear as consent items or not go to Council at all?

Audrey Chow:

- They will be approved at Finance Committee.
- If Finance Committee wants, they can inform Council, but it doesn't need Council approval.

16. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

“That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Budget Amendments 2nd revision’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (10): Eshana Bhangu, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu

Abstained: Mathew Ho, Christian Kyle Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

17. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED CISSY ZHANG: [SCD084-23], [SCD085-23]

“That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Non-voting members in camera’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- Non-voting members do not sign an oath of office.
- They're not bound in the same way as voting Councillors.
- This amendment bans non-voting members from in camera sessions.
- It protects sensitive discussions by restricting them to those who can be held accountable.

18. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED CISSY ZHANG:

“That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Non-voting members in camera’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (14): Eshana Bhangu, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Cissy Zhang, Charlene Yang, Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

19. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED RACHEL KIM: [SCD086-23], [SCD087-23]

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- This will make things more efficient.
- Chairs will notify the President rather than Council when there is a vacancy.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- How is this more efficient?

Audrey Chow:

- The President can be informed before a Council meeting and can then add a motion to fill the vacancy.

Mathew Ho:

- What difference does it make?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The President sets the agenda.
- The committee chair will notify the President, who can then add to the agenda.

20. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

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

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (12): Eshana Bhangu, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Kana Kawanishi, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

Abstained: Christian Kyle

21. MOVED CISSY ZHANG, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW: [SCD088-23], [SCD089-23], [SCD090-23]

“That Council amend Policy GV2 (Committee Appointments) as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- This policy has been suspended to make things more efficient.
- The amendment reflects our recent more efficient process, streamlining committee appointments.

22. MOVED CISSY ZHANG, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

“That Council amend Policy GV2 (Committee Appointments) as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (14): Eshana Bhangu, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

23. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

[SCD091-23]

"That the current External Policy Manual be replaced and updated with a new one."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Erin Co:

- Last updated in 2018.
- It's supposed to help future VP Externals and VP AUA's, guiding them on what to advocate on, but it's outdated or the items are completed or not relevant anymore.
- The Policy Advisor said let's make a timeless document.
- Brought it to the Advocacy Committee.
- Some parts are relevant.
- We're going through it to pick out those parts.

Mathew Ho:

- As a former Advocacy Committee chair, I'm so happy this is being worked on.
- What's the proposed timeline?

Erin Co:

- Not rushing through it.
- We will be working on it in the summer and then in the school year.

Mathew Ho:

- Will this be done by Advocacy?

Erin Co:

- We are discussing that.
- The actual writing will be done by our Policy Advisor.

24. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED MATHEW HO: [SCD091-23]

"That the current External Policy Manual be replaced and updated with a new one."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (14): Eshana Bhangu, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Kaitlyn Darrach, Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

25. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU: [SCD092-23], [SCD093-23]

From the HR Committee

"Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Council accept the Elections Administrator Job Description as presented

Be it further resolved that Code be amended to reflect this change."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- This is a title change back to Elections Administrator (from Chief Electoral Officer or CEO).
- It better reflects their work.
- CEO doesn't immediately make people think of elections.
- It also increases hours (for the VP Finance by-election).

Mathew Ho:

- I see how changing the CEO abbreviation might reduce some confusion.
- Elections Administrator is also the term used in the Constituencies.
- Will that cause confusion?

Eshana Bhangu:

- No, I don't think it will.

26. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED ESHANA BHANGU:

From the HR Committee

"Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Council accept the Elections Administrator Job Description as presented

Be it further resolved that Code be amended to reflect this change."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (13): Eshana Bhangu, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

27. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED ERIN CO:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion about appointing two Councillors to the Advocacy Committee.”

... No objections

28. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED ERIN CO:

“That Kaysan Adriyanto and Thomas Dunsmore (2 x Councillors) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at a meeting in September 2020.”

... Carried

For (13): Eshana Bhangu, Audrey Chow, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Cindy Wang, Jonathan DeSouza

J) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

K) Discussions and Consultation

Nest Air Conditioning – Michael Kingsmill

[SCD094-23]

- Project underway for some time.
- An A/C upgrade.
- We’ve been suffering from warmer summers, and you’re feeling that tonight.
- Been receiving complaints about the building temperatures.
- It’s acute on the second floor.
- This is not just anecdotal; UBC has records.
- There’s a significant price tag for the project.
- Affected by inflation.
- There will be upgrades on the second and third floors.
- In 2019 we paid \$15,000 for a feasibility study.
- There was a large price tag of \$1.6 million.
- We brought that down to \$1.2 million and then \$900,000 and now \$678,000.
- Here tonight because UBC wants to know if we’re prepared to spend the money.
- They’re getting five bids in, and this will give them comfort to tender.
- We will bring a motion in September.
- Construction to begin in November, with completion in April 2023.
- Operational by June 2023.
- Funding from the Capital Projects Fund (CPF), which has \$2.1 million in it.

Discussion

Mathew Ho:

- Timeline?
- If construction is during the academic year, how much will the building be affected, the operations of the Nest?

Michael Kingsmill:

- The worksite is remote, in the penthouse upstairs, so should not affect the interiors.
- There would be some shutdowns during conversion.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- We're only allowed to spend 50% of the annual intake of the CPF.
- Does this exceed that?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Yes, there will have to be a Code suspension.

Christian Kyle:

- Will the bid come to Council?
- How much will Council see?

Michael Kingsmill:

- We will bring a motion for \$678,000.
- We won't have the tender price.
- This is to let UBC know we have approval.
- Once we get bids, we will present as much as we can.
- Some details may be confidential.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Fincom has been presented to and is supportive.

Mathew Ho:

- Why five bids?

Michael Kingsmill:

- The target is five.
- That will give us a good sense.
- UBC requires a public tender.
- We could get 10 bids.
- Definitely want at least five.

Rachel Kim:

- When selecting the company for the contract will there be other considerations besides price?
- Sustainability?

Michael Kingsmill:

- Absolutely.
- UBC is very particular.
- Also look at reputation, ability to perform to schedule.
- It is more than money, but the dollar value is important.

Mathew Ho:

- What is the longevity of air conditioning?

Michael Kingsmill:

- This will be an air cool process, not refrigerants: those are more prone to corrosion.
- Air handling (what we're getting) is more stable.
- We've projected out for 20 years.
- It will be part of UBC's infrastructure responsibility; we won't be burdened with the cost of maintenance.

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

Eshana Bhangu

- Planning Indigenous Culture Month.
- Equity goals
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion training has been arranged.
- Sexual health awareness campaign.
- Updating equity portion of website.
- Working on equity definitions.
- Work on equitable compensation policy underway.
- Great Trek event.
- Strategic Plan
- Inter-Faculty Cup.
- Developing Indigenous Finance Guidelines.
- Meeting with University on update to academic misconduct regulations.
 - Zero consultation up to now, or they said they consulted in 2015-17.
 - So consultations now.

Questions

Rachel Kim:

- When is the Strategic Plan being released?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Not this month or next.
- I want to do extensive consultation with Council
- The VP Finance situation has taken up a lot of my time.
- Hopefully a draft will come in August.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Will the AMS have a role in the Presidential search?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We get one seat.

M) Executive Remarks

VP Administration – Ben Du

- Resource Groups enhancement project, for their area.
- New club applications closed.
 - 13 new clubs.
 - 327 clubs altogether.
- Club precinct refresh progressing.

VP Finance – Eshana Bhangu

- VP Finance Caucus established for the VP's in the Constituencies. To meet monthly.
- Editing and enhancing Canvas course.
- U-PASS subsidy closed on Friday.
- Quarterly reporting system: hoping for holistic reports.
- Fee restructure ideas.
- Barriers to funds being looked at.
- Updating treasurer authorizations.
- New club and constituency event subsidy open.

Questions

Christian Kyle:

- Do we advertise how to opt out of fees?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Yes, for the ones we control.
- Digital opt-outs for those.
- Next year all will be digital.

VP External – Erin Co

- BC budget consultation.
 - Financial aid, student employment.
- Rent freeze letter to BC government. – 230,000 students represented
- Submission on Opioid crisis.
- Gearing up for municipal election in October.
- Looking at ways to get funding for students to opt in to the U-PASS.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Any UCRU updates?

Erin Co:

- Planning for federal lobby week.

- Finalizing our priorities.

Student Services Manager – Mitchell Prost

[SCD095-23]

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Launched new Flavour Lab menu – you had it for dinner tonight.
- Extending Grand Noodle hours to capture dinnertime.
- Extending Gallery hours.
- Honour Roll fridges are broken: new ones coming in September.
- Working with Eshana and the finance team on deficit reduction.
- Auditors are here.
- Audited financials should be done by the end of August.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- How do people give their opinions on Flavour Lab?

Keith Hester:

- Feedback from there.

Mathew Ho:

- How are the investments going?

Keith Hester

- We are split between bonds (17%) and equity (the rest).
- Equity hasn't done well, but the bond market has done really well.

Matthew Asuncion:

- Is it possible to have plant-based options at these meetings?

Keith Hester:

- We normally do.

N) Committee Reports

Advocacy – Erin Co

- External Policy Manual.
- Finalizing committee goals.
- ESG principles.

Steering – Eshana Bhangu

- Set the Council agenda.

Finance Committee – Eshana Bhangu

- Approving fund applications.
- Honour Roll fridges.

- ToR for SPF Subcommittee.

Governance Committee – Audrey Chow

- Code changes.
- Working on election appeals structure.
- Committee goals.

Operations Committee – Ben Du

- Deconstituted 37 clubs due to failure to submit renewal forms.
- They can re-apply in September.
- Revising Operations Policy Manual.
- Approved new club applications.

HR Committee – Audrey Chow

- Working on hiring Deputy Ombudsperson.
- Hiring the Elections Administrator.
- Looking at Executive transitions.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- What is happening with Chair honorariums from 2021?

Audrey Chow:

- There is a form.
- Contact me.

Student Life Committee – Christian Kyle

- Discussing First Week events.
- Inter-Faculty Cup.
- Student Life caucus.

Advisory Board – Eshana Bhangu

- No report.

President's' Council – Eshana Bhangu

- Intro meeting great.
- Looked at how we can support Constituencies more.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes & Georgia Yee

- No report.

Senate – Melina Amirsharafi, Keanu Yu

- No report.

P) Historical Update - Sheldon Goldfarb (10 minutes)

- This summer is the seventh anniversary of moving into this building.
- This is the third student union building built by the students.
- Tradition of students getting things built on campus, going back to the Great Trek of 1922.
- Built the War Memorial Gym and other buildings, besides the three student union buildings:
 - Brock Hall.
 - The old Student Union Building.
 - The Nest.

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

29. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE, THIRDED AUDREY CHOW:

“That the meeting enter an in camera session.”

The meeting went in camera at 8:55 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:35 pm.

30. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the agenda be amended to add an appointment motion.”

... No objections

31. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

“That Eshana Bhangu be appointed the interim VP Finance from July 28 until the election of a new VP Finance.”

... No objections

R) Next Meeting and Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Next Meeting of Council August 17, 2022.

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Annabella McElroy (Ubyyssey), Kamil Kanji (President's Office), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm with Eshana Bhangu in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- We're on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam people.
- It's important to reflect on the fact that we are on stolen land.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED ERIN CO:

"That the agenda be amended to add the following motion to suspend Code."

... No objections

2. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED ERIN CO:

"That the relevant sections of Code be suspended to allow the Chair to participate in debate."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Eshana Bhangu:

- The Speaker is not here.
- I will chair but I also need to take part in some of the debate.

3. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED ERIN CO:

"That the relevant sections of Code be suspended to allow the Chair to participate in debate."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

4. MOVED DANA TURDY, SECONDED ERIN CO:

"That the agenda be accepted as amended."

... No objections

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

New members:

Vacancies: Architecture, Arts, Audiology, Indigenous Seat, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Regent, Science, Social Work

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

5. MOVED DANA TURDY, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented."

AMS Council minutes dated April 20, 2022	[SCD096-23]
AMS In Camera Council minutes dated April 20, 2022	[SCD097-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 20, 2022	[SCD098-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated July 27, 2022	[SCD099-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 3, 2022	[SCD100-23]
Student Life Committee minutes dated July 4, 2022	[SCD101-23]
Student Life Committee minutes dated July 18, 2022	[SCD102-23]
Student Life Committee minutes dated July 20, 2022	[SCD103-23]
Governance Review Committee minutes dated July 21, 2022	[SCD104-23]
Governance Review Committee minutes dated July 28, 2022	[SCD105-23]
Governance Review Committee minutes dated August 4, 2022	[SCD106-23]
Finance Committee minutes dated August 15, 2022	[SCD107-23]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

Consent Items Requiring a 2/3rds Majority

Mathew Ho asked that the Consent item on borrowing and Executive signing be removed to be considered separately.

6. MOVED DANA TURDY, SECONDED ERIN CO:

"That the following Consent Items be approved."

From the Finance Committee

[SCD108-23], [SCD109-23]

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$755,000 be allocated from the Capital Projects Fund towards the AMS Nest AC Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Code Section IX B, Article 6(5)(a) be suspended to allow an expenditure of more than half the annual CPF intake.

Note: The approximate annual intake in CPF is \$460,000

Note: the current balance in CPF is \$2,134,154

From the Governance Committee

[SCD110-23], [SCD111-23]

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Appointing Interim Executives' and thus amend the Code as recommended.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy GV2 (Committee Appointments) be suspended to allow committee appointments to made in August.

[SCD112-23]

... No objections

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

***Academic Experience Survey (AES) Presentation
Dana Turdy (VP Academic):***

[SCD113-23], [SCD114-23]

Annual survey

- To help shape our advocacy priorities.
- Used for lobbying the University and the government.
- 10th year

2022

- Opened April 3 and went to May 31.
- 1,090 responses.

Respondent breakdown

- Mostly undergraduates.

UBC Experience

- Satisfaction with the University experience has gone up, but there's been a decrease in the number of students who think the University cares about what students think about tuition fees.

Campus Community

- Students generally feel better now that they're back on campus in person.

Discrimination

- The largest number of reports of discrimination were on the basis of race or ethnicity.
- Next largest: gender.

Affordability

- Huge focus of the survey.
- More students are without textbooks due to cost.
- Many buy texts they rarely use.
- Large number are using open education resources.
- We have campaigns like Textbook Broke.

Food Insecurity

- Food insecurity is rising.
- 43% worry about not having enough money for food due to other expenses (housing, tuition).

Financial Hardship

- Various factors: housing, tuition.

Financial Support & Resources

- Low numbers on awareness of resources if facing financial hardship.

AMS Services

- Good awareness of our services.
- Lowest used is the Ombudsperson.
- We are promoting services more.

