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Date and Time of Meeting:

23 October 2014

Location:

SUB Council Chambers RM206

Call to Order: 12:54

Amendments to the Agenda:

Moved by Ji Youn, Seconded by Jesse,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT agenda be amended to remove appointment of Associate Science Careers Month Co-ordinator and add Science Careers Month Committee Member

Motivated by: Shaaban

There have been slight changes in the Science Careers Month Committee structure

Debate:

Abstentions: Shaaban

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Andreea

BE IT RESOLVED THAT agenda be amended to postpone the approval of Executive Minutes

Motivated by: Madeline

There are some changes that still need to be made

Debate:

Abstentions: Shaaban

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Sean, Seconded by Jeff

BE IT RESOLVED THAT agenda be amended to postpone the approval of Council Minutes

Motivated by: Ji Youn

There are some spelling errors that need to be revised

Debate:

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Kaitlyn, Seconded by Andreea

BE IT RESOLVED THAT agenda be amended to postpone the opposing statement towards the tuition and residence fee up until next meeting (November 6th).

Motivated by: Shaaban

Meeting was held yesterday that provided extra details that Madeline and Shaaban need to analyze then revise the statement

Debate:

Jack

What details were provided?

Shaaban



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Why the proposed increases are happening, percentages, where the money will be budgeted, questions were answered for the first time yesterday, but we have yet to completely analyze the solutions and answers that were given.

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Moved by Annie, Seconded by Vanessa,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add a councillor appointment to the Grad Council.

Motivated by: Madeline

Debate:

Abstentions: Josh

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add two councillor appointments to the Social Committee

Motivated by: Nina

Debate:

Abstentions:

...MOTION PASSES

Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Vanessa, Seconded by Jack,
That Council adopt the agenda.

Introductions

Presentations

“Midterm Evaluations of Teaching” by Madeline St. Onge

Midterm Evaluations of Teaching involve getting teaching evaluations widespread throughout the faculty. Today we would like to collect information from all of the council about which classes have involved a midterm evaluation in the form of a survey, in class discussion, or iClicker question. This project will be called mid-course feedback project. Please write down which professor and which course.

Question Period

Shaaban

What would happen for courses that are full year length?

Madeline

In full year courses you may have not seen them yet, there is the possibility of



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doing them at the end of the first term.

Maris

Do Arts courses count?

Madeline

No, only relevant Science courses.

Jesse

Where does psychology fit in?

Madeline:

Write down psychology.

Executive and AMS Report

1. President

a. Orientations

- i. How university implements changed for incoming first year students and their orientation processes

b. Meetings Regarding Tuition Increase

2. VP External

a. Corporate Relations

- i. Finished phase 1 of the research associated with the companies we would like to get in touch with TRIUMPH and Beaty

b. Meetings Regarding Tuition Increase

c. Clubs

3. VP Internal

a. SUS Committee Hiring

- i. Due date will be tomorrow at 4 pm, please share with friends.

b. Feedback Form for Retreat

- i. Will be adjusted to create an anonymous form.

4. VP Academic

a. Midterm evaluation of teaching, midcourse feedback

b. Exam database

c. Back to school survey

- i. No longer posted on the SUS website
- ii. Still have some clipboards left in SUS office

5. VP Administration

a. Council Agenda Adjustments

- i. The agenda will be sent out Monday night from now on

b. Office Hours

- i. Hours have been finalized and posted

6. VP Communications

a. Councillor Emails

- i. All ready, brand new emails were needed and they will be posted soon.



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7. VP Finance

- a. Grants & Applications
 - i. Club deadline for grants and applications was pushed back (now November 3rd) on account that servers were down, the website needs to be updated with the new deadline.
- b. Payments
 - i. Payments from last year were completed

8. VP Student Life

9. Science Student Senator

10. AMS Reports

- a. Meeting
 - i. Appointments were made, a few modifications to AMS code and an intensive discussion period of the possibility of referendum question
- b. Tuition & Residence Fee Increase
 - i. Discussed where the AMS stands on the #Iamastudent campaign and the updates regarding the fee increases.

Point of information: University released a presentation with the numbers which will be available on their consultation website.

<https://consultations.students.ubc.ca/consultations/international-student-tuition-consultation>

Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Carmen, Seconded by Diane,
That SUS Council approves the following Executive meeting minutes.

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Motivated by: Nick
Debate:

Executive Committee Motions

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Nick,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Matthew Law be appointed to Corporate Relations Committee.

