

**[ COUNCIL MINUTES ]**

Date: Monday, August 24, 2020  
Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Location: Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/95885072555>)

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 17:09.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Katsy, Seconded by Rebecca.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.”

**...MOTION PASSES.**

**III. Amendments to the Agenda**

**IV. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.”

**V. Speaker’s Business and Land Acknowledgement**

The Speaker acknowledged that UBC’s Vancouver Point Grey campus is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Musqueam people and that we are joined today by people from many places, near and far, and acknowledge the traditional owners and caretakers of those lands.

**VI. Introductions**

**VII. Presentations**

Academic Experience, [COVID-19 Survey Results](#) - VP Academic, Dayle Balmes and AVPs  
Academic Davey Li and Andrew Feng

- Total of 355 respondents out of 9000 (August 1st -13th)
- Academic diversity project → Dayle will be working on another project to get more voice from non life-science majors
- Questions:
  - Jimmy: One of the slides mentioned loss of motivation, how would we resolve the issue?

- A (Dayle): will bring up to working group
- Isaac: Realistic and Reasonable way to implement student support
  - 1. Student health and advisory committee
  - 2. Through vp ams academic caucus to amplify student voice

Moved by Dayle, Seconded by Jennifer.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognizes the results of the SUS Academic Experience COVID-19 Survey Results”

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Fall Elections - Guidelines and Campaign Violations & Penalties - VP Internal, Keanna Yu

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges and recognizes the Fall Elections - Guidelines and Campaign Violations & Penalties”

Elections Administration Officer - Arian

- Dates and names of elections administrators changed
- Paperless election
- Penalty document link
- Decided on Qualtrics survey to provide 2 paths
  - 1. Nominee
  - 2. Nominator
- Infractions split into tiers

Moved by Dayle, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognizes the presentation of Fall Elections - Guidelines and Campaign Violations & Penalties be extended for 7 minutes.”

**...MOTION PASSES.**

Moved by Jennifer, Seconded by Ryan.

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognizes the Fall Elections - Guidelines and Campaign Violations & Penalties.”

**...MOTION PASSES.**

**VIII. Appointments**

**IX. Executive, Science Student Senator and AMS Reports**

**1. President**

- a. Zoom is coming to Canvas, in conversation about collaborate ultra
- b. Hiring more TAs to compensate for lack of resources available for students
- c. Caris & Shovon working on UBC Science Instagram page to showcase more of science and advocate for diversity of programs

- d. Working on RXN with Benny
  - e. Weekly BIPOC meetings
    - i. Team of 8 broken up into pairs
  - f. Creating more centralized system with the exec team
    - i. Training
    - ii. Term 1 & 2 calendar
- 2. Vice President, External**
- a. Student benefits working group → card online
  - b. CommE → humanitarian initiative: senior home initiative, online cooking event, online volunteer portal
  - c. Careers → first event called life sciences alumni
  - d. Ignite series → professional workshop launching in October
- 3. Vice President, Internal**
- a. Isaac proxying for Keanna
  - b. EA: completed nominations and election formats presented, new initiatives, replacing councillor retreat w/ councillor orientation and councillor socials (small retreat-like event), events improve voter turnout, FAQ document for potential candidates to explain their platform, looking to implement new councillor seats in “first year transfer student” and “forensic science”
  - c. HR
    - i. finishing up w/ first week and RXN hiring
    - ii. Took on new projects
  - d. Onboarding documents: professional documents to outline appropriate work behaviour and culture: spanning from discrimination and microaggressions, to harrasment, to mental health resources, to prioritizing academics/ managing academic expectations
  - e. SUS Fam coordinators will continue SUS FAM events but also find ways to keep the FB group positive and active
  - f. FYC
    - i. Introduced new initiative: workshops created by VP, presented to educate first years on other SUS opps and help first years integrate into other parts of SUS
    - ii. Getting for hiring
  - g. VP/AVP
    - i. SSRA Chair hiring (piloting recommendation of previous VP Internal)
    - ii. Waiting for faculty approval of transfer students survey
- 4. Vice President, Academic**
- a. COVID-19 survey results
  - b. Back to school survey sept 14-aug 2
  - c. Academic integrity campaign → emails and social media campaign
  - d. Mentorship livestream event Sept 4th ft. Shovon & Gurwinder
  - e. MHA and HEWE: collabing on event in oct → importance of mental and physical health
  - f. Sports and HEWE collab: “shape up” event

