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Date and Time of Meeting:

December 1, 2016 at

12:45PM

Location:

Michael Kingsmill Forum, AMS Student

Nest

Call to Order:

Amendments to the Agenda:

Moved by Paul, Seconded by Daniel

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to discuss the SUS Council retreat.”

Motivated by:

In light of the recent events from the AUS, we should make sure that SUS is responsible and accountable.

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Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Antony

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the agenda to include the following minutes to be approved.”

SPOCO 2016 10 24

SPOCO 2016 10 31

SPOCO 2016 11 07

SPOCO 2016 11 14

SPOCO 2016 11 21

MARCOM 2016 10 14

MARCOM 2016 11 02

SOCO 2016 10 06

SOCO 2016 10 13

SOCO 2016 10 27

SOCO 2016 11 17

SOCO 2016 11 24

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Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Alex, Seconded by, Isla

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the agenda.”



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Speaker's Business & Land Acknowledgement

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

Introductions

All members of Council present engaged in a round of introductions.

Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Simran,

That SUS Council approves the following Committee meeting minutes.

CM 2016 11 17
ACAD 2016 10 24
ACAD 2016 11 07
ACAD 2016 10 31
FYCM 2016 10 28
FYCM 2016 11 04
FYCM 2016 10 21
FYCM 2016 10 28
FYCM 2016 10 14
HEWE 2016 10 17
HEWE 2016 11 07
HEWE 2016 10 24
HEWE 2016 10 31
Careers: November 15 Meeting Minutes
Careers: Oct. 11 Meeting Minutes
Careers: November 22 Meeting Minutes
Careers: November 21 Meeting Minutes
SOCO 2016 11 10
SOCO 2016 11 03
PR 2016 11 16
PR 2016 11 10
PR 2016 11 09
PR 2016 10 19
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Abstentions: Paul

Executive Committee Motions

Moved by Paul, Seconded by Pooja,

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt the Code and Policy report titled “Article 6 & Bylaw 4 Review” and approve the recommendations of the report.

Motivated by:

Pooja: Bylaw 4: we changed Psychology to Behavioural Neuroscience because that’s what it’s called now. Article 6: we changed the proxy for council members to be We limited the length of presentations to save time. For emergency meetings, we have expanded the notice to 72 hours prior to the meeting. Furthermore, we have given power to Council to also be able to call an emergency meeting

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Paul,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt the Code and Policy report titled Committee Review: Budget Committee” and approve the recommendations of the report.

Motivated by:

Pooja: What has happened in the past years is that money has been spent without an approved budget. This committee will allow for budget to be approved earlier so all spending can be according to the budget.:

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Moved by Sarah, Seconded by Katie,



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“BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL appoint Paul, Nafeel, Lorenzo to the Budget Committee.”

Paul: I have experience with FINCOMM and the budget.

Nafeel: I think I can bring responsibility and transparency to this important committee

Lorenzo: I have experience with the AMS and wish to control spending

Pooja: These are wonderful people and I think they would be great

...MOTION PASSES

Abstentions: Paul, Nafeel, Lorenzo

Committee Reports and Motions

Executive and AMS Report

1. President

- Talked with AMS regarding constituencies and how they can better support SUS

2. VP External

- Met with Associate Dean to use the Life Science Centre and about a new textbook initiative

3. VP Internal

- Councillors check-ins, created report for Executives and Councillors
- Paul: will the report be available to Council
- Katie: Yes, in January

4. VP Academic

- Working on Back to term 2 survey
- Class mastering project
- Dealing with classes that need tweaking
- Working with SciTeam for competition
- Lorenzo: Will the survey be available for first years?
- Sarah: Yes

5. VP Administration

- Planning for second term
- Office hours availabilities for second term
- Clubs newsletter was sent out
- Received feedback from clubs
 - mostly positive
- Setting up one-on-one meetings with clubs
- Meeting minutes, will work on further and take into suggestions



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6. VP Communications

- Candy canes
- Holiday greetings to many Science leaders
- Holiday treat for Councillors on behalf of the Exec team

7. VP Finance

- We can take credit cards for events now

8. VP Student Life

- SoCo has an event tomorrow: Waffles and Chill
- In talks with LFS VP Student Life
 - possible collaboration

9. Science Student Senator

- Santa Ono inauguration
- Grad ceremony

10. AMS Reports

- Approved a motion to allocate \$15,000 Student Life and Sustainability Centre
- Created Ad hoc committee to increase relationships between AMS and constituencies
- Updating information technologies

