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Date and Time of Meeting:

12 March 2015

Location:

SUB Council Chambers RM206

**Call to Order:** 12:49

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Jade

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to read “Code and Policy Committee Motions” rather than “Executive Committee Motions

Motivated By:

Debate:

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Nick,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Code and Policy Committee to evaluate the position of General Officers with regards to non-departmental clubs.

Motivated By:

Abstentions: Carmen, Vanessa, Josh, Vivian

**...MOTION PASSES**

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Kaitlyn,

That Council adopt the agenda.

**...MOTION PASSES**

**Introductions**

**Presentations**

AMS VP Administration Candidate – Alex Remtulla

Alex wants to work towards using new sub as a hub for student life. Alex hopes to work to bring clubs together and bring people to the building so it’s exciting for years to come and not just for this next term. Alex wants to be able to promote what clubs do, work with athletics and creating culture for varsity athletes. Alex’s vision: there are a lot of people on campus but that can put everyone farther apart. We should bring people together with this new building.

Question Period

Aaron

What are you most excited about in the new sub?

Alex



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The Common Place, lots of room to study and relax

AMS Presidential Candidate – Aaron Bailey

Aaron is the current Science Student senator and was President of SUS in the previous year, he wants to take skills his past positions and bring them to being AMS President. Biggest lesson learned in SUS is that people work in a multitude of different ways. Aaron is a specific type of leader, direct, forward, takes control and ensures to work towards goals. In order to let AMS function, the President needs to be able to take from different leadership styles and bring them together. Aaron's platform is to create fun, memorable, and positive experiences.

Board of Governors Candidate – Julie Van De Valk

Julie wants to be a connected student leader; she has a wide range of student connections on campus and wants to bring the concerns with strong advocacy voice. She has learned how to connect students, faculty and well researched well comprehensive plan that BoG is now considering. She wants to look at residential tenancy agreement and push that with the BoG. In addition, she would like the University to present, (in the event of tuition fee increase consultation period) why the increase is necessary and where the money would go towards. Julie advocates for affordable education and staying connected.

Aaron

What does Board of Governors do?

Julie

Board of Governors is the administration side of UBC, claims to act in the best interest of the university. Business side of the university and all of the housing agreements goes through BoG so it's important body for students. I want to remind the University that acting in the best interest of the University is the same thing as acting in the best interest of students

UBC Senate Candidate – Eric Zhao

Eric is currently second year in MD/PHD program and graduated with a BSc in Physiology, minor in physics. Eric holds Science very close to his heart. What Eric sees with Faculty of Science is being a leader on campus. What Eric's approach to senate would do for you is to identify student needs and be able to find ways to address those needs. Example: before elected to senate, Eric identified issues that we had with fourth year courses. By the time you get to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> it gets very specialized, 11 separate instructors teach one course and you have to evaluate all of your professors. No student is going to give adequate feedback given the time that has passed since one instructor has started. Eric brought issue up with Ann Kesler, went to a meeting regarding student evaluations, made the case of wanting to have something piloted in this course. As compromise, they settled on conducting midway evaluations for any instructor who has completed their teaching duties. We always say senate moves really slowly, but by having connections and making right strategic move senate can get things done. Eric's platform:



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1) Experiential Learning: Eric sits on the Teaching and Learning Committee and wants to make sure student perspective is brought into that discussion. 2) Student Mental Health and Well Being: Eric chairs mental health group on campus, wants to perhaps bring to the table a fall term reading break. 3) Student Rights: UBC does not have one. AMS has a guide but not an official policy. Senate would be the right place for the academic part and partner with board members and ombuds office.

#### Question

Kaitlyn

Besides mid-term teaching evaluation, what sort of projects have you been working on this year?

Eric

Experiential learning: directed studies for experiential learning, teaching and learning is pushing committee towards that direction, that is the biggest goal this year and having courses in medicine that are based off this gives me a good background.

Aaron

Who is the biggest non-student ally on campus?

Eric

VP Students office, TLC wanted to evaluate Credit/D/Fail and survey went through VP students office to evaluate that policy. CTLT, Simon Bates worked very hard on the AMS exam data base.

