[ REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ]

Date:          Monday, March 19th, 2018
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

III. Adoption of the Agenda

   Moved by Ronan, Seconded by Poljanka.
   “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 hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ speaking, Musqueam people.

V. Introductions

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

VI. Presentations

   Departmental Clubs – Pooja Bhatti, AMS Vice President, Administration
   
   ● In response to AUS’s deficit, they recommended that AMS review it’s relationships with
     constituencies
   
   ● A lot of EUS clubs were facing deconstitution, needed to find a solution
   
   ● Found feedback form departmental clubs first → SUS, AUS, EUS etc…

   ○ Feedback was that AMS is basically a bank

   ● Problem is that clubs under only constituencies, they have no legal liability that the AMS
     has
   
   ● Clubs would rather report to one body than to report to two

   Moved by Poljanka, Seconded by Daniel.
   “BE IT RESOLVED THAT time be extended indefinitely.”
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- Get departmental clubs to only report to constituencies and have the constituencies represent them to the AMS
- Constituencies need to get documentation → budget, bylaws, election results
  - Need to set guidelines and repercussions
  - Present all the documentation to the AMS VP Administration
- AMS will provide deadlines, provide oversight
- Applies to departmental clubs, not non-departmental clubs
- Mandatory of all clubs
- Interdisciplinary clubs → must report to both constituencies they are under
- Sean: Don’t SUS clubs already have to be an AMS club in order to be a SUS club?
- Pooja: Somehow departmental clubs went under the radar and didn’t become AMS clubs.
- Sean: What are benefits of becoming an AMS club?
- Pooja: Free banking, free bookings in the nest, opportunity to get locker/office, rentals at the SLSC, general support for club. Apply for funding in the AMS.
- Ronan: So we’re changing the system to have clubs report to the SUS before reporting to the AMS?
- Pooja: Just to the SUS unless AMS sees a problem.
- Ronan: Treasurer training?
- Pooja: That’s an AMS.
- Amir: Which clubs aren’t under the AMS?
- Poljanka: Biophysics
- Amir: These clubs are open to apply for both grants? Unfair?
- Pooja: The way the system works. That’s what the proposal is for now for simplicity.
- Michelle: Two streams for departmental and non-departmental?
- Pooja: Non departmental must report to both, departmental only report to SUS
- Antony: Are clubs going to be communicated by the AMS?
- Pooja: Yes.
- Poljanka: When is the deadline?
- Pooja: That’s for next year’s team to figure out.
- Daniel: If there is a new program in the faculty and become a SUS club, would they automatically be under the AMS?
- Pooja: Sort of, it would be a joint process. Club is formed as the program is formed.
- Ronan: Astronomy is non departmental with special privileges.
- Pooja: Haven’t heard that before. If you have a seat on council, would have to go through the same process.
- Michelle: Astronomy is a departmental club. How long is the transition period and when is the deadline?
- Pooja: This implementation won’t happen in this term but probably in next term. Probably in August/September.
2018/2019 SUS Budget Changes - Ryan Lou, VP Finance

- Executives filled a feedback form and Budget Committee reviewed → read on from January 15th
- Budget plans for a $1300 (0.6%) deficit for next year (conservative estimate)
- Business card expenses went up → printing costs have gone up
- Admirable projects reduced to $5000 from $1000
- Transition reduced to $100 from $300
- VP Academic Portfolio → not much difference
- VP Administration → everything the same besides furniture and equipment which has been joined with Furniture and Equipment
  - Office supplies budget went up → $2000 from $700
  - Canadian Springs is increased to $550 from $480

