Council Meeting Minutes
Date: January 14th 2016
Meeting Time: 12:30 PM
Location: Michael Kingsmill Forum of the AMS Nest

I.  Call to Order
This meeting was called to order at 12:50 PM

II. Amendments to the Agenda
Moved by Daniel, Seconded by Tyler
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to discuss the appointment of the new President.”
...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Lily, Seconded by Katie
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to appoint the new AMS Representative.”
...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Sheila, Seconded by Megan
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to appoint Simran Brar as the new AMS Representative”
...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Megan, Seconded by Sheila
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT council accepts the minutes as presented for FIN COMM”
...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Diane, Seconded by Oliver
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to allow a short presentation about SUS 100 updates”
...MOTION PASSES

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Megan, Seconded by Annie
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the agenda as adopted/presented.”
...MOTION PASSES

IV. Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgment
The President acknowledged that this Council meeting is taking place on the unseated territory of the Musqueam nation.

V. Introductions
All students present at this Council Meeting engaged in a round of introductions.

VI. New AMS representative Election
- The AMS council representative is a position where you meet biweekly
- 4-7 hour commitment
- Majority of your time is directed to student politics, and less so on event planning

All nominees were given 5 minutes to speak about why they feel they are appropriate for the position as an AMS representative.

Daniel:
“Should we make this a secret vote?”
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council conduct a secret vote to elect the new AMS Council Representative through the First Past to Post voting system”
...MOTION PASSES

The Council appointed Simran Brar as the new AMS Representative.

VII. Presentations
SUS Budget (VP Finance, Tamara Nee)

VIII. Executive and AMS Report
1. President
- Met with Erin about transition
- Science Student Recognition awards

2. VP External (Presented by Antony)
- Sci Fair is coming up on February 25th
- Looking for volunteers
- More information on the SUS FAM page; can contact susfair.sus@gmail.com

- SUS 100 updates:
  → Feb 27th, hosting SUS Centennial Gala
  → Not a lot of events such as these, therefore we would like this event for students
  → Science specific, but open for all
  → Red carpet reception, gallery that showcases old photos and videos of UBC and SUS
  → Official remarks
  → Buffet dinner, desserts, and drinks
→ Cake cutting ceremony
→ Keynote speaker
→ Recognition awards
→ Centennial time capsule
→ Volunteer application, ticket selling starting next week

Sarah:
Location?

Antony:
AMS Great Hall. 5-10 PM

Diane:
Questions have come up: wondering where the funding for this event is coming from?

Antony:
Tamara will speak to this

Tamara:
Coming from our general account; increased to 10 000$

Antony:
This event and committee has tried to advocate from various groups; have applied for grants, but funding from centennial office has dried up. Hoping to meet with faculty, however we must

Pooja:
Price per ticket?

Antony:
$40-$50 each

Alvin:
Based on the value that we’re giving back to students as well

Diane:
Reason why hosted for Science in particular?

Antony:
Centennial office has moved away from celebrating for this
Undergraduates make up the majority of the campus, and many don’t know what is going on
As this is not a UBC hosted gala, did not want any confusion or conflict having people to be confused that it is a UBC gala, therefore encouraged us to stick with SUS and student based as closely as possible
3. VP Internal
- The election dates confirmed for the week of March 7th
- There is now a binder on the wooden desk where you must sign in and conduct a building walk through
- Sock wars is going on, so if you are planning on participating and have not received it, contact Diane
- Working with Alvin on SUS 100 with the idea of recognizing the achievement of Science Students; application will be sent in and looked at, and awarded to the students at either the All President’s Dinner or the SUS 100 Gala

4. VP Academic
- Clipboards will be distributed during Science Week
- Peer Advising after Science Week
- All the events for Wellness Week are in the process of creation

5. VP Administration
- CAPC made the revisions from last term and will be reviewing this, and bring it to council by the next meeting
- Working with Diane, Clubs Commissioner, and AVPs for President’s Dinner
- Ordered items for Ladha
- Will start phone and laptop charger rentals; someone will give those during office hours; student card in exchange to borrow a charger

6. VP Communications

7. VP Finance
- Met with Fin Comm and went through grants

8. VP Student Life
Megan: update on Science Week
- Coffee and breakfast all week, and club booting
- Refer to Facebook event for the other events
- In need of promotion, especially for EXO
- For Sci Grad, working on setting a meeting time

9. Science Student Senator

10. AMS Reports
IX. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees
Moved by Antony, Seconded by Alvin

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for November 17th and November 24th”

...MOTION PASSES

X. Executive Committee Motions
Moved by Tamara, Seconded by Antony

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the budget for 2015-16 as presented.”

Tamara:
- Overall there has been a lot of increases to a lot of events and grants to give back to science students, as well as we have also increased renovations for Ladha
- Don’t think we’re going to carry most of that this year, so carried over to next
- In our general account, after mortgage, have $218,000 approx.
- From that, with all that we’re spending, left with $16,000, from all the expenses mentioned before

...MOTION PASSES

Opposed by Astro Rep Proxy (Ian)
Abstentions: Alvin

XI. Committee Reports and Motions

XII. Discussion Period
Daniel:
Discussion about what qualities would want in the new UBC president
Would like to discuss with council about their opinions

Melissa:
Values and priorities: UBC in the past few years has been a rocky state, would like someone who can lead with stability, strong voice, and leading teams

Diane:
Are there existing documents for point of comparison?

Melissa:
Outlining process?
Diane:
   Has a committee such as this been formed in the past?

Melissa:
   For Gupta, Presidential Search Committee was there; whether we have access to potential documents that discuss about the qualities of a president is questionable

Daniel:
   Want a president that would support international students, and has a global mind

Alvin:
   Talk about representation of administration; someone who has experience with public relations and dealing with media and such
   Your reputation is important, and president represents UBC, so someone who can handle that

Megan:
   Someone who values international students rather than ‘cash cows’

Simran:
   A president that cares about their students; open ears to what students are saying, passionate about students and cares about their job

Arman:
   Lack of transparency the event took place (non disclosure that was agreed upon), a president values transparency a lot

Jacques:
   President that gets out of his office and meets with their students; to do some student outreaching; feels that it will have some student impact if the president is involved in students (not just student leaders)

Alvin:
   A lot of it has to do with how big the student mass is; should be displayed how students are interacting with the president themselves; should be able to display how they are interacting with students (i.e.: through photos)

Antony:
   Hope that the new president that they change the way of thinking that ‘admin knows best’; we’re all young adults and there is a lot of ‘can’t do this and that’ and they are so afraid of what the students will do (scandals and such); changing the efficiency of campus; usually things are getting done very slowly
Pooja: 
Meeting time/date?

Daniel: 
Presidential Search Committee-don’t know, may have to look it up online, can ask Aaron about it

Melissa: 
Can personally message her with ideas and such

XIII. Adjournment
Moved by Alvin, Seconded by Tommy
“BE IT RESOLVED That Council adjourn at 1:41 PM.”

...MOTION PASSES

Pooja Bhatti
AVP Administration

Lily Takeuchi
VP Administration