



Science Undergraduate Society

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Date and Time of Meeting:

November 17, 2016 at

12:45PM

Location:

Michael Kingsmill Forum, AMS Student

Nest

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:44 PM

Amendments to the Agenda:

Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Noah.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to include a presentation from the MS club, and include a motion that reads “BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SUS appoint the MS Club as a new SUS Club effective November 18th, 2016””

...MOTION PASSES

Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Hannah ,

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the agenda.”

...MOTION PASSES

Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement

The President acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional unceded territory of the Musqueam people.

Introductions

Everyone present at Council engaged in a round of introductions.

Presentations

AMS External Portfolio Updates (Kathleen, AMS VP External)

Kathleen:

- AMS VP External Affairs
- here to talk about one of the initiatives that have going on that the SUS might be open to supporting - RentWithRights



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- asking for student housing to be protected by some kind of legislation - student housing is exempt from tax; right that they have are from the housing contracts from UBC, really flexible for UBC
- taken the work of VP Academic from two year saot who made recommendation for changes in contract, presenting this to student housing, basically said no to all recommendation
- two years later here, asking provincial government to make changes for all school in BC, teamed up with SFU, UBCO, and UVIC
- we have created a petition, ask all to sign, and basically hope to have presented on the floor of the provincial legislature, role surrounding student housing, and put recommendation
- 3500 signatures
- need some help getting that done
- ask us in what kinds of ways that SUS can support
- interested in coming to events especially where there are lineups
- also getting signatures with volunteers, let them know if you would like to volunteer

take questions:

Diane:

- do you have a timeline?

Kathleen:

- starting collecting signatures from Tuesday until end of February

Sarah:

- are there online ways to sign the petition?

Kathleen:

- for to be presented, needs to be in person
 - often had online interactions, typically hit a certain point and then flatline
- hope to push those numbers in the higher

Diane:

- any materials that we can use to circulate or have at a our front desk



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Kathleen:

- postcards that talk about campaign
- as well as stickers
- giving them out to the petitioning, and Safewalk

Pooja:

- have you approached Residence Advisors?

Kathleen:

- approached residence groups
- Residence advisors to sign petition
- if you guys were around for rent increases, there was a couple of situations where RAs spoke about the situation and were let go
- residence hall association - decided not to participate with this because of their close connection with student housing

Noah:

- physical forms - do you have a PDF?

Kathleen:

- www.ams.ubc.ca/rentwithrights
- can read all of that there
- haven't posted petition sheet

Pooja:

- Ladha front desk

MS Club Presentation:

Matthew:

- thank you for inviting me to the SUS meeting
- talk about the new MS club on campus



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- many of you have heard of MS, Canada has one of the highest rated occurrence of MS in the world
- over the summer, got a few people together and decided to make an MS club
- raise awareness, advocate for the disease, educate student body
- new club, we've been focusing on newsletter
- thrown club icebreakers and spreading of awareness
- at it at two months, and have had great feedback from students and researchers
- planning to host ms speaker series coming up in January, being in researchers and students to talk about MS to raise awareness
- moving forward, want to start creating a conference at the university, so have lots of ideas, passionate about it
- talking with sus, had one on one meeting, filling in monthly forms, would like to gain exposure for club and ms, networking, feedback
- connection with lots of research
- important disease in Canada, want to emphasize that

Hannah:

- if you guys are also an AMS club, what are you looking for from SUS?

Matthew:

- chance to network with other SUS clubs - big priority for SUS
- Brain Health Week - gaining access to the Abdul Ladha Building - help with club events, and smaller thing, such as getting advice
- science, disease, affects a lot of people
- we do have those connections, with researchers

Pooja:

- Note that every club supported by the SUS is an AMS club - you have to be to get support from the SUS

Back To School Survey Results (Sarah, SUS VP Academic)

- Clipboard survey
- Open throughout September; targeted towards upper years
- Lots of first years also participated



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- Results from people from all majors
- Many people wanted to learn more about career and degree advice
- Variety of awareness about SUS events; trying to increase awareness
- Many people have not become involved with SUS
- Trying to open up more member at large positions to get more Science students involved
- Community sense is mostly good; trying to improve
- Resources awareness is good, working to improve
- Many people do not know how to voice concerns regarding SUS
 - Trying to improve
 - for example: feedback box
- Many people do not know their departmental advisor
 - addition to website
- Summary of events, communication, advertising
- Online surveys are a good way to measure satisfaction with SUS
- Many people do not visit Ladha

Noah: How was this survey distributed? Any previous data for comparison?

