I. Attendance

Present:
Sean Jeong - Biochemistry Rep
Esther Kim - Biology Rep
Poljanka Johnson - Biophysics Rep
Jake Johnston - Biotechnology Rep
Lee Wang - CAPS Rep
Isla Wrightson - Chemistry Rep
Kiran Basi - COGS Rep
Jobina Tamminga - CMS Rep
Monica Hsu - CSP Rep
Herman Samra - Computer Science Rep
Daniel Lam - EOAS Rep
Sarah Li - First Year Rep
Avril Li - Geographical Sciences Rep
Azim Ahmed - Integrated Sciences Rep
Nicholas Hu - Mathematics Rep
Arshdeep Ganda - Microbiology Rep
Swati Shetty - Pharmacology Rep
Yuming He - Statistics Rep
Lorenzo Lindo - AMS Rep
Wendy Guo - AMS Rep

Regrets:
Shawna Narayan - Physics Rep
Vanessa Lee - First Year Rep
Amir Moradi - Science One Rep
Sarah Park - Science Student Senator
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Additions to Agenda
Adjournment

**Housekeeping**
Mandatory meetings
- Called on a need-to-meet basis
- Dependent on where the committee wants to go in its direction
  - If a vote occurs, quorum must be met
  - If discussion based, no proxies required

**Update from VP Academic**
New Programs + Curriculum Changes
- Join Degree with BCIT - Forensics + Biochemistry
- Breadth Requirement Changes
  - Poljanka: Does that include arts requirements?
- Standardized Syllabi
  - Daniel: Can be brought to senate
  - However, not quite plausible due to low compliance and no means of enforcement
- Midterm Course Feedback Surveys
  - Up to the discretion of the professors, also not quite feasible to implement in all courses
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- Canvas
  - All courses will be using Canvas as the LTE starting Fall 2019

**Breaking Down Code → Purpose of Academic Committee**

- Suggested to potentially remove point (e) and (b) under the Academic Committee part of code
- (b) could essentially be replaced by other academic portfolio → such as Conference
  - But conference committee is new and might not move forward in future years since it is in its pilot stage
  - Potentially keep b for now → possibly clarify what academic events qualify as?
  - Events are often hosted by program clubs → however, partnerships could be helpful

- Make-up of the committee
  - All program representatives should be present for (a)
    - Should be an environment where students can bring up issues and voice concerns
  - Last years make-up was also quite effective as a smaller committee allows a more efficient streamline of getting things done
  - Science senator should stay on the academic committee
  - AMS Representatives do not feel necessary
    - As a voice from the AMS is already provided via communication to the AMS VP AUA
    - They can be liased with directly or called upon during specific meetings that require an AMS voice present
    - Projects can be liased from the AMS and senate caucus (ie. open educational resources → this can happen via Academic caucus)

- Possibly rewording (a)
  - Define us as the middle-man of science faculty and science students
  - Potential (a.1.) Coordinate the society’s attempts to address academic problems as they arise
  - Act as a liason to the student body and the Science Faculty to allow students to voice academic concerns
  - Problems should be identified to program representatives → forefront of academic issues
  - Call upon program representatives to solve problems as they arise
  - Example from last year → CS TA’s → CS students could nominate students that they thought would make good TA’s → they could not actually influence faculty however.

- Award Adjudication
  - Create an ad-hoc committee as 24 voices is too many

**Call for any academic issues**
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- Poljanka: Physics + Astronomy had 10 year review
  a. Every 10 years external reviewers were brought in
- Amit: Science-Psych courses often has overlap
  a. Possibly breaking up the 6 credit courses
  b. Strict scaling → Arts Requirement
     i. Only present in arts courses, but due to the overlap there constant scaling
- Jake: BCIT - how credits work
  a. Credits are not quite interchangeable → especially when applying
  b. Table of equivalency → how many UBC credits a BCIT would be worth
  c. Discrepancy between calendar and transcript

**Academic Meeting Times**
- Calling meetings on a need-to-meet basis
- Jen will release a when2meet to find a better meeting time

Next Meeting

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**To-Do**
- All program representatives should be contacting their respective program directors/department heads to introduce themselves and see if there is anything they can currently help with