Council meeting agenda
March 28th, 2013

Present:

Regrets:
Radu R, Rachel Roy

I. Call to order, adoption of agenda and introductions

   Called to Order at 7:42pm.

II. Presentations (10mins presentation, 10min questions)

   1. Liquor License for the GSS
Robert Teagle, Business Operations Supervisor  
Associated document: “Pros and Cons Liquor License Options”

- The Joint Venture Agreement is completed, but we are still working on the Third Party Agreement.  
- UBC is asking if we would rather keep our liquor license for Thea’s and the Ballroom or remove them. Either option has advantages and disadvantages for the GSS. House Finance Committee will be looking into these.

2. Research Konnect Mentoring  
Moeed Fayyaz, Research Konnect Global

- Research Konnect’s goals are to connect people who know about research and teach those who do not know as much about research.

III. Staff, Committee Chair (non-executives) & external representative Reports (5mins max, each report)

Senate – Chris Roach
- Five new awards were created for graduate students.  
- The Faculty of Graduate Studies was changed to the Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies.

AMS Council - Christopher Roach
- Two major things are happening:  
  1. AMS Council did not approve spending $30K to upgrade the facilities in Whistler.  
  2. AMS Council approved spending $1.1M over four years to build a brew pub at the farm.

AMS Health & Dental Committee - Sancho McCann  
Associated Document: HDPC Minutes January 10

Board of Governors – N/A

Graduate Council - Kristan Marchak
- Meeting on March 14th, but nothing to report back.

Executive Oversight Committee - Maxim Stykow
- Wanted to thank the outgoing Executive for their coherence over the past year. It made the job much easier going forward.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to amend the Feb 28th 2013 council minutes to reflect following:  
1) Behzad Shoolestani was not seated as an AMS councilor.  
2) Cara Dong was not unseated as AMS councilor.
Moved: Christopher Roach    Seconded: Natalie Marshall

Motion Passes

3. Council Minutes

BIRT the amended minutes of the GSS Council meeting dated Feb 28, 2013 be approved as presented.

Moved: Conny Lin    Seconded: Gabriella Badica
Associated Documents: Council Minutes_Draft_20130228

Motion Passes

4. Committee minutes

BIRT the minutes of 2013-02-25 MMK Taskforce Minutes, 2013-03-04 Exec minutes, 2013-03-04 MMK Taskforce Minutes, 2013-03-11 MMK Taskforce Minutes, and 2013-03-14 Exec minutes be approved as presented.

Moved: Colúm Connolly    Seconded: Christopher Roach
* Human Resources Committee Minutes can be seen at the Office of VP Administration.
HR Minutes are not published because they contain sensitive and private information.

Motion Passes

V. Seatings, unseatings & appointments

5. Notice of unseatings (no vote necessary)

None

6. Seating of Councilors

WHEREAS The following Councilors Behzad Shoolestani (Civil Engineering), Chunman Zhang (Political Science), Jens Vent-Schmidt (Experimental Medicine), and Tobias Friedel (Math) were not seated as a Councilor of during the February intake of Councilors due to a clerical error that occurred in February. Pursuant to a similar scenario described in Bylaw 5.3.1 (c), which states "If a department loses their seat on Council due to a clear clerical error like poor record keeping or poor notice, then the Council may, by ordinary resolution, reinstate that department's seat."

BIRT Behzad Shoolestani (Civil Engineering), Chunman Zhang (Political Science), Jens Vent-Schmidt (Experimental Medicine), and Tobias Friedel (Math) be seated on GSS Council.

Moved: Christopher Roach    Seconded: Colúm Connolly

Motion Passes
7. Seatings (Committee and External representatives)

BIRT Colleen Lau be seated on the University Health and Safety Committee.
Supporting document: Health Sub-committee TOR 01 22 13

Moved: Christopher Roach Seconded: Gwen Huber

Motion Passes

8. Ratifying Graduate Student Organizations

BIRT GSS ratifies the Master of Software Systems Student Society as a departmental graduate student organization.

Moved: Bahman Razmpa Seconded: Christopher Roach

Motion Passes

VI. Council Motions

max. 3 min. for motivation; 15 min. for debates; 2 min. per question

9. Liquor License

BIRT the GSS Council directs the HF committee to develop a consultation strategy to get input from all Councilors and grad students.

BIFRT HF committee will report back on the April Council Meeting.

Moved: Christopher Roach Seconded: Colúm Connolly
Supporting document: Pros and Cons Liquor License Options

Motion Passes

10. Executive transition report

BIRT Council approves executive transition report from Conny Lin (President), Victor Padilla (VP Administration), Rabia Khan (VP Academic and External Affairs), Robert Klinzmann (VP Finance), and Yunfei Zhang (VP Services).

