[ REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ]

Date: Monday, November 27th, 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 5:17PM.

II. Amendments to the Agenda

Moved by Jennifer, Seconded by Amir.  
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council strike the Club Reports.”
Motivated by: Jennifer → hosting Academic meeting right after and don’t want to go overtime
Debate:
  ● Wendy: Reports are important
  ● Jennifer: If there is an important report then please tell
  ● Arsh: Exec reports are important
  ● Michelle: We have a lot to discuss and it’s not in our priority
  ● Jennifer: This is a motion
  ● Miguel: If you’re curious they’re always in the Executive committee minutes.

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Moved by Michelle, Seconded by Amir.  
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III. Adoption of the Agenda

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

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IV. Speaker’s Business and Land Acknowledgement

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

Antony: Isla → Chemistry Representative is going on co-op so the role will be vacant in second
Antony: Some students approached me for reimbursements and our initial response was a no because, traditionally, we did not allow these reimbursements. However after talking to stakeholders we reconsidered. This conversation started from September 16th. Talked to RCMP, AMS Security... Again, we were advised to do this by the Faculty of Science. With our consultation with the AMS, we were told that there was nothing we could do. We were able to conclude that SUS would be liable because the documents signed were not legal. We provided a space for people to put their belongings so we assumed liability there. Consulting to students did not seem feasible for advice on legal issues so we approached the faculty. The expense was within the RXN budget but we felt that transparency was important so we asked for final permission from council. Waivers without AMS mentioned make the waiver null. One student approached us because of his broken glasses from a Sports Committee event but this situation is different than the rest. We will be taking steps to make sure things like this don’t happen again in the future. Another policy mentioned “if one doesn’t sign a waiver and it’s under $5,000, he can’t sue the AMS. If it’s over $5,000 and he doesn’t sign a waiver, he can sue the AMS. There is also a claims policy as well.

V. Introductions

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

VI. Presentations

Council Food and Refreshments – Julia Wu, VP Internal
- Budget Proposal for Council food and refreshments
- This is the first year council started in the evening
- Request $1600 for meals to be provided during council meetings
- $200 per meeting for 7 more meetings + $200 for AGM = $1600
- Other constituencies have food
  - EUS budgets $4000
  - AUS budgets $5000
  - AMS Council
- Rationale: SUS Council meetings occur during meal time. It increases attention, motivation and morale for Council.
- Miguel: Where are you thinking about getting the food from?
- Julia: Try to stay away from pizza so maybe sushi, sandwiches and pita pit.
- Sarah P: Will accommodating to dietary restrictions increase prices?
- Julia: Maybe not increase costs but will definitely accommodate
- Jobina: Who would get the food?
- Julia: The responsibility would be under me.
- Shawna: Where is this money coming from?
- Julia: This will come from unallocated funds.
Term 1 Budget Presentation – Ryan Lou, VP Finance

- General accounts → $102K surplus from past years
- $112K in student fees earlier in the term
- President
  - Business cards for executives
  - Admirable projects
    - Conference will get half of this funding
    - Abdul ladha science student center’s 10th birthday
    - Cards and gifts for the AMS office, faculty, other constituencies and UBC execs
- Internal
  - SUS Fam Board, Councillor Orientation and SUS Fam Events
  - Council Retreat was under budget by 112.97
  - Exec retreat was also under budget
- Administration
  - Clubs Orientation
  - Building Maintenance
  - Office Supplies
  - Equipment → chairs heaters storage boxes and building fixtures.
  - ALSSC Mortgage → taken out of student fees before it’s deposited into our account
- Communications
  - First week under budget
  - Sales is doing a good job
- Student Life
  - RXN under budget → tickets had lower sales
- Academic
  - Clipboards went $103 over budget

Moved by Sarah P, Seconded by Jennifer.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation be extended by 5 minutes.”

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- Finance
  - Grants given
  - Building supervisors will be paid but not building managers until the end of the year
- External
  - Will be receiving more money from BYC and Princeton Review next term too
- Shawna: What if Building Supervisors work more and we don’t have enough money to pay for that?
- Ryan: We can amend the budget for that.
- Lorenzo: Why did we work with Princeton Review and BYC
Cathy: the conversation was started earlier this year and the execs were able to discuss in more detail. We were able to plan better and with more organization.

