[ REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES ]

Date: Monday, October 30th, 2017  
Time: 5:00-7:00 pm  
Location: AMS Student Nest, Michael Kingsmill Forum

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07PM.

II. Amendments to the Agenda

Moved by Cathy, Seconded by Avril.  
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there be the addition of a presentation for the Community Engagement Committee.”

...MOTION PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Moved by Michelle, Seconded by Sean.  
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Code and Policy Committee review the code and procedures of Speaker of Council under the recommendation of the SUS Speaker of Council Hiring Ad-Hoc Committee by November 15th, 2017.”

...MOTION PASSES

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Poljanka, Seconded by Isla.  
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.”

...MOTION PASSES

IV. Speaker’s Business and Land Acknowledgement

The President acknowledged that we are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the hən̓q̓əmíθəm̓ Speaking, Musqueam people.

V. Introductions

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

VI. Presentations
SUS Back2School Survey Results – Jennifer Cheng

- All results will be on the SUS Website soon
- Survey from Sept 8th-20th
- 1244 responses in total
- Professional Development → interviewing is most important
- Best time for SUS events are late afternoon
- Daniel: Will the final document have the breakdown for year as well?
- Jennifer: I don’t have that breakdown. If you are really curious please contact me so i can do that and post it on the website for you/
- Sean: Are there any significant different from last year to this year?
- Jennifer: I haven’t checked but I assume they’re very similar year to year. I can do that for you if you really want
- Daniel: Are the questions standardized and would you consider if you haven’t for future years to come?
- Jennifer: I have considered. I know that the AMS does it.
- Antony: The questions are usually standardized but Jennifer added some questions that people reached out to her to ask about

Creative Ad-Hoc Committee Budget – Gurshabad Singhera

- Need budget to plan events, get materials and get food
- Amount requested for Creative is $1500 by the recommendation of the Budget Committee
  - Social → $4000
  - Sports → $4000
- First event is Wine and Watercolours → 19+
  - Painting and drawing
  - Total estimated cost $350
- Christmas event in November
  - Gingerbread, ornament making, Christmas caroling
  - Total estimated cost → $150
- Leaves $1000 for the next term
- Sean: Where is the money for the cheese?
- Gurshabad: I will add that soon but the budget will not go over.

Creation of the Mental Health Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Cheng

- Codifying the Mental Health Advocacy Committee
- Already met with CAPC and Budget to get a recommendation
- Last year MHAC was an ad hoc committee → want to codify to make it permanent in order to plan long term and short term events in the coming future
- HeWe and MHAC differs in physical health and mental health respectively
- Plan to collaborate with other mental health organizations, advocacy campaigns, conversation starters
- Budget → $1000
$500 will be coming from the Academic budget
$500 is requested to be from unallocated funds
Money will be for posters, resources, advocacy, food, event materials, speakers, external collaborators
If they run low on money they will reallocate money from the Health and Wellness Committee

Creation of the Community Engagement Committee - Cathy Jiang

- Codifying the Community Engagement Committee → replaces the Public Relations Committee
- VP External is responsible for collaborating with external organizations so it is more relevant in external portfolio
- Want external organizations to view SUS in the same manner → more cohesive
- Charity events
- More outreach
- Work with external organizations to create more opportunities for science students
- Request has been approved by CAPC
- Budget → $1000
  - For fundraising, advertising and collaborating with external organizations
- Lorenzo: When you're raising money from the events, are you pulling the money out of the money raised?
- Cathy: No all proceeds would go to the charity
- Sean: Can you give some plans of special projects?

VII. Appointments

Moved by Michelle, Seconded by Wendy.
"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sean Jeong (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Code and Policy Committee to substitute the Mathematics Representative (i.e., Nicholas Hu)."
Note: Requires 2/3rds; meetings are on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm
Motivated by: Michelle → CAPC would like to have Sean join the team
Nominations:
- Daniel nominates Lorenzo
- Lorenzo respectfully declines
- Daniel nominates Sarah Li
- Sarah Li respectfully declines
- Michelle nominates Poljanka
- Poljanka respectfully declines
- Wendy nominates Arsh
- Arsh respectfully declines
- Sean would like to nominate himself

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Moved by Ronan, Seconded by Amir.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Esther Kim (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Grants Committee to fill in the vacant seat of the Vantage College Representative.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds; meetings are on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
Motivated by: Ryan → we don’t have a Vantage College representative and we don’t know when we’ll have one so we need a replacement
Nominations:
- Ryan nominates Esther
- Esther gladly accepts
Abstentions: Ryan