Motivated by: Shaaban

Unfortunately one of the corporate relations committee representatives had to quit due to personal reasons, the position, which is normally hired in April is now open. Meetings are biweekly on Mondays from 3-4:30 and the committee handles affairs such as possibilities of new relationships that SUS could develop. Each representative is assigned a committee to sit on to be their sponsorship



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representative, making sure they abide by external policies and are aware of the sponsorship opportunities.

Debate:

Chris

What is the difference between Public Relations and Corporate Relations?

Shaaban

Corporate relations concentrates on developing relationships with external groups.

Jason

Public relations has more to do with the public image of SUS.

Chris

What kind of projects are there?

Shaaban

At the moment projects that are going on and that are due mid-November include establishing relationship with TRIUMPH Labs and Beaty Biodiversity Museum. Other tasks include modifying contracts brought to council because of certain clauses. If you are on First Year Committee you are also open to apply.

Abstentions: Jeff, Ji Youn, Nick, Shaaban

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Nick, Seconded by Vivian,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ji Youn Kim be appointed to the Science Careers Month Committee

Motivated by: Shaaban

Science Careers Month Committee works on organizing Science Careers Month (March). The job description will be specifically decided during the meetings. As of right now, the councillors will be helping out with either designing the actual month, putting together a calendar, liaising with clubs, or Scifair

Debate:

Ji Youn

What times are the meetings?

Shaaban

Meeting Times have not been decided.

Kaitlyn

What is the time commitment like?

Shaaban

Weekly one hour meetings until the end of this semester, depending on which section you are with maybe 2 hours a week in second term, March will have a longer time commitment. On average 3-5 hours a week.

Abstentions: Shaaban



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Moved by Kaitlyn, Seconded by Ji Youn,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Poljanka Johnson be appointed as the Biophysics Representative.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstentions: Shaaban

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Madeline, Seconded by Maris,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lily Takeuchi be appointed as the AVP Admin.

Motivated by: Carmen L

Debate:

Jason

Code should be revised to make it clear as to what constitutes as a conflict of interest to avoid situations like this in the future.

Abstentions: Jason

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Kaitlyn, Seconded by Andreea,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council postpone the opposing statement towards the Tuition & Residence fee increase until next meeting.

Debate:

Kaitlyn

Is there a way to see the statement before we approve it?

Shaaban

Yes it will be sent in advanced so we can get everyone to look at it.

...MOTION PASSES

Abstentions: Jesse and Nina

Moved by Annie, Seconded by Vanessa,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Maris Forbis is appointed to the Grad Council.

Motivation: Madeline

The Grad Council is put together every year and a certain money set aside for the grad council committee, committee votes on what gifts the money will be allocated towards this year's receiving graduates.

Debate:

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Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jonathan is appointed to the Social Committee.



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Motivation: Nina

The meeting times have not been decided yet, the committee is composed of 8 members and the time commitment would be 1 hour weekly meetings and more leading up to events.

Debate:

Abstentions: Jason and Nina

...MOTION PASSES

Committee Reports and Motions

Discussion Period

1. Committee Hiring Discussion and Information for Councillors - Presented by Nick

Nick

Does anyone have questions regarding the committee hiring?

Andreea

If we are interested in being on 2 addition committees is there a place to indicate that?

Nick

You would have first choice, second choice and third choice, in your motivation For each indicate that you would like to sit on more than 2 committees.

Andreea

When are they due?

Nick

Tomorrow at 4 PM.

Nick

Office hours will be up on the website but is there any other information that councillors would like to have put online?

Vivian

Will we still be doing bios for this year?

Nick

We will, but we want to orient them more towards the students

2. Council Meeting Times – Presented by Shaaban

Shaaban

Would anyone be opposed to changing the time of the council meeting to an “after classes” time?

Matthew

What kind of time do you have in mind?

Shaaban

Nothing in particular, I just wanted to bring this to the council to see if there was



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any extreme opposition and to not further pursue it if there is.

Chris

Wasn't this time chosen because it is the time that most Science students are available?

Shaaban

Yes, the only time is probably after 5.

Nick

What about instead starting at 12:45 PM we could start at 12:30 PM? The extra 15 minutes of time might be ample to wrap things up earlier or extend discussions.

Nina

The extra 15 minutes is also for people to get lunch in case they have class after

Kaitlyn

Discussing it has a lot of benefit, we would have to set time limits if we can logistically make it work.

Jonathan

Co-op students might have a problem since they have experiments and need to complete projects sooner.

Matthew

For those that are commuting I think evenings might be a problem.

Jesse

For those involved in sports, that is also a problem.

Adjournment

Moved by Tashya, Seconded by Jade,
That Council adjourn at 1:49 PM

Lily Takeuchi

Lily Takeuchi
AVP Administration

Carmen Leung

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VP Administration