



The Science Undergraduate Society of UBC c/o Science Student Information Centre, Room A150 - 6221 University Boulevard,
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Date and Time of Meeting:

29 January 2015

Location:

SUB Council Chambers RM206

Call to Order: 12:45

Amendments to the Agenda:

Adoption of the Agenda:

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

Introductions

Presentations

"Transit Referendum" – AMS

Metro Vancouver is giving an opportunity to voters to vote on a 0.5% increase to the Provincial Sales Tax towards the Mayors' Transportation and Transit Plan in the Transportation and Transit Referendum from March 16th to May 29th. The Plan is estimated to take place in a span of 10 years and some benefits of it include increasing bus services, expanding bike lanes, and reducing congestion. A photo scavenger hunt contest with hashtag #100kyes is being held at the moment, to raise awareness among the public about voting in the referendum, pictures that have been uploaded on the social media with the hashtag will be entered into a draw.

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Tamara,
That Council extend time of presentation by 4.5 minutes

Moved by Shaaban Seconded by Mary
That Council extend time of presentation for 7 minutes

Discussion Period

Shaaban: Are students from out-of-province allowed to vote?

Speaker: The only requirement now to vote is for anyone who has lived in Metro Vancouver for the last 6 months. However, Elections BC has not established concrete rules yet, but hopefully they will be released soon.

Mary: Where can I find more information about the referendum?

Speaker: A student focused website on the issue will be up and running soon, as of now: at mayorcouncil.ca.

Chris: How long will the tax increased be sustained for?

Speaker: If referendum passes, which means 51% votes yes, it will come into effect on January 1, 2016, and will last for 10 years.



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Alice: Will we be voting for the tax to be implemented or on the Plan?

Speaker: Ballot itself outlines the benefits, and question supports 7.5% tax increase, so essentially for both.

“Orientation Leaders” – Jack, Kaitlyn

UBC Orientations is currently recruiting for orientation leaders, jumpstart leaders, welcome team and international welcome leaders. Orientation leaders are previously called mug leaders, they oversee 1st year students to make sure transitioning into University is well. Deadline to apply for the positions is Feb 1st, 2015. Kaitlyn and Jack will post more information in the SUS council group, please help spread the word.

“Sci-Fair Volunteer Recruitment” – Ji Youn

Science Careers Fair will be happening on March 12th, it will be a night of students reflecting on various opportunities out there and getting information of what companies related to Science and LFS look for. Currently looking for 5-7 volunteers, from 5-8pm, to help with setting up and be present for the event. Please talk to Carmen W. or Ji Youn if you are interested.

“UBCC350 Divestment Faculty Campaign” – Shakti

The UBC Faculty Association is conducting an online referendum on whether the UBC endowment should be divested of fossil fuels. It is asking UBC to immediately forgo further investments in fossil fuel companies, and divest from all existing fossil fuel holdings within five years. The vote will occur between January 26 and February 6. Eligible faculty received an email just before noon January 26 with voting instructions. The core principle behind this campaign is commitment to sustainability. More information can be found on the website at ubcc350.org.

Discussion Period

Jack: If divestment goes through, would there be a loss of interest making?

Speaker: There won't be any lost, as this intended to not impact any UBC revenue.

Shaaban: Why 5 years, at such a specific number?

Speaker: Decision cannot be implemented overnight, 5 years would give UBC ample time to do the best they can, as 10 years would be way more than enough time.

Shaaban: Have there been any studies done independently and who were they done by?

Speaker: Some were done by students, some from external. A complete list can be found on the website.

Maddy: Faculty will be voting online?

Speaker: Yup, and the website should be able to answer any questions they have.

Chris: What has the general response of faculty members been?

Speaker: Positive, as they understand the importance of getting engaged and that profit from fossil fuel doesn't align with UBC goals.

“SUS Code Amendments” – Carmen L.