**5. Vice President, Administration**

- a. Year plans have been created for each committee
- b. Hiring taskings have been confirmed for each upcoming available position
- c. AA training and Sustainability coordinator orientation content confirmed
- d. Clubs Commission
  - i. Met with Arian (Admin Officer) to talk about code & improving representation within Council
    1. Will be sending out surveys to clubs about Club engagement in SUS and rep engagement in Clubs after Imagine Day
    2. More follow-up meetings coming soon, stay tuned!
  - ii. SUS Imagine Day booth is set up
  - iii. 2 new clubs: Forensic Science Student Association & Vision Health Volunteers
- e. Ladha
  - i. Nathan is being forwarded around when trying to receive quote → may be a bit delayed
  - ii. Building Ops recharged our alarm batteries because they were low

**6. Vice President, Communications**

- a. First week: landed on making 2 videos for all science students but geared towards 1st year
  - i. Games night held on discord
  - ii. Potential Baking session
  - iii. Yoga - Collab with UBC Yoga & AUS
  - iv. Merch is not to be given away & no alcohol events
- b. Working on Website
- c. Events to be published

**7. Vice President, Finance**

- a. Contracts made for events → RXN, first week
- b. SUS URO research awards being planned

**8. Vice President, Student Life**

- a. RXN: in process of finalizing everything
  - i. Cameos → \_\_\_ from Star Wars, Justin Russo from Wizards of Waverly Place, & Mr Moseby
  - ii. Consent form for tiktok & scenery challenge
  - iii. Jackbox account for activity section
- b. Sci week - currently in contact with clubs
  - i. Yoga club
- c. Social working group
  - i. Reddit
  - ii. Structure for prof AMA
    1. Picking questions for livestream Q & A
- d. Sports

- i. Stay at home workout video series
- ii. In collab with HEWE → Shape-up: draw a shape and get participants to run or bike the shape
  - 1. Judged on size & quality of shape
  - 2. Live sign-up sheet

**9. Science Student Senator**

- a. Jimmy proxying for Danny
- b. No meeting since last council (no updates)

**10. AMS Report**

- a. AMS equity plan
- b. AMS operations

**X. 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. **Coordinated Science Mentorship Club**
7. **Computer Science Students Society (CSSS)**
8. **Combined Major in Science Student Association (CMSA)**
9. **Integrated Sciences Student Association (ISSA)**
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 One Survivors (SOS)**
16. **Storm Club**
17. **Undergraduate Chemistry Society (UCS)**
18. **UBC BCIT Biotechnology Club (BIOT)**

**XI. Approval of Minutes of Council/Committees**

Moved by Jennifer, Seconded by Ryan.

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

CM 2020 07 27	CC 2020 07 22	CC 2020 07 29
CC 2020 08 05	CC 2020 08 19	HR 2020 08 13
HR 2020 07 23	EA 2020 08 09	ACAX 2020 07 01
ACAX 2020 07 10	ACAX 2020 07 17	ACAX 2020 07 24
ACAX 2020 08 02	ACAX 2020 08 09	MENT 2020 06 30
MENT 2020 07 10	MENT 2020 07 18	MENT 2020 07 25
MENT 2020 08 01	MENT 2020 08 08	HEWE 2020 07 02
HEWE 2020 07 16	FW 2020 07 07	FW 2020 07 10

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RXN 2020 06 29  
RXN 2020 07 20  
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RXN 2020 07 06  
RXN 2020 07 27

FW 2020 07 31  
RXN 2020 07 13  
RXN 2020 08 03

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- XII. Executive Committee Motions**
- XIII. Committee Reports and Motions**
- XIV. Academic Discussion Period**
- XV. General Discussion Period**
- XVI. Adjournment**

Being that there is no further business the meeting be adjourned at 18:06.

**...MOTION PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**



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**Nathan Chang**  
Vice President, Administration  
UBC Science Undergraduate Society



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**Yvonne Nguyen**  
Associate Vice President, Administration  
UBC Science Undergraduate Society