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Date and Time of Meeting:

17 March 2016,

12:45pm

Location:

Michael Kingsmill Forum, AMS Student

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I. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 12:49 PM.

II. Amendments to the Agenda

Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Jacques

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT council add a motion in section 11, point D.: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Society (SUS) executives’ performance throughout the past year, from October 8th to April 9th. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report comprise an analysis of *duty with respect to code and duty with regards to money spending and keeping with the budget*. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report be completed and presented to SUS council by no later than the AGM”

Abstentions: Diane and Shaaban

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Lily, Seconded by Shaaban

“BE IT RESOLVED that council amend the agenda to add the motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT council adopt the changes as recommended by the CAPC in the document titled Article 2 Executive Powers and Duties”

...MOTION PASSES

III. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Moved by Lily, Seconded by Diane

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

...MOTION PASSES

IV. Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgment



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The president acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unseated territory of the Musqueam people

V. Introductions

All those present in council engaged in a round of introductions

VI. Presentations

Spring Elections

Election Administrator: Jenny Lee (not present, but letter was sent)

Letter provided to Melissa:

"Thank you all for your time and for inviting me to attend today's meeting - I regret that I am unable to attend but hope to pass on some words based on my experience as an Elections Administrator for SUS this year.

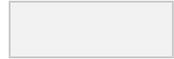
Having also organized the Fall elections, which went relatively smoothly also thanks to the guidance of the VP Internal, I did not anticipate several issues that would occur during the Spring Elections. Having personally interacted with each of the candidates and witnessed the complications that arised as a result of various infractions that occurred, I believe it is necessary for SUS, and perhaps all faculties, to implement stricter policies for future elections.

Primarily, I believe that it would be best to follow the AMS Bylaws and Procedures for all elections, regardless of faculty. Not only would this create a uniform elections procedure throughout all of UBC, it would greatly help future EA's, with little to no experience in these matters.

In addition, I believe it is necessary for faculties to also implement Elections Committees as AMS has done. Perhaps this may not be feasible, in which case I encourage all future EA's to perhaps attend the existing AMS Elections Committee meetings, to learn how the AMS elections are conducted.

Finally, after witnessing a case of slander in our SUS elections this year, I believe that there should be far more serious consequences for events that occur during an election that result in detrimental impacts on a candidate's mental health. I understand that politics are stressful and that this includes student politics as well, but we owe it to those who are brave enough to run that any negative experiences are taken seriously and treated with care."

- Stats: 1097 (14.0%) of 7855 electors



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Ronan:

→ Infractions: do you know any additional information of what that entailed?

Melissa:

→ ask an EA

Ronan:

→ not sure who would this be referring to, but is there any information about the infractions that they were talking about in the letter?

Melissa:

→ no, only know whatever was mentioned

Shaaban:

→ any information presented?

Melissa:

→ information from the elections administrators on the infractions, in the form of a report

Emman:

→ Infractions will be published?

Melissa:

→ published to council, however not sure about the website

Jerry:

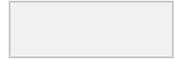
→ Jenny will be here in 15 minutes

Melissa:

→ there are still things being worked on

Shaaban:

→ next meeting on the AGM? May have to hold an emergency meeting because there cannot be any filming done



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VII. Appointments

A. Moved by Antony, Seconded by Akhil

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Sarah, Alvin, and Tyler to the Science Student Achievement Awards Adjudication Committee effective immediately until the end of April 2016.”

Abstention: Sarah, Tyler

- 3 members
- reading through applications
- 2 and a half hours
- March 29th after 5 PM
- Differ from the science student recognition awards
- monetary value; \$500 awarded
- by nomination
- application going up online today
- can contact Kaitlyn for more information

Shaaban:

- Ho Yi : Decline

Diane:

- Akhil: Decline

Daniel:

- Sarah : Accept

Lily:

- Oliver: Decline

Sarah:

- Katie : Decline

Shaaban:

- Tyler: Accept

Alvin:

- Myself: Accept



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Shaaban:

→ Have members at large been appointed?

Melissa:

→ No

VIII. Executive and AMS Report

1. President

- delay with the strategic plan; will come up as reports at the AGM
- Consultation on the dual degree programs tomorrow
- working on what transition might look like over the next two months
- Science Student Achievement Awards are happening; spread the word

2. VP External

- Not many updates
- transition report

3. VP Internal

- Science Student Recognition Dinner went well
- next SUS FAM newsletter
- transitioning

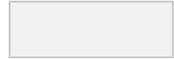
4. VP Academic

- Destress Fest currently happening
- Undergrad to Grad "What I Wish I Knew"
- writing a transition report

5. VP Administration

- CAPC; hopefully pass the changes to Article 2, where all the executive positions were updated
- following the shepel last week, looking into a report for the budget creation, so please message her if you have feedback
- Clubs Commissioners on Building Policies and Clubs
- Science Student Dinner; transition report

6. VP Communications



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7. VP Finance

- finance committee wrapped up this week
- transitions

8. VP Student Life

- boat cruise with AUS, CUS, LFS → March 24th, tickets on sale next week

9. Science Student Senator

- working on the Science Student Achievement Awards

10. AMS Reports

- Justin Habashi, the Elections Administrator, reported the results of the AMS elections, making them official. The new AMS Executive, taking office May 1, will be: Ava Nasiri (President), Samantha So (VP Academic), Louis Retief (VP Finance), Chris Scott (VP Administration), and Kathleen Simpson (VP External).