- This survey was shared through Facebook and the Distillation; will work on better advertising in future years. Previous years' data was lost

Jeff: How did the first year's responses affect this data?

- The survey system allows you to separate the years so we can look at data per year

Executive and AMS Report

1. President

2. VP External

- Need everyone's first and last names for Artona
- May need to change date because of conflict

3. VP Internal

- Councillor check-ins next week
- Please advise if have not received email

4. VP Academic



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- Collaborating with SciTeam; working on room booking
- Looking to better support student leaders
- Working on improving Science courses

5. VP Administration

- Working on Budget Committee finalization
- Will present to Council soon
- Checking with Building Managers
- Still checking Club standings
- A few clubs still have not been checking in
- Finally getting meeting minutes from other committees; approve at last meeting

6. VP Communications

- Faculty of Science charged us an unexpected expense for Imagine Day (booths, etc.)
- Marketing got updates from committees
- Sales is ordering new merchandise

7. VP Finance

- Ongoing reimbursements;
- Club operations grant due tomorrow

8. VP Student Life

- SoCo had first event.
 - well received.
- SpoCo hosted first event;
 - Good turn out.
- Last week of school, SoCo hosting giveaway of free hot chocolate.
- Throwback event

9. Science Student Senator

- Approved new BioMed Engineering program
- Lots of abstentions to this program
- Admission changes
 - BC First Nations 12 acceptable in lieu of Socials 11
- Honorary degree nominations were up for approval

10. AMS Reports



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Club Reports

1. Astronomy Club

- No updates

2. Biophysics Student Society (BPSS)

- No updates

3. Biology Sciences Society (BIOSOC)

- Life Sciences research night
- Pub night same night

4. Biochemistry Physiology Pharmacology Club (BPP)

- No updates

6. Cognitive Systems Society (CSS)

- No updates

7. Computer Science Students Society (CSSS)

- Continuing with TA nominations
- Allow CS students to become TAs
- Booting in ICICS cafe

8. Combined Major in Science Student Association (CMSA)

- Fundraiser: selling ramen and donuts
- Study sessions

9. Integrated Sciences Student Association (ISSA)

- No updates

10. G.M. Dawson Club

- Ugly sweater party last day of term 1

11. Environmental Science Student Association (ESSA)

- Fitting event tonight (clothes); beer by donation

12. UBC Geography Students' Association (GSA)

- No updates

13. Microbiology and Immunology Students Association (MISA)

- No updates

14. Physics Society (Physsoc)

- No updates

15. Psychology Students' Association (PSA)

- Prof networking event (Q&A)

16. Science Co-op Students' Association (SCOOPS)

- No updates



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17. Science One Survivors (SOS)

- Talent show tonight
- Collaborating with CSP for Winter Formal

18. Storm Club

- No updates

19. Undergraduate Chemistry Society (UCS)

- Finished Lab tours
- Holiday beaker Candygram ends tomorrow
- Exam packs for Chem courses
- \$2 a beaker; supporting Movember

Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Lakshmi,

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT SUS Council approves the following Committee meeting minutes.

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Executive Committee Motions

Moved by Daniel, Seconded by Isla

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SUS Council appoint the MS Club as a SUS Club effective November 18th, 2016”

Motivated by:

Pooja: MS did a good job of updating VP Administration and keeping in touch with CC. Highly recommend voting this club in.

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Abstentions: Pooja, Arnold, Hikari, Laura

Committee Reports and Motions

Discussion Period



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Adjournment

Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Simran

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn this meeting at 1:29 PM“

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 PM.

Nick Pang
AVP Administration

Pooja Bhatti
VP Administration