



## 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



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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](mailto: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



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- 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



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### 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 boothing
  - 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?



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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 outreach; 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



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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**

Handwritten signature of Pooja Bhatti in black ink.

Pooja Bhatti  
AVP Administration

Handwritten signature of Lily Takeuchi in black ink.

Lily Takeuchi  
VP Administration