→ Justin also reported on the referendum results. The following referendums passed: the U-Pass fee referendum, the WUSC fee increase, the Health & Dental fee referendum, housekeeping bylaw amendments, Bring Back the Gallery Lounge, and the new campus culture fee. The general AMS fee increase and the proposed change to referendum rules did not pass.

→ Justin noted problems with casting votes by students at the Affiliated Institutions and with getting the VoterMedia contest underway.

→ Election turnout was about the same as last year for the Executive elections (6689 voters or 12.5%). The referendums attracted over 11,000 voters, with the highest number voting for the U-Pass.

→ Ron Gorodetsky, the Student Services Manager, reported that usage was up for the AMS Services, especially for Safewalk and the Food Bank.

→ Mateusz Miadlikowski, the VP Finance, reported that depending on the business contribution, the AMS may break even this year or show a small deficit.

→ Jude Crasta, the VP External, invited discussion on the topic of lowering the voting age from 18 to 16, something being considered at the federal level and in several provinces.

→ Mateusz Miadlikowski reported on new software from Prophix that could make AMS financial work more efficient.



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→ Keith Hester, the Interim General Manager, said he will be reaching out to the members now that we've been in the new building for almost a year, to see if we're providing them the food and services they want. In general he wants to develop a communications plan to engage members, staff, and tenants.

→ Jenna Omassi, the VP Academic, announced that the new Academic Experience Survey would be going out the next day.

→ Council approved changes to the SLFS Bylaws, mostly concerning membership.

→ Council approved updates to policies on Transit and Fossil Fuel Divestment.

→ Next regular Council meeting: March 23, 2016 in the Forum at 6 pm.

IX. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

X. Executive Committee Motions

XI. Committee Reports and Motions

A. Moved by Lily, Seconded by Akhil

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the meeting minutes from the Code and Policy Committee:

CAPC 2016 01 14
CAPC 2016 01 26
CAPC 2016 02 02
CAPC 2016 02 09
CAPC 2016 03 01, and
CAPC 2016 03 08."

Akhil:

→ were changes made about the building manager?

Lily:

→ none made, but it's a brainstorm because it is impossible for one person to do it all, so instead split the work



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→ did not get a chance to pass this in council, so hopefully use this as a trial year, and make it official next year if needed; feedback is appreciated

...MOTION PASSES

B. Moved by Akhil, Seconded by Antony

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the meeting minutes from the Finance Committee:

FINCOM 2016 02 10

FINCOM 2016 02 24

FINCOM 2016 03 02, and

FINCOM 2016 03 09.”

C. Moved by Lily, Seconded by Shaaban

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT council adopt the changes as recommended by the CAPC in the document titled Article 2 Executive Powers and Duties”

Lily:

→ made changes to keep the position descriptions relevant

→ some were deletions, so commented all the changes made

→ big ones: moved up science student senator as an exec because they should be coming regularly, VP Internal-hosting one on ones with the councillors, vp internal can be responsible for this

Arman:

→ President: AMS voting seat

Lily:

→ always has been, however was not in the constitution

Abstentions: Alvin Lily, Ronan, Emman

...MOTION PASSES

D. Moved by Shaaban, Seconded by Emman

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Society (SUS) executives’ performance throughout the past year, from October 8th to April 9th. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report comprise an analysis of *duty with respect to code



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and duty with regards to money spending and keeping with the budget*. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report be completed and presented to SUS council by no later than the AGM”

Shaaban:

- a lot of students think I am an exec; come to me with concerns
- recurring concerns: expressed with the transparency and the accountability of the executives
- no personal opinion, however felt that if there is so much concern, something should be done

Emman:

- how will this be conducted?

Shaaban:

- this doesn't have to be codified if it doesn't work
- the idea is to mirror the process conducted by the AMS
- will not be measured through metric of success, but rather if the codified duties of the position have been attempted
- concern because due to the consistent change in the executive team, out of their hands, however this initiated the concern
- even for the executive serving half terms or summer terms

Emman:

- if just doing for this year, why not doing it every year? Making them look bad; rumors is that these are one time isolated incidences; can we continue this for next year so that it doesn't make this year look bad

Melissa:

- as this is a motion on the floor, can amend the motion before it passes; can add clauses to add more detail

Shaaban:

- future: totally valid, that would need to be sent to CAPC, that would come later to a different motion
- publicity; not a valid concern; you want to maintain a public image-if the students aren't happy with the performance, need to satisfy the concerns by showing them that it either didn't happen, or it did happen, and this is how

Ronan:

- who will you be talking to to get your information for how you will put together the report?



