



Science Undergraduate Society

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CODE & POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETINGS REVIEW

REPORT DATE: OCTOBER 30TH 2016

DECISION REQUESTED: IT IS REQUESTED THAT the Science Undergraduate Society Student Council approve the following change:

1. An amendment to Article 6 to include an additional paragraph and two sections regarding extraordinary meetings

SUMMARY

The Code and Policy committee would like to direct Council to approve the addition of a paragraph and two sections regarding extraordinary meetings, to take place when the President finds necessary.

RATIONALE

With the recent suspension of Article 7, paragraph 2, section 1, clause b, c, d in the SUS code to allow the Academic Committee to decrease in size, as well as the potential change in Code should the downsize prove effective, there is no longer a committee to pass motions in the weeks that council meetings are not held. With Council currently meeting every second week, there is the potential for matters to occur that requires immediate discussion. This includes, but is not limited to, matters regarding the budget, Code suspensions, additions, or removals, and presentations from external or internal parties.

Currently there is nothing in Code that explains what to do in these situations. Following what the UBC Alma Mater Society does, the Code and Policy Committee has implemented a change in Article 6 that gives the President the ability to call extraordinary meetings. This would require the President to send a notice and an agenda to all of Council at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting, with the understanding that no amendments to the agenda can be made.



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ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommends that council approve this report with the understanding that only the President can call extraordinary meetings when he or she sees the necessity. Members of council are allowed to recommend extraordinary meetings to the President, however only the President can make the final decision. The President must understand that meetings can only be called if the decisions or matters must be discussed before the scheduled Council meeting.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- 1) The voting decision of Council will take place on Thursday, November 3rd. The changes will be implemented immediately.
- 2) The President position will be amended to explicitly state this requirement of holding extraordinary meetings when needed during Executive Position reviews, taking place in Term 2.

AFFECTED SECTIONS OF CODE:

Article 6: Council Meetings

6. An extraordinary meeting of council may be called by the President provided:

- i. The President delivers notice with an agenda to all members of council for the meeting at least forty eight (48) hours prior to said meeting.
- ii. Only matters on the agenda may be discussed at the meeting; no amendments to the agenda may be proposed at this meeting

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt the Code and Policy report titled "Council Meetings Review" and approve the recommendations of the report.