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Date and Time of Meeting: 29 October
2015
Location: Michael Kingsmill Forum, The AMS Student
Nest

Call to Order: 12:47 PM

Amendments to the Agenda:

Moved by Cody Wisniewski, Seconded by Diane Nguyen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT council amend the agenda to add the appointment of the Associate Vice-President Student Life.

Motivated by:
Debate:
Abstentions:

Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Tyler Yan, Seconded by Daniel Lam,
That Council adopt the agenda.

...MOTION PASSES

Introductions

All members of council and all those present at the council meeting contributed in a round of introductions. Those present included newly admitted members of council,

Presentations

International Tuition - Melissa Lachica

Documents that were shared at the International Tuition Meeting were presented to Council.

Student financial awards and assistance:

- Trying to provide information on how much money are going to be spent on financial awards
- International student initiatives receives these funds and allocates them to the different awards
- 3 awards: Merit and Needs, Emergency, and International Opportunities
- Provided on entrance into UBC, and throughout the student's time in the program



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Major discussion point: how are we going to preserve the diversity of the student population if we are increasing student fees, and how we are going to support those who come to UBC who may need it as a result of this tuition increase.

GO is targeting the entrance awards; looks at specific areas around the globe, and looking at proportion of students coming from those areas, and ensures that they are diverse; can speak with Melissa for more information.

Peer Institutions and Benchmarking

- Board Resolution of June 2015
- Purpose: to guide what is carried out by the rest of the University
- UBC tuition is below the average, ranked #32
- Melissa had the opportunity to talk with Dr. Peacock and Dr. Harisson
- Believe that based on the programs that we offer, and the aspirations of the Faculty of Science, we can be compared to other institutions

Moving forward: after having conversations with different groups on campus, there will be further consultations regarding the matter, such as Think Tanks, Town Halls, etc. Information will be posted via Facebook events.

- Science student specific town hall run by SUS to ask questions on this topic will also be organized
- This is important for ALL student; student fees will go to Strategic Initiatives Fund, and it is currently not allocated, so we gt to contribute to the discussion on how much money gets to go to the Faculty of Science: you can share your experiences on what you want (i.e.: study spaces, international co-op experiences)
- Taking place online: will have a Webinar style on November 10th at 12:30-2:00 PM
- Viewing party will take place in Ladha and can participate online through the chat, or attend in person (must RSVP ahead of time); more information to come via the Facebook event

Question Period:

Kaitlyn:

Are all of the scholarships available after they've been admitted?

Melissa:

Not sure about this; speaking in terms of recruitment for students

Kaitlyn:

Discussion with ISA president regarding financial aid: based on the idea that certain amount of financial stability before they can be accepted into UBC, which makes obtaining funding more difficult. This may be a topic worth exploring

Melissa:



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has already asked about the reviewing process of the financial assignment, but worthwhile to ask

Jacques:

Has there been any discussion on the benefits that these increases will have on the value of our degree?

Melissa:

There has been a discussion on it, however unsure as to how much information is available on the website. It focuses on what we currently have. On the Think Tank on Tuesday, Martha Piper talked about excellence and strive that is expected from the university and from ourselves that can only be obtained from increased tuition (i.e.: more research opportunities)

Executive and AMS Report

1. President

Working on the tuition consultations, attending meetings and getting the town hall set up with Dr. Harrison

2. VP External

1) Council Photos: examples of what these look like are in the office. We will be taking these with Artona from November 24th-November 26th. Please keep these days free; will try to do this during council

2) Student Leadership Conference; please let us know who is interested by November 10th. 40\$ and reimbursed by sus

3) Working with the Dean's Office with creating the year end video. If you have any idea as to what SUS has done in 2015, please let Alvin know

AVP: Currently working on Careers Month, occurring in March. Also planning Science Fair with students in the committee
Would ideally like to get all the different departments in Science to coordinate