UBC Services

- Good awareness of UBC Counseling.

Harm Reduction

- New harm reduction question on spectrometer drug checking.
- My office will work on getting increased access to harm reduction services.

Sexual Misconduct

- Continuing concern about sexual assault at UBC.

Questions

Katherine Feng:

- How many respondents were there this year compared to last year?

Dana Turdy:

- A decrease this year.
- Usually 3,000 or the high 2,000's.
- This year mostly because of timing there was a decrease.
- Usually the survey is done in February or late January.

- This time it was early April, when students are less engaged because of the end of term, finals, etc.
- We recommend doing the survey earlier.
- It was still very effective: 1,000 respondents is still a good number.

Lola Akinjala:

- For grad students, what percentage are you showing?
- What are you doing to contact grad students?

Dana Turdy:

- 10% of those surveyed said they were grad students.
- 20% of the grad students responded.
- This is a small decrease.
- My office worked closely with the GSS.
- It's easy to focus on undergraduates because they're the majority, but grad students have unique challenges.
- Maybe next year we can do a combined survey with the GSS.
- The GSS does their own survey.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The grad students do have input in this survey.

Katherine Feng:

- Food security – what are we doing to support students?
 - UBC did previously provide funding, I think.
- Also, why was the timeline different this year?

Dana Turdy:

- Working to get more funding for food security.
- Last year's funding from UBC was one-time.
- On the timeline, not sure I can answer; I wasn't the VP then.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Last year we introduced the Student Experience Survey and another survey, and that made us push this survey back.
- We didn't want survey fatigue.
- Even this year it's still a concern.

Mathew Ho:

- Did you compare to past surveys?

Dana Turdy:

- I only used 2021 data due to space and time, but am happy to share previous data.

Mathew Ho:

- Why has the use of tutoring has gone down?

Dana Turdy:

- Don't know, but I can check.

J) Executive and Committee Motions

7. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED RACHEL KIM: [SCD115-23]

From the Governance Review Ad-Hoc Committee

"That Council adopt the report entitled 'Governance Review Scope 2022' and thus approve the scope of the AMS Governance Review Ad-Hoc Committee."

Eshana Bhangu:

- Focus on Council, committees; not business and management, apart from how business and management interact with Council.
- Consultation in September-October.
- The AGM in October will be a huge chance to interact with the membership.
- By December we want a draft of final recommendations and a referendum question.
- Finalized by February.
- Tight timeline.

Katherine Feng:

- What mechanism will be used to look at other aspects of the AMS, like staff?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The committee is focused on Council and committees due to the timeline.
- That doesn't mean the committee doesn't think there are other things to look at.
- Could look at other recommendations, but that would mean a separate review.
- The last governance review did look at management and the businesses.
- Council can always do what it likes, but this is a massive undertaking.

8. MOVED KATHERINE FENG, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

From the Governance Review Ad-Hoc Committee

"That Council adopt the report entitled 'Governance Review Scope 2022' and thus approve the scope of the AMS Governance Review Ad-Hoc Committee."

... Carried

For (16): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza

9. MOVED DANA TURDY, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG: [SCD116-23]

From the Finance Committee

"Be it resolved that Council approve a temporary wage increase for the Elections Administrator position, from \$19.00 to \$23.00 per hour, until April 25, 2023."

"Be it further resolved that Council approve an additional expenditure of \$2,880 in the line item 079-7010-00."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Eshana Bhangu:

- This is an important role in the Society.
- We need to be more competitive with TA's etc.
- We have struggled with recruitment
- This is just for this year because we're talking of potential changes to how the Elections Office works, but there's no time for that now.
- I hope this increase helps attract talent.

Katherine Feng:

- Are there other similar critical positions we need to be raising the salary for?

Eshana Bhangu:

- So far this is the only position we have been having challenges with.

Katherine Feng:

- Where is the money coming from?

Eshana Bhangu:

- It's a budget amendment.

Mathew Ho:

- If we raise the rate for this year will people think the wage should hold for future years?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Since we are considering restructuring the office there may be different positions with different wages.
- If Council decides to keep this increase, that's next year's decision.

Jonathan De Souza:

- Will the job be competitive if it reverts to the lower rate?

Eshana Bhangu:

- All of these issues are to be discussed as part of the restructuring.
- The EA is highly paid within the AMS, but it's not as competitive campus-wide.

Mathew Ho:

- Why not an honorarium upon successful completion instead of a wage?

Eshana Bhangu:

- That's not an appropriate way of paying employees.

- When we hire, we place faith in them.
- We can't hold wages hostage.

10. MOVED DANA TURDY, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

From the Finance Committee

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11. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED BEN DU:

[SCD117-23]

"That Council approve the additional borrowing of \$3,982,526, and direct two members of the Executive to sign the resolution."

Mathew Ho:

- I would like more context about this.

Keith Hester:

- We took out a loan on the new building, including the lower level of the Life Building (to pay for renovations to the lower level).
- That reno did not happen until after we moved in, so it ended up not being part of the loan.
- We went into deficit to pay for the renovations.
- This loan is to correct that and get rid of that deficit.
- Our loan balance has gone down from \$70 million to \$55 million.
- We're now adding \$4 million, to be paid for from the SUB Renewal fee.

Mathew Ho:

- Why the original delay?

Keith Hester:

- It was partly due to removing asbestos.

12. MOVED ERIN CO, SECONDED BEN DU:

"That Council approve the additional borrowing of \$3,982,526, and direct two members of the Executive to sign the resolution."

... Carried

For (15): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Victor Liu, Kaitlyn Darrach, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussions and Consultation

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

[SCD118-23]

N) Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

VP Finance – Eshana Bhangu

[SCD119-23]

Jonathan De Souza:

- How is the timeline looking for VP Finance goals?

Eshana Bhangu:

- There's a by-election in September in compliance with the Bylaws.
- We are on track.

Mathew Ho:

- What steps are you taking to ensure that the remaining 20% of Constituencies submit their budgets?

Eshana Bhangu:

- There was some delay in getting and authorizing treasurers.
- It's getting better.

Katherine Feng:

- Is the VP Finance making progress on their Executive goals?

Eshana Bhangu:

- A lot of the goals for the previous VP Finance said to make additions or extensions.
- That's happening.
- I will leave it to the new VP Finance set their own goals.
- Some of the goals are tied to the President's goals.
- We are looking into having quarterly reports done in a different way: more digestible and holistic.
- We're also looking into ways to make life easier for clubs and Constituencies.
 - Publicizing funds.

- Creating a guide to opting out of fees.
- Progress is being made on the goals.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Dana Turdy

[SCD120-23]

Katherine Feng:

- I don't see anything in your report on food security.
- Is there a campaign or initiative?

Dana Turdy:

- The Food Bank is launching a Go Fund Me.
- Looking to support that.
- We also sit on the Food Security Initiative at UBC.
- Looking to do a general awareness campaign.

Mathew Ho:

- Are we doing anything new this year for the Textbook Broke campaign?

Dana Turdy:

- We are looking to get sponsors or partners this year; we've had some in previous years (the Bookstore and other organizations).
- Also looking to mobilize students to initiate discussions with professors about using open education resources (OER's).

VP Administration – Ben Du

[SCD121-23]

Mathew Ho:

- Will we need an accessibility committee for the Nest under the new BC law on accessibility?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We have accessibility certification from the Rick Hansen Foundation.
- We do not fall under this legislation; it's for public institutions.

Ben Du:

- My goals include doing an inclusivity and safety audit of the building.
- Accessibility will be included in the scope of the audit.

Katherine Feng:

- Update on Soapstand?

Ben Du:

- We continue to maintain the system.
- We plan to relocate to a higher traffic area.
- Currently it's in the way of the Pit line-up.
- We've identified possible new locations near Honour Roll and the University Boulevard entrance.

VP External Affairs – Erin Co

[SCD122-23]

Katherine Feng:

- Any advocacy on the municipal level, given that municipal elections are coming soon?

Erin Co:

- We met with the Electoral Area A Director to discuss how to keep students feeling connected.
- I'm also on the UNA Board as a non-voting member; we have meetings once a month.

Mathew Ho:

- What are your SUDS takeaways?

Erin Co:

- It was the biggest SUDS ever.
- It was really great to see everyone interacting and getting to learn from seasoned people.
- There was positive response from participants.
- This was our first totally in person SUDS in a couple of years.

Mathew Ho:

- UCRU – what are the priorities?

Erin Co:

- We are finalizing recommendations.

Student Services Manager

[SCD123-23]

Managing Director – Keith Hester

[SCD124-23]

Mathew Ho:

- What does investigating childcare mean?

Keith Hester:

- UBC's Osprey childcare is closing in the Nest, so we're looking at the possibility of operating an AMS childcare centre in that space.

13. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED BEN DU:

“That the meeting be extend by 10 minutes.”

... No objections

Katherine Feng:

- Re the Student Services Manager - is there a timeline to fill this position?
- What is the procedure?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Maybe we'll touch on that next week.
- We're looking to be innovative and practical.

Mathew Ho:

- More elaboration on the culinary training program?
- Will this incur more costs on our businesses?

Keith Hester:

- Looking at setting up our own culinary school.
- People would work in our commissary kitchen for practical experience.
- They'd be paying us to get a qualification and would work in our outlets.

Mathew Ho:

- Would we expect a profit?

Keith Hester:

- We hope it will break even.
- We would need to hire an instructor.
- Could be a net earner, and the big benefit is that it would create a pipeline to get culinary staff.

O) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Next Meeting of Council August 31, 2022

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Attended	Governance Review Scope & Timeline	EA Wage Increase	Execs signing for additional borrowing
Neal Cameron	Speaker				
Eshana Bhangu	President	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ben Du	VP Admin	Y	Y	Y	Y
	VP Finance				
Erin Co	VP External	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Student Services Manager				
	Architecture				
Audrey Chow	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Arts				
Mathew Ho	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kaysan Adriyanto	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cynara Onyemordi	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Audiology				
Max Holmes	BoG				
Georgia Yee	BoG				
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce				
Rachel Kim	Commerce	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry				
Yash Ahlawat	Economics				
Jade Law	Education				
Christian Kyle	Engineering	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sofia Cecic	Engineering				
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ezra Yu	GSS				
Sabbir Hossain	GSS				

Mopelola Akinjala	GSS				
Eshita Swain	GSS				
	Indigenous Seat				
	Journalism				
Victor Liu	Kinesiology	Y	Y		Y
Julia Wang	Law	Y	Y	Y	
Cissy Zhang	LFS				
Mandy Furre	Library-Archival				
Maddie Elder	Medicine				
Kaitlyn Darrach	Music	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ayo Lado	Nursing				
Charlene Yang	Pharmacy				
	Planning				
	Population & Public Health				
Alec Lee	Ombudsperson				
	Regent				
	Science				
Cindy Wang	Science				
Katherine Feng	Science	Y	Y	Y	Y
Avery Chan	Science				
Melina Amirsharafi	Senate				
Keannu Yu	Senate				
	Social Work				
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shadia Qubti	VST				

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Ashley Haines (student), Joshua Kim (President's Office), Naton Ting (AMS Clubs Administrator), Jenifer Kim (guest), Kamil Kanji (President's Office), Alexis Vollant (AMS Indigenous Engagement), Brandyn Marx (Assistant Purchasing Manager), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- We are on the traditional and unceded lands of the Musqueam people.
- It's our responsibility as a quasi-governmental body to work towards reconciliation and to recognize that we are working in a colonial settler context.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the agenda be accepted as presented."

... No objections

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

New members:

Vacancies: Architecture, Arts, Audiology, Indigenous Seat, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Regent, Science, Social Work

Goodbyes: Alina Bimini (Arts)

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 THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented."

AMS Council minutes dated April 27, 2022 [SCD125-23]
AMS In Camera Council minutes dated April 27, 2022 [SCD126-23]
... No objections

H) Consent Items

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

3. MOVED RACHEL KIM, SECONDED ERIN CO:

“That the following motions be adopted.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Job Description from the Human Resources Committee entitled ‘JD - Projects and Comms Lead’ as presented. [SCD127-23]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Job Description from the Human Resources Committee entitled ‘JD - Strategy & Governance Lead’ as presented. [SCD128-23]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Job Description from the Human Resources Committee entitled ‘JD - AVP Finance’ as presented. [SCD129-23]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Job Description from the Human Resources Committee entitled ‘JD - Financial Systems Administrator’ as presented. [SCD130-23]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Job Description from the Human Resources Committee entitled ‘JD - Clubs and Constituencies Financial Administrator’ as presented. [SCD131-23]

... No objections

Consent Items Requiring a 2/3rds Majority

4. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

“That the following motions be adopted.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend Code Section V, Article 9(3)(g) to delay the August Finance Committee report until September.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council suspend Code Section X, Article 3(3)(i) requiring a presentation by the Student Services Manager on strategies and plans for the Services.

... No objections

I) Executive and Committee Motions

5. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED JONATHAN DE SOUZA: [SCD132-23], [SCD133-23]

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Election Appeals Committees’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- Currently the appeals committee consists of the Speaker and representatives of the two sides, so in effect the Speaker usually decides on their own.
- We’re going to replace the representatives of the two sides with Councillors and alternates.
- This will lead to fair and unbiased decisions.

Max Holmes:

- Why is the training referred to in the amendment not mandatory?
- Why aren’t there stronger conflict of interest rules here, as with the Elections Committee?
- Did we consult Senate: Senate oversees the student elections to Senate and the Board of Governors.

Audrey Chow:

- Can look at mandatory training.
- We didn’t want too restrictive language on conflict of interest, but we can look at that again.
- We consulted the Ombudsperson and the Speaker, not Senate.

Christian Kyle:

- Do we want to ensure that the appellant and the Elections Committee attend?

Audrey Chow:

- The appellant is allowed to attend.

Mathew Ho:

- It says the appellant and the Election Administrator can invite representatives to appear with them.
- Is there any restriction on who they can invite?

Audrey Chow:

- I think the representative can be any active member.
- It’s just for support and to speak for anyone who’s not comfortable speaking.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Georgia Yee did provide input from the Board and Senate.

Christian Kyle:

- The current policy guarantees each side can attend as members of the committee.
- By removing them from the committee, I don't see how they are guaranteed to be able to attend.

Max Holmes:

- Usually you want not only a written submission.
- People have to be able to speak in person.
- As to Senate, there's a specific body to consult: the Senate Secretariat.
- The proposed committee will need training; not sure if it should be the Clerk of Council who does it.
- I think the amendment should go back to committee.

6. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That this motion be referred back to the Governance Committee."