#### Code Amendments – Carmen Leung

5 amendments CAPC wants to get council approval on:

- 1) Revision of Position Description for General Officers
  - i. Taking out submitting a detailed report of activities to Annual General Meeting
  - ii. Add under the supervision of VP Internal
  - iii. Remove liaise with their assigned non-departmental club(s)
- 2) Removed all wordings of Publications Managers 432
  - i. This no longer exists
  - ii. Changed to reflect publications on Social Media
- 3) Changes to Constitution
  - i. Changed the wording in the first paragraph, added Vancouver, reformatted and reworded some of the points in section 1 and 2
- 4) Changes to Bylaw 2 Membership
  - i. Taking out and reworded and reformatted to the points below.
  - ii. Taking out honorary president in first section because that does not exist anymore, reworded most of the points
- 5) Changes to Bylaw 3
  - i. Originally said AGM is in march, changed to every winter session.
  - ii. Taking out extraordinary AGM, we don't know what it is, take out from code.



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Question Period

Nick

I remember a few months ago we were having a discussion on employee responsibilities in codes, is that still in the process?

Carmen

Planning to take out the paid positions and include the job descriptions instead, building manager will be taken out of code because it's a paid position. Job descriptions will be what we are posting on UBC Careers.

**Executive and AMS Report**

**1. President**

- a. Strategic Plan Adhoc Committee
  - i. Now meeting and very productive and thorough. Expect more updates at the AGM.
- b. Science Career Information Fair (March 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30)
- c. Faculty of Science Meeting
  - i. Discussion of curriculum changes
  - ii. Discussion on Fisheries and Ocean facilities and locations

**2. VP External**

- a. Transition Report
  - i. Emailing Corporate Representatives about how Transition will go on over summer and prepare documentation on what the expansion and transition should look like

**3. VP Internal**

- a. Spring Elections for SUS
  - i. Please be a voice and promote about voting, be aware of SUS elections. Next week. Please get involved.
- b. Transition Reports
  - i. Due at the end of the academic year. If you need help, please talk to Nick or Carmen L.
- c. First Year Committee
  - i. "Memory Monday" game night. Retro gaming night that will happen in Ladha.
- d. Storm the Wall
  - i. Registration closes tomorrow at 5:00 PM, Will post on the facebook group, Nick will form the team. Just for fun. Need 5 people.

**4. VP Academic**

- a. Defeat Depression Run
  - i. Created a SUS team, let Madeline know if you want to join. 5K run on campus. Only Jesse and Madeline so far, please join
- b. Happy Beef



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- i. Thanks to everyone, hit a lot of the goals, want to expand in the future.
    - c. Transition Reports
    - d. Mid-term evaluations and Exam Data Base
    - e. Strategic Plan Adhoc Committee
  - 5. VP Administration**
    - a. Code and Policy Committee
      - i. Passed different code amendments,
    - b. Transition Report Template will be sent out
  - 6. VP Communications**
  - 7. VP Finance**
    - a. Finance Committee**
      - i. Last meeting coming up
      - ii. Last minute revision on committee budgets
      - iii. Science Grad
      - iv. Got about 20,000 in grant, working with Serena for endowment fund
  - 8. VP Student Life (Nick on behalf of Nina)**
    - a. Science Grad**
      - i. Happening on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Will have acrobats there, Alice in Wonderland theme, 19 + event, open to all students. Tell your friends and buy tickets
    - b. Sports Committee**
      - i. Revision on their duties, potentially wanting to add more things to sports committee.
      - ii. Bubble soccer has over 1000 people attending on Facebook event!
  - 9. Science Student Senator**
  - 10. AMS Reports**
    - a. Inter-constituency mingler this summer for incoming executives
    - b. Referendum/Memorandum by Kinesiology
      - i. Looking to develop a new Community Health Sciences Centre
    - c. Emergency Council Meeting on boycotting
      - i. Main question: Do you support your student society in boycotting all products that support Israeli war crimes?
    - d. Student Court is Hiring
    - e. Compositing Assistant Position Hiring
    - f. Code Changes

### **Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees**

Moved by Nick, Seconded by Sean,  
That SUS Council approves the following Executive meeting minutes.

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XM 2015 03 03  
XM 2015 02 24  
CM 2015 02 12

Motivated by: Very organized, look presentable

Debate:

Abstentions: Shaaban

**...MOTION PASSES**

### Code and Policy Committee Motions

Moved by Jesse, Seconded by Josh,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approve the addition of position description for General Officers in SUS Code & Policy.

