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Date and Time of Meeting:

09 October 2014

Location:

SUB Council Chambers RM206

Call to Order: 12:44 PM

Amendments to the Agenda:

Moved by Andreea, Seconded by Nick,

That the Agenda be amended to extend the question period of the Vantage College presentation by 8 minutes.

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Vanessa, Seconded by Sean,

That the Agenda be amended to include the presentation by AMS and extend the question period time of the Tuition Increase Presentation by 10 minutes.

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Kaitlyn, Seconded by Tim

That the Agenda be amended under Executive Committee Motions to amend motion regarding general agreement with the Princeton Review to include "under the condition that executive benefits are removed or replaced."

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Andreea, Seconded by Annie

That the Agenda be amended to move the AVP Admin appointment to next week.

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Kaitlyn

That the Agenda be amended to remove the appointment of a Faculty of Science Achievement Awards Committee Member as Madeline is already sitting on that committee.

MOTION PASSES...

Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Kaitlyn, Seconded by Ji Youn,

That Council adopt the agenda.

...MOTION PASSES

Introductions



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Presentations

“Vantage College” – Joanne Fox

Vantage College is a new 11-month program for international students, aimed at those who meet all of the requirements for UBC Admission but need additional language support. First year program embeds language support as well as cultural transition for cohort of students. Students would enter into first year through the vantage college program continue in second year as Faculty of Science students. The goals of this program are to help students transition into their studies. There are currently 2 streams, Arts and Science, next year the program will be expanding to include Applied Science and Management.

Question Period

Shaaban

What does not meeting language requirements mean?

Joanne

Vantage cut of 5.5 for ILEF test, there is a standard but one band below.

Kaitlyn

How many students are currently in the program?

Joanne

86 in the Faculty of Arts, 104 in the Faculty of Science

Jeff

Are they all sharing a residence and is there an advantage to keeping them all together?

Joanne

The students will be sharing a house in Vanier. Programming and integration is important in developing program. Currently experimenting with mixed housing.

Nina

How competitive is Vantage College?

Joanne

Same academic standards as UBC, application numbers estimated in 700-800.

Jeff

Is there a reason students do not have the option to take life sciences courses like biology?

Joanne

Course streams have been chosen so there's focus into two streams, Physics and Computational Sciences, no path for Life Sciences. Doesn't restrict them to take those courses in their second year. Reason being where capacity is, UBC has constraints in how much we can offer in laboratories. May change in the future through development.

Shaaban



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In terms of admission requirements, in previous years you're allowed to write a letter of appeal. Now that Vantage College exists is that option taken away?

Joanne

No, all the same processes are in place.

Kaitlyn

What processes are there to evaluate the success of integrating the students into the UBC community and follow up?

Joanne

Currently many evaluations in place including PAIR to track students, partnering with AMS and a number of evaluations throughout the year.

Jesse

Transitioning to second year, would they specialize?

Joanne

Yes they would.

Matthew

If they wanted to specialize in life sciences how would they go about doing it?

Joanne

Advising sheet would be provided to students and they would have to switch specialization, students will be well aware this would extend studies.

Jeff

Since for the Computer Science major you may apply in first year would that option still be available to students?

Joanne

You can still apply directly, and you can also apply during the specialization process.

Andreea

Advising?

Joanne

Specialization process will be the same, shared advisor role.

Joanne Fox, Academic Director and Senior Instructor joanne.fox@vantagecollege.ubc.ca | CK Choi
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"Response to Tuition Fee Increase" Presentation -- AMS VP Academic Anne Kessler

2 days ago AMS and other student organizations were notified by Louise Cowin and David Farrar that the University will be increasing international fees by 10% and housing fees by 20%. Policies indicate AMS is against the increase. When notified, AMS asked where the money will be spent, and they have been told that they are currently consulting about where they're going to put that money into. Doesn't make sense without knowing where it's going and there will be a 30 day consultation period before the increase is put in place. The University will be holding official town hall. Current thinking about a teach in on Thursday at 12:30 at the fountain. General



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assembly of students next Thursday, Facebook event. Appreciate support to come out to this event. Have to show that it's not just a few AMS leaders, it's really the students

Question Period

Madeline

Could you explain the 30 day consultation?

Anne

University policy 72 indicated that the University has to consult students when there is a tuition increase, minimum period is a 30 day, started yesterday. Will be asking for extension. Vice provost is on vacation for the next two weeks starting next Friday. Will be following up with an email.

Matthew

Why are they increasing?

