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Date and Time of Meeting:

October 20, 2016 at 12:45PM

Location:

Michael Kingsmill Forum, AMS Student Nest

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:45PM.

Amendments to the Agenda:

Moved by Katie, Seconded by Daniel

“BE IT RESOLVED that Iman Moradi, Lorenzo Lindo be appointed to Sports Committee and that Jocelyn Wong and Cio Ellorin be appointed to Social Committee.”

Discussion:

Paul: Other councilors on sports and social. should we nominate people. when did we suspend code to change number of people on committee.

Pooja: Code was not suspended.

Katie: Every councillor is appointed to 2 committees.

Paul: That’s the minimum amount in code.

Pooja: We are appointing representatives today from CAPS, Statistics, and Biophysics.

Katie: Councillors update their committee preferences, and then are appointed to a committee.

Opposed: Paul, Daniel, Jeff

Abstentions: Cio

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Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Lorenzo

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council omnibus all councillor committee appointments.”

Motivation: To save time

Moved by Paul, Seconded Iman

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT academic committee is removed from the above omnibus.”

Motivation: Every other committee appointment in omnibus is in violation of code except for academic committee, I want to reject omnibussed motion but not academic committee.

Discussion:

Sarah: What about other committees I’ve created not in code?

Paul: Already approved last meeting.

Abstentions: Pooja, Cio, Alex, Sarah



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Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Paul, Seconded by Arnold,

“BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the agenda as presented.”

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Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement

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

Introductions

All those present in council engaged in a round of introductions.

Presentations

Presentation from UBC REC (Lauren, Student Engagement)

- Intramurals running leagues
 - lots of sports available
 - support unity in science students
- Great trek: Oct 28
- Dodgeball Derby: Nov 4
 - good for mental health
- Water Wars: Nov 17
- Lace-up: Nov 24
- This week Saturday: The Conversation
 - bring together student leaders and create a more unified UBC experience
 - how can we overcome our own barriers to come together
 - after party @ 6:30PM
 - free drink and appetizer

Question:

Paul: Does UBC REC have bulk discounts for large groups of people?

A: Not yet, perhaps in the future. There are ways to

Presentation from AMS President’s Office (Ava, AMS President)

- UBC Game Plan Consultation



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- UBC asking community for advice for the next 20 years for athletics
 - Student should be using their voices to impact how our money is spent in regards to athletics
 - There will be a link to a feedback form via email to express your voice
 - Deadline: Oct 23rd
 - Will be submitted to AMS Council
 - Halloween
 - AMS hosting Scream at the Nest
 - PIT sold out, other tickets for all-ages party still available
 - First time in 40 years AMS is holding a AGM
 - Giving away 500 people's worth of pizza
 - 500 people needed for quorum
 - Perhaps fun motions such as Toonie Tuesdays
 - Increase transparency to students
 - Inform students and get feedback
 - 12:15 PM on Halloween day
 - Please spread event; email will follow
- Question:
- Daniel: What is Toonie Tuesday?
A: Before, Toonie Tuesday was a pint of beer for \$2, cancelled due to legality and business tactics.
- Diane: What to bring to AGM?
A: Student card, costume, spirit
- AMS putting together strategic plan
 - AMS needs to strengthen the way to support undergraduate societies
 - AMS cannot reach all 50,000 students, need societies to help engage students
 - Survey will be sent out: How can the AMS better support you, and as SUS as a whole?

Executive and AMS Report

1. President

- Meeting with teaching and learning enhancement fund
 - Grants, teams, projects
 - How to better support student in learning
 - Meeting with new careers person for student learning

2. VP External

- Corporate is teaching how to make emails easier
- Careers is formulating budget proposal, looking into keynote speakers, please provide feedback



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3. VP Internal

- Thank you for coming to retreat
- Oliver and I will plan more events for meeting people
- Internal newsletter at the end of October/November

4. VP Academic

- Confirmed Thrive Week with EUS
- Killam teaching award committee
- Academic committee next monday
- Waitlist problem next wednesday

5. VP Administration

- CAPC first meeting last week
- CC finished meeting with all club presidents, clubs newsletter coming out soon
- SUS Committee Secretaries; every committee needs to provide meeting minutes. Hoping that we can get committee minutes approved soon.