... No objections

7. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED JONATHAN DE SOUZA:

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report from the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Election Appeals Committees' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Referred back to committee

J) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

AMS Events Presentation – Nadeem Kajani (Events Manager) and Rish Das (former manager) [SCD134-23]

Nadeem Kajani:

- I'm the new Events Manager.
- Three main elements to our upcoming events:
 - Jump Start
 - First Week
 - Welcome Back Barbecue

Jump Start (August 29th – 31st)

- Our second year collaborating with Jump Start.
- Six events.
- Totebag Painting has been quite successful.

First Week

- Kits, sponsorship, events.
- 750 kits at \$49.50.
 - Reasonable price.
 - Used to include ticket to Welcome Back.
 - Now that's separate.
 - Or for \$99 you can get both.
 - The wrist band gives you access to all events.
 - 30 events.
 - 20 ticketed, 10 are free.
 - 9 events are 19+.
 - 21 events are for all ages.
- We have not met our target for sponsors.
- Sponsors are holding back because of inflation; also doing things online.
- So we're spending less on events, but we're not compromising on quality.
- Mostly the events will be outside the Nest.

Rish Das:

Welcome Back Barbecue

- French Montana and other groups.
- Sales are at 2750.
- Not as much sponsorship money as usual.
- We could not get a site-wide licence, so we'll have two sections: 19+ and all ages.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- After Block Party, rubbish was left behind.
- What will we do about that this time?

Rish Das:

- In the past UBC scheduled clean-up for the next day, but for Block Party this time they did not schedule till Monday.
- That won't happen for Welcome Back.

Max Holmes:

- Are we reaching out to the University?

Rish Das:

- Yes, we've been pretty close with the University.

Brandyn Marx:

- How is liquor procurement going?

Rish Das:

- There have been issues, so we're behind in placing orders.

- It's not done through our internal purchasing.

Audrey Chow:

- Are we on track to be on budget or to lose money?

Rish Das:

- Because of the cost of production and because we subsidize tickets for students, we budget for a loss.
- Trying to work with vendors. Trying to maximize revenues.

K) Executive and Committee Motions

Committee Appointments

[SCD135-23], [SCD136-23]

8. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

“That the agenda be amended to add a policy suspension.”

... No objections

9. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

“That Policy CV2, paragraph 2b be suspended to allow appointments to be made now.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

Councillors

Student Life

Councillors Nominated (4 needed): Christian Kyle (Engineering), Rachel Kim (Commerce), Kaitlyn Darrach (Music), Sofia Cecic (Engineering), Mathew Ho (Arts)

Chosen: Christian Kyle, Rachel Kim, Kaitlyn Darrach, and Sofia Cecic

Finance

Councillors Nominated (3 needed): Thomas Dunsmore (Commerce), Rachel Kim (Commerce), Kana Kawanishi (Forestry), Cynara Onyemordi (Arts), Mathew Ho (Arts)

Chosen: Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Kana Kawanishi

HR

Councillors Nominated (5 needed): Jonathan De Souza (St. Mark's), Cissy Zhang (Land & Food), Audrey Chow (Arts), Mathew Ho (Arts), Cynara Onyemordi (Arts)

Advocacy

Councillors Nominated (4 needed): Charlene Yang (Pharmacy), Julia Wang (Law), Kaysan Adriyanto (Arts), Avery Chan (Science), Mathew Ho (Arts), Shadia Qubti (VST), Maddie Elder (Medicine)

Chosen: Charlene Yang, Julia Wang, Kaysan Adriyanto, and Avery Chan

Governance

Councillors Nominated (5 needed): Audrey Chow (Arts), Cynara Onyemordi (Arts), Cindy Wang (Science), Shadia Qubti (VST), Eshita Swain (GSS), Mathew Ho (Arts)
Chosen: Audrey Chow, Cynara Onyemordi, Cindy Wang, Shadia Qubti, Eshita Swain

Operations

Councillors Nominated (4 needed): Thomas Dunsmore (Commerce), Kana Kawanishi (Forestry), Katherine Feng (Science), Cissy Zhang (Land & Food), Mathew Ho (Arts), Kaysan Adriyanto (Arts)
Chosen: Thomas Dunsmore, Kana Kawanishi, Katherine Feng, Cissy Zhang

Student Legal Fund Society

Councillors Nominated (1 needed): Eshana Bhangu (President), Eshita Swain (GSS), Mathew Ho (Arts)
Chosen: Eshana Bhangu

10. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

“That Council appoint the non-Councillor position for CiTR now.”

... No objections

CiTR (Councillor and/or non-Councillor)

Nominated (1 needed): Joshua Kim (non-Councillor)

Chair appointments

Student Life

Nominated: Christian Kyle

Finance

Nominated: Eshana Bhangu

HR

Nominated: Mathew Ho, Cynara Onyemordi
Chosen: Cynara Onyemordi

Advocacy

Nominated: Dana Turdy

Governance

Nominated: Audrey Chow, Eshita Swain
Chosen: Audrey Chow

Operations

Nominated: Ben Du

11. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Charlene Yang, Julia Wang, Kaysan Adriyanto, and Avery Chan be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Jonathan De Souza, Cissy Zhang, Audrey Chow, Mathew Yiu Chung Ho, and Cynara Onyemordi be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, and Kana Kawanishi be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Thomas Dunsmore, Kana Kawanishi, Katherine Feng, and Cissy Zhang be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Christian Kyle, Rachel Kim, Kaitlyn Darrach, and Sofia Cecic be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Audrey Chow, Cynara Onyemordi, Cindy Wang, Shadia Qubti, and Eshita Swain be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Eshana Bhangu be appointed to the Student Legal Fund Society for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Joshua Kim be appointed to the CITR Board of Directors for a period effective immediately and ending 2 years from this date."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dana Turdy be appointed Chair of the Advocacy Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Cynara Onyemordi be appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Eshana Bhangu be appointed Chair of the Finance Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Audrey Chow be appointed Chair of the Governance Committee effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Ben Du be appointed Chair of the Operations Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Christian Kyle be appointed Chair of the Student Life Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Alexander Geres, Sagorika Haque, and Isabella Howley (at large members) be appointed to the Advocacy Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Anne Scherer (at large member) be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Sneh Agarwal and Phuong Thao Ta (at large members) be appointed to the Finance Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Rachael Peng and Tim Vong (at large members) be appointed to the Operations Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Anna Jeffs (at large member) be appointed to the Student Life Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Alina Bhimji (at large member) be appointed to the Governance Committee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Maia Rankine-Griffith (at large member) be appointed to the Sustainability Subcommittee for a period effective the first Council meeting in September 2022 and ending at the last Council meeting in May 2023."

... No objections

12. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED ERIN CO:

[SCD137-23]

From Executive Committee

"That Council appoint Chris Hakim to the AMS Advisory Board for a period effective September 1, 2022, and ending August 31, 2024."

Eshana Bhangu:

- Chris is a former President and VP Admin, so he has experience, but it was a few years ago, so he has distance.

13. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED ERIN CO:

From Executive Committee

"That Council appoint Chris Hakim to the AMS Advisory Board for a period effective September 1, 2022, and ending August 31, 2024."

... Carried

For (12): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Kana Kawanishi, Kaitlyn Darrach, Jonathan De Souza

Abstained: Christian Kyle

14. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED JONATHAN DE SOUZA: [SCD138-23]

From the HR Committee

"That Council approve Ashley Haines for the position of Elections Administrator for a term effective immediately and lasting until April 25, 2023."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

For (16): Eshana Bhangu, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Julia Wang, Cissy Zhang, Kaitlyn Darrach, Katherine Feng, Jonathan De Souza

L) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

M) Discussions and Consultation

N) President's Business and Remarks (5 minutes) [SCD139-23]

Eshana Bhangu:

- Strategic Plan still going on.
- Working on equitable compensation policy.
- Supporting student-run businesses.
- Working with Student Life for the Inter-Faculty Cup.
- Great Trek events are in the advanced planning stage:
 - 100 years ago reconciliation was not on everyone's mind, but now we are working with the Musqueam.
- Indigenous Culture Month coming up.
- Seeking funding for food insecurity programs.

- It's so nice to see people back in the Nest and on campus; let's hope it's a good and healthy year.

O) Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each)

VP Finance – Eshana Bhangu	[SCD140-23]
VP Academic & University Affairs – Dana Turdy	[SCD141-23]
VP Administration – Ben Du	[SCD142-23]
VP External Affairs – Erin Co	[SCD143-23]
Managing Director – Keith Hester	[SCD144-23]

P) Committee Reports (3 minutes each)

Advocacy Committee – Erin Co [SCD145-23]

- Goals.
- External Policy Manual.
- ESG principles.
- Retired the Campus Vision Statement because it's no longer relevant.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Will an extension of time be needed for the ESG Principles statement?

Dana Turdy:

- In March, alongside the Israel-Palestine motion, there was a motion to advocate to the University for human rights based on ESG principles.
- That's not ready yet.

Katherine Feng:

- Is there any action coming out of the Campus Safety Audit?

Dana Turdy:

- Trying to follow up on that.
- The provincial government has committed to improving safety on Northwest Marine Drive.

Steering Committee – Eshana Bhangu

- Met once to set the Council agenda.

Finance Committee – Eshana Bhangu

[SCD146-23]

- SPF applications.
- Oven replacement.
- Air conditioning project.
- Buying new display fridges for Honour Roll.

Governance Committee – Audrey Chow

[SCD147-23]

- Election issues.
- Privacy policy.

Operations Committee – Ben Du

[SCD148-23]

- Reinstating clubs.
- Approved power unit for Michael Kingsmill Forum.

Human Resources Committee – Audrey Chow

[SCD149-23]

- Transitions policy.
- Made recommendation on hiring the Elections Administrator.
- JD approvals.

Advisory Board – Eshana Bhangu

- Consulting them on the deficit.

Q) Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes)

Eshana Bhangu:

- Governance review discussions.

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

Board of Governors

Senate – Keanna Yu

[SCD151-23]

S) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- How an assassination disrupted an AMS referendum:
 - Assassination of JFK in 1963 occurred on last day of an AMS referendum.
 - UBC shut down, so the referendum's last day had to be rescheduled for the following Monday.
- Promissory Estoppel:
 - Legal term of the day.
 - Was what stopped us from terminating the lease of Duke's Cookies.
 - We had been in discussions with them which implied we might extend their lease, so legally we could not ask them to go when the lease was up.
 - They stayed another two years and then left, in 1989, at which point we opened Blue Chip.

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

Services Strategies and Goals

[SCD152-23]

15. MOVED DANA TURDY, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the agenda be amended to add a motion on ESG principles."

... No objections

16. MOVED DANA TURDY, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the report on ESG principles be postponed to the last meeting in October."

Dana Turdy:

- The Advocacy Committee is going through its transition from summer membership to fall, and it wants to make sure it does a thorough job.
- It needs more time.

Mathew Ho:

- What is the timeline?

Dana Turdy:

- There is already a draft report.
- We just have to solidify strategies and recommendations for Council.
- Also doing more research into UBC's policies.

17. MOVED DANA TURDY, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the report on ESG principles be postponed to the last meeting in October."

... No objections

Executive Performance (In Camera)

Council went in camera at 8:35 pm.

Council came out of camera at 9:02 pm.

U) Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Next Meeting of Council: September 14, 2022

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Attended	Appointment Board Advisory	Administrator Appointment	Elections
Neal Cameron	Speaker	Y			
Eshana Bhangu	President	Y	Y	Y	
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	Y	Y		
Ben Du	VP Admin	Y	Y	Y	
	VP Finance				
Erin Co	VP External	Y	Y	Y	
	Student Services Manager				
	Architecture				
Audrey Chow	Arts	Y	Y	Y	
	Arts				
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	
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry				
Yash Ahlawat	Economics				
Jade Law	Education				
Christian Kyle	Engineering	Y	A	Y	
Sofia Cecic	Engineering				
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry	Y	Y	Y	
Ezra Yu	GSS				
Sabbir Hossain	GSS				

Mopelola Akinjala	GSS				
Eshita Swain	GSS				
	Indigenous Seat				
	Journalism				
Victor Liu	Kinesiology				
Julia Wang	Law	Y		Y	
Cissy Zhang	LFS	Y		Y	
Mandy Furreu	Library-Archival				
Maddie Elder	Medicine				
Kaitlyn Darrach	Music	Y	Y	Y	
Ayo Lado	Nursing				
Charlene Yang	Pharmacy				
	Planning				
	Population & Public Health				
Alec Lee	Ombudsperson				
	Regent				
	Science				
Cindy Wang	Science				
Katherine Feng	Science	Y		Y	
Avery Chan	Science				
Melina Amirsharafi	Senate				
Keaanu Yu	Senate				
	Social Work				
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	Y	Y	Y	
Shadia Qubti	VST				

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Ubyssy – 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 Ubyssy 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

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Anabella McElroy (Ubyyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyyssey), Regina Hipolito (Ubyyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyyssey), Iman Janmohamed (Ubyyssey), Ayesha Irfan (Arts), Natalia Fuentes (Arts), Joshua Kim (AMS Projects & Communications Lead), Aviva Savelson (UBC Campus & Community Planning), Joanne Proft (UBC Campus & Community Planning), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- We are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Musqueam people.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

... No objections

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

New members:

Vacancies: Architecture, Arts, Audiology, Journalism, Populations & Public Health, Regent, Science x 2

Goodbyes:

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

The Speaker:

- There are no stupid thoughts or questions.
- Get involved.
- You are directors.
- You have mental health resources available to you.

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

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

2. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Governance Committee minutes dated July 11, 2022	[SCD163-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated July 18, 2022	[SCD164-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated July 25, 2022	[SCD165-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated August 15, 2022	[SCD166-23]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated July 6, 2022	[SCD167-23]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated July 25, 2022	[SCD168-23]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated August 8, 2022	[SCD169-23]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated August 22, 2022	[SCD170-23]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated August 29, 2022	[SCD171-23]
Human Resources Committee minutes dated September 14, 2022	[SCD172-23]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority

Consent Items Requiring a 2/3rds Majority

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Campus Vision 2050 – Joanne Proft & Aviva Savelson [SCD173-23]
(UBC Campus and Community Planning)

Joanne Proft:

- What will the campus be like in the future?
- We are renewing our relationship agreement with the Musqueam.
- We have launched a three-week engagement process this fall.
- This is a comprehensive land use planning process for the next 30 years.
- 30-year vision, 10-year plan.
- Looking to update the old land use plan.
- Why now?
 - The campus has changed.
 - Climate change, reconciliation, new ways to study.
- Been engaging for the last nine months.
- Started consulting on guiding principles and terms of reference.
- Terms of reference approved by Board of Governors in June.
- 2023 to see finalization of the big ideas in the 30-year vision.
- 2024 to see the completion of the 10-year campus plan.
- The province has to approve the land use plan.
- Currently, 15,000 residents (14,000 of them students).