Moved by Wendy, Seconded by Sarah.
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- VP Communications → sales increased by $2500
- VP External → changed SLC sponsorship because there weren’t many students applying this year
- VP Finance → same
- Awards moved to VP Internal
- Hired Staff → webmaster paid $500 rather than $1000
  - Building Supervisor allocated money went up
- VP Internal → council food money went up
- VP Student Life → decreased RXN $2000
  - Social Committee reduced to $3000 from $4000
  - Sports Committee reduced to $2500 from $4000
- Sean: Grants, what’s the point of making different categories rather than just making one big grant allocation.
- Ryan: Wanted to clearly define it. If there are any issues, can reallocate.
- Urim: What happened to Creative Committee?
- Ryan: Not codified, no budget.
- Sarah: Clarifying money towards Canadian Springs?
- Ryan: Need more money for that.
- Miguel: Miscellaneous money reduced. What was it used for?
- Ryan: It was a SUS sponsorship for URO’s event and any expenses from last year.
- Gurshabad: Since Social Committee and Sports Committee’s budget changed so much, did you just base it on this year or previous years?
- Ryan: This year to keep it more conservative.
- Pooja: Can you consider reducing ticket prices for students since it’s non-profit?
- Ryan: We discussed that. This lower budget might help to provide incentive.
- Sean: What’s the point of the landline since we don’t use it?
Antony: There for physical presence.
Sarah: Question about business cards. Would you consider printing less?
Antony: Ordering more can lower costs of printing but overall printing is getting more expensive.
Miguel: Some executives already ran out of cards.
Gurshabad: You based it off the events this year, however things were started later this year. It seems like next year may need more money. How will the committees get the money for next year if needed?
Ryan: Ask for a budget amendment. Not sure how much next year’s RXN revenue will make but can use that.
Antony: Student Life has a large budget. If the incoming VP Student Life needs more funds, they can also talk to the VP Finance.
Sean: How much longer do we have to pay the Ladha mortgage?
Ryan: 18 years.
Sean: Why can’t we allocate more money to the mortgage.
Ryan: Already signed an agreement.
Vanessa: If we use the phone for office hours during councillor office hours I feel like that would be useful.
Michelle: Something to consider for next year.
Arsh: Can read the minutes from Budget Committee where we discussed the Student Life budget in depth.
Urim: Staff pay is honorarium so why is the budget going up because of minimum wage?
Michelle: It’s only going up for building supervisors and they get paid hourly instead of by honorarium.
Daniel: If the committee isn’t codified, where does the money come from?
Ryan: This year was from unallocated funds. If there is excess revenue from an event, it could be used.
Miguel: Where are the unallocated funds from and how much is there?
Ryan: See how much was used this year.
Gurshabad: Creative Committee budget was from unallocated funds. Where would newly formed committees get money from if the events didn’t have revenue in the portfolio?
Ryan: At the discretion of VP Finance next year.
Nicholas: How to determine honorarium.
Antony: Do a employer review and have various people (like VP Internal) come to a conclusion.

VII. Appointments

VIII. Executive and AMS Reports

1. President
   ● Faculty of Science meeting on March 2nd
- Attended UBC Science Meet Your Major and SUS All Candidates Meeting
  - Thank you to Jennifer and Gursh for booting at UBC Science Meet Your Major on March 5th
- Had check-in meeting with Erin Green on March 7th and March 19th, and a meeting with EUS VP Admin along with Michelle regarding the ESC (both on March 7th)
- Received thanks from Caroline Kingston regarding her AMS Just Desserts nomination
- Email sent to Hebb Tower renewal, re: accessibility and safety
- Retirement letters sent to Betty Chan via Erin Green
- Reminder on SUS email etiquette - replies and CC
- Artona SUS Executive group photo on Friday, March 16th at 5:30 pm
- Looking forward to adjudicating Science Student Recognition Awards with Sarah and attending Meet Your Major for Vanier on March 21st, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Attending AMS Council tonight
  - AMS Election: AMS President - Marium Hamid, VP AUA - Max Holmes, VP Finance - Kuol Akuechbeny, VP Admin - Chris Hakim, VP External - Cristina Ilnitchi
  - AMS Referenda: Passed - U-Pass and Sustainable Food Access Fund
  - Sent three AMS candidates’ blurbs to SUS Council, in lieu of cancelled-Council presentation
- Dates to keep in mind:
  - March 20th evening - AMS Just Desserts
  - March 26th, 6:00-8:00 pm - Science Student Recognition and Awards Night
  - March 29th evening - AMS All President’s Dinner
  - April 3rd, 6:15-8:15 pm - SUS AGM (Tues)
  - April 5th, 10:00-11:00 am - 14th Annual UBC President's Student Leader Recognition Event
- Poljanka: SUS AGM. Where is it?
- Antony: Michael Kingsmill Forum

2. Vice President, External (Proxyed by Haiger Ye)
   - Community Engagement → we are hosting a sandwich making event on March 29, it’s a Thursday before the long weekend.
     - It’s internal but we are opening the event up to SUS and anyone’s friends who wants to come but basically we are just making sandwiches from 2pm-5pm and heading to the downtown eastside after to hand them out I will be posting a google form later in the week to see if anyone is interested in helping out

3. Vice President, Internal
   - Elections happening right now → voting is open until Friday at noon.
   - Vote yes for referendum!
   - Cookie giveaway if you have proof that you’ve voted in the SUS Elections
   - Science Student Recognition Awards night next Monday
   - FYC had a successful interfaculty dance → LUXE
● Easter egg hunt in Ladha

4. Vice President, Academic
   ● Health and Wellness → spa night was a success
     ○ SUS x AUS Succulent making event on March 21st
   ● Mental Health Awareness → Mental Health Awareness Week (March 19th - 23rd)
     ○ Care Packages, Speaker Series, and Green Shirt Day
     ○ Please wear green on Friday!
   ● Mentorship → Working on a formal collaboration with GSS
   ● Masters of Data Science Tuition Consultation ongoing
     ○ Deposit increase from $1000 to $3000 to prevent students from backing out
   ● Totem and Vanier Meet Your Major events
   ● UBC Neuroscience Club is proposing a comprehensive review of the Behavioural Neuroscience Major and is looking to collect student data
     ○ Possibly looking to create a new department
     ○ Lots of support from faculty
   ● Poljanka: Curriculum committee is meeting on April 10th.

