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Date and Time of Meeting:

3 March 2016,

12:45pm

Location:

Michael Kingsmill Forum, AMS Student

Nest

I. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 12:51 PM.

II. Amendments to the Agenda

Moved by Lily, seconded by Sarah

Be it resolved that council amend the agenda to include a presentation for the AMS election

...MOTION PASSES

III. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Moved by Emman, Seconded by Alvin

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

...MOTION PASSES

IV. Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgment

The president acknowledged that today’s meeting is taking place on the unceded territory of the Musqueam nation

V. Introductions

Those present at the council meeting engaged in a round of introductions

VI. Presentations

AMS Elections (Jenna Omassi, AMS VP Academic and University Affairs)

Melissa:

- Running for AMS president,
- got students Thunderbird Stadium for Block Party
- Fall Reading Break



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Lily:

- Senate
- Platform: advocating for fall reading break, mental health issue, transparency
 - Transparency: working on a lot of code changes that have looked at decreased double representation in clubs, and have been discussing ways to make the budget process more visible and accessible to students; hope to take it to the next level
 - if elected, i will be summarizing the student caucus meeting so students can understand it easier

Referendum:

- U-Pass: please click Yes
- WISC referendum; deploying our fee for the Syrian students

Voting opened until 4 PM

Daniel:

- Senator at large
- running because i believe that education is the basis of why we're here at UBC; important that we have strong student voices at UBC for our time at UBC
- believe that i can be that voice; sat on AMS and SUS council
- believe that this has given me ample opportunities, can take on challenges
- Platform: implementing flexible learning technologies (4 pillars)
 - revising the academic policy (withdrawal system-take mental health into perspective)
 - fall reading break
 - mental health partnerships and initiative
 - improving student engagement by liaising with clubs

VII. Appointments

VIII. Executive and AMS Report

1. President

- overseeing the elections with the EAs
- updating the SUS strategic plan; will have a revised version by the AGM (31st)
- at the AGM, will be presenting our executive term reports, and all the projects that were worked on this year



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- budget presented; promoted to science students through the distillation
- working with executives for executive handbooks
- developing hiring timeline for major positions, and time sensitive role; hoping to get those applications out earlier; issue in terms of completing tasks in a healthy timeline, so everything from building management to first week
- sexual assault and education plan; look at this plan that was created in the past year; we have a survey that can be sent out with the minutes, and this is just in regards to sexual violence
- the Faculty of Science; new building that is planned for development for the next few years; hub for data science research and collaboration
- curriculum changes; please ask Melissa, Diane, or Sarah
- Faculty of Science meeting yesterday; 7700
- didn't talk about how facilitated; innovate and be ahead of the game for ubc, place for researchers of different place can being their research

2. VP External

- Sci Fair; went well; feedback from companies; never had so many people come out and genuine interest ; special thanks to Arman and Luc (chair)
- Gala: went really well, happy to say it was sold out
- Careers Expo; happening until the end of march; pushing those events, help is appreciated

3. VP Internal

- stepped out of elections committee; questions directed to her
- appreciation dinner with Lily-next week
- putting together a newsletter for this month; please email at the VP Internal email
- organizing Storm the Wall team

4. VP Academic

- academic committee; undergrad to grad event
- Destress Fest
- boothing at Meet Your Major Careers Expo
- Back to Term Survey into a graphic

5. VP Administration

- two really important discussions that have come up
 - BMC currently considering working with the faculty of science for extending hours in ladha; currently we are the only science student run building on campus, most likely give up the title, because in order to have more accessibility, will need to hire security of liase with the faculty of science
 - major implications with science
 - most likely involve a really long discussion
 - based on surveys earlier in the summer, science students need a place to study



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→ hope that this is a discussion can be initiated and potentially start a proposal

Daniel

→ how much security will cost to implement security in the building

Lily:

→ preliminary discussion, just wanted council opinion

Diane:

→ as for extended hours, you mean to change it from 8-11 PM, or just in the exam season?

Lily:

→ hopefully both, but mainly exams

Alvin:

→ liaising with the faculty of science, will they help with costs?

Lily:

→ will need to discuss with them, because budget may not allow

Emman:

→ why would we need security at regular times during exam season?

Lily:

→ the day to day operation hours, there are councillors from SUS with office hours; not 100% sure about beyond office hours, question to be raised

Jacques:

→ personally think that extended access during weekdays and weekends might benefit, but during exams, campus is dead and it might not benefit students to the degree we think it would; might not be worth the security talk; fairness issue because some of us can access ladha, but enforcing stricter rules for this is something that can be considered

Lily:

→ preliminary; can look

Megan:

→ did this conversation arise from BMC and faculty?