- Ambitious plans for growth: the numbers will be 30,000 and 17,000.
- Minimum of 3,300 new student beds.
- Amenities and services will need to be provided.
- Five big ideas:
 - The Learning City:
 - How to embed learning all across campus, including residential neighbourhoods.
 - More housing and expanded affordability for UBC:
 - Increase housing units and rental housing in the neighbourhood.
 - What amenities will be needed?
 - Restorative and resilient landscapes:
 - Broader biodiversity.
 - Ecosystem health.
 - A Community of Communities:
 - Make this campus feel smaller and more welcoming.
 - Be more supportive of student needs.
 - More intimate communities within communities.
 - Connected campus:
 - Connected to region.
 - Bring SkyTrain to campus.
 - Inter-campus connectivity.
 - Keep the campus sustainable
- Two approaches to growth:
 - Build up or build out.
 - Taller buildings or smaller buildings spread out.
 - Either way, preserve green space.
- Engagement until October 14.
- Student involvement is important.
- Innovative engagement with Musqueam.
- We are trying to reach everyone: students, faculty, staff, neighbours, marginalized groups.
- Next steps:
 - Winter 2022/23: develop and engage on a draft vision, draft land use plan, housing recommendations.
 - Spring 2023: finalize drafts.
 - Summer/Fall 2023: Submit recommended Land Use Plan amendment to Province for approval.
 - June 2023 – Dec 2024: 10-Year Campus Plan, supporting area plans, guidelines and policies (for Board approval)

Questions

Rachel Kim:

- Do you have marketing material that we could share?

Aviva Savelson:

- We can get you some.

Maddie Elder:

- Relationship with Musqueam?

Aviva Savelson:

- We're developing a land use engagement framework.
- Campus Vision allows us to work together.
- Ongoing process.
- We are preparing to go to the Musqueam to engage the community.

Mathew Ho:

- How have the consultations gone with the UNA?

Joanne Proft:

- We work closely with them.
- There is a UNA-UBC liaison committee.

Max Holmes:

- Dana, Eshana and I sit on Campus Vision committees, so Councillors can reach out to us.
- There are large groups to engage.
- How will you engage students?

Aviva Savelson:

- We are piloting a community connectors program.
- We have recruited staff, students, and residents to facilitate workshops.
- We are also engaging faculties.
- Making ourselves available for presentations.
- Leveraging social media.
- You are a group of leaders: Please commit yourself to sharing this.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Student beds have risen over 6,000 over the last 10 years.
- Why only 3,300 over the next 10 years?

Joanne Proft:

- 3,300 beds would bring the total for students to 17,3000.
- It's a target, not an end state.

Shadia Qubti:

- How much have you designated for services?

Joanne Proft:

- We know that we need to support the growth.
- If we double the population we need to double the amenities.

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- What are you doing to make sure things are accessible?

Joanne Proft:

- This is a big issue.
- We have heard that people are feeling left behind.
- We have reached out to these groups.
- Working with the Centre for Accessibility.

Aviva Savelson:

- Positive outreach to affinity groups.

Mathew Ho:

- Are academic spaces and things like lecture-recording part of Campus 2050?

Joanne Proft:

- An academic infrastructure plan is also being developed, through the Provost's office.
- We have to look at what "learning" will look like in the future.

Shadia Qubti:

- You want to build high or low: what is the lowest?

Joanne Proft:

- Five or six storeys is probably the minimum.

Eshana Bhangu:

- It's an ambitious plan, but 3,300 new student beds does not seem ambitious enough.
- Non-profit student housing should be a priority.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Are the 3,300 beds included in UBC student housing?

Joanne Proft:

- Yes.

Audrey Chow:

- It's already hard to get across campus in 10 minutes.
- Will there be more transportation options?

Joanne Proft:

- We are working with TransLink on SkyTrain to campus and on improving bus transit, including shuttles on campus.
- There's also talk of expanding bike share.

Max Holmes

- Add a discussion for Campus Vision 2050 engagement.

- Will there be future engagement on the climate impacts of the vision?

Aviva Savelson:

- This is setting a framework.
- The University has climate policies, plans, targets.
- Campus Vision should help reach those targets.
- There will be more engagement on this.

Joanne Proft:

- We are developing a neighbourhood energy strategy.

Mathew Ho:

- If the buildings are tall, we need them to be safe against earthquakes etc.

Joanne Proft:

- Resilience and safety are big issues and will be part of the plans.
- There will no doubt be new building technologies.

J) Executive Committee Motions

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussion and Consultation

M) President's Business and Remarks (5 minutes) – Eshana Bhangu [SCD174-23]

- Ben is at Clubs Fair (the best ever!) and sends his regrets.
- Great Trek anniversary planning is in full force.
- Interfaculty Cup.
- Governance review survey almost complete.
- Indigenous Culture Month in October.
- Indigenous Finance Guidelines.
- Dana and I have been working on food insecurity: Santa Ono announced \$500,000 for this at the last Board of Governors meeting, but food insecurity is not a onetime issue.
- New credit card system on track.
- Blue Chip may move to the old Pie R location; two new outlets would open where Blue Chip is.

Questions

Katherine Feng:

- Of the additional money UBC is giving to food insecurity, how much will come to the AMS for the Food Bank?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Discussions are underway.

- Food Bank needs as much as it can get.

N) Executive Remarks

VP Finance – Eshana Bhangu

[SCD175-23]

Mathew Ho:

- How will you roll out the new credit cards?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We will start with current card holders.
- We will add more once we get on the new system.

Mathew Ho:

- What is the time frame for the new account codes?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We are working on this.
- Approximately a month.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Dana Turdy

[SCD176-23]

Mathew Ho:

- SASC coffee sleeve campaign on Blue Chip cups: can you elaborate?

Dana Turdy:

- The idea is to use information on the coffee sleeves to promote consent culture.

VP External Affairs – Erin Co

[SCD177-23]

Christian Kyle:

- How are things looking for the get out the vote campaign for the municipal election?

Erin Co:

- Reached out to 29 politicians.
- Got 20 replies.
- Trying to set up a mayoral debate and other events to encourage students to vote.

Audrey Chow:

- How does the proposed new food security program relate to the Food Bank?

Erin Co:

- This is in the initial stage; we're doing consultations.

Max Holmes:

- Instead of starting a new program, should not the VP External be asking for more funding for the Food Bank from the government?

Erin Co:

- This won't take away from the Food Bank and other existing programs; it is to enhance them.
- We will advocate to the government.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

[SCD178-23]

Max Holmes:

- It is interesting to hear about the Blue Chip plans.
- Will there be capital costs?

Keith Hester:

- This is in the concept stage.
- We will present when we have more concrete plans.
- So far it doesn't look like it will cost a lot to move Blue Chip to the Pie R location.
- There might be costs to do renovations for the new outlets in the old Blue Chip space.

Mathew Ho:

- Timing?

Keith Hester:

- Blue Chip to Pie R in February.
- New outlets June.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Will Blue Chip Express move too?

Keith Hester:

- It will stay where it is.

O) Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee – Dana Turdy

- ESG principles and report.
- Review of external policy manual.

Max Holmes:

- Is Advocacy working on engagement for municipal elections or Campus 2050?

Dana Turdy:

- We have started discussions; we want to do more consultations.

Erin Co:

- Re the municipal part:
- We are focusing on getting students out to vote, so Advocacy is not focusing on this.

Student Life Committee – Christian Kyle

- Interfaculty Cup is happening.

P) Report from President's Council – Eshana Bhangu

- Discussing the elections contract with UBC, especially student senator elections.
- Consultation on governance review.
- Interfaculty Cup.
- MUSA did a great renovation.

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes, Georgia Yee

[SCD179-23]

R) Historical Update (10 minutes each)

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

Campus 2050 engagement

Max Holmes:

- What is the AMS doing to push for student engagement in the process, since it ends so soon (October 14)?

Dana Turdy:

- This is a huge priority for my office and the Executive as a whole.
- We have requested Communications to give us something.
- Will go in the newsletter.
- Meeting with student groups and constituencies.
- Meeting with students on the Campus Vision advisory team.
- I am open to suggestions.

Rachel Kim:

- Good to hear something is coming our way.
- How about a social media carousel?
- Meeting with constituencies would be good: I don't recall seeing anything about that.

Christian Kyle:

- A social media carousel is coming.
- I also did not receive a consultation email.

Eshana Bhangu:

- We need to make students aware that this is happening.

- We need to push for more housing, affordable high density housing.
- Not all stakeholder groups on campus agree with that idea.
- This is a huge opportunity.
- It is our responsibility as student leaders to get students involved.

Max Holmes:

- The AMS should already have prepared an engagement plan.
- UBC does only so much engagement.
- We need to reach out to get the student voice.
- We need to have engaging material.
- Communications needs to prioritize this.
- There are only two weeks left.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Noted.
- We will get on this tomorrow.

Mathew Ho:

- On top of quantitative data we would also need qualitative data.

Shadia Qubti:

- The challenge with this vision is that it is in 30 years.
- The issues facing students now, will they be there in 30 years?
- Transportation on the campus is needed.

Kana Kawanishi:

- It is important that we use engaging language to reach students, but we can't be too biased.

3. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED MATHEW HO, THIRDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

"That the meeting enter an in camera session."

The meeting went in camera.

The meeting left the in camera discussion at 8:28 pm

4. MOVED CYNARA ONYEMORDI, SECONDED CHRISTIAN KYLE:

"That Council refer the RBC divestment issue to the Finance and Advocacy committees."

... No objections

Exec Performance – In Camera

5. MOVED CHRISTIAN KYLE, SECONDED MATHEW HO, THIRDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

"That the meeting enter an in camera session."

*The meeting went in camera.
The meeting left the in camera discussion.*

T) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of Council is October 12, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Votes and Attendance

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

	Indigenous Seat				
	Journalism				
Victor Liu	Kinesiology				
Julia Wang	Law	X			
Cissy Zhang	LFS				
Mandy Furr	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				
Katherine Feng	Science	X			
	Science				
Melina Amirsharafi	Senate				
Keaanu Yu	Senate				
Muge	Social Work				
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's				
Shadia Qubti	VST	X			

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Anabella McElroy (Ubyyssey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubyyssey), Charlotte Alden (Ubyyssey), Bernice Wong (Ubyyssey), Iman Janmohamed (Ubyyssey), Aisha Chaudry (Ubyyssey), Tova Gaster (Ubyyssey), Violetta Lapinski (Masters Students AKVA@UBC), Ashley Haines (Elections Administrator), Lawrence Liu (VP Finance-elect), Kamil Kanji (President's Office), Joshua Kim (President's Office), Romina Hajizadeh (President's Office), Viola Chao (President's Office), Alexis Vollant (Indigenous Engagement Facilitator), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Speaker:

- UBC is situated on the unceded, occupied territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh peoples.
- We are active participants in colonialism.

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

... No objections

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

New members: Ayesha Irfan (Arts)

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

Goodbyes: Mandy Furr (Library-Archival)

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

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

Violetta Lapinski:

- The permanent art collection is owned by the students of UBC.
- The last time paintings were sold there was a referendum.

- Why no referendum this time?
- Why are students not being made aware of this issue?
- This is a rare and unique collection
- The first piece was the EJ Hughes painting.
- Used for pedagogy at UBC.
- I am a grad student.
- My research topic is the permanent collection.
- I am interested in maintaining the stewardship of this collection.
- This should not be sold off in pieces.
- The collection needs some care and some restoration.
- It needs to be displayed.
- Have the collection travel, be on loan.
- Hoping tonight's motion can be tabled so there can be further discussion before selling the art.

Eshana Bhangu:

- There's no need for a new referendum: the referendum of March 2017 authorized us to sell four paintings.
- We have only sold one.
- This is a \$3.8 million art collection.
- It costs us \$40,000 a year in insurance.

Violetta Lapinski:

- It does cost money, but it could make money if it went out on loan.
- Donations from artists and alumni would help.

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

2. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KAYSAN ADRIYANTO:

"That the following minutes be accepted as presented."

Advocacy Committee minutes dated August 11, 2022	[SCD180-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated August 22, 2022	[SCD181-23]
Executive Committee minutes dated August 31, 2022	[SCD182-23]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

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

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Equity Goals and Progress – Eshana Bhangu, Alex Vollant, Romina Hajizadeh, Viola Chao

[SCD183-23]

- Equity at the AMS is fairly new.
- Last year was the first time we had the current structure in place.
- We are working on the implementation of EDI best practices as our overarching goal.

Goal 1

- Make the AMS Equity team a constant resource for Executives allowing them to better imbed EDI within their portfolios.
- Meet with Exec team monthly: planning to attend Exec meetings and have an equity action item for those meetings.
- Meet Execs individually.

Goal 2

- Liaise with Constituencies re EDI – already begun in the summer.
- Want to be resource for the Constituencies.
- Monthly EDI circle meeting.
- Meet biweekly to monthly.
- Provide support for equity, diversity, and inclusion principles.

Goal 3

- Facilitate basic EDI training for all student government and permanent staff.
- Regular office hours for staff and AMS Councillors, to begin in December.

Goal 4

- Create a permanent full-time EDI staff position.
- Student staff only work one-year terms.
- A permanent position will create continuity.
- May keep a couple of student positions, reporting to the permanent position.

Goal 5

- Develop an internal compensation policy for equity-deserving groups.
- Aligned with UBC Indigenous Financial Guidelines.

Goal 6

- Carry out an EDI assessment and review of the existing Equity Action Plan by April 2023.

Goal 7

- Revise the Equity Action Plan by April 2023.

Goal 8

- Create a mental health taskforce by January.

- Create and publish a mental health survey by November.

Goal 9

- Create an Indigenous Strategic Task force at the AMS.
- Liaise with UBC and Constituencies.
- Hold events.

- These goals are part of a short term plan.
- Hope to complete most by the end of the year.
- Longer term goals will be in the Action Plan.

Goal 10

- Collaboration with Indigenous groups.
- Changing the relationship with the Indigenous Committee based on self-determination, decolonization, Indigenization.

Questions

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- Re the mental health task force: how will you engage with the student body to make sure that students respond to the survey?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Survey fatigue is real, but when there's an issue students care about, there's uptake.
- We will be strategic in our timing.
- The number of questions is important.

Mathew Ho:

- Can you explain how attendance and action items at Exec meetings will work?
- Also, can you give more details on the timeline for revision of the action plan? And who will be involved in revising the action plan?

Eshana Bhangu:

- I will ensure this is a monthly standing item.
- It won't be a to-do list; it won't be extractive; it will be a genuine conversation.
- There's a problem with siloing at committees.
- The point of the Executive Committee is to embed equity at the top of the committees.

