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Date and Time of Meeting:  
Location:

20 November 2014  
SUB Council Chambers RM206

**Call to Order:** 12:54

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

Moved by Madeline, Seconded by Kaitlyn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the motion to approve the budget by removing the word representative

Motivated By:

Debate:

Abstentions: Josh, Tashya

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Andrea, Seconded by Kaitlyn ,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to add a motion to oppose the tuition increase

Motivated By:

Debate:

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to add a motion to oppose university's proposed 8 month housing contract for Winter 2015

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to add a motion to support the AMS to direct university to revise Policy 71

Abstentions: Shaaban, Jesse

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Vanessa, Seconded by Andreea,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to table the motion regarding the support of the AMS to direct the University to revise Policy 71 to the next SUS Council meeting in January

Abstentions: Kaitlyn, Jesse, Matthew

**...MOTION PASSES**

**Adoption of the Agenda:**



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

**...MOTION PASSES**

**Introductions**

**Presentations**

“Science Club Outreach” – Michelle Tran

Introduction of the pilot project “A Day in the Shoes of UBC Students”, aims towards providing advice and information to ease transition from high school to UBC. We currently do not have any mentoring programs at UBC. The aims are to ease the concerns of students by answering any questions that they have. Details: as a UBC student, you have to attend a 1 hour training session. Day of event: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The student attends your classes with you and you pass on knowledge to students. How can we get involved? Become a UBC buddy or pass this information along to respective clubs. If you want to help organize, send an email. Lastly, convince your business friends to get on board.

Question Period

Andreea

If you really want to do this but you only have classes before 1 how could they shadow you?

Michelle

If you know of another class that might be of interest, then you can take them to that class or spend some time answering their questions

Shaaban

Do you know the person you’re being paired up with prior to? Are they paired department specific?

Michelle

Yes, that’s what we hope to do. We will match the interests of the student and the buddy.

Shaaban

As a follow up, is it socially unacceptable to invite buddy to attend other classes outside of span of event? Same day, prior to 1:00

Michelle

Have to confirm.

Jack

Deadline for registration?

Michelle

December 20<sup>th</sup>. Probably will be extended.

Jeff

How has the contact been with Vancouver Tech Secondary?



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Michelle

There are many students interested.

Jeff

Is there a formal signup sheet for high school students?

Michelle

Not yet, want to see what the response from UBC students is first.

Jeff

For grade 12's, have they already been accepted or prospective students?

Michelle

Early admission December 10<sup>th</sup>, actual deadline is end of January. Not accepted yet.

Vivian

What about labs and lectures not having enough seats, would we have to notify someone?

Michelle

This was also brought up during EUS meeting, going to look into contacting science. During training session, professors will have to be asked ahead of time to make sure it is allowed.

Jack

Any year requirement?

Michelle

No

“Budget” – Jesse Grist

Overview

Since it is a quarter of the way through the year, don't focus on actual numbers because reimbursements have not been processed yet so numbers are not the best representation. General account: \$100,000 in surplus from the previous fiscal year. This surplus was due to an error in the mortgage from AMS. We've also got about 70,000 student fees. Predicted to be \$150,000. This leaves a total of \$277,000. From that mortgage is taken so that's 63,000. Out of general revenue we have reserve funds of \$8000 that gives us a total working number of just over \$200,000.

Executive Committee

Executive committee expenses: \$1400 for retreat, which is updated. This went a bit over budget due to issues with car rentals. \$500 for miscellaneous, clubs orientation got lumped into there. \$3000 for total Executive.

Council



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Council expenses budget in the past has been \$6000-\$7000. This is because we failed to meet that expense for the past two years consistently, our new budget has been set at \$4400. The usual spent amount is closer to \$2500. Depends on what we decide to lump in there. Council training (camp howdy retreat) was \$7200 and this is updated.

Human Resources (employee salary and wages) had to spend from last year, \$21,000. Election expenses: \$700. Total government cost is \$36,300 projected.