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Moved by , Seconded by .
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT ______ (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Conference Ad-Hoc Committee to substitute the Computer Science Representative (i.e., Herman Samra).”
Note: Requires 2/3rds; meetings are on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
Motivated by:
Nominations:
- Jennifer nominates Wendy
- Wendy respectfully declines
- Sean nominates Lee
- Lee respectfully declines
- Miguel nominates Swati
- Swati respectfully declines
- Gurshabad nominates Azim
- Azim respectfully declines
- Jennifer nominates Avril
- Avril respectfully declines
- Jennifer nominates Yuming
- Yuming respectfully declines
- Sean nominates Vanessa
- Vanessa respectfully declines
- Jennifer nominates Sarah L.
- Sarah L. respectfully declines
- Sean nominates Monica
- Monica respectfully declines
- Jennifer nominates Amit
- Amit respectfully declines
Note: No successful nominations

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VIII. Executive and AMS Reports

1. President
   ● Had the Speaker of Council Ad Hoc Committee meeting
     ○ Talked about feasibility → we should move forward with this
     ○ Two suggestions:
       ■ Hiring a general science student to become the speaker but
         would not have a vote → president would still be the one to
         vote in a secret ballot vote to break a tie
       ■ Appoint a councilor and vote
     ○ Best interest to hire a science student to not reduce the voice of
       councilors because they would not be able to speak
     ○ Wendy to be the councilor to oversee the interviews
     ○ New speaker will be hired by next week
   ● Expanded orientations program
     ○ 7 days for residence
     ○ 5 days for commuter students
   ● Meeting with Erin Green
     ○ Want photos to make scrapbook for Dean
   ● Meeting with president’s council → updates on things execs should be doing
     ○ Provide updated budget and contracts to the AMS
   ● Faculty of Science meeting this Wednesday
   ● Daniel: Expand on the extended orientations
   ● Antony: Shifting away from international and domestic to residence students
     and commuter students. Commuter students have a chance to be on campus for
     their orientations like Jumpstart students.
   ● Nicholas: Who would be on the committee to hire the speaker
   ● Antony: The committee members include → Antony, Michelle, Ronan, Herman,
     Lorenzo, Wendy
     ○ I will not be in the interview process

2. Vice President, External
   ● Working on partnerships with other organizations
   ● Rejected partnerships → have similar partnerships already
   ● Alumni Speaker series → Nov 28th
   ● Artona → 5:30PM on November 23

3. Vice President, Internal
   ● First Year Committee having first event
     ○ Trick or treat yourself Oct 31
   ● SUS internal event
     ○ Nov 30th

4. Vice President, Academic
   ● First academic meeting
   ● VP Academic caucus meeting
AMS doing open educational resources listing tour
General tuition increase consultation → UBC proposing increase → 2-3% for domestic, 9% for international
- Faculty Academic Concession Review → VP AUA talking to every Associate Dean of every faculty
- Looking for ways to spend the academic excellence fund → large sum of money for large one time projects → affects all students of UBC

5. **Vice President, Administration**
- CAPC started
- Equipment rental form → make sure to use it and keep track of students taking our items → student ID
- AMS departmental clubs meeting → standardize AMS liability wise

6. **Vice President, Communications**
- Sales committee started to train
  - Reorganize stock
  - Have a clearance sale to order new things
- Marketing Committee producing new content
- Screen marketing for clubs
  - Priority to good standing clubs
- Continue to update the website
- Daniel: How many years of merchandise are we selling?
- Miguel: All the merchandise was all purchased last year.

7. **Vice President, Finance**
- First installment of student fees
- Grants committee started
  - Get departmental clubs to send them in
- Budget committee meetings
- Arsh: If academic committee only meets on a need to basis why does it have a budget at all?
- Jennifer: The money will be allocated to Mentorship but if academic needed money it would be prioritized there instead.
- Akhil: Would you be asking for more money or would you reallocate that?
- Jennifer: We would minimize spending from mentorship and give it to academic

8. **Vice President, Student Life**
- Science Grad
  - One unified graduation event rather than many different graduations from different clubs
- Equipment → footballs and other sports things for the plaza
- Esther: Some departmental clubs have grad directors, who do you want?
- Gurshabad: Anybody just as long as they attend
- Akhil: Would you just want them to participate in planning or would there be a financial aspect as well?
- Gurshabad: Just participating but finance would be nice if it’s offered.

9. **Science Student Senator**
● Senate met Oct 18th
  ○ Changes to undergraduate admissions → more holistic
  ○ New Odyssey article published
  ○ Publication of senate committee minutes → previously only minutes of
    senate as a whole
  ○ Appointment of designated senior academic administrators → Nov.
    15th

10. AMS Report
● Naloxone for overdose
● Safe walk → UBC agreed to provide $25,000 for the program
● University looking in a bike sharing program → AMS passed the motion to
  support it
● Rent with Rights petition
● Hiring ombudsperson
● Sean: If we’re already on board with Rent with Rights with other people are we
  able to sign it?
● AMS VP Academic: Sign it only once

IX. Club Reports

1. Astronomy Club
● Halloween event on Thursday
● Weekend lecture on time travel
● Porteau cove trip
  ○ Cost is members paying drivers for gas
● Opening the floor to apprenticeship
● Official astronomical weather forecast for UBC