Viola Chao:

- Re the timeline of the revisions – by the end of the school year.
- There will be equity circles.
- Indigenous committees will be involved.
- Also UBC's Equity and Inclusion Office, the Women's Centre.

Eshana Bhangu:

- And the Steering Committee, i.e., the committee chairs.

Max Holmes:

- This looks ambitious and includes tasks not traditionally associated with equity, e.g., mental health.
- And there are gaps in who has been consulted: Services? Business staff?
- Financing adds up.
- What are you doing to include this in the budgeting process?
- There are 10 different goals: which are you prioritizing?

Eshana Bhangu:

- EDI training is organization wide, including Services and Conferences & Catering.
- This is focused on student government and permanent staff.
- Consulted Execs and Constituency circles.
- Some is what I ran on.
- Some was taken from the Equity Action Plan from last year.

Alex Vollant:

- Worked with the Indigenous Committee and other Indigenous groups.
- We're focusing, to start, on changing the structures.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Financing was included in the President's budget, including Indigenous Culture Month, but there will be reforecasting in January.

Viola Chao:

- The work this team does is very new.
- Some of it will become solidified into reports for next year's budget.

Ayesha Irfan:

- We are in a colonial space, using Robert's Rules, so what might decolonization look like?

Alex Vollant:

- We want to work beyond what is usually permitted.
- We're out of scope, someone said, but that is a colonial view.
- We are trying to attack colonialism from the inside.
- We have created Indigenous Finance Guidelines.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The guidelines were a big undertaking.
- Even UBC only released theirs last year.
- We're using the resources that are available.
- We want greater language representation: Musqueam-language signs.
- Decolonization is a journey.

Alex Vollant:

- We're trying to dismantle 400 years of colonialism, so it will take time.

Max Holmes:

- The creation of a mental health task force: who will lead it?
- This will be the Equity Department taking on lots of duties not within Equity.
- What is the model?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The task force would be organization-wide, including Services.
- There's a gap in our mental health advocacy.
- Can provide direction to advocacy VP's.

Mathew Ho:

- Are Goals 6 and 7 related?
- Goal 6 is an assessment to revise the action plan.
- Goal 7 is revision of the action plan.
- Both have the same completion date.

Eshana Bhangu:

- They will be done in conjunction with each other.
- The revisions would be at the end of the assessment.

New Financial System – Eshana Bhangu, Keith Hester

[SCD184-23]

Keith Hester:

The Problem

- Current systems: Dynamics for accounting, Sharepoint for clubs, Optimum for inventory, Caterease for invoices, etc.
- Too many systems.
- Reimbursement process for clubs takes too long.
- Current systems are not integrated.
- Difficult to verify duplicate reimbursements.
- Want to migrate servers to be cloud based.
- Currently our servers run out about every 7 years; if cloud based, will save money, won't need servers in the building, just pay for cloud storage.
- The cloud has higher security too.

Process

- Had consultations and saw demos for Encore Business solutions.
- Multi-year process.
- Started in 2019, thought it would take three months, but then COVID.
- We put together a wish list: aiming to get rid of paper.
- AMS unique, needed customization.
- Got quotes.
- Currently we are paying \$24,000 annually, plus \$11,000 for a system upgrade every three years.

- Proposed new system will cost \$16,000 a year, saving us \$8,000, and no regular systems upgrades will be required.

Benefits

- Reduce errors.
- Allows customization.
- Cloud-based.
- Auto updates.
- Integrates with other software.
- Receipts will be stored on the cloud and can be searched easily.

The Ask

- \$150,000 from CPF.
- Annual licensing of \$3,000.
- Clubs and Constituencies portion will be charged to the Clubs Benefit Fund; this is already in Code.

Where We Are

- Phase 1 was expense management.
- Will be rolling it out.
- Lots of technical things done.
- Now at the stage of training the trainers, who will train others.
- Clubs and Constituencies can view transactions on the cloud.
- Faster response.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Ordered the new credit cards.
- Hope to roll out by November 1.

Keith Hester:

- Phase 1 complete.
- VP Finance team will train club treasurers.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- What will the troubleshooting process be like?
- Can you explain about training the trainers?

Eshana Bhangu:

- For troubleshooting, our accounting department can answer questions.
- Not expecting trouble.
- For training, the external organization is providing our team with resources.

VP Finance By-Election Results – Ashley Haines

[SCD185-23]

- By-election to choose new VP Finance.
- Great turnout: 6,377 out of 59,504 eligible voters, or 10.7%.

- Second highest turnout for a by-election in recent years.
- Ran two ballots:
 - One for UBC, VST, and Regent.
 - A separate ballot for St. Mark's because of issues importing student numbers into Simply Voting.
- One of the closest elections.
- Congrats to Lawrence Liu.
- [With this report to Council, Lawrence Liu became VP Finance.]

What Worked

- Smooth despite time crunch; felt supported.
- Just one complaint, no appeals.
- Steady lines of communication: the AMS President's guide to voting helped.
- Affiliate voting ability: they were able to eventually, a couple of days in.
 - The issue had to be fixed by Simply Voting.
 - Have been in touch with Simply Voting to make sure this is not a problem next time.

Improvements

- Affiliate voting.
- We want to increase visibility in future elections: an event would be nice besides the debate. A promo plan.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- How many email blasts did we send?

Ashley Haines:

- Five.

J) Executive and Committee Motions

3. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED DANA TURDY:

"That the AMS Annual General Meeting take place on October 31, 2022 (time TBA)."

Eshana Bhangu:

- We have only hit quorum twice in 40 years.

Max Holmes:

- Will this be online or in person?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Online.
- Most people prefer virtual even if there is no COVID.

4. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED DANA TURDY:

“That the AMS Annual General Meeting take place on October 31, 2022 (time TBA).”

... Carried

For (17): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Ayesha Irfan, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Jasneet Bal, Yash Ahlawat, Christian Kyle, Cissy Zhang, Ayo Lado, Katherine Feng

Against (1): Victor Liu

Abstained: Charlene Yang

5. MOVED THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED RACHEL KIM: [SCD186-23]

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the passed referendum of March 2017 Council sell the following three artworks from the Permanent Art Collection:

Abandoned Village, Rivers Inlet by E.J. Hughes, South of Coppermine by A.Y. Jackson, Northern Image by Lawren Harris for a total value of at least \$2,350,000.00 CAD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the total percentage of annual interest generated from the amount of money made, from the sale of the three aforementioned artworks, and deposited into the AMS Endowment Fund, be dedicated to special Hatch Art Gallery programming for supporting student art projects and initiatives.”

Eshana Bhangu:

- This is to execute the 2017 referendum, which passed with an 80% vote.
- It authorized the sale of four pieces; one piece has already been sold.
- We have a large deficit, and you’ve been asking for innovative solutions.
- The three pieces recommended for sale here are the ones of highest value.
- The sale will help address the deficit; the money will go to the Endowment Fund.
- This will also allow us to increase accessibility for the other 69 pieces in the collection.
- Interest generated will go to support and potentially expand the Hatch Art Gallery.
- Some objections were raised:

Objection 1: This is creating profit and we’re a non-profit.

- This is being done to prevent a staggering fee increase at a time of affordability issues.
- The deficit is ultimately hurting students.
- This is being done for the students.

Objection 2: The EJ Hughes piece is our oldest piece and selling it would hurt our credibility.

- These pieces cost us \$40,000 in insurance and we can display them only once a year.
- Art is meant to be enjoyed.
- We’re not a museum; not sure we have any business holding art that’s not student art.

- What we want to do is support student programming at the Hatch.
- Objection 3: Council doesn't know enough to sell art.
- That's the point: the experts have told us we are out of our depth maintaining this collection.
 - We want to focus on student art.
- Objection 4: There wasn't enough consultation.
- The Executive and Council are responsible for making the highest level decisions, like this one.
 - We are the ones who can be held accountable.
 - We've looked at other solutions, like loaning out art, but this is not part of our purpose as a student union, and we want to address the deficit.
 - We can buy two new Safewalk vehicles with the \$40,000 insurance.

Max Holmes:

- Will this be included in the deficit report?

6. MOVED THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

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... Carried

For (20): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Ayesha Irfan, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Jasneet Bal, Yash Ahlawat, Christian Kyle, Sofia Cecic, Cissy Zhang, Ayo Lado, Charlene Yang, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussion and Consultation

M) President Remarks – Eshana Bhangu

[SCD187-23]

- Working on deficit management.
- New Flavour Lab menu.
- Transitioning the new VP Finance.
- Indigenous Culture Month.
- Interfaculty Cup:
 - Lots of Constituencies participating.
 - Medals, prizes.
 - Intense and fun.

- Working with the University re \$500,000 for food insecurity: a sizable amount is to go to the Food Bank.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- How will the deficit affect the Health and Dental Plan's funding?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We are hoping UBC will cover some of our plan costs.
- Last year we had a \$1500 benefit for mental health while UBC had embedded mental health counsellors: duplication.

N) Executive Remarks

VP Finance – Eshana Bhangu/Lawrence Liu

[SCD188-23]

Mathew Ho:

- How is the transition going?

Lawrence Liu:

- It's coming along.
- There's a lot to learn.
- Excited for new financial system.

VP Academic & University Affairs – Dana Turdy

[SCD189-23]

VP Administration – Ben Du

[SCD190-23]

Max Holmes:

- Great Clubs Fair.
- Is there anything you would do differently next year?

Ben Du:

- Thanks for the kind words.
- This was the first year back after the pandemic.
- Hopefully we set a benchmark.
- We were up till 4 am the night before, so that's something we learned: you need to plan in advance.
- It cost a lot of money.
- Thanks to our sponsors for covering the deficit.
- Have to depend on your team; I had a great team.
- Students love puppies.

Christian Kyle:

- What Constituency had the best booth?

Ben Du:

- We needed more Constituencies at Clubs Fair.

- Next year we'll give more advance notice.

VP External Affairs – Erin Co

[SCD191-23]

Managing Director – Keith Hester

[SCD193-23]

Mathew Ho:

- Why is there a reference to planning the Welcome Back Barbecue?

Keith Hester:

- That's for next year.

Max Holmes:

- Re the funding deficit in Services:
- Are we going to continue funding these services if we get no funding from UBC?

Keith Hester:

- The businesses are doing better, and we're funnelling money from there to the Services, so we shouldn't be increasing the deficit because of the Services.

Senior Student Services Manager – Kathleen Simpson

[SCD192-23]

Christian Kyle:

- Besides Safety McSafe Face, do the other Safewalk vehicles have names?

Kathleen Simpson:

- One is called Room Est.

Audrey Chow:

- Are you considering an option to make the Food Bank student only?
- Will this make a difference to the deficit?

Kathleen Simpson:

- We have not explored this, but it has been recommended to us.
- It may be something to consider.
- The Vancouver Food Bank could absorb the non-students who currently come to us.

Mathew Ho:

- Will Tutoring continue online even though COVID is over?

Kathleen Simpson:

- We do tutoring in all first-year residences.
- We are not considering online this year.
- Could expand to space in the Nest.

O) Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee – Dana Turdy

- Working on the ESG Principles report.

- Working on the External Policy Manual.

Steering Committee – Eshana Bhangu

- No report

Finance Committee – Eshana Bhangu

[SCD194-23]

- Quarterly report finally on OnBoard.
- Different from previous reports:
 - More holistic, not just financial, includes usage.
 - The AVP Finance worked really hard on this.
- Approved Sustainability Projects Fund applications and Clubs Benefit applications.

Questions

Cynara Onyemordi:

- First Week kits were estimated to bring in \$37,000, but only made \$4,000.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Sales were low.
- Lessons to be learned.
- We used to include Welcome Back tickets in the kit.
- This year they were sold separately.
- The Events team tried to pivot, but it was too late.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Food Bank is underfunded: what are we going to do?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We just have to take the hit.
- But if the businesses do better, we can take money from there.
- And we are advocating to the University for funding.
- Also fundraising.
- It's very expensive to operate Food Bank.

Kathleen Simpson:

- There's also a Food Bank reserve fund, a onetime fund from UBC last year.
- But we need something consistent.

Max Holmes:

- Is the Finance Committee discussing fee referendums for next year?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We've stated we are looking at a fee restructure.
- Want to do that sooner rather than later.

Governance Committee – Audrey Chow

- Trouble meeting quorum.

Operations Committee – Ben Du

- Congrats to Thomas being appointed Vice-Chair.
- Communal piano restoration or replacement project.
 - The piano is breaking but still being used.
 - A survey will be released about this.
- Term 1 committee schedule has been set.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Do you have a timeline for the piano?
- Are you in the consultation stage?

Ben Du:

- Relatively aggressive timeline.
- One to one and a half weeks to make a decision.
- The piano is breaking as we speak.
- There's a QR code on the piano itself.

HR Committee – Cynara Onyemordi

- Intro meeting.
- Outlined goals.

Student Life Committee – Christian Kyle

- Interfaculty cup.
- Working with Presidents Council to set up the First Year Committee.
- Reviewing Firstweek and Jumpstart.

Advisory Board – Eshana Bhangu

- No report.

P) Report from Presidents Council – Eshana Bhangu

No update.

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

Senate – Eshana Bhangu

Mathew Ho:

- Details on the appointment process for student senators?

Eshana Bhangu:

- No different from previous years.
- Caucus sends out a survey on committee preferences, then makes recommendations to Senate.
- Usually there's a reshuffle in September; didn't really have one this year.

R) Historical Update (10 minutes)

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Happy Birthday to the AMS
- We will be 107 on October 15.
- Started in Fairview: Oak and 10th.
- Not here; that's why we had the Great Trek in 1922.
- After UBC opened on September 30, 2015, the AMS held its founding meeting two weeks later and chose Sherwood Lett to be its first President.
- Sherwood's photo always hangs on the wall here, except for the time when it was stolen.
- The name Alma Mater Society is based on the Latin for "Nourishing Mother."
- I interviewed Evelyn Lett back in 1997 and she said that's why they chose it.
- But we were also following McGill and Queen's.
- The history is complicated, and so is the pronunciation; I even wrote a poem about that:

Does It Mater?

Now, would you say that Alma Mater
Rhymes with "Later, alligator"?
Or should we seek a rhyme with otter
When pronouncing Alma Mater?
Or maybe choose a rhyme with chatter
For our dear old Alma Mater?
Chatter, otter, otter, 'gator –
Which one rhymes with Alma Mater?
And is it "Al-muh" we should say?
Or maybe "Awl-muh" is the way.
The whole thing seems like quite a mess.
We'll have to stick to A-M-S.

Mathew Ho

- Who stole Sherwood Lett?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- We don't know.
- Never found the photo that went missing.
- We got a replacement copy from the Vancouver Archives.

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

"That the meeting move in camera."