Anne

They've been very vague. Increase financial aid, student services like counselling, no numbers available suspicion that most is going to faculty. Shaaban: yes or no from tanner do you or do you not? Question was dodged. No plan existing is the suspicion. Increasing tuition because other universities have higher tuition. Falling behind on international tuition.

Andrea

How will this affect the housing cost increase?

Anne

No policy in place for consulting for housing this decision has already been made, consulting on where the money is going. Decision is a lie, haven't gone through board of governors. More detailed conversation next week. Not clear about the time line.

Ji Youn

Is this related to the discussion about increasing residences by the University?

Anne

The University has an ambitious strategy to increase residences. This is a separate issue that has not been approved by the Board of Governors.

Diane

They seem very fixated on an increase, how would we as students counter this?

Shaaban

Spoke with the student Board of Governors representative and the best response if it does go all the way and reach the Board of Governors is to have SUS, AUS, EUS and other student organizations provide official statements encouraging people to come out to events and have an official consultation. This will present administration in bad media.

Anne Kesler, AMS VP Academic vpacademic@ams.ubc.ca | SUB, Room 238K



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Executive and AMS Report

1. President

a. Orientations

- i. Preparing document, response to what the University is trying to implement for orientations, Undergraduate Societies currently providing input.

2. VP External

a. Expansion Project with SUS

- i. Currently doing research for expansion project SUS with TRIUMPH and Beaty Biodiversity

b. Science Careers Month

- i. Hiring for Science Careers Month committee

c. UBC Increase in Tuition and Housing

3. VP Internal

a. Council Retreat

- i. Will send out feedback form

b. First Year Committee

- i. FYC fully hired, will have first meeting at 5 PM
- ii. Logistics done, following up for proposal for engagement part from council

4. VP Academic

a. THRIVE Workshops

- i. Will be in Academic Committee, Access and Diversity, Ombuds, Advocacy
- ii. Looking at November 13th and 27th
- iii. Peer advising training happening October 27th

5. VP Administration

a. Office Hours

- i. Schedule for office hours being put together, please fill out doodle by tomorrow.

6. VP Communications

a. Digital Signage updated

b. Emails

- i. Councillor email issues were fixed and new passwords are getting sorted out.

7. VP Finance

a. Sports Rebate

- i. Forms updated and posted online

b. Budget

- i. will be presented to council next week

8. VP Student Life

a. Social Committee

- i. Committee has not been filled yet, still hiring

b. Halloween Party



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- i. Going to collaborate with AMS, AUS and CUS
 - c. Science Week
 - i. Currently going through interviews for science week committee, first round.
- 9. Science Student Senator**
Absent, report: haven't yet met since last council meeting, will update if report is sent
- 10. AMS Reports**
 - a. Tuition & Housing Increase
 - i. Discussion on tuition and housing increasing
 - ii. Emergency meeting to finalize statement that the AMS will be releasing.
 - b. Whistler Lodge
 - i. Tentative deal has been reached for sale of the Whistler lodge.
 - c. New Sub
 - i. Delayed until February 23rd "fingers crossed".

Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Ji Youn, Seconded by Maris,
That SUS Council approves the following Executive meeting minutes.
CM 2014 09 25
XM 2014 09 30

Motivated by: Nick

Debate:

...MOTION PASSES

Executive Committee Motions

Moved by Gian, Seconded by Shaaban,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT SUS Council approves the contract outlining the relationship
between SUS and Maluco Security for 2014-2015 academic year as presented.

Motivated by: Shaaban, contracts received. Security contractor for all the events. Costs, discounts,
what they get in return.

Debate:

Nina

Is that the same company as the one that AMS has?

Shaaban

Yes

Ji Youn

Have we been using them in the past?

Shaaban

Yes, for the last four years



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Jeff

Are the rates as same as last year?

Shaaban

Rated were increased by \$0.50 an hour due to inflation

Chris

How do we go about approving or disapproving these contracts/

Shaaban

Gives motivation with the relationship, do you think we should have a partnership, is there anything flagged in this contract, is there nothing wrong in the contract? IF not, bring it up and we will make changes.

Matthew

There is no out clause.

Shaaban

Not a formal contract/agreement, it is a non-complete clause. We are allowed to work with other security companies. Relationships ensure that we get the discounts. Simply an agreement. Binding in terms of the fact that we have to pay them

Andreea

Do they have to stick to the rates they gave us?

Shaaban

Yes

Madeline

What would happen if we used another security company?