Motivated by: Carmen L.

Debate:

Shaaban

In presentation you mentioned you are adding those, there was not reasoning clarified.

Carmen L.

Some are additions, some are wordings, the addition was the last point: "under the supervision of VP internal", wasn't in the past code. Useful in new coming year, be more stratified in what general officers can do in their elected term

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Vanessa, Seconded by Jesse,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council adopt the report of Codes and Policy Committee titled "Changes to Article 4" and thus amend the bylaw as recommended

Motivated by: Carmen L.

Some of the points that were in the last code were moved around, want to make detailed reports of activity and want to include what should be in the transition report

Debate:



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Shaaban

Why was liaison stricken out? It's not saying they belong to, it's just something that we assign

Carmen

GO's are not associated with their departmental clubs,

Josh

Point of clarification: they have not been assigned non departmental clubs, a lot of the clubs are not existent or not active and have not been assigned.

Shaaban

How is the SUS non-departmental clubs represented if GO's are not representing them?

Kaitlyn

What constituents as a non-departmental club?

Carmen W.

URO, HSF, CLF

Nick

Have to send student representative from their club to sit in their council meetings, no mandate that says they are required but in the past this has not really happened. GO's have not been assigned to represent these clubs.

Diane

Do the GO's current have non-departmental clubs assigned to them?

Carmen L.

No.

Kaitlyn

If these clubs already had the opportunity to and have not, perhaps it should not be GO's

Shaaban

GO's would have part of their job as being the vote empowered member that represents their clubs, it does not seem fair

Madeline

Departmental reps are not club liaisons, it's to represent all the students in their majors

Shaaban

Agree but in code one of the jobs with of the departmental rep is to liaise with their clubs

Kaitlyn

Is there a position of departmental rep and club rep?

Shaaban

It's very old

Carmen

Club reps no longer exist, SUS used to have both but it's very messy. Removed club reps entirely because there was overlap in the voting, you have someone



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who is a club rep and the department rep, club reps who were voting members in the past. With the department vs. non department, the department reps represents the departments directly, non-departmental clubs may not have a voting seats because the individuals are already in the departments, their opinions should be counted for already

Nick

Merit in assigning GO's, so club representatives can reach out to GO. On behalf of (club) we support (this motion). What Shaaban's saying is supported. Taking it out because we haven't done it is not a legitimate reason.

Abstentions: Diane, Vivian, Vanessa

**...MOTION FAILS**

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Tashya,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approve removal of all wordings of Publications Manager/the 432 in SUS Code & Policy.

Motivated by: Carmen L.

Debate:

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Josh Seconded by Jade,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council adopt the report of Codes and Policy Committee titled "Changes to Constitution" and thus amend the bylaw as recommended

Motivated by: Carmen L.

Some of the wordings in the past code do not make sense, changed slightly to make more sense

Debate:

Shaaban

What's the difference between – and ( Vancouver)

Carmen L.

Looks better.

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Maris, Seconded by Sean,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council adopt the report of Codes and Policy Committee titled "Changes to Bylaw 2" and thus amend the bylaw as recommended

Motivated by: Carmen L.

Debate:

Abstentions: Shaaban

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Jade, Seconded by Madeline,





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BE IT RESOLVED THAT council adopt the report of Codes and Policy Committee titled  
"Changes to Bylaw 3" and thus amend the bylaw as recommended

Motivated by: Carmen L.

Debate:

Abstentions: Shaaban

**...MOTION PASSES**

Moved by Maddie, Seconded by Jade,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council direct CAPC to evaluate the position of General Officers  
with regards to non-departmental clubs

Motivated By:

Abstentions: Carmen L., Josh, Vanessa Vivian

**...MOTION PASSES**

## Committee Reports and Motions

### Club Reports

1. Astronomy
2. BPP
3. BioSoc: Career night on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 9:00 limited seating, event on Facebook
4. Biophysics: Year-end social

**--QUORUM LOST--**

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



# Science Undergraduate Society

COUNCIL MINUTES

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

## Discussion Period

## Adjournment

Moved by, Seconded by,  
That Council adjourn at

*Lily Takeuchi*

Lily Takeuchi  
AVP Administration

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Carmen Leung  
VP Administration