The meeting entered an in camera session at 8:15 pm.

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

PhUS Elections Certification Report	[SCD195-23]
ESA Elections Certification Report	[SCD196-23]
EUS VP Admin and FYC Election Certification Report	[SCD197-23]
FUS Fall Election Certificate report	[SCD198-23]
LSS 2022 Fall Election Certification Report	[SCD199-23]
VSEUS Fall Election 2022 Certification Report	[SCD200-23]
2022 AMS Fall Bi-Election certification report	[SCD201-23]
CUS Fall Certification report	[SCD202-23]
LFSUS 1st Year Rep certification report	[SCD203-23]
AUS 2022 Fall Election Certification report	[SCD204-23]

T) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of Council is October 26, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at pm.

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Attended	AGM Date	Sale of Art	
Neal Cameron	Speaker	X			
Eshana Bhangu	President	X	Y	Y	
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	X	Y	Y	
Ben Du	VP Admin	X	Y	Y	
	VP Finance				
Erin Co	VP External	X	Y	Y	
Kathleen Simpson	Sr. Student Services Manager	X			
	Architecture				
Audrey Chow	Arts	X	Y	Y	
Ayesha Irfan	Arts	X	Y	Y	
Mathew Ho	Arts	X	Y	Y	
Kaysan Adriyanto	Arts	X	Y	Y	
Cynara Onyemordi	Arts	X	Y	Y	
	Audiology				
Max Holmes	BoG				
Georgia Yee	BoG				
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	X	Y	Y	
Rachel Kim	Commerce	X	Y	Y	
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry	X	Y	Y	
Yash Ahlawat	Economics	X	Y	Y	
Jade Law	Education				
Christian Kyle	Engineering	X	Y	Y	
Sofia Cecic	Engineering	X		Y	
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry				
Ezra Yu	GSS				
Sabbir Hossain	GSS				
Mopelola Akinjala	GSS				
Eshita Swain	GSS				

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

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			

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Anabella McElroy (Ubysey), Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Charlotte Alden (Ubysey), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Design Office), Kathleen Simpson (Senior Manager, Student Services), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 pm.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED KAYSAN ADRIYANTO, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW:

“That we pick up where we left off and include the BoG and Senate reports.”

... No objections

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

New members:

Vacancies:

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

H) Consent Items

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

J) Executive Committee Motions

K) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

L) Discussion and Consultation

M) President Remarks – Eshana Bhangu

N) Executive Remarks

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

Board of Governors – Max Holmes

- No written update.
- Last week all Board committees met.
- Looked at the University's investigation policy.
- Campus 2050 in-depth conversations – shout out to the AMS for their work.
- Presentation from the UNA.
- Finance committee
 - Discussed tuition increases.
 - They passed in committee.
 - I voted against.
 - Going to the upcoming Board meeting.
 - They will almost certainly pass there.
 - Update on the Integrated Renewal Plan (for the student information service).
 - Engaging students in the process.
 - Update to Trek endowment spend rate: UBC's spend rates don't have to change.
 - Update on UBC's budget planning
 - There's a hole to fill.
 - The tuition increases don't cover this hole.
 - UBC wants to look at efficiencies and spending.
 - This may mean cuts.
 - Important for students to be involved.
- Governance – open and closed meetings.
- Policy development committee's discussion.
- PCI (credit card system).
- Campus Vision update.
- Downtown Kelowna lease was approved.
- Food innovation centre approved.
- Chancellor Place plan amendments were approved.

Katherine Feng:

- Add a discussion on the Strategic Plan.

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

Strategic Plan

Katherine Feng:

- What is happening with this?

Eshana Bhangu:

- It has been put on the back burner because of other priorities and changes in the organization, such as staff changes and new financial systems.
- There hasn't been time to do consultation.
- The plan still requires a lot of work and we want to do it right.
- Hopefully it will come to Council in February or March.

Max Holmes:

- When there is a transition in a management team it might be good to pause.
- We could prepare a draft and have the new Managing Director review it.
- There is no rush on this.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Good point.
- We have had all the departments submit a strategic direction.
- We need buy-in from management.

Mathew Ho:

- Considering how long the process has taken, will we be getting regular updates?

Eshana Bhangu:

- I can provide an update at any time.
- We want quality material and data.
- I will consider Max's idea of putting it on hold until a new MD is hired.

Tuition Process

Cynara Onyemordi:

- What are the plans for engagement with student groups surrounding the upcoming tuition protest?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We have reached out to student groups.
- Student groups want to be the face of the campaign.
- We will let them lead.
- We will provide support.

2. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO, RACHEL KIM:

"That the meeting move in camera."

The meeting moved in camera at 9:26 pm.

Q) Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of Council is December 6, 2022.

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Attended
Neal Cameron	Speaker	Y
Eshana Bhangu	President	Y
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	Y
Ben Du	VP Admin	Y
Lawrence Liu	VP Finance	Y
Erin Co	VP External	Y
Kathleen Simpson	Sr. Student Services Mgr.	Y
	Architecture	
Audrey Chow	Arts	Y
Ayesha Irfan	Arts	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	Y
Kaysan Adriyanto	Arts	Y
Cynara Onyemordi	Arts	Y
	Audiology	
Max Holmes	BoG	Y
Georgia Yee	BoG	
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	Y
Rachel Kim	Commerce	Y
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry	Y
Yash Ahlawat	Economics	Y
Damian Spence	Education	Y
Christian Kyle	Engineering	
Sofia Cecic	Engineering	
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry	Y
Cara James	GSS	
Chhavi Mehra	GSS	
Mopelola Akinjala	GSS	
Samia Syeoti Ramim	GSS	
Koda Tootosis	Indigenous Seat	Y
	Journalism	
Victor Liu	Kinesiology	Y
Julia Wang	Law	Y

Cissy Zhang	LFS	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	
Katherine Feng	Science	Y
Salva Sherif	Science	Y
Melina Amirsharafi	Senate	
Keaanu Yu	Senate	
Muge Tiritoglu	Social Work	
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	Y
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A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm with Ben Du in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

C) Approval of the Agenda

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

... No objections

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

New members: Salva Sherif (Science), Damian Spence (Education)

Vacancies: Audiology, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Regent

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 ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the following minutes be accepted as presented.”

Advocacy Committee minutes dated October 12, 2022	[SCD228-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated October 6, 2022	[SCD229-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated October 13, 2022	[SCD230-23]
Governance Committee minutes dated October 27, 2022	[SCD231-23]
Operations Committee minutes dated September 21, 2022	[SCD232-23]
Operations Committee minutes dated November 3, 2022	[SCD233-23]
Operations Committee minutes dated July 22, 2022	[SCD234-23]

Operations Committee minutes dated October 20, 2022	[SCD235-23]
Operations Committee minutes dated October 14, 2022	[SCD236-23]
Governance Review Committee minutes dated November 3, 2022	[SCD237-23]
HR Committee minutes dated October 7, 2022	[SCD238-23]
HR Committee minutes dated October 27, 2022	[SCD239-23]
HR Committee minutes dated November 21, 2022	[SCD240-23]

... No objections

H) Consent Items

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

I) Presentations and Accompanying Motions

Executive Goals

President's Goals Update – Eshana Bhangu

[SCD241-23]

- Affordability and Accessibility.
- EDI Centred Operations.
- Increased mental health support and harm reduction services.
- Health & Dental Reform.
- Transparent and Accountable Governance.
- Review of Governance services and AMS Sustainability Action Plan (ASAP).
- All my goals are in progress or completed.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Can you talk about your goal to collaborate with UBC on mental health initiatives, given the long wait times at UBC Counselling?
- Also, can you explain the funding from the AMS for mental health?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Our position is that if counselling services can't expand on campus, then some resources should be shifted to off-campus services.
- As to AMS funding, there was a one-time increase last year to \$1,500 (from \$1,000).
- I promised to increase the amount permanently to \$1,250, which has been done.
- It would not be realistic to increase the amount further without an increase in fees.
- The University has a responsibility to help with this funding.

Max Holmes:

- Can you comment on the steep price increases at businesses in the Nest?

Eshana Bhangu:

- The AMS is not turning a profit on its businesses.

- Prices are 10-15% lower than at other places on campus, but the AMS is facing inflationary pressures.

VP External Goals Update – Erin Co

[SCD243-23]

- Financial affordability and aid: our overarching theme.
- Housing affordability:
 - The swearing in of David Eby as Premier gives us a good opportunity to lobby on this topic.
- Student employment.
- Wellness and safety:
 - Lobbying for revisions to BC's Bill 23 on sexual assault.
 - Pushing for mental health coverage for marginalized people.
- Accessibility and transit:
 - Secured funding for a U-Pass opt-in program for the summer.
- Climate action.
- International student support:
 - Focus on employment opportunities.
- Indigenous student support:
 - Collaborated with Indigenous students when preparing lobbying materials to ensure they reflected those students' interests.
- Engagement transparency and accountability.
- Lobbying to get access to the provincial government's funding review.
- Lobbying to double the income eligibility threshold for student loans during federal lobby week:
 - The federal government has already done away with interest on these loans.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Are there ways to quantify the qualitative experience at SUDS?

Erin Co:

- It's difficult, but we do ask for feedback.

Max Holmes:

- It appears that the AMS hasn't made a written submission for the provincial funding review. Why is that?

Erin Co:

- The AMS met with the province and only learned about the written submission portion close to the deadline.
- Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis, so one is forthcoming.

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- Can you tell us about the launch of the U-Pass opt-in program?
- Also, what will the Here2Talk campaign look like?

Erin Co:

- The opt-in program will be soft launched in the summer.
- Materials for the Here2Talk campaign will be available in businesses for students to pick up.

VP Academic & University Affairs Goals Update – Dana Turdy

[SCD242-23]

- Affordability is a big focus.
 - Campus Vision 2050 has been a great way to push for more housing on campus.
 - The Textbook Broke campaign was successful.
- Sexual violence prevention and awareness.
- Student health and wellness.
 - Working on getting a permanent substance testing site on campus (frequent pop-up clinics have been happening this term).
 - Residence policies related to substance use will need to reflect the new decriminalization laws in BC that are set to come into effect in January.
 - The AMS has submitted feedback on this and expects to hear back in January.
- Indigenous student engagement.
 - Planning another Longhouse lunch.
 - Discussing our advocacy with them.
- Climate justice.
- Advocating to the University for ongoing funding for the Sustainability Hub and the SEEDS program.
- Continuing to engage on the promotion of ESG principles on investments.
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion:
 - Will have a seat on the committee that guides EDI on campus.
- Accessibility:
 - Working with disability justice groups.
 - Accessible BC Act implementation – waiting on more information from the Province.
- Boost student engagement: Presentation coming tonight on how we conduct our consultation; we want to do this equitably.

Questions

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Do your goals tie in to the Senate?

Dana Turdy:

- I work closely with the Student Senate Caucus.
- We want to take the ESG principles to Senate.
- We promote the Student Experience on Instruction survey.
- Seeking feedback on the proposed academic integrity policy,

Katherine Feng:

- One-time funding is temporary and can cause issues down the line.
 - What are you doing to get continuous food funding?

- Your report talks of wanting to eliminate some action items. Will you be taking steps to introduce alternative actions?

Dana Turdy:

- Continuous funding is in our budget submission.
- We are asking the University to direct surplus revenue to affordability measures for students.
- Since students are funding housing any surplus should go back to students.
- On eliminating action items: I wanted to make the goals more tangible. The original goals were a bit vague.

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- On sexual assault goals, can Councillors contribute?

Dana Turdy:

- Absolutely you can contribute.
- You are all invited to the events.

Kana Kawanishi:

- You want to eliminate Goal 3 action item C (on mental health supports).
- Will there be a new action item for this?

Dana Turdy:

- This work is ongoing even if the action item is gone.
- I could include a specific goal on this, such as supporting Ukrainian students,

Mathew Ho:

- On goal 6 (about EDI) are there measurable metrics?

Dana Turdy:

- We are waiting to hear what the advisory group will look like and what their scope will be, then we will plan our advocacy.

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Sexual violence awareness: Removing an action item.
- What are you doing to make sure this is still a focus?

Dana Turdy:

- We are currently working on mandatory training on sexualized violence.

Max Holmes:

- Will you be pushing for changes during the upcoming triennial review at Senate?

Dana Turdy:

- The triennial review is a priority for my office.

Audrey Chow:

- I have a concern about voting to eliminate action items.
- Are you pushing for support for the Sustainability Hub?

Dana Turdy:

- We have engaged with the Sustainability Hub director.
- We have included this in our budget submission.

Mathew Ho:

- What will be done about drug testing?
- Will you promote this at AMS Events?

Dana Turdy:

- We are promoting this through harm reduction work.
- We promote drug testing clinics on our social media.
- I am working with Events.

VP Admin Goals Update – Ben Du

[SCD244-23]

- Spaces and programming enriching community:
 - Upgrading the Resource Groups area.
 - The Commons has been open every day.
- Accelerating post pandemic growth for subsidiaries:
 - Clubs Fair!
 - Was it expensive? Yes but paid for in part by sponsorship.
- Clubs growth expansion benefits – how do we grow our clubs?
 - Pursuing excellence in efficient operations.
 - 92 storage units coming for the clubs' offices.
 - Improving the room booking process.
 - Safety and damage prevention plans for club events.
- Sustainability through meaningful action:
 - Lending library of tools.
 - Sustainability Action Plan survey has received 830 responses.
 - Developing a working group to re-evaluate the Sustainability Action Plan.
 - Encouraging environmental choices.
 - Climate friendly food labels in the Flavour Lab.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- Goal D1 talks of carpooling for employees; have you also looked into transit options for them?
- What are you doing to foster the eco-conscious community you mention in Goal D2?

Ben Du:

- On eco-conscious community, we will hold office hours for engagement in the Interactive Sustainability Centre.
- On transit, we looked into U-Passes for employees, but that was not feasible.

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- You mention a device charging station; what will be its capacity?

Ben Du:

- We are excited to get this in for January.
- We will install tables and dedicated chargers.
- We will have to monitor use.

Max Holmes:

- How will we pay for the new items you are mentioning?

Ben Du:

- We will speak to the Finance Committee.
- But some of our goals do not involve new costs, like a map pointing out microwave locations.

Executive Committee Goals Update

[SCD245-23]

- General committee goals update.

AMS Engagement Principles – Dana Turdy

[SCD246-23]

- Consultation and engagement is in all our work.
- We don't currently have a guiding document on how we do consultation.
- The Equity Action Plan recommended doing this in a less extractive way.
- This will be a resource for the Executive, not an official policy, to avoid being too prescriptive.
- We looked at how other student unions do their consultation.
- Looked at how we do consultation and how we compensate participants.