#### Committees

FYC budget increased to \$1950 for events. First Week/Imagine Day (completely settled) \$4740  
Science Express made a \$272 profit (\$3000-\$4000 in expenses, right on track). Science Week nothing has happened yet but the budget is \$10,000 (identical to past years). Science Grad is also unchanged from past years, \$9200. Total Student Life \$27,500. Sports had a \$1000 transfer from main account, currently have \$2479, this gives them a total of \$3500. There are 500 faculty cup sponsorship. Public Relations has \$2500 as a committee but sales account has \$6000.

#### Infrastructure

\$65,000 going to Melissa and ad-hoc committee to renovate and upgrade Ladha. With external university bookings we should finish with about \$64,000 with expenses related to Ladha.

#### Projects

\$5000 to Science Careers Month (increase since past years but it is now a whole month), clipboards over budget because project is usually given faculty sponsorship of \$2000. We have yet to confirm or deny the faculty sponsorship.

#### Club and Student Grants

All grants were increased to their original value 2 years ago. Projected expense is \$29,800. Yearend Awards Reception, related to academic \$5000 to work with. With bursaries and scholarship tied in.

#### Events

Academic events, \$2000. Social events, \$2,650. (Assuming they make \$2000 in alcohol and ticket revenue.) CF is being kept at the same amount for one more year since we do have some surplus. One last ditch attempt to revive event. Final social budget is \$12,575.

Publications has \$0.00 on here but has \$13,000 in it. That money is held as a reserve as we don't have a publication anymore. If need be we can transfer it out of there, that will probably be saved over for a year.

#### Question

Jeff



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Why is there a negative number?

Jesse

This is the profit that we've made. We're right on track.

Andreea

Where is the profit coming from?

Jesse

Payments that were rolled over into the new fiscal year. Mixed into our fiscal year.

Tashya

Does surplus get passed on to next year?

Jesse

Working with high surplus (unwise spending to work it all down), it will be rolled over to next year.

Kaitlyn

What's the typical surplus? In past years where did that money go?

Jesse

As far as surplus, no set surplus. Because of mortgaging errors, we have had large surplus. Whatever we are making should be put back towards the student. Where it's been distributed? Virtually identical to Serena's year, fairly large scale events. Some cuts had to be made. Grants were reduced and there was general trimming everywhere.

Ji Youn

What's the reasoning for priority of surplus money going into events? Effectively shouldn't giving back be more towards grants and scholarships?

Jesse

Not all were events, it's been fairly even. New scholarship being put together.

Madeline

For this year, majority of surplus is being spent on Ladha. Improvement of Ladha for longer term.

Shaaban

Keep in mind that the surplus isn't going to be something that's reoccurring. Easier to trim other events versus cancelling a scholarship.

Matthew

Is there an issue with holding over surplus money in contingency account?

Jesse

We don't have any form of that.

Madeline

Ideally we would not have surplus. In theory if we have extra money, why are we charging students? In terms of carrying it over year to year, it's not intentional. If it occurs, then that's when the decisions come where to spend it. We are not penalized but ideally going



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forward we don't want to have surplus. We don't have official reserve account. That's why we have the contingency.

Matthew

Say we want to save it for future large renovations?

Shaaban

Say we want major renovation we would have to introduce an added student fee that goes towards Ladha. We can't just say we're going to save surplus. We are net to net organization. Student fees that are paid have to go back to them the year they are paid. For graduating students no benefit.

### Executive and AMS Report

#### 1. President

- a. International Tuition Consultation Ending This Friday
  - i. Number of meetings with the university
- b. Orientations Steering Committee
  - i. Developing subcommittee and documents for that so that next set of executives don't have to deal with the problems
- c. Executive Evaluations

#### 2. VP External

- a. Expansion Project
- b. Executive team photos, no meeting
- c. Proposal for TRIUMPH and Beaty ready to present
- d. Contracts
  - i. Officially finished rewriting contracts.
  - ii. In process of getting them approved by Princeton review and Prep 101 As soon as contracts are back they will be coming to council for approval
- e. Science Careers Month
  - i. Organizing meeting for department and club representatives.
  - ii. Give a heads up to club presidents that an email will be coming to them about a meeting for next week.