Shaaban

Nothing, but they might not want to continue their contract. We would like to maintain relationships

Abstentions: Matthew

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Madeline, Seconded by Jesse,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SUS Council approves the contract outlining the relationship between SUS and Prep101 for 2014-2015 academic year as presented.

Motivated by: Shaaban

Debate:

Shaaban

These are contracts from test prep companies, also being renewed. Advertisement and deals. Initially had to tweet on their behalf once a month or put them in the distillation every month. This was removed without the benefits

Matthew



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No clause in contract

Shaaban

Standard organization contract, written by them not us

Paul

Are these actually legally binding contracts, does SUS as a subgroup of AMS, have the ability to sign off on them?

Shaaban

Not legally binding, President and VP external sign off

Maris

How much does it cost?

Shaaban

Not sure, have never used services but estimating at 1700 for MCAT Prep. That's what they offered, we're not giving them that much. Each organization gives differently. Try to get out of it as much as we can. What's on the contract right now is what we were able to get out of it.

Jeff

Why is the discount for executives more?

Shaaban

Contracts were written by Prep 101. The executives in the past have not used this deal and we can distribute these as scholarships and awards.

Ji Youn

How will the deals be distributed?

Shaaban

Website has a link to external groups. As soon as contracts are signed this will be advertised through social media. Discounted codes and scholarships will be advertised. With the exception of not having to tweet

Kaitlyn

How has it changed since last year and as a follow up, what is the status of our twitter account?

Shaaban

It is the same

Jason

Twitter account will be deactivated for the term

Maris

Why do these organizations hand out material and flyers outside classes?

Shaaban

That's their marketing policy. Not related, this is to do with our relationship with them, not a parent organization or a sub organization; just an affiliation.

Marta

MISA also in a contract with Prep 101, does this affect anything?

Shaaban



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We are aware of the sub club contracts, students can take both.

Paul

Is there a SUS conflict of interest code or does it fall under AMS are we allowed to alter MoU's, execs get additional \$300 off? Is that allowed?

Shaaban

Conflict of interest being an employee with the AMS. None of the exec used those benefits, treated as numbered benefits. 8 benefits for 8 students, doesn't have to be execs. Recommend to fail this motion.

Paul

Renegotiate contract just to get rid of the appearance of a conflict.

... MOTION FAILS

Moved by Maddie, Seconded by Kaitlyn,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SUS Council approves the contract outlining the relationship between SUS and The Princeton Review for 2014-2015 academic year under the condition that the executive benefits are removed or replaced.

Motivated by: Shaaban

Debate:

Alice

The agreement also gives discount to executive team

Shaaban

In order to speed up the process, I recommend that we pass the motion with the knowledge that the agreement will be revised just like the one above.

Jesse

Is the \$400 sponsorship fee used at our own discretion?

Shaaban

Any fee paid to us is given to general operating budget

Ji Youn

How are we going to use this money?

Shaaban

The money is going to the general operating budget. Allocating depends on VP Finance

Kaitlyn

What is on page 5 of 5? (Blank)

Shaaban

More of their clauses that we didn't opt into. Non complete clause we didn't opt into because we work with 3 different competing organizations

Paul

What do they get out of paying us?

Shaaban

Logo on our website, sponsorships for our events.



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Abstentions: Alice and Matthew

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Nick, Seconded by Jade,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SUS Council approves the contract outlining the relationship between SUS and Kaplan for 2014-2015 academic year as presented.

Motivated by: Shaaban

Debate:

Abstentions: Shaaban

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Sean, Seconded by Vanessa,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct VP Academic and VP External to produce a formal statement opposing the universities 10% international increase by October 23rd

Motivated by: Shaaban, due to urgency of the matter.

Debate:

Abstentions: Shaaban, Diane, Matthew, Sean

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Jonathan, Seconded by Tashya,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ho Yi Kwan be appointed as the AVP Communications.

Motivated by: Jason: great to work with, potential to succeed Jason

Debate:

Abstentions: Shaaban

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Paul, Seconded by Carmen Leung,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tammy Tsui be appointed as the AVP Finance.

Motivated by: Jesse, studied to be an actuary, makes great cochair

Debate:

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Nina, Seconded by Jeff,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ronald Mak be appointed as the AVP Student Life.

Motivated by: Nina Ronald hired in summer, great candidate

Debate:

...MOTION PASSES

Committee Reports and Motions



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COUNCIL MINUTES

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Discussion Period

Adjournment

Moved by Jonathan, Seconded by Ji Youn,
That Council adjourn at 1:50

Lily Takeuchi

Lily Takeuchi
AVP Administration

Carmen Leung

Carmen Leung
VP Administration