Principle 1

- Open communication.
- Fully informed participants.

Principle 2

- Gaining consent and being accessible.
- Outreach to student groups – obtain consent – look for participation barriers – ensure anonymity.

Principle 3

- Transparency.
- How feedback is incorporated into the final document.
- Feedback before final decision.
- Resourcing consultation.
- How do we compensate?
- Make sure it's included in the budget.
- Include in transition reports.

Questions

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- How will you ensure that these principles are followed?

Dana Turdy:

- Council will be involved.
- Maybe a report to Council after consultations.

Eshana Bhangu:

- If someone opposed to this is elected, you as Council would have to approve their goals.

Max Holmes:

- I think this should be a policy if you want to enforce it.
- I am concerned about the follow through.

Eshana Bhangu:

- The Execs follow these principles.
- Even if it's a policy that doesn't mean there will be enforcement.

3. MOVED MATHEW HO, SECONDED KAYSAN ADIYANTO:

"That the agenda be amended to add a motion on Executive goals since there are changes to them."

... No objections

4. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED KAYSAN ADRIYANTO:

"That the new Executive goals be updated and approved as presented."

... No objections

5. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

[SCD249-23]

"That The VP Finance goals be accepted as presented.

Lawrence Liu:

- Lots of consultation went into these goals.

Goal 1: AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan

- Important to students.
- Students have identified gaps.
- We hope to do more engagement on this.
- Will collaborate with the GSS and Constituencies.
- Mental health support is well used.

- I want to explore options for more support.
- E counselling platform.

Gender affirming care

- Pacific Blue Cross has gaps in this.
- They are behind other providers.
- The current process of applying is difficult.
- Working with Studentcare to give students more information.

Increased claims

- Burden on the Health & Dental reserve fund.
- We want to make sure this fund is used properly.
- Exploring a move to a fully insured model to ensure sustainability of the plan.

Goal 2: New financial systems

- Big change.
- Want to execute a smooth transition.
- Will host workshops and orientations for clubs.
- Will create opportunities for club feedback.
- The new system is customizable.
- System to ensure consistent turnover for future VP Finance and treasurers.
- New evaluation rubric for credit card applications.

Goal 3: Financial transparency and campus collaboration

- Optimize the website.
- E commerce platform for memberships and merchandise.
- Establish staff operational hours.
- VP Finance Caucus monthly meetings and ToR's.
- Updating current account codes.
- Ensuring consistent spending within Exec portfolios.

Questions

Mathew Ho:

- It's good to have operational staff have consistent office hours.
- How will you strengthen communication on who to contact?
- How do you intend to optimize the AMS website?

Lawrence Liu:

- Focused on speeding up communication.
- Email questions will be answered in two business days.
- We will also use the treasurers' canvas course.

Damian Spence:

- Mental health coverage went from \$1500 to \$1200.
- Will you increase this funding?

Lawrence Liu:

- The coverage was temporarily increased to \$1500 last year.
- We are looking to keep the coverage as high as possible.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Goal 2 (financial systems) - I don't see dates or a timeline.
- When will the transition be done?
- Re rubric for credit card application – do you have a date?
- Do any of your goals address the deficit?

Lawrence Liu:

- By the end of the month my office will have an understanding on how the new system works.
- After that, we hope to start workshops.
- The credit card rubric should be ready by the end of January.
- Re the deficit:
 - Reducing the deficit is part of my role.
 - The budget reforecast is coming up.
 - I will be working with the managers and executives on how we can decrease expenditures.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Will you send these dates to clubs?

Lawrence Liu:

- Yes, I have already sent out an announcement.
- I want to send weekly updates.

Eshana Bhangu:

- Lawrence did mention deficit management.
- Most of these things are already set.

Rachel Kim:

- Are operational staff in your portfolio aware of the office hours goal?

Lawrence Liu:

- The goals were sent to staff, and they are on board.

Audrey Chow:

- Clubs are still struggling to get their reimbursements.
- Why are there no goals or action items about that?

Lawrence Liu:

- I believe the new financial system will solve this issue.
- The system will make the process faster.

Max Holmes:

- These goals are realistic.
- I hope we use Studentcare in our engagement.
- We need some scientific polling feedback which Studentcare does.
- Are you working with the GSS on a fully insured health care model?
- Will you come to Council about that?

Lawrence Liu:

- Studentcare does provide us with data.
- We want to gauge interest in what areas student favour.
- Still in preliminary discussions with the GSS; we will come to Council before any changes.

6. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED KATHERINE FENG:

“That The VP Finance goals be accepted as presented.”

... Carried

For (20): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Ayesha Irfan, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Jasneet Bal, Yash Ahlawat, Kana Kawanishi, Koda Tootoosis, Victor Liu, Julia Wang, Cissy Zhang, Salva Sherif, Jonathan De Souza

J) Executive and Committee Motions

7. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

[SCD247-23], [SCD248-23]

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Referendum Campaigning' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Audrey Chow:

- Restricts anyone that is not an active AMS Member from participating in a referendum.
- It would prevent those not affiliated with the AMS from taking part.
- This includes restrictions on providing funding.
- The aim is to make sure the students make their own decisions.

8. MOVED AUDREY CHOW, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2022: Referendum Campaigning' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (19): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Audrey Chow, Ayesha Irfan, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Jasneet Bal, Yash Ahlawat, Kana Kawanishi, Koda Tootoosis, Victor Liu, Julia Wang, Cissy Zhang, Jonathan De Souza

Against (1): Salva Sherif

9. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED BEN DU: [SCD250-23], [SCD251-23], [SCD252-23], [SCD253-23], [SCD254-23], [SCD255-23]

From the Finance Committee

“Be it resolved that AMS Council approve \$650,000 from the Capital Projects Fund for the Blue Chip to Pie R² Renovation Project.

Be it further resolved that Code Section IX B, Article 6(5)(a) be suspended to allow an expenditure of more than half the annual CPF intake.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: The approximate annual intake in CPF is \$450,000

Note: Current Balance of the CPF is \$2,004,998.27.

If motion is approved, balance of CPF will be: \$1,354,998.27.

Michael Kingsmill:

- The proposal is to change the Blue Chip location to a Mediterranean venue and to move Blue Chip to the old Pie R pizza location.
- The queuing system will change in the new Mediterranean venue to be inside the store.
- Introducing Mediterranean food will mean increasing students' food options.
- Pizza's day is gone, the market is over-saturated, and pizza stores have low margins.
- Blue Chip is our flagship.
- It will have a prominent location with increased seating.
- We want to make it into a cafe.
- Blue theme and more wood,
- Streamlining equipment for efficiency.

Schedule

- Want to start Blue Chip construction in late February or early March.
- To be completed by mid-April.
- A simple move with little down time.
- After Blue Chip is moved, we can start work on the Mediterranean venue.
- Can be done in the summer.
- Two months of construction and rebranding.
- Complete in early July.
- Opening before school starts.

Budget

- \$364,343 for the Pie R conversion.

- \$331,112 for the Blue Chip conversion.
- \$695,000 total, but we've reduced costs and think in the end it will be \$650,000.

Questions

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Are there more projects coming for the Capital Projects Fund?
- We have already taken out a lot.
- Will prices at the outlets go up because of this?

Eshana Bhangu:

- No price increases.
- The project does require a Code suspension, but we don't see more expenditures coming.
- The Air Conditioning project was allocated last year.
- CPF will still have a good balance and gets replenished.

Max Holmes:

- I am worried about the spending from CPF.
- We can't keep closing businesses and opening new ones.
- I agree with this change but we have to watch this.
- I hope this does not prevent other necessary spending out of the fund.
- On the operational side, will this help the lines move?
- Will you increase capacity?

Michael Kingsmill:

- We are adding another espresso machine, which will move the line.

Eshana Bhangu:

- I agree with the concern about changing businesses, but this should help us compete with the Loafe cafe in the alumni building and should lead to more revenue generation.
- The Mediterranean outlet will provide one more affordable food outlet for students.

Ayesha Irfan:

- How do you define Mediterranean food?

Eshana Bhangu:

- Pasta.
- Surveys say students want pasta.

Michael Kingsmill:

- And meat and salad.
- There will be vegetarian options and shawarmas.

Cissy Zhang:

- How much closure time will there be for Blue Chip?

- When would it start and how long will it last?
- How will you communicate this to students?

Michael Kingsmill:

- We will build the new Blue Chip outlet while the old one remains open.
- We will only need to close it for a weekend to move the equipment.
- And Blue Chip Express will be open that weekend.

Mathew Ho:

- What about the pizza ovens and other equipment at Pie R?

Michael Kingsmill:

- The equipment will be sold.

10. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED BEN DU:

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... Carried

For (16): Eshana Bhangu, Dana Turdy, Ben Du, Erin Co, Ayesha Irfan, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Yash Ahlawat, Kana Kawanishi, Koda Tootoosis, Cissy Zhang, Salva Sherif, Jonathan De Souza

11. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED RACHEL KIM: [SCD256-23], [SCD257-23], [SCD258-23]

"That Council approve the updated scope of the Governance Review Committee."

Eshana Bhangu:

- Changes the scope to take a high level look at upper management.

Max Holmes:

- Don't expect an immediate update from the Governance Review Committee on the management issue.
- It will have its own separate process.
- We have been working on the student government side.

12. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED RACHEL KIM:

"That Council approve the updated scope of the Governance Review Committee."

... Carried

For (5): Erin Co, Ayesha Irfan, Kaysan Adriyanto, Rachel Kim, Salva Sherif

13. MOVED CYNARA ONYEMORDI, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW: [SCD259-23]

"Be it resolved that the chair of the Governance Review Ad-Hoc Committee be compensated for 3 hours a week effective June 22, 2022.

Be it further resolved that the Chair of Governance Review Ad-Hoc Committee be compensated for 5 hours a week effective September 22, 2022 until May 24, 2023."

Cynara Onyemordi:

- This is an important role and committee and the chair should be paid.

... No objections

14. MOVED CYNARA ONYEMORDI, SECONDED AUDREY CHOW: [SCD260-23], [SCD261-23]

"That Council accept Erin Wong as Events Officer as recommended by the Human Resources Committee effective immediately until March 2023."

Cynara Onyemordi:

- She was Coms officer last year and has experience.

... No objections

K) Executive Goals Midterm Update

L) Constituency and Affiliate Motions

M) Discussion and Consultation

N) President's Business and Remarks – Eshana Bhangu [SCD262-23]

- There were 1200 people at the AGM, easily meeting quorum.
- The Great Trek celebration was a huge success.
- Governance review going well – coming to Council soon.
- Services review to be presented in January.
- Policy on equitable consultation.
- Interfaculty cup – going well.
- Mental health survey launched.
- Indigenous Culture Month went well.
- Doing a lot of work for the new financial system.

- Management changes: Managing Director Keith Hester has left the AMS. Thanks to him for 12 years of service.
- Celia Chung, the HR Manager, is the acting Managing Director.
- Launching search soon for a permanent Managing Director.

Questions

Max Holmes:

- How is the Services Review being conducted?

Eshana Bhangu:

- There is a team working on it.
- Our Senior Manager of Student Services can speak more on it.

Kathleen Simpson:

- We are working with the Service leads directly.
- We are also consulting the students; a survey is out right now.

O) Executive Remarks

VP Academic & University Affairs Update – Dana Turdy [SCD263-23]

VP Administration Update – Ben Du [SCD264-23]

VP External Update to Council – Erin Co [SCD265-23]

VP Finance Update to Council – Lawrence Liu [SCD266-23]

Interim Managing Director Update to Council – Celia Chung [SCD267-23]

Senior Manager Student Services –Update to Council - Kathleen Simpson [SCD268-23]

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

- MUSA Fall Election Certification Report [SCD269-23]

Q) Next Meeting and Adjournment

14. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED THOMAS DUNSMORE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... No objections

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting of Council is later tonight.

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Attended	VP Finance Goals	Code Change: Referendum Campaigning	Blue Chip to Pie R Reno	Updated Gov Review Scope
Neal Cameron	Speaker	Y				
Eshana Bhangu	President	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Ben Du	VP Admin	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Lawrence Liu	VP Finance	Y				
Erin Co	VP External	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kathleen Simpson	Sr. Student Services Mgr.	Y				
Jennifer Lara Rodriguez	Architecture					
Audrey Chow	Arts	Y	Y	Y		
Ayesha Irfan	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Kaysan Adriyanto	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cynara Onyemordi	Arts	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Audiology					
Max Holmes	BoG	Y				
Georgia Yee	BoG					
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Rachel Kim	Commerce	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry	Y	Y	Y		
Yash Ahlawat	Economics	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Damian Spence	Education	Y				
Christian Kyle	Engineering					
Sofia Cecic	Engineering					
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Cara James	GSS					
Chhavi Mehra	GSS					
Mopelola Akinjala	GSS					
Samia Syeoti Ramim	GSS					

Koda Tootoosis	Indigenous Seat	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Journalism					
Victor Liu	Kinesiology	Y	Y	Y		
Julia Wang	Law	Y	Y	Y		
Cissy Zhang	LFS	Y	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					
Katherine Feng	Science					
Salva Sherif	Science	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Melina Amirsharafi	Senate					
Keannu Yu	Senate					
Muge Tiritoglu	Social Work					
Jonathan De Souza	St Mark's	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Shadia Qubti	VST					

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Nathan Bawaan (Ubysey), Isabella Falsetti (Ubysey), Paloma Green (Ubysey), Tomila Sahbaei (AMS), Sagorika Haque (AMS Advocacy), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm with Max Holmes in the chair.

B) Territorial Acknowledgement:

The Chair:

- We are on the traditional ancestral lands of the Musqueam people.
- These are learning lands.
- We are privileged to be here.
- We as student leaders can support the principle of reconciliation.
- There's lots of work still to do,

C) Adoption of the agenda:

1. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

"That the agenda be amended to remove the following motion:

That Council refer to Advocacy Committee the issue of Council considering declaring no-confidence in the University of British Columbia Board of Governors.

Instead there will be a discussion."

... No objections

2. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

"That the agenda be adopted as amended."

... No objections

D) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members:

Vacancies on Council:

Goodbyes:

E) Speaker's Business (5 minutes):

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

G) Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees

3. MOVED THOMAS DUNSMORE, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

“That the following consent agenda items be accepted as presented.”

AMS Council minutes dated June 22, 2022	[SCD270-23]
AMS Council minutes dated July 27, 2022	[SCD271-23]
Governance Review Committee minutes dated November 24, 2022	[SCD272-23]

...Carried

For (17): Eshana Bhangu, Ben Du, Lawrence Liu, Audrey Chow, Ayesha Irfan, Mathew Ho, Kaysan Adriyanto, Cynara Onyemordi, Thomas Dunsmore, Rachel Kim, Christian Kyle, Kana Kawanishi, Koda Tootoosis, Julia Wang, Maddie Elder, Cindy Wang, Katherine Feng

H) Consent Agenda Items

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

I) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

4. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED CYNARA ONYEMORDI:

“That the Chair be allowed to participate in debate.”