#### 3. VP Internal

- a. First Year Committee
  - i. Hosting first social today, tonight at Ladha.
- b. Christmas Social
  - i. Next Monday on the 24<sup>th</sup>, confirm availability on the facebook group poll so we know how much food we have to order deadline for confirming attendance by Friday night.

#### 4. VP Academic

- a. Pet Therapy
  - i. Booked up and was really popular. EUS is also having one next week.
- b. Health & Wellness



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- i. Going to meetings. Preliminary stages, hoped to have report forwarded.
    - c. Workshop from UBC and AMS Ombuds
    - d. Department Head Contacting
      - i. Early January get in touch email with department heads and inform them about what we did term 1 and what we are doing Term 2. Clubs as well. Get in contact, sooner the better. Formal email will be set up in January.
- 5. VP Administration**
  - a. Webserver
    - i. UBC IT has replied to application for new webserver
  - b. Codes and Policy having first committee meeting next Friday
- 6. VP Communications**
  - a. Website
    - i. Drafted plan to make changes for redesign of website
  - b. Blogsquad entries coming out soon
  - c. Public Relations Committee brainstorming
- 7. VP Finance**
  - a. Budget Presentation
  - b. Talk to AMS about misplaced charges and poorly communicated charges
  - c. Contracts for employees have been rewritten
  - d. Finance Committee set up
- 8. VP Student Life**
  - a. Sports Committee
    - i. Had first fundraiser for lace up for kids, raised 350, donated under SUS
  - b. Social Committee
    - i. Planning for Yule Ball. Winter Formal rescheduled for Valentine's day
  - c. Science Week planning
  - d. Science Grad Committee
    - i. First meeting on Friday. Top choice is Fairmount Hotel, Vancouver.
- 9. Science Student Senator**
- 10. AMS Reports**
  - a. New SUB
    - i. Deadline extended projected to open in April 2015.
  - b. AMS Council
    - i. Passed a submission to board of governors that officially opposes the consultation proposal and allocation. Will be submitted tomorrow.
    - ii. BoG meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - iii. Discussion about renaming about the Art Gallery lead to a discussion about name selling rights. Looking into legality of being able to sell names of parts of the new sub to donors. Because of this extension, more money is being spent. \$1.5-\$2.5 million. Would we rather extend this money out of a load and spend \$1.5-\$2.5 million more or to sell some names if legally possible.



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### Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Vivian,  
That SUS Council approves the following Executive meeting minutes.

CM 2014 11 06  
XM 2014 11 07

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstentions: Jason

**...MOTION PASSES**

### Executive Committee Motions

Moved by, Seconded by Sean,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the budget for 2014 – 2015 year.

Motivated by: Madeline

Jesse did a good job answering the questions.

Debate:

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Andreea, Seconded by Kaitlyn,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council oppose the University's proposed tuition increase contract for Winter 2015.

Motivated By:

Debate:

Abstentions: Jesse, Tim, Jeff

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Andreea, Seconded by Jade,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council oppose the University's proposed 8 month housing contract for Winter 2015.

Motivated By:

Debate:

Abstentions: Jesse

**...MOTION PASSES**

### Committee Reports and Motions

### Club Reports





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1. **Astronomy**
2. **BPP**
3. **BioSoc**
4. **Biophysics**
5. **CLF**
6. **CSS**
7. **CSSS**
8. **Dawson**
9. **ESSA**
10. **GSA**
11. **Heart Club**
12. **ISSA**
13. **MISA**
14. **PhysSoc**
15. **PreDental**
16. **PreMed Society**
17. **PreOptometry**
18. **PrePharmacy**
19. **PSA**
20. **Survey for name change**
21. **SCOOPS**
22. **SOS**
23. **Storm Club**
24. **UCS**

**Discussion Period**

**Adjournment**

Moved by Tashya, Seconded by Diane,  
That Council adjourn at 1:53

Abstentions: Matthew

**...MOTION PASSES**

*Lily Takeuchi*

Lily Takeuchi  
AVP Administration

*Carmen Leung*

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VP Administration