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Shaaban:

→ up to the VP Internal's discretion for how this is done

Emman:

→ feasible within a two week period? And will base it on the AMS oversight? Have you contacted them for more information?

Diane:

→ probably not to the full extent of AMS oversight, but will more explain if things were fulfilled as in code, not so much you 'failed this task' or such (not yet contacted the ams because needs to be passed first)

Diane:

→ suggestions for how this is done, please come and see her

Arman:

→ from what i understand, the AMS is the oversight committee; there are some criticisms of the oversight committee, just wondering what the rationals are against the oversight committee

Shaaban:

→ agree that there are some criticism; most are from the monetary component of the oversight; it is not feasible to come

→ a working structure to evaluate executives performance-why not use it?

Arman:

→ monetary aspect?

Shaaban:

→ oversight works there are a monetary bonus, based on how well they perform, and assessed by oversight reports

→ the financial bonus allotted to ams executives

Melissa:

→ no monetary for sus

Norman:

→ shouldn't the report be published to the students, instead of just the internal presentation



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Shaaban:

→ if council approves the report, then it is up to them

Akhil:

→ if the report is presented to council by agm, isn't it accessible to the science student?

Diane;

→ everyone is welcome to AGM

Melissa:

→ difference between accessing online, rather than in person

Abstentions: Emman, Diane, Shaaban

...MOTION PASSES

XII. Discussion Period

Conflict Management

Melissa:

→ actions from individuals at levels that occur during sus, but not necessarily in relation to SUS or not during SUS events are not really the responsibility of the executives or the committee chairs, so need to make sure that you are looking at the conflicts

→ not welcome in the SUS community

→ need to separate of the personal and professional side

Jacques:

→ the elections separated SUS a little, and we need to acknowledge that, and acknowledge that we are a team dedicated to the science students, and that it shouldn't hinder the team

Melissa:

→ we are all here working for the same goal in different ways and different priorities, and we must work together to make sure that the needs of science students are being addressed

Jenny:

→ if you want to know, we can let you know what changes were made by the guidelines



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Mark:

- will make revisions; facebook events, groups, and slating (in regards to slandering)
- can talk to him or Jenny

Jenny:

- for facebook groups in the future, groups over 20 cannot be private or closed

Shaaban:

- why 20 or less?

Jenny:

- arbitrary number; however if over 20, considering not helping you with campaign

Shaaban

- why not private?

Jenny:

- transparency

Shaaban:

- what if the EAs are in it

Jenny:

- transparency

Akhil

- just one group, or multiple groups for 20 or less

Mark:

- preferably one group or less; if they have several groups, loopholes

Melissa:

- bylaws not yet written up

Jacques:

- what precautions are in place to try to reduce bias potentially done by EAs



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Jenny:

→ important that EA are outside of SUS, or no previous affiliations of sus , in terms of committees, helps to remove any sort of bias

Mark:

→ For this position-may have appeared that I am the biased one, but Jenny hasn't been involved, so can come across as 'unbiased'

Shaaban:

→ code change?

Melissa:

→ the guidelines are not yet bylaws

Shaaban

→ don't agree with having the 'enforcement' of having the EAs be outside of SUS; hiring process; if outside of SUS, can be biased because they don't have an idea of how the system works

Emman:

→ you work with Melissa as well, 3 working working on and such, lessens the bias even more; if you restrict it, can be exclusive

Jenny:

→ suggesting to adopt one of the AMS guidelines

→ make an elections committee; might be helpful, we had to reach out to many people in order to help make decisions, would help if there was a committee

Arman:

→ who was responsible for advertising nominations?

Mark:

→ EAs

Jacques:

→ mainly people involved in SUS previously, there wasn't enough effort to recruit students in the general science community to use their own views in sus ; thought that was a little wrong; there



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needs to be more effort to recruit people for elections who would be suitable for elections, something to be implemented for next year (also should run for two positions for next year)

Ronan:

→ public face of the elections; generally held in the debates and the online marketing of the elections, seem to be closing respective to the debate; found that a lot of the debate format made it look like it was more of an interview process, so in future, should be less of a discussion but more to include the discussion of the science community

→ set it up to the way SUS has always been

Shaaban:

→ not relevant to the discussion

Ronan:

→ about the adjudication of the elections

Shaaban:

→ not the discussion currently on the floor; off topic

Melissa;

→ feedback for the elections administrators, that are outside the bylaws, send them an email

Akhil:

→ also involves the results of the elections?

Melissa;

→ presentation at the AGM

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Moved by Sheila, Seconded by Oliver,
"BE IT RESOLVED That Council adjourn at 1: 50 PM."



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Pooja Bhatti
AVP Administration

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Lily Takeuchi
VP Administration