6. VP Communications

- Media committee working on projects with council
- Sales committee still selling merchandise
- PR committee having a free flu shot clinic
- Marketing: meetings with different SUS portfolios, taking requests within the next two weeks
- Please be aware of how you portray yourself as a SUS Councillor on social media

7. VP Finance

- No updates

8. VP Student Life

- SciGrad have a few clubs in cooperation. Want more clubs to voice their opinions. Department reps please spread the word
- Social: event planned before final exams
- Sports: one event in late November. updates coming

9. Science Student Senator

- Meeting yesterday
- Approved new part-time MBA programs
- Approved new revised awards
- Approved admission changes for environmental design

10. AMS Reports

- Ava talked about events that are happening: AGM, etc.
- Student services manager looking to provide a service to help students with mobility disabilities
- Report from Board of Governors regarding sustainability
- AMS Council added \$700 for consulting project for UPass



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Club Reports

- 1. Astronomy Club**
 - No updates
- 2. Biophysics Student Society (BPSS)**
 - No updates
- 3. Biology Sciences Society (BIOSOC)**
 - Hosting Halloween week
 - Pumpkin carving
 - Oct 31- Nov 10: escape room
 - BioTalks on Nov 1: professors will defend organisms of their choice
- 4. Biochemistry Physiology Pharmacology Club (BPP)**
 - Specialization info night Oct 24 5-7PM at Ladha
- 6. Cognitive Systems Society (CSS)**
 - Hosting movie night in the beginning of November
 - In process of finalizing robot party
- 7. Computer Science Students Society (CSSS)**
 - Monthly board games night
 - Pilot project: free breakfast for CS students
 - Escape room
 - Technical career fair in January, planning under way
- 8. Combined Major in Science Student Association (CMSSA)**
 - Just hired executives
 - Fundraiser planned
- 9. Integrated Sciences Student Association (ISSA)**
 - Student integrated science mentorship program
- 10. G.M. Dawson Club**
 - Hot springs trip
- 11. Environmental Science Student Association (ESSA)**
 - ESSA Eats Local happening this week
 - Board games night Nov 3rd
- 12. UBC Geography Students' Association (GSA)**
 - No updates
- 13. Microbiology and Immunology Students Association (MISA)**
 - BIOL 200 exam preparation night
- 14. Physics Society (Physsoc)**
 - Python event
 - Exam review sessions
 - Research social



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15. Psychology Students' Association (PSA)

- Meet your faculty event last week
- Collaborating to create hoodies

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

- No updates

17. Science One Survivors (SOS)

- Planning formal
- Support students with mental health issues

18. Storm Club

- No updates

19. Undergraduate Chemistry Society (UCS)

- National Chemistry week
- Prizes giveaway
- UofT and UVic grad sessions
- \$2 a beaker Nov 25

Pooja: Department representatives: please remind clubs to check emails. CC is trying to send important emails, please reply to keep status as a club in good standing.

Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Iman, Seconded by Paul,

That SUS Council approves the following Committee meeting minutes.

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Executive Committee Motions

Moved by Hikari, Seconded by Caroline,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Laura Gomez be appointed as the Biophysics Representative.

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Nominated by Arnold: Laura Gomez

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed as the Biotechnology Representative.

Motivated by:

Debate:



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Moved by Paul, Seconded by Hanna,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Nafeel Ahmed be appointed as the Cellular, Anatomical, and Physiological Sciences (CAPS) Representative.

Nominated by Nafeel: Nafeel Ahmed

Nominated by Daniel: Amy Wang

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Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Isla,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Oscar Tu be appointed as the Statistics Representative.

Nominated by Oscar: Oscar Tu

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Moved by Paul, Seconded by Iman,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jiwan Sangha, Daniel Lam, Noah Bayless, Hannah Xiao, Bessie He, Alice Huang, Morsal Niyaz, and George Brownrigg be appointed as members of the Academic Committee.

Abstentions: Daniel

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Pooja, Seconded by Jocelyn

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the omnibus motion”

Debate:

Paul:

At the last council meeting we were assured by the executive that they understood they could not suspend code, in effect that they understood their duties listed in the above part of code. They assured us that they would not again pretend to suspend code and then violate it, especially during the winter term while council is active.

Last week we received an email indicating that we had been assigned committee positions by the executive. This by itself does not violate code as long as they then get us to vote to approve it and go through a nominations phase; however, the number of councillors assigned to each committee clearly violates code. After talking with the executive it was made clear that they decided the number only based on what they thought was appropriate or effective and not based on any sort of discussion with the students or those councillors elected to represent them. The proper protocol created by SUS did not seem to factor into their calculations. They



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have not asked CAPC to look into changing the numbers assigned to each committee or allowing them to be more open.