... No objections

Governance Review – Max Holmes (Chair of ad hoc Governance Review Committee)
[SCD273-23]

- The document circulated is the result of many meetings of the ad hoc Governance Review Committee.
- I’m looking for feedback.

Background

- The issues presented are based off committee discussions.
- We consulted with other research-intensive universities and did a stakeholder survey.
- We will be doing further consultation and will begin drafting bylaw, policy and Code changes.
- These recommendations will probably change as a result of feedback.

Recommendations

- Most items had unanimous agreement.
- We'd like direction on which items should require unanimous consent from the committee, which 2/3rds, and which a simple majority.
- Can't address all the issues.
- Focusing on how best to improve our governance and operations as a board of directors.
- When a permanent person is hired they will need to look at Justice, Equity Diversity and Inclusion.
- Will only deal with changes that affect the Governance of Council.
- No management recommendation in this review.
- There is a separate subcommittee for the management review. It will discuss the Managing Director position profile and the management structure.

Issue 1

Council Turnover

- High turnover and many vacancies, especially in the smaller constituencies, often in the same constituencies
- Councillors have been resigning to take paid positions.

Recommendations

Carried unanimously by the committee:

- Council would only be required to meet monthly but could add extra meetings.
- Council to be scheduled in advance with times stated.
- Most informational updates will be written.

Not unanimous

- The AMS will be able to set the process for the filling of Councillor vacancies.
- Some of the smaller Constituencies, if they were being formed today, would be amalgamated into other Constituencies
 - These could be moved into other Constituencies, e.g. Library, Music, VST, and Nursing.
 - These constituencies have 2% of the membership but have 25% of the representation on Council.
- There will be a stipend for Councillors tied to attendance.

Issue 2

- Councillors are not always informed enough to participate.
- Council does not welcome opposing views.
- Feedback is seen as an attack.
- Council meetings can seem performative and do not add value.
- Council can be exclusive and unwelcoming for new members

Recommendations

- Overhaul orientation and training.
- Provide more social and learning opportunities.
- Create an Executive Oversight Committee for feedback to the Executive.

- There will be a new code of conduct for Council.
- The Chair (Speaker) should play a more active role in enforcing the rules of Council.

Issue 3

Council meetings

- Not well structured.
- One-sided conversations with little engagement.
- Meeting times vary widely.
- Bureaucratic.
- Items added last minute.

Recommendations

- Overhaul meeting structure
- The agenda will set times for each item.
- The chair of the Executive Oversight Committee will set the agenda with the President.
- Send the agenda a week in advance and no new items will be added less than 5 days before the meeting.
- Clerk of Council will write a summary of action items based on discussion at Council.

Issue 4

Councillor Duties

- Few engaged Councillors.
- Unclear duties for Councillors.
- Some Councillors don't know their fiduciary duties, such as holding Executives accountable.
- Executives report to Council but are on Council.

Recommendation

- Overhaul training.
- Chair of Oversight will have once a term meeting with individual Councillors.
- Remove the VP's as voting members of Council to create better accountability and remove conflict of interest.

Issue 5

Executive accountability

- Some say that if Executives don't achieve their goals they suffer no consequences.
- Goal setting process not consistent.
- Lack of good opportunities for feedback and feedback often not well received, according to Councillors.
 - According to Executives, the feedback was sometimes not helpful.

Recommendations

- Create an Executive Oversight Committee.
- Make a goal template.

- There should be confidential peer and staff evaluations.
- Council should be given the power to remove an Executive by a 2/3 vote.
- Chair of Executive Oversight will relay feedback to the Executive from Council and the Executive Oversight Committee.

Issue 6

Committee Chair accountability

- Committee chairs are not held accountable.
- No orientation or training.
- No transition reports.
- If the Chair is an Executive there could be issues of accountability.

Recommendations

- The Oversight Committee will be made up of committee chairs.
- All standing committee chairs will be non-executive Councillors.
- Dedicated executive and staff to support committee chairs with agendas and material or committees.
- Council will be able to remove chairs by a 2/3rds vote.
- Create specific training documents for each committee chair.

Issue 7

Bad Committee Structure

- Some committees meet more often and do more work than others.
- There are inactive or unclear working groups under various committees.
- Not all AMS departments have a committee where their issues are discussed.
- There are not enough committee seats for each Councillor to sit on a committee.
- Some Councillors sit on more than one committee while others sit on none.

Recommendations

- Overhaul the committee structure.
- Each department will have a committee to refer to.
- Each subcommittee and working group will need to be renewed annually.
- All committee appointments including appointments to non-AMS committees will be handled by a nominating committee. (This recommendation was not unanimous.)
 - Concern that the Nominating Committee could favour itself; there would have to be clear conflict of interest rules.

Issue 8

Unclear reporting and oversight

- Who the executive report to is unclear.
- How the President is managed and provided oversight is unclear.
- Who manages and provides oversight to student staff appointed by Council is unclear.
- The level of oversight and management Council is supposed to provide to the Managing Director is unclear.

Recommendations

- Amend Bylaws to state the management and oversight responsibilities of Council.
- All Executives will continue to answer to Council.
- The Executive Oversight Committee will be created to provide more detailed and regular oversight.
- The President will manage the VP's on behalf of Council.
- The President will receive direction, oversight and advice from the Executive Oversight Committee.

Issue 9

Council Transparency

- No clear criteria for going in camera.
- Committees should be open to all AMS members, but it is hard for regular members to attend.

Recommendations

- Create a third closed session where staff and executive are allowed and which will release a summary of what is discussed.
- New policy to govern when committees or Council need to meet in open, closed or in camera session.
- The policy will be created in consultation with outside groups to ensure it keeps the AMS transparent

Issue 10

Advisory Board

- No clear duties.
- Used differently each year.
- Does not support the work of Council.
- No criteria for choosing members.
- Not really fulfilling its purpose.
- There is no committee that reviews AMS financials.

Recommendations

- Create a new Business and Audit Committee to replace the Advisory Board.
- It will be mostly outside members.
- Will report to Council.
- Will review audited financial statements and liaise with the auditors on behalf of Council.
- The chair of the committee will be an external person with a CPA designation.
- The committee will receive regular reporting from the businesses and provide advice.

Issue 11

Constituencies

- The AMS does not understand Constituency needs and how to support them.
- Not all executives know how Constituencies operate.
- Presidents Council has unclear duties and purpose.

Recommendations

- The Executive should get an orientation module on Constituencies and how to support them.
- Restructure Presidents Council.
- Provide a Constituency orientation module to Council.
- Let Constituencies add Council agenda items.
- The VP Admin will be the touchpoint to support these relationships.

Issue 12

Student Government Staff Structure

- Appointed staff don't have a clear direct report and receive no feedback.
- Issues have been raised about the size of some staff portfolios.
- Portfolios can significantly change year to year.
- The Executive don't have enough management experience for the amount of staff they oversee.

Recommendations

- Council-appointed staff will report to Chair of the Executive Oversight Committee and the President on a day to day basis.
- Council-appointed staff will receive feedback from the Executive Oversight Committee.
- Every Executive portfolio will be reviewed from a zero-point standpoint to see what positions are necessary.
- There will be better HR training on how to manage staff.
- Executive portfolios will be reviewed on a three year basis (like Services) and significant staff changes will not happen outside this cycle.

Nest steps

- Get feedback from Council, the Executive and relevant stakeholders.
- All feedback is welcome.
- Implementation will focus on bylaws, then policy and Code changes, then further changes.
- A report will be written and delivered to Council with final recommendations.

Questions

Thomas Dunsmore:

- Re merging smaller constituencies – how will these voices be heard?

Max Holmes:

- Some of this needs to be worked out.
- If they were moved, they would vote in those Constituencies.
- Some Constituencies may get an extra seat.
- It is important to hear these voices.

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- Re Council Transparency:

- Are there plans to communicate what Council does in closed sessions?
- Re Committee structure:
 - A nominating committee would remove some power from Council.

Max Holmes:

- We can talk to Communications about how we could release what is discussed in closed sessions.
- Re the nominating committee: many other boards have this committee.
 - The appointments would come to Council to be voted on.
 - Council would elect the nominating committee.

Katherine Feng:

- I don't like a nominating committee; there could be favouritism.
- Paying Councillors: the AMS is not for profit, and we are in a deficit.
- Executive Oversight Committee: how is this different from the Steering Committee?
- Council will be able to remove VP's: does this apply to the President as well?
- The Chair of Exec Oversight would be able to remove committee chairs: how would we remove the Chair of Exec Oversight?
- Monthly meetings: could we get through everything?
- Annual renewal of subcommittees: some are needed.

Max Holmes:

- Oversight vs Steering:
 - Steering has no role in the oversight of the Executive. Oversight would.
- Removing VP's:
 - We are proposing that VP's be removed from Council; they would no longer be Council members.
 - But most boards have the President serve on them.
 - If you mean removing Executives by a 2/3rds vote, that does apply to the President.
- Executive Oversight Chair removal:
 - Council can still remove anyone by a 2/3rds vote.

Mathew Ho:

- It would be useful to give a summary of how the previous Oversight Committee operated and why we stopped having it.

Max Holmes:

- It came up during the last governance review process.
- The Committee can look at what went wrong last time.
- We now have a committee for disciplining Executives.

Cynara Onyemordi:

- Re the nominating committee and favouritism: there can be favouritism even in the current process.
- But a committee to vet nominees could have more time to review nominees and their qualifications.

Christian Kyle:

- Re smaller constituencies:
 - Combining them in larger constituencies might mean their voices will not be heard.
 - They might not be allowed to vote for the Constituency President.
- Since we are in a deficit it would look wrong to give Councillors money.
 - This would not be responsible.
 - It will not look good.

Katherine Feng:

- Re the nominating committee: it would be a smaller group than Council.
- How would its members be chosen?

Max Holmes:

- Council would appoint people to the nominating committee, and their recommendations would have to come back to Council.

Katherine Feng:

- You wanted a recommendation on committee thresholds for recommendations.
- My preference is 2/3rds majority to bring forward a recommendation.

Mathew Ho:

- Do you want Councillors to engage with their constituencies on this?

Max Holmes:

- You can if you want but the committee will too.

Christian Kyle:

- It will go to Presidents Council, so Constituencies can get feedback there.

Katherine Feng

- Will there be a process for engaging/consulting the constituencies that might be removed from Council?

Max Holmes:

- Yes.
- Some of these Constituencies don't have an election process.
- Some AMS reps were picked by UBC.

BoG Tuition Protest

The following motion was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

“That Council refer to Advocacy Committee the issue of Council considering declaring no-confidence in the University of British Columbia Board of Governors.”

Dana Turdy:

- There was a tuition protest yesterday.
- UBC's Board of Governors increased tuition anyway.
- We had a motion on the agenda to look into voting no confidence in the University, but we've decided just to have a discussion now.
- There is student frustration and AMS frustration over accountability and transparency and over the continued annual increases at a time of food insecurity.
- The Board of Governors moved their meeting time and went in camera.
- Concerns were raised over this.

Eshana Bhangu:

- This is an opportunity to discuss what happened yesterday.
- A lot of students reached out to me.

Kaysan Adriyanto:

- As an international student, I am especially concerned.
- There is no cap on tuition for international students.
- It is frustrating that UBC is ignoring what students say during consultation.

5. MOVED ESHANA BHANGU, SECONDED MATHEW HO:

"That Council be extended by 15 minutes."

... No objections

Mathew Ho:

- The conduct of the Board was frustrating.
- What is the AMS planning to do about the situation?
- UBCO is also affected – will you speak to them?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We will send correspondence to the Board.
- They are having too many in camera sessions and this time they went in camera in the middle of an open session.
- We did send correspondence with data to the Board about our stand on tuition increases.
- We will look at how we can best support students now that the increase has been approved.
- We need to get the Province to give more funding to UBC as an alternative to increasing tuition fees.

Audrey Chow:

- It's ridiculous that they ask for our feedback each year and they raise tuition each year.
- Is the motion not on the table?

Eshana Bhangu:

- We can come back to it.

Katherine Feng:

- Is the Board of Governors member able to provide an update on long term funding for food initiatives?

Max Holmes:

- There was funding announced for this fiscal year.
- There is a specific committee looking at food insecurity.
- It will need to go back to the Board with recommendations
- The AMS has sent its submission.
- It's part of the Affordability Plan.
- The AMS has representation on this committee.

Mathew Ho:

- So the motion is off the table but it might come back at a later date.
- How will you keep Council informed about such a motion?
- This needs a lot of consideration.
- We are mostly students on Advocacy. Do we have the knowledge to put forth this motion? Should we consult the lawyers?

Eshana Bhangu:

- I don't think a legal consultation is necessary.
- We are the largest stakeholder group on campus.
- The motion said we should explore if this is something we should consider.
- There are consistent transparency issues with the Board.
- We would provide more details if we decide to move forward.

J) Next Meeting:

January 11, 2023

K) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

L) Social Activity:

Votes and Attendance

	Constituency	Attended	Minutes
Neal Cameron	Speaker		
Eshana Bhangu	President	Y	Y
Dana Turdy	VP Academic	Y	
Ben Du	VP Admin	Y	Y
Lawrence Liu	VP Finance	Y	Y
Erin Co	VP External		
Kathleen Simpson	Sr. Student Services Mgr.	Y	
	Architecture		
Audrey Chow	Arts	Y	Y
Ayesha Irfan	Arts	Y	Y
Mathew Ho	Arts	Y	Y
Kaysan Adriyanto	Arts	Y	Y
Cynara Onyemordi	Arts	Y	Y
	Audiology		
Max Holmes	BoG		
Georgia Yee	BoG		
Thomas Dunsmore	Commerce	Y	Y
Rachel Kim	Commerce	Y	Y
Jasneet Bal	Dentistry		
Yash Ahlawat	Economics		
Damian Spence	Education	Y	
Christian Kyle	Engineering	Y	Y
Sofia Cecic	Engineering		
Kana Kawanishi	Forestry	Y	Y
Cara James	GSS		
Chhavi Mehra	GSS		
Mopelola Akinjala	GSS		
Samia Syeoti Ramim	GSS		
Koda Tootosis	Indigenous Seat	Y	Y
	Journalism		
Victor Liu	Kinesiology		

Julia Wang	Law	Y	Y
Cissy Zhang	LFS		
	Library-Archival		
Maddie Elder	Medicine	Y	Y
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
Katherine Feng	Science	Y	Y
	Science		
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