Club Reports

1. Astronomy Club

2. Biophysics Student Society (BPSS)

3. Biology Sciences Society (BIOSOC)

4. Biochemistry Physiology Pharmacology Club (BPP)

6. Cognitive Systems Society (CSS)

7. Computer Science Students Society (CSSS)

8. Combined Major in Science Student Association (CMSA)

9. Integrated Sciences Student Association (ISSA)

10. G.M. Dawson Club

- Ugly sweater party

11. Environmental Science Student Association (ESSA)

12. UBC Geography Students' Association (GSA)

- Had a bowling night
- Had second beer garden
- Had a Geo-talk with a professor

13. Microbiology and Immunology Students Association (MISA)

14. Physics Society (Physsoc)

- First year review sessions
- Wine and cheese



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- Sessions will be a week before the exams
- 15. Psychology Students' Association (PSA)**
- 16. Science Co-op Students' Association (SCOOPS)**
- 17. Science One Survivors (SOS)**
- 18. Storm Club**
- 19. Undergraduate Chemistry Society (UCS)**
 - 2 bucks a beaker
 - raised money for Movember
 - Finished selling exam packs

Discussion Period

Paul: AUS had some problems with overspending, thus they cut a lot of funding, *except* for their Council retreat. Therefore, we should discuss the SUS Council retreat to see if the money is being used for the right purposes. Based on previous years, 2% of our budget seems fair for Retreat spending. We should codify some things that must be discussed in the retreat to further SUS operations.

Katie: One of the ways to make Council retreat more useful to orientating councillors is to integrate Council Orientation into retreat.

Paul: Should we not have a Council Orientation?

Katie: I think it would be effective to combine the two.

Caroline: Some people could not attend retreat, how could they catch up?

Katie: I think VP internal could hold an alternate session to catch people up to speed.

Paul: If we have an alternate session, what's the point of retreat?

Diane: Retreat could allow Councillors to become more comfortable with Council and speaking.

Antony: Councillor orientation allows for more formal discussion, while Council Retreat allows all Councillors to get to know each other and are more comfortable speaking and interacting with each other.

Paul: Is the benefits of retreat worth the money?



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Lakshmi: You could shorten retreat to save money. Also, we could hold social events throughout the year for Councillors to allow for camaraderie to be kept up throughout the year.

Pooja: I believe that retreat allows everyone to work better together, will make our services more useful for science students. I believe the money is well spent.

Oliver: Some things this year costed more due to lack of time

Lakshmi: It's not necessary to cut the retreat altogether. How do we make it so that everyone benefits from it? How to we ensure that instead of one weekend we can keep up social events throughout the year.

Paul: I'm not criticizing this year's retreat, just to talk about what we can do moving forward. I like Lakshmi's idea of spreading out social events.

Antony: The separation provided by Retreat (giving time and space for each other) allows for a better working environment. We also do focus on BMC and other SUS operations at Retreat. I believe that the time is valuable, but we can reduce costs. We could have a deposit for Councillors, as some people cancel at the last minute.

Sarah: A suggestion was made that councillors pay a small portion for their own retreat

Jeff: Does cost per person decrease as more people attend?

Katie: Perhaps, depending on the location

Lakshmi: Second Sarah's idea

Moved by Paul, Seconded by Sarah

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs VP Internal to include these minutes in their transition report and CAPC to draft Code and present to Council a monetary limit for the Council Retreat, which Council related events are necessary during Retreat through discussion with the VP Internal and the President, and whether or not a deposit for Retreat is necessary."

Sheila: What is 2% of?

Paul: Student fees,

Motivation:

We need to start working on concrete steps to take.



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Debate:

Setting a limit at this time might not be the best idea.

Moved by Lorenzo, Seconded by Tanya

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council remove the 2% limit from this motion.”

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Moved by Lorenzo, Seconded by Paul

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CAPC present this motion to Council before the last meeting of the Winter 2016/2017 Session.”

...MOTION PASSES

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Abstentions: Pooja

Pooja: It's Cio's last day today, we recognize your accomplishments and contributions.

Adjournment

Moved by Lorenzo, Seconded by Cio

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 1:44PM”

...MOTION PASSES

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 PM.

Nick Pang
AVP Administration

Pooja Bhatti
VP Administration