3. VP Internal

No updates

4. VP Academic

Proxy: Kelvin Chan

1) Dog Days was a success

2) Hiring 4 Health & Wellness Coordinators - due November 1st



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- 3) Meeting with Dr. Cavers on Friday and Dr. Harrison the following Friday
- 4) Peer advising- online. Mandatory for Department representatives, optional for GO and Executives. Email vpacademic@sus.ubc.ca with a. Full name, b. Non-UBC email, c. CWL login username. Training in mid November during Academic Committee meeting. Launch will happen by November 30th
- 5) Back to Term 2 Survey - ordering 900 clipboards
- 6) SUS "Meet Your Rep" event on November 17th, from 5-6:30 PM at Ladha. This is an opportunity for students to become familiar with those who are representing them and ask question. Will be further discussed during Academic Committee Meeting
- 7) Thrive Coffeehouse on November 3rd at Agora Cafe. Interested performers can sign up at <https://goo.gl/9QJOWS>, and interested volunteers can sign up at <https://goo.gl/d3v0qP>
- 8) Reminder: First Academic Committee meeting is next week

5. VP Administration

- 1) All office hours have been assigned
- 2) CAPC has had its first meeting
- 3) Sitting in on the December 6th (White Ribbon Day) committee as the Science Faculty Representative. This is a campaign organized by UBC students against gender based violence, paying homage to 14 women who were murdered at Ecole Polytechnique. Mannequins will be placed around UBC Campus with biographies of the women, holding a candle lighting ceremony and a panel session. Please message Lily if you are interested in being a part of this initiative; great way to show support from SUS. Campaign commences mid November

6. VP Communications

- 1) Website has been authorized by UBC IT. Some further authorization is under way
- 2) Meeting next week to discuss new design for the website; please bring in your inputs
- 3) First PR meeting on Friday October 30th in Ladha from 2-3 PM
- 4) Sales committee has been hired by Vivian
- 4) Please speaking with Jason if you are interested in a SUS councillor email

7. VP Finance

- 1) Currently finalizing Finance Committee.
- 2) Club opps grant application due October 30th

8. VP Student Life

- 1) Oktoberfest was a success
- 2) Hiring of Science Week Chairs, coordinators; will hire committees next week. Science week will run from January 18th-22nd.
- 3) Great Trek October 30th



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4) Sign up for teams for the Dodgeball Derby. \$5, subsidized by SUS

9. Science Student Senator

1) Senate meeting was last week; mix of Faculty, Staff, Student Representatives and Alumni, who came together to approve academic decisions for the University

2) October Meeting: discussion about academic freedom and infringement

3) Update from Richard Keelin: UBC recently invested 2.5 million dollars on Mental Health Services. Trying to decide how to allocate the money.

4) Currently working to have the International Tuition Fees Increase discussion on the senate level, which is difficult because this is a discussion relating to money. Feel that this is an important matter to discuss

5) Academic building committee is hoping extend building hours

10. AMS Reports

Tommy:

1) At AMS, discussed a few major topics focused on ABCS and International Tuition. Has decided to not be a part of it after a long discussion

2) International Tuition: decided to motion to create a 20 thousand dollar fund to fund campaigns against international tuition increase

3) Motioned a rally of the food services to put pressure on UBC and make a stronger statement; requested that alumni also voice opinions on international tuition increase

4) Spearheading the budget committee - money is under the discretionary fund, and will decide how it will be distributed amongst the campaigns of the International Student Increase

Question period:

Kaitlyn:

The boycott of student housing and hospitality: is this something the AMS is promoting?

Tommy:

Passed a motion to pass a motion to boycott; AMS understands that first year students have paid a lot of money to just get UBC food services, so encourage to allow students to get food from outside of this

CO change to Begbie; business administration governance board-advisor --> now changed to ABBA; advisory and not a governance board anymore. Questions can be directed to AMS representatives

Presentation about raising money for men's prostate and mental health for November; in return, donate money to UBC to research those causes

Cody:

How is SUS going to be involved in that campaign?



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Melissa:

if SUS wants to be involved, should encourage involvement

Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Executive Committee Motions

Moved by Daniel Lam, Seconded by Akhil Krishnan

To omnibus all appointments to one motion.

...MOTION PASSES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Arman Sidhu be appointed as the Associate Vice-President External.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Venice Tam be appointed as the Associate Vice-President Finance.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pooja Bhatti be appointed as the Associate Vice-President

Administration.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tashya De Silva be appointed as the Associate Vice-President Internal.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Megan Overall and Gunisha Kalra be appointed as the Associate

Vice-President Student Life.