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CAPC has unanimously agreed on a few changes in the SUS code, including adding the GO position description of under the supervision of the VP Internal, plan a minimum of one GO-led initiative in accordance with the Science Strategic Plan. A minimum of one event is established, because we don't want to assign them in accordance to the number of events, as they can vary in size and the hours taken to plan them can vary too.

Another change is adding in pre-council acknowledgment in the council agenda to recognize any outstanding individuals in any SUS committees and the maximum time allocated for this acknowledgment is 5 minutes.

The third change that was proposed is the removal of Publication 432. It used to be the SUS online newspaper, which is similar to the Ubysey. However, because it does not exist anymore and has been replaced by various social media at the moment, we feel that it is necessary to have it removed.

Discussion Period

Shaaban: For the first change, a similar point should also be added under VP Internal. And who has the power to remove/ change the publications account?

Jesse: I have power to.

Executive and AMS Report

President

- Orientations meeting: sending out of first year survey discussion, setting committee goals to reengage aboriginals
- Exec Meeting with Dr. Harrison and Dr. Peacock, being consulted on tuition increase
- Strategic plan ad-hoc committee, looking for 3 council members to review the Strategic Plan, let Carmen W. know if you are interested in sitting on the Committee

VP External

- Careers Month: worked on marketing and collaborating with LFS
- Sat in an hour and a half product presentation with Corporate Relations Committee

VP Internal

- Councillor check-ins on reflections and improvements for new semester
- FYC: game night event (after-school themed); study sessions
- Forming teams for Relay for life (March 6th) and Storm the Wall: Please let Nick know if you are interested

VP Academic

- Faculty cup happening this week: come out and support Science
- Mentorships symposium on campus, event that's free for students
- Peer advisors: discussing to collaborate with SCI team to answer any first year questions at Beyond First Year on Monday March 2nd, and Meet Your Major on March 11th



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VP Administration

-CAPC meeting on Tuesdays to edit and approve of amendments in SUS Code

VP Communications

-Shout out to Vanessa and Jack for their hard work in sales committee
-Follow labrat on Instagram

VP Finance

-Finance Committee: passed 22 reviews in 3 weeks and a lot of science week reimbursements
-Please help tidy up office space during office hours

VP Student Life

-Science Week happened
-Science grad will be held at the Hellenic center, Alice in Wonderland themed
-Social Committee: planning last event of the year
-Sports Committee: bubble soccer

Science Student Senator

AMS Reports

-Appointment to committees
-Divestment UBCC350

Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Kaitlyn, Seconded by Josh,
Abstained Jesse and Shaaban

That SUS Council approves the following Executive and Committee meeting minutes.

CM 2015 01 09
FNM 2015 01 12
FNM 2015 01 19
XM 2015 01 20
XM 2015 01 13
CAPCM 2014 11 28
CAPCM 2015 01 07
CAPCM 2015 01 13
CAPCM 2015 01 20

Motivated by: Carmen L.
Debate:



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Executive Committee Motions

Moved by Kaitlyn, Seconded by Vanessa,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT That SUS Council elects Chris Yoon, Vivian Tseng and Poljanka Johnson for the Science Student Recognition Award Committee.

Background Information

This Committee was formed 2 years ago by SUS VP Finance and 4 awards are to be won by students. If you sit on this committee, you are not eligible to win any of the awards. If you know of any general science students who would be interested in sitting on this Committee, please get them in touch with Aaron Bailey.

Nominations: Chris, Vivian, Poljanka

...MOTION PASSES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT That SUS Council approves the amendments in SUS code.

Shaaban: motion out of order so remove motion entirely.

...MOTION FAILS

Committee Reports and Motions

Club Reports

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. **SCOOPS**



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COUNCIL MINUTES

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21. **SOS**
22. **Storm Club**
23. **UCS**

Discussion Period

Quorum not reached, adjournment of meeting ended early.

Adjournment

Moved by, Seconded by,
That Council adjourn at 1:45

Lily Takeuchi

Lily Takeuchi
AVP Administration

Carmen Leung

Carmen Leung
VP Administration