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Date and Time of Meeting:

11 February 2016,

12:35pm

Location:

Michael Kingsmill Forum, AMS Student

Nest

I. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 12:55 PM

II. Amendments to the Agenda

Moved by Lily, Seconded by Daniel

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to add a motion for approval of the CAPC Code changes.”

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Diane, Seconded by Tyler

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to move the motion on the budget to after the Discussion Period.”

Opposed: Vivian and Jacques

Abstentions: Alvin, Ronan, Tamara

III. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Moved by Lily, Seconded by Alvin

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the agenda as amended.”

...MOTION PASSES

IV. Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgment

The President acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the unseated territory of the Musqueam Nation.

V. Introductions

All those present engaged in a round of introductions

VI. Presentations

Student Life and Sustainability Centre (AMS VP Administration, Ava Nasiri)

→ Presentation will happen in the coming weeks



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VII. **Appointments**

A. Moved by Megan, Seconded by Lily

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council elect Simran Brar as a Science AMS Representative for the period effective immediately and ending after the SUS Spring Elections in March 2016.”

Daniel: Nomination of Simran

Simran: Accept

Abstentions: Emman (Proxy Biochem)

...MOTION PASSES

Executive and AMS Report

1. President

- Follow up meetings regarding representations by First Years, particularly in the Vantage Program
- science student development
- science student recognition awards

2. VP External

- SUS 100 Gala if you are looking to buy tickets, selling until Friday
- Careers expo: Department Representatives should have received an email from Arman Sidhu, please respond and fill out the google form ASAP

3. VP Internal

- SUS Internal newsletter
- Elections are now open
- RSVP for SUS Appreciation- Please fill out ASAP

4. VP Academic

- Academic committee-discussion of the over hall of the student service center
- SUS Peer advising contest launch tonight-prize will be 2 tickets to Centennial Gala
- Health and Wellness week

5. VP Administration

- CAPC Code changes
- Working on updating the executive descriptions
- Will work on Committee updates-if you have suggestions please state them
- Working with Diane for the Science Recognition and Awards dinner-form will be posted on SUS FAM, share with departments to get more people involved



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6. VP Communications

7. VP Finance

→ Met with someone from the AMS who is more familiar with employees

8. VP Student Life

→ Nerd Love is tomorrow! Interested make sure to get a ticket

→ Sci Grad; venue set by next week

→ Sports: 'happening'

9. Science Student Senator

→ Haven't heard an update; working to get the committee form to get in all the applications for the science student recognition awards and develop/update the criteria and select candidates

10. AMS Reports

→ AMS council met last night

→ Referendum; approving some questions to go on the AMS elections ballot, including one to increase the fee that we paid to the World University Service Council in order to help with the Student Refugee Program → From \$261 to \$522

→ Approved referendum question to increase AMS fees by 4/20

→ UPass referendum was approved to go on the ballot as well

→ Health and Dental Plan increases were also approved

→ Bring back the gallery

Melissa:

AMS elections are happening at the end of the month; nomination period is now
Campaigning is between the 22nd and the 26th, and voting is online from the 29th.

Diane:

SUS elections: nominations due on the 26th

Megan:

What the UPass referendum was?

Daniel:

The question states: "Do you want us to continue in the UPass BC program at the price of 31.50\$ per month, for next year, and 41\$ per month for the year after that"

→ if the referendum doesn't pass, we will be unable to get the UPass for the next two years, and negotiations will be made harder by then



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Melissa:

Ask Daniel or her for more information, or any other AMS Representatives, and there will be information on the Ubysey and Twitter

VIII. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

A. Moved by Diane, Seconded by Sarah

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be accepted as presented:

SUS Council meeting minutes dated January 14, 2016

SUS Council meeting minutes dated January 28, 2016

Finance Committee meeting minutes dated January 20, 2016

Finance Committee meeting minutes dated January 27, 2016

Finance Committee meeting minutes dated February 3, 2016”

...MOTION PASSES

IX. Executive Committee Motions

A. Moved by Tamara, Seconded by Oliver

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council suspend Code Article 10(13): *Vacancies in any positions arising after elections shall be advertised to the active membership of the Society and filled at a meeting of Council, said meeting to occur no less than two (2) weeks after first advertisement of the vacancy.*”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Melissa:

We no longer have a VP Communication in this position. If we were to follow by this code, we would have someone who needed to be elected at SUS council, it would have to happen on the 25th, which is close to the next round of SUS elections, which take place on the first week of March, which will not give them enough time to be in that position

Jacques:

What are we doing to fill the position?

Melissa:

Communication being done are being done by the executives or a member of the committee. In terms of Sales Committee, communicating with Vivian

Opposed: Daniel

Abstentions: Alvin and Sheila



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...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Lily, Seconded by Annie

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the code changes as proposed by CAPC.”