Motivated by:

Debate:



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Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rachel Tandun be appointed as the Associate Vice-President
Communications.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lorenzo Lindo be appointed as the Sports Coordinators.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ho Yi Kwan and Jumar Orach be appointed as the Clubs Commissioners.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cheryl Tan be appointed as the Science Week Co-Chair.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Annie Cheng be appointed as the Social Coordinator.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Johnathan Dong and Sama Fatima be appointed as the First Year
Committee Co-Chairs.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jenny Lee be appointed as the Elections Administrator.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Venice Tam, Jacques Martiquet, Nicole Sarden, Elnaz Aminjavaheri, Ronald Monillas, Himani Bhatnagar and Melody Choube be appointed as the Event Supervisors.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT David Zhang be appointed as the Digital Signage Coordinator.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mitchell Ang and David Zheng be appointed as the Webmaster.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Carol Ng and Melissa Lee be appointed as the Graphic Designers.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Abstention:

Secunder for the motion: Antony Tsui

Debate:

Abstention: Jonathan Dong

...MOTION PASSES

Committee Reports and Motions

Moved by Alvin Hartono, Seconded by Cody Wisniewski,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2015-16 BYC Partnership Agreement be accepted as presented.

Motivated by: Alvin Hartono

Postulated that partnership worth 16000 dollars, spread over two terms, with 5 free final exam vouchers are beneficial for students

Debate:

Abstention:

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Discussion Period

Family Dinner



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Cody:

On November 13th; event will be in the old SUB Ballroom. Potluck dinner style: have food already provided, and everyone should bring a dish or a small can of food/money as entry for a food drive

Diane:

Would it be too much to ask everyone to bring a food can as admission, or should it just be in place of a dish?

Annie:

Reasonable for people to bring something, but if there is an option to pay instead, that should be feasible

Melissa:

Date and time?

Cody:

November 13th, 7-8 PM, all ages. Will get the Facebook event up this weekend, please start promoting Sunday (mass share)

Melissa:

Theme?

Cody:

Science in general

Diane:

What about students not in science?

Cody:

Will promote mainly to science students, but all faculties welcome

Council Composite Photos

Alvin:

Did we want to coordinate SUS t-shirts?

Jason:

Dress up

Alvin:

Keep dates free: November 24th-26th

Cody:

Should we dress up semi formal?



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Melissa:

What are these photos?

Alvin:

Similar to grad photos- everyone in council will have their photo taken and put up in the composite photo

Melissa:

Semi-formal

Student Leadership Conference: Delegate Sponsorship

Melissa:

Who is interested? During the first weekend of January

Daniel:

SLC is an event that is hosted by UBC where thousands of student leaders come from UBC and from other institutions nearby: attend workshops, hear speeches; food included

Melissa:

Has attended in the past, and will be conducting a workshop this year. Great professional development opportunity. Inspiring and motivating speakers. \$40 (paid for by SUS). Sign up form on the council page.

International Tuition

Melissa:

Does everyone understand what's happening? Any question? Anyone been to Think Tank?

Akhil:

Attended Tuesday's Think Tank, which was about diversity and international tuition increases. Not a lot of people present. Opportunity for students to get together and voice opinions, as well as raise questions. Can discuss and give perspective. Discussed how diversity gets affected and came to a conclusion that socioeconomic diversity can get affected since people might not be able to afford

Melissa:

Fund for advertising promotional campaign against tuition. Will engage with alumni. Questions about the campaign to boycott?

Cody:

How is the promotion of boycotting conducted?



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Melissa:

Motion came about from social adjustment center, bookstore and food services. Bookstore was taken out of the motion because they are not profiting like the food serves are. Boycotting against food services would make our point stronger, and get the message across that students are serious

Cody:

How to get students to boycott and promote?

Tommy:

Meeting behind \$20000 is for advertising and getting the word out. Talk to students about tuition increases: not a lot of people know what's going on, and should be able to educate students

Daniel:

Planning a campaign similar to Block Party

Melissa:

Key points from Jenna: get educated and gain awareness of issue and encouraging students to do so

Cody:

\$20000 is distributed between clubs that want to do something, or just AMS?

Tommy:

For student organizations: still working on the fund itself, and accept applications for the money - should have it figured out by the next AMS meeting and have it approved

Melissa:

Decided to create the discretionary fund, and took the money from the fund and put it towards this

Cody:

Can't we offer free food at Ladha or such, instead of boycotting?

Daniel:

Good idea.

Adjournment

Moved by Jerry Yang, Seconded by Alvin Hartono,
That Council adjourn at 1:43 PM.



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COUNCIL MINUTES

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Pooja Bhatti

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AVP Administration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lily Takeuchi'.

Lily Takeuchi
VP Administration