2. Biophysics Student Society (BPSS)
● Get into research event → biophysics lab tours → Nov 22
● Biophysics meet and greet → Nov 27

3. Biology Sciences Society (BIOSOC)
● Nov 3rd → mock exam for BIO 234

4. Biochemistry Physiology Pharmacology Club (BPP)
5. Cognitive Systems Society (CSS)
6. Computer Science Students Society (CSSS)
7. Combined Major in Science Student Association (CMSSA)
8. Integrated Sciences Student Association (ISSA)
9. G.M. Dawson Club
● Nov 7 → movie night

10. Environmental Science Student Association (ESSA)
11. UBC Geography Students’ Association (GSA)
12. Microbiology and Immunology Students Association (MISA)
13. Physics Society (Physsoc)
14. Psychology Students’ Association (PSA)
15. Science Co-op Students’ Association (SCOOPS)
16. Science One Survivors (SOS)
17. Storm Club
18. Undergraduate Chemistry Society (UCS)
   ● Professor meet and greet
   ● Professional communications workshop
   ● Graduate info sessions
   ● Lab tours

X. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Nicholas, Seconded by Wendy.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following meeting minutes be adopted as presented:

CM 2017 10 16          RXN 2017 06 22
Academic 2017 10 23    RXN 2017 06 29
Careers 2017 09 27    RXN 2017 07 06
Clubs 2017 10 19       RXN 2017 07 13
Grants 2017 10 25      RXN 2017 07 27
Mentorship 2017 09 06  RXN 2017 08 03
Mentorship 2017 09 18  RXN 2017 08 10
Mentorship 2017 09 25  RXN 2017 08 17
Mentorship 2017 10 02  RXN 2017 08 24
Conference 2017 09 21  RXN 2017 09 07
Conference 2017 09 29  Sports 2017 08 19
Conference 2017 10 04  XM  2017 09 19
Conference 2017 10 11  XM  2017 10 09
RXN 2017 06 15

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XI. Executive Committee Motions

XII. Committee Reports and Motions

Moved by Wendy, Seconded by Daniel.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests, on behalf of the Academic Committee, that the Code and Policy Committee review Article 6, Section 2 of the Code of Procedures of the Society and make its recommendations to Council by November 15th, 2017.”

Note: The date is next council meeting

Motivated by: Jennifer → want CAPC to clarify and create more defined goals
Abstentions: Jennifer

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Moved by Ryan, Seconded by Jake.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests, on behalf of both Grants and Budget Committees, that the Code and Policy Committee review Article 6, Sections 4 and 5, respectively, of the Code of Procedures of the Society and make its recommendations to Council by November 15th, 2017.”
   Note: Date is the next council meeting
   Motivated by: Ryan → would like to look into increasing councilor representation and increase the flexibility

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Jennifer, Seconded by Jake.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Code and Policy Committee report titled “Committee Review: Mental Health Advocacy Committee” and approves the recommendations of the report.”
   Motivated by: Jennifer → the presentation earlier
   Abstentions: Jennifer

...MOTION PASSES

Moved by Nicholas, Seconded by Arsh.
“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council allocates $1,000.00 to the Mental Health Advocacy Committee on the recommendation of the Budget Committee.”
   Motivated by: Jennifer → presentation earlier
   Debate:
     ● Akhil: Where will the money be allocated from?
     ● Jennifer: $500 from the academic committee and $500 from unallocated funds
   Abstentions: Jennifer, Ryan

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Moved by Cathy, Seconded by Nicholas.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Code and Policy Committee report titled “Committee Review: Community Engagement Committee” and approves the recommendations of the report.”
   Motivated by: Cathy → based on the presentation
   Abstentions: Cathy

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Moved by Isla, Seconded by Avril.
“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council allocates $1,000.00 to the Community Engagement Committee on the recommendation of the Budget Committee.”
   Motivated by: Cathy → money would be good to have on this community → money is shifted from Communication’s Public Relations Committee
Abstentions: Ryan, Cathy

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Moved by Sean, Seconded by Vanessa.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allocates $1,500.00 to the Creative Ad-Hoc Committee on the recommendation of the Budget Committee.”
Motivated by: Gurshabad → create more events and allow students to showcase talents and try out new things
Abstentions: Gurshabad, Ryan

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Moved by Ronan, Seconded by Nicholas.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Code and Policy Committee to review the code and procedures of Speaker of Council under the recommendation of the SUS Speaker of Council Hiring Ad-Hoc Committee by November 15th, 2017.”
Motivated by: Michelle → necessary for CAPC to review what’s in code and the procedure to hire a speaker

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XIII. Discussion Period

- Akhil: Any updates on search for the new Dean of Science?
- Antony: No updates yet
- Miguel: Last updates were from the summer → up on the SUS Website

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by Jennifer, Seconded by Monica.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:24PM.”

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Associate Vice President, Administration
UBC Science Undergraduate Society

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