Antony: We also wanted to promote the Faculty of Science resources but asking the Faculty they didn’t mind

Moved by Arsh, Seconded by Lorenzo.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation be extended by 2 minutes.”

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Arsh: Why are SOS denied as a science club?
Michelle: They are a club not a service. Partnering and being a club under SUS entails different responsibilities.
Vanessa: Since we’re under budget, what are we using the extra money for?
Ryan: We can amend the budget or we can put it in surplus

Moved by Arsh, Seconded by Nick.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation be extended indefinitely.”

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Arsh: Why were they denied and were made by and for science students and other clubs have fundraisers for charity. How does that not benefit science students.
Michelle: As a partnership they would be with SUS from year to year. Clubs would be there indefinitely. We’re going to be in discussion with them to see if they can re-apply and be considered. Clubs means free bookings, money and marketing. They’re more of a service and at this time, they should be working with a partnership. Also they have no members and no proper membership fee and no open opportunity for science students.

VII. Appointments

VIII. Executive and AMS Reports

1. President
2. Vice-President, External
3. Vice-President, Internal
4. Vice-President, Academic
5. Vice-President, Administration
6. Vice-President, Communications
7. Vice-President, Finance
8. Vice-President, Student Life
9. Science Student Senator
10. AMS Report

IX. Club Reports
1. Astronomy Club
2. Biophysics Student Society (BPSS)
3. Biology Sciences Society (BIOSOC)
4. Biochemistry-Physiology-Pharmacology Club (BPP)
5. Cognitive Systems Society (CSS)
6. Computer Science Students Society (CSSS)
7. Combined Major in Science Student Association (CMSA)
8. Integrated Sciences Student Association (ISSA)
9. G.M. Dawson Club
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)

X. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

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

HEWE 2017 11 06
HEWE 2017 11 20
Mentorship 2017 11 14
Conference 2017 10 25
Conference 2017 11 01
CAPC 2017 11 07
XM 2017 11 06
CE 2017 10 11
CE 2017 10 18
CE 2017 10 25
CE 2017 11 01

CE 2017 11 08
Budget 2017 11 16
Grants 2017 11 22
FYC 2017 10 30
FYC 2017 11 06
FYC 2017 11 15
FYC 2017 11 20
Social 2017 10 19
Social 2017 10 26
Social 2017 11 09
Social 2017 11 16
CM 2017 11 15

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XI. Executive Committee Motions

XII. Committee Reports and Motions

Moved by Ryan, Seconded by Nicholas.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allocates $1,600.00 to the Internal Portfolio, under a new subheading called ‘Council’ and labelled ‘Food and Refreshments’ on the recommendation of the Budget Committee.”
  Motivation: Julia → food would be a good boost of morale and compensation
  Abstentions: Ronan, Julia

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XIII. Discussion Period

Moved by Poljanka, Seconded by Vanessa.
  “BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council strike the Club Reports.”

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Moved by Michelle, Seconded by Amir.
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Councillor Involvement – Julia Wu, VP Internal
  ● The executive team has been trying to follow code policy to have councillors serve on at least two committees
  ● Some councillors have mentioned that they have other obligations such as work
  ● Have a discussion on what is fair and acceptable in code for a councillor’s responsibility.
  ● If there is a councillor that cannot sit on two committees, is that fair and is there an alternative? What are some recommendations that could be made for councillor duties?
  ● Daniel: AMS just requires that every councillor have to be appointed to just one standing committee. Makes sure councillor can at least try. Why should a councillor be filling a spot on a committee if they cannot commit to it?
  ● Iman: Is it a minimum of 2 committees or just 2?
  ● Julia: Minimum.
  ● Yuming: A particular grievance that I’ve heard is that SUS should hire more general students rather than appoint councillors that cannot fully commit.
  ● Lorenzo: Context → SUS has a set amount of councillors needed on a committee and AMS amends the numbers based on the councillors who run to a part of a committee. It shows dedication and passion for the work. Maybe for SUS you can change it so that only one or two councillors must be on the committee and whichever councillor else has to run for the extra spots. Maybe run for two instead of actually sitting on two.
  ● Michelle: Primarily, these committees are made for SUS Council. The reason why we have these numbers is because each committee is supposed to represent the wants of council. CAPC is trying to change this to make it more suitable according to the needs now. We have previously decided that councillors would have the majority and the best representation.
Julia: Bring up a discussion on how to feel on a councillor who cannot fulfill his/her duties and what are the consequences or alternatives and what are the excuses?