5. Vice President, Administration
   ● Policy 1-7 from AMS code passed → affects Ladha
   ● Clubs Commissioners → reviewed club standing
     ○ Awarding SSRA awards. RSVP if you’ve gotten an email
   ● Spending money on the building. Recommendations please let me know
   ● CAPC → code will be changing (Article 6 and 7)
   ● Vote yes referendum → the bylaws are the definitions. Code is the applications of these definitions.

6. Vice President, Communications
   ● Sales Committee is going well → SUS FAM sale ends this week
     ○ Keep taking online orders throughout the year
     ○ Booting during last week of school
   ● All Candidates information on the website
   ● Vote Yes Referendum campaign is up
   ● Website is being updated for the election → election minutes are there
     ○ Clubs → make sure information is updated
   ● Visual Media Committee and Marketing Committee going well
   ● Poljanka: When are cookies?
   ● Miguel: Thursday at 12pm-3pm

7. Vice President, Finance
   ● Tentative budget is complete
   ● Still reviewing grant applications
   ● Last day accepting reimbursements is March 29th until April 19th

8. Vice President, Student Life
   ● Storm the Wall → rebate forms on the website (60% science students on the team will get 40% off)
● The Conclusion (Science Week 2.0) → last week of school
  ○ Lots of fun events!
● Science Grad → The Big Bang !
● Vanessa: Do I need to specify Science when I register.
● Gurshabad: No.
● Daniel: Can you add rebates?
● Ryan: Could rebate on the net amount.
● Gurshabad: They only took the larger rebate.
● Antony: Do the rebate forms have a contact section? If not please add.
● Gurshabad: Will check.

9. Science Student Senator
● SSRA applications open.
● Miguel: All the awards are $500?
● Sarah: Yes.

10. AMS Report
● AMS meeting March 14th. New Executives will go through transition soon
● Presentations of Sustainability

IX. Club Reports

1. Astronomy Club
● Porto Cove trip
● Trivia night
● Screening of movie
● Grad School 101 conference

2. Biophysics Student Society (BPSS)
● Specialization night on Wednesday 5PM-7PM → Hennings 318

3. Biology Sciences Society (BIOSOC)
● Event to meet professors over cheese and wine

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)
● Meet Your Alumni Event

9. G.M. Dawson Club
● Event on March 23rd → $10 for open bar
● Geoscience seminar on March 22nd

10. Environmental Science Student Association (ESSA)
● Executive elections recently
● UBC Climate Town Hall
● Documentary night

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)

- Jackie Stewart sent an email to SUS
- Antony: Building underground parking lot. John will post soon (marketing)

X. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees

Moved by Ronan, Seconded by Wendy.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following meeting minutes be adopted as presented:

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XI. Executive Committee Motions

XII. Committee Reports and Motions

Moved by Michelle, Seconded by Ronan.
“BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the updated changes in Article 3 - Article 16 to the SUS Code of Procedures, under the recommendation of the Code and Policy Committee.”
Motivated by: Michelle → Article 3’s name is External Representatives of Council (now includes Senator). Academic Committee → disbanding and moved to Council for discussion. Speaker of Council moved up so other article numbers have changed. Finance and Administration Committees have the same composition numbers.
Debate:
- Daniel: I thought we weren’t disbanding the Academic Committee?
- Kim: We’re disbanding the “old” Academic Committee.

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Moved by Jake, Seconded by Michelle.
“BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the removal of good standing into bad standing for the GM Dawson Club, Storm Club, UBC Blood for Life, and Undergraduate Research Opportunities, under the recommendation of Clubs Commission.”
Motivated by: Michelle → these clubs were not responsive to our emails. Received a warning but were still not responsive. Received email
Debate:
- Sean: Can their status be reinstated?
- Michelle: Yes
- Urim: Would they have to report to SUS?
Michelle: Not sure.
Conflicts of Interest: Daniel Lam (GM Dawson and Storm Club)
Abstentions: Daniel Lam

...MOTION PASSES.

Moved by Michelle, Seconded by John (Geography Proxy).
“BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the updated change in Article 13, Science Clubs, to the SUS Code of Procedures, under the recommendation of Clubs Commission.”
Motivated by: Michelle → have all this in the Clubs Commission minutes. Found that the Science Week booting was mandatory but a hindrance. Changed it to just be SUS Clubs booting day instead of being specified.

...MOTION PASSES.

Moved by Michelle, Seconded by Ronan.
"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the following report on the Job Descriptions of the SUS hires during the 2017-2018 academic school year.”
Motivated by: Michelle → Old article 5 “non voting members of council” was removed. Decided to make a document of all the hirings. For students to understand what opportunities they have for the next year.
Moved by Ronan, Seconded by Ryan.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2018/2019 SUS Budget on the recommendation of the Budget Committee.”

Motivated by: Ryan → as explained in budget presentation earlier, all these changes are to compensate for the lack of revenue this year and can always be changed next year.

...MOTION PASSES.

XIII. Discussion Period

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by Ryan, Seconded by Ronan.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:48PM.”

...MOTION PASSES.

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Associate Vice President, Administration
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