Allowing the executive to essentially hand-pick their own committees, rather than having the Councillors elected by students nominating and voting them in, sets a dangerous precedent. This grants too much power to the executives and fails to protect the students (through oversight by their elected representatives) from those who want to exercise complete control over the actions of a committee for their own aims. This is not allowed in the AMS and is not, and should not, be allowed here.

Additionally, the executive has changed the number of people sitting on certain committees (such as Finance and PR) such that the balance between the number of votes held by executive and hired positions and the number of votes held by councillors has shifted. For example, Finance Committee used to have 2 members at large, the AVP Finance, the VP Finance, and 6 councillors, giving 4 votes to the Executive and the hired positions and 6 to councillors. There are now only 2 councillors sitting on that committee, dangerously shifting the balance of voting power and impeding the ability of Council to provide oversight.

So as to ensure that we were all sitting on at least two committees the executive quietly placed 12 councillors onto Awards Committee. This is a committee that should only have 4 councillor positions and is a committee that only meets a few times in the second term to decide who receives the Science Student Recognition Awards. This was simply an easy place to put excess councillors that did not fit into their designs. This displays a complete disrespect of Council and the goals that Councillors wish to achieve in their positions. We are not an inconvenience to be placed somewhere out of sight.

By this action the Executive have shown that they believe themselves the most important part of SUS, they believe they direct Council to shape SUS to their vision. The students are supposed to be the most important part of SUS. They tell Council what they want, who in turn directs the Executives to take action. This executive is beginning to show a pattern of contempt for the Council elected by science students to represent them. They take action expressly forbidden by code without discussion and seem to consider themselves above, rather than a part of, Council. [specific code violations for each committee]

Moved by Paul, Seconded by Brian

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Awards, PR, Finance, and Marketing committees be removed from the omnibussed motion.”

Hikari: Should we reformat all committees?

Paul: Yes but we don't have time this meeting.

Councillors were given a choice of preference.

Hikari: Councillors are hand-picked



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Jeff: Grey area. The processes may be logistically useful but may set a bad precedent. We need to be accountable and follow procedures, allow for power to be balanced and kept in check. Going forward we should change.

Paul: If we don't alter now, next year will be the same.

Antony: Last year was an isolated incident. There was no time to fix the problems. We cannot stop SUS operations. Plan to approach CAPC for committee appointment changes.

Opposed: Antony

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Moved by Daniel, Seconded by Arnold

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council extend the meeting by 10 minutes."

Opposed: Hikari, Iman

Pooja: Do we meet quorum?

Diane: Yes

Motivation: Last motion, almost done

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sam Cheng, Jason Yen, Avery Zacarias, Katelyn Wong, Cyndi Yan, Vrinda Munjal, and Markus Thormeyer be appointed as Health and Wellness Coordinators and Michelle Lisonek as Health and Wellness Secretary.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lakshmi Soundarapandian, Jeff Pea, Isla Wrightson, and Noah Bayless be appointed as members of the Building Management Commission.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jeff Pea, Caroline Sutton, Paul McDade, Stuart Isherwood, and Brendan Liaw be appointed as members of the Code and Policy Committee.

Motivated by:

Debate:



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Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tanya Feng, Amy Antonsen, and Brian Cho be appointed as members of the Marketing Committee.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Isla Wrightson, Brian Cho, and Bessie He be appointed as members of the Public Relations Committee.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sam Cheng, Simran Grewal, Tracey Xu, Shaina Calara, Rebecca Chen, Frank Jia, and Thomas Zhang be appointed as the Sales Coordinators.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Arnold Choa, Hikari Rachmat, and Tommi Muller be appointed as members of the Finance Committee.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Moved by, Seconded by,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sylvester Nathan Chenne, Emmanuel Garrovillas, Lulu (Guangjia) Lian, Julia Chai, Jiani Lin, Sophie Thornton, Jacob Ng, Douglas Zhong, John Lee, Kelly Nguyen, Shovon Das, Theresa (Hyonjeong) Tai, Christy Lau, Christine Kim, Derrick Chong, Clara Ng, Aditya Rao, Sean Choi, Emma Karlsen, Anthony Ho, Azim Ahmed, Janis Moy, Alice Huang, Iman Moradi, Tiger Zhao, and Amy Antonsen be appointed as members of the First Year Committee.

Motivated by:

Debate:

Adjournment



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Moved by Paul, Seconded by Bessie

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn this meeting.”

...MOTION PASSES

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Pang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Nick Pang
AVP Administration

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pooja Bhatti". The signature is more vertical and angular than the one to its left, with a large initial "P".

Pooja Bhatti
VP Administration