Lorenzo: If there is more than 3 unexcused absences in AMS, their role will be questioned.

Michelle: It is in code.

Antony: In previous years Executives underwent a lot of scrutiny because committees had a lot of general members. Councillors elected were upset because they said more general seats would diminish their say and power within those committees. We should debate in the minimum and maximum seats on committees but right now the numbers are completely arbitrary. As a councillor, if you feel like we should let general science students apply then please let CAPC know.

Jennifer: Some committees would require councillor representation but most event based committees will definitely be fine without as much councillor representation

Wendy: Could we expand committees?

Michelle: We’re fixing that in CAPC.

Gurshabad: The social committee had a lot of members but it was not more productive and became more of a hinderance.

Lorenzo: We can consider a working group model that does the nitty gritty work and another committee to oversee the work and then present it to council if they approve of it.

Iman: My experience in council last year. The voting power in some committees is important. I think we can change the ratio in some committees. Some general members seem to care more which I don’t understand as an Elections Administrator since councillors ran for this position and should care more.

Michelle: CAPC tomorrow. Planning to change up council already.

Summer Council Meetings – Michelle Tse, VP Administration

- In code → article 10 → as a councillor, your position stands active until the first meeting of council in the following year. Over the summer, it is a struggle to work and progress while council is not in session.
- Since this is already placed in code, we would like to start summer council sessions
- Only constituency that does this is the AMS → biweekly
- We are planning to have a meeting once a month
- Don’t want to work retroactively and approve of everything on the first few meetings.
- Trying to follow what the AMS does
- Entails advertising better on the fact that the role is active until the beginning of next school year.
- I understand that people have activities over the summer but if you cannot make it, please find a proxy.
- Arsh: How do you deal with graduating students?
- Michelle: They would just have to find a proxy.
- Sean: Would it be possible to skype in?
- Michelle: has not been discussed but we can keep talking.
- Amit: How are you going to deal with low commitment in the summer?
Michelle: That’s why we’re considering once a month but that number could be less. Having just one meeting would already be beneficial for the new councillors.

Arsh: If I graduate, technically I am not a science student anymore so how would that play out?

Michelle: Your position’s responsibilities still stands.

Daniel: We can have a scheduled meeting but if there is no business in that meeting, we can always cancel. Another thing to consider is, what if councillors run for executive

Arsh: I want to stress that it is a big deal because I would not be a member of SUS.

Michelle: I would say to find a proxy.

Daniel: Once you pay your fee, you’re still a member until the next year even if you graduate.

Ronan: Wouldn’t it be better to start the new cycle in May?

Michelle: We’re thinking about only one set of elections but it’s not possible at this time.

Wendy: If any councillor graduates in the middle of the year, would they retract their position?

Daniel: If you graduate in the fall, you would have finished all your courses in summer.

Julia: Another reason why we can’t have elections in the spring is because first years would not be able to run because they wouldn’t know what department they’re in.

Arsh: Actually, if you’re graduating in November you would have to finish your requirements by October.

Amit: Could nominate in someone else for the summer in our last council meeting.

Lorenzo: One thing to keep in mind is that in the AMS you are only active member if you are registered in credit course in the last day of March in that academic year. If not then you vacate your seat. I know that spring elections bar first year students from running but you could also argue that maybe they don’t know enough about the people in their program to fully represent them.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by Jennifer, Seconded by Isla.
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:37PM.”

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