

## Board of Governors Update to AMS Council - Presented by Kareem Hassib

### **September 27th Board Meeting:**

*As usual, many matters were in-camera, but here is what I can share from the open session. It was great to have incoming UBC President Dr. Bacon join us for the meeting.*

- We got to hear a great presentation on UBC Vancouver's Varsity Athletics Program, and recognized a few students who have been national champions in their respective sports, and have also simultaneously maintained excellence in academics.
- We had annual reports from the AMS, SUO, and GSS, representing all of UBC's Student Union groups, who cited their priorities and concerns for the Board regarding student issues like tuition, healthcare, and housing.
- We discussed a Review of Student Aid at UBC. This was an information item breaking down how much we give away in Merit-based, Hybrid, and Needs-based scholarships, and to which demographics.
- The Board approved Phase 2 of the Sauder Power House expansion, a large 11 story tower that is planned to be at the current powerhouse site at the Sauder school of business.
- Finally, we approved an additional \$5 million in funding for the Gateway building. The building will bring different medical services under one roof, making it easier for students to navigate healthcare, and will also be operated with the schools of Nursing and Kinesiology. You can see the building currently going up next to the bus loop.

Full Agenda: <https://bog3.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/2023/09/AGE-BG-2023.09-1.pdf>

### **Background and context:**

- The Board of Governors is the highest governing body of UBC, overseeing the university's finances, administration, and operations.
- The Board consists of 21 members:
- the Chancellor, the President, 11 persons appointed by the Provincial Government, 3 elected faculty members (2 from UBCV, 1 from UBCO), 3 elected students (2 from UBCV, 1 from UBCO), 2 elected employees (1 from UBCV, 1 from UBCO)
- UBC's three student governors are **Eshana Bhangu** and **Kareem Hassib** from UBC Vancouver and **Isabella Bravo** from UBC Okanagan
- The Board has 8 committees. Student Governors sit on 3-4 committees.
- Info on Board Membership: <https://bog.ubc.ca/board-members/>
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**I may not be at AMS Council as I could be in the middle of a flight, so please feel free to ask questions to email me: [kareem.hassib@ubc.ca](mailto:kareem.hassib@ubc.ca)**