Lily:

All of the changes within the clubs report earlier last term (removal of GOs, Non departmental clubs, and voting seats for AMS reps and Senator)

Note: Removal of Non Departmental clubs, doesn't limit the collaborations that we will be able to have with them, removes the double representation problem

Change: IT/Web manager position description update- combination of the roles; convenient to pass at the same time since we worked on it earlier in term 1; only change that was different than indicated in the report

Abstentions: Lily, Emman, and Hikari's Proxy (Ronan)

X. Committee and Commission Reports and Motions

XI. Other Business and Notice of Motions

A. Moved by Daniel, Seconded by Arnold (Arman proxy)

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescind the motion passed at the meeting on January 14, 2016 to approve the SUS Budget for 2015-2016.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Activities already carried out cannot be undone.

Note: Mover must have previously voted in favour of the original motion.

Debate:

Melissa:

States that the budget cannot be passed, therefore cannot continue with financial related activities, i.e.: employee compensations, Science Grad, etc.

Recommendation: With previously approved motions to amend the motion, especially if it is a budget, go in and move money from different accounts and events that can be passed in council, however with this motion passing, create another motion to amend the budget to have some money to use within the next couple of weeks, as we cannot have any meetings for



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next week. Perhaps an emergency meeting could be called to pass the budget, but we don't have time before that.

Arnold:

Could Alvin pull up the point of contention; the only point of contention that we had last time is the gala

Services costs missing?

Alvin:

Initially, we had UBC Music and Jazz ensemble, however we've found an alternative that will not be charging, will be playing for free.

Sarah:

For the performances, they will still get the free admission fee, would this be counted as services?

Alvin:

As recommended by the consultation that happened the prior week, we have produced without taking into account ticket sales

Arnold:

Questions from Arman:

→ What is the current price of the tickets?

→ How many have we sold?

Alvin:

Tickets: \$35 each, \$30 for 2 or more tickets, sent out invites to constituencies and clubs, if they are interested in coming as a group, will get a promotional code as well.

Sales: Haven't checked since Tuesday, however it's not bad. Maximum is 150 now, downsized from 250.

Arnold:

Arman spoke with Antony before and recommended that he should adjust the cost of tickets if his fixed cost is lower than the budget, and he said he will 'do the math'. Has any of the calculations reached you?

Alvin:



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Before working budget has been sent out-again, all the expenses accounted for doesn't include ticket revenue.

Simran:

Under AMS; main cost of catering; some desserts are being ordered from outside because of high costs

Councillor:

What the current budget is assuming based on the number of attendees?

Alvin:

Everything in this budget is accounting for a maximum of 150 people.

Ho Yi:

How are you guys getting another catering company to get dessert?

Simran:

Ordering cake from outside, and someone is making it for free, and additional pancakes, which is around \$150. We are also being charged \$1 a person for cutting cake
Can have more information by speaking to her personally.

Melissa:

Need to speak about the motion at hand

Diane:

The budget can be adjusted at any time through FIN COM

Melissa:

Can move this motion to happen after the discussion period

Moved by Jacques, Seconded by Annie

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT council rescind the motion passed on the meeting on January 14th, 2016 to approve the budget for 2015-2016".

Abstentions: Tamara and Poljanka

...MOTION FAILS

XII. Discussion Period



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Melissa:

Focus on the budget

Arnold:

What happens if we don't approve the budget? What will happen to the finances that SUS currently holds?

Tamara:

If we rescind the budget, everything will freeze and we cannot pay for anything

Arnold:

How did you handle first term?

Tamara:

Through the budget that was sent through the AMS

Arnold;

Approved by SUS?

Tamara:

Yes

Melissa:

First council meeting doesn't happen until the Fall, so time period of October to January is when we can work on the budget

Every year, the budget is framed around the previous budget, which has been approved by council, therefore it is not incorrect for us to spend that money. We spend the money and then get it approved later on. If there are any points of contentions, there are opportunities to talk about it. If at this points it does freeze, things will stop so please consider the activities occurring in the next two weeks

Jacques:

I am the person who Raised the motion to reconsider the budget raise for the centennial gala because I was unaware of where the money is going and I wasn't involved in organization of the planning of the event. After speaking with Alvin and becoming informed for where the money is going, mainly going towards fancy food for the attendees. Furthermore, Alvin and I discussed the risk involved with having to waste food, however we can eliminate the risk by simply ordering the amount of food we need for the number of tickets we sell.



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Risk is eliminated. Confident will be a good event and want to rescind the motion

Emman:

Does this mean we can just rescind the motion and move on with our lives?

Melissa:

Yes

XIII. Next Meeting

February 25, 2016

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Moved by Vivian , Seconded by Ho Yi,
"BE IT RESOLVED That Council adjourn at 1:41."

Handwritten signature of Pooja Bhatti in black ink.

Pooja Bhatti
AVP Administration

Handwritten signature of Lily Takeuchi in black ink.

Lily Takeuchi
VP Administration