Lily:



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→ from BMC, but with student consultation; around July we sent out a survey to science students about ladha, and we got an overwhelming response that science students feel like that they don't have a place to study, so she wanted to address

Melissa:

→ have you explored ways to address this in terms of a referendum questions to increase fees to support this?

Lily:

- preliminary discussion, wanted to see option
- if you guys have questions, willing to answer
- will put a poll on sus fam to initiate a discussion with the faculty

CAPC:

- committee responsibilities and roles; finance
- role is to help the vp finance with the budget, not currently done
- finance committees basically review grants
- have had issues with the budget that was passed late and ambiguities and not enough consultations
- CAPC would like to write a recommendation and essentially what we thought is having the finance committee to review the budget (depends on how much time the finance committee have); hoping that the finance committee and the vp can make a preliminary budget for next year
- after retreat, having the budget passed in council
- ease transition and allow the students to listen to preliminary budget

Emman:

- council will pass it after retreat? exec retreat?

Lily:

→ retreat=council retreat; because we didn't have anything preliminary, hard to transition to get it approved on time within term one, so ended up coming into term 2, and we already spent money and it didn't make sense to call it preliminary; want to ease the way that budget can be brought to school, first two weeks of october

Tamara:

- finance committee not formed until late october, usually focus on grants

Lily:

→ one of the things that was brought up in CAPC is that they have less grants in the first term so more time to make budget



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Melissa:

→ recommendation: explore how the AMS VP Finance does this; works in the same way that there is no budget committee is formed until later so no consultation, but usually documents are sent in with the minutes in the week prior so that you have two weeks to provide feedback; haven't really seen a budget that has been worked in the most consultative matter

Lily:

→ just having a better timeline, one of the things we would like to do
→ CAPC thought that this change can't happen this time in the year, hoping that the execs together would put together the preliminary budget for the year, so we can still have something to work off of coming into the new year

Emman:

→ why are we not treating this year as a special case-one time thing, usually execs work on it together; don't worry much about it, but we got over it; but make us inefficient

Lily:

→ we're not aiming to do damage control over this year, but currently in code, there is nothing outlining when the budget should be passed, so having something concrete would ensure that this doesn't happen; this year might have been isolated, but we want to consider

Emman:

→ loopholes because we want to have some freedom

6. VP Communications

7. VP Finance

→ been talking with Cody about the finances with the upcoming boat cruise and science grad

8. VP Student Life

→ planning the boat cruise with AUS, LFS, SUS, EUS; 25\$, 19+
→ Sci Grad, 35\$ a person, department should contact clubs
→ sci grad in Vandusen gardens, and afterparty with an open bar

9. Science Student Senator

10. AMS Reports

→ Feb 24th
→ presentation from the faculty cup team; huge success, forestry won but looking into increasing the size of the event
→ executive goals from oversight committee
→ positivity in the infrastructure candidate discussion



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→ vp academic reported that senate is looking into the possibility into a fall reading break; will review the possibility after the end of the winter session after the summer into the senate meetings into the fall

→ appointed Keith Fester to replace Ross Mortem

→ AMS all presidents dinner; sent in a nomination as constituency of the year

IX. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

→ approval of minutes from FIN COM

Moved by Pooja (VP Admin Proxy), seconded by Alvin

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approve meeting minutes as presented”

Abstentions: tamara

...MOTION PASSES

X. Executive Committee Motions

XI. Committee Reports and Motions

XII. Discussion Period

Storm the Wall teams

Diane:

→ you get into a team of 5-6 people, kind of like a giant relay, swimmer, sprinter, long distance runner,

→ march 20-23rd, depending on availability

Melissa:

→ will you consider competitive and just for fun

Diane:

→ will be in contact in the next few days

Ho Yi:

→ SUS rebate; if you have 60% of people that are SUS members, will get 40% of the money back



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Diane:

→ check emails and Facebook within the next few days

AMS Elections

- end tomorrow at 4 PM
- encourage you to share the voting link and share that the election is happening
- UPass-very important
- world university services canada
- health and dental plan
- changes in bylaws and constitutions
- gallery
- arts and culture

SUS elections:

- clarifications that people have been requesting
- reminders to be respectful to one another during the campaign
- will be moderating towards campaign of good taste
- email Mark and Jenny

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Moved by Hikari , Seconded by Annie,
"BE IT RESOLVED That Council adjourn at 1:37 PM."

Pooja Bhatti
AVP Administration

Lily Takeuchi
VP Administration