Motion was ruled Out of Order due to lack of transition reports from the outgoing Executive.

11. Continuing of MMK Taskforce

WHREAS the MMK Taskforce has not completely finished the review process for improving student engagement, councilor engagement, and the potential division of the
VP Academic and External Affairs Portfolio. The MMK Taskforce has identified several key issues that should be addressed by an internal process that is an extension of what the Taskforce has already done, and would like one month to create the proposed terms of reference of this new Taskforce, yet do not want to lose momentum by waiting until after the April Council meeting to continue their work,

BIRT the MMK Taskforce be reinstated under the same terms of reference and with the same member composition until the April Council meeting.

Moved: Christopher Roach   Seconded: Tobias Friedel

Motion Passes

12. Values of the Society

WHEREAS Values of an organization determines the culture of how our members operate and to accomplish mandates of the Society.

WHEREAS Values of the Society were voted by members from a list of values commonly adapted by non-profit organizations and student organizations.

BIRT GSS Values of the Society (Integrity, Accountability, Honesty, Transparency, Respect, and Sustainability) are ratified as presented.

Moved: Yvonne Dzal   Seconded: Melody Ren

Motioned to postpone due to lack of value definitions.

Moved: Tobias Friedel   Seconded: Barak Caracheo

Motion to postpone Passes

13. Persian New Year (Norouz)

WHEREAS the UBC Persian Club hosted a Nourouz celebration. Historically this event attracts over 600 students (Iranian and non-Iranian), and it is expected to get over 700 students this year. The GSS has been recognized as a co-sponsor and the logo was displayed on event, and mentioned on any media related communications. House Finance Committee already approved a $350 from the special events budget.

BIRT the GSS Council approves an additional up to $750 to cover for the expenses of the Norouz Celebration [from budget line 17-809].

Moved:   Seconded:
Motion was not moved by any individual.
14. CPIF Motion

WHEREAS on the October 2012 Council meeting the GSS Council approved $40,000 from Capital Project Improvement Fund (CPIF) to be allocated towards the Pub Renovation, but this money was not spent. There is currently $110,000 left in CPIF, and no other foreseeable project that will cost more than $70,000.

BIRT the GSS Council approves renewing up to $40,000 from CPIF to be used in building improvements in the Koerner’s Pub,

BIFRT this money shall be administered by the House Finance Committee.

Moved: Colúm Connolly    Seconded: Tobias Friedel

Motion Passes

15. Election committee chair transitional report

BIRT Council ratifies election committee chair transitional report
Supporting document: Council_20121121, GSS_Elections2013_Report

Moved: Tom Woodsworth    Seconded: Christopher Roach

Our election results were a bit poor especially in comparison to the AMS elections. We used the majority of the $800 on Facebook ads and had many impressions, but this did not translate. It would also seem as though e-mail is not a success means. We need to have big ticket items in order to encourage people to vote in our elections. There are about 2,500 GSS members voting in AMS elections, but the GSS does not receive this kind of turnout. GSS related code and policy does not contain many items that the AMS possess and should include things that specifically forbid door to door canvassing.

Recommendations:
1) Need to have the committee started as of October
2) Should adopt the simply voting mechanism
3) Should try to run parallel with the AMS elections
4) Establish policies in line with the AMS campaign handbook
5) Should build on our communications and outreach
6) Should also schedule social media and communications training for executive

Motion Passes

16. Academic & External Task Force

Part 1. General Task Force Terms of Reference

BIRT the GU15 task forces shall assist the Vice-President, Academic and External Affairs and the Academic and External Affairs Committee on issues
related to the GU15 conference (herein known as GU15 Taskforce). The taskforces shall meet no less than once a month, and are strongly encouraged to meet on a biweekly basis.

Moved: Colúm Connolly  Seconded: Tobias Friedel

Motion Passes

Part 2. GU15 Task Force Terms of Reference
BIRT The GU15 Task Force shall be composed of Vice President Academic and External Affairs and 3 members of Council (4 voting members total). The Vice President Academic and External Affairs shall be acting as chair unless delegated otherwise. The GU15 Task Force shall plan and implement all activities related to the GU15, including but not limited to:
(a) creating a working budget [to be approved by Academic & External Affairs Committee]
(b) providing reference materials for delegates (includes information on transportation, meeting materials, tourism information, etc.)
(c) booking of all meeting rooms and accommodations
(d) arranging social activities for delegates
(e) helping in recruiting volunteers for the event
(f) presenting a final report of the event to the Council

Moved: Colúm Connolly  Seconded: Tobias Friedel

Motion Passes

Part 2.1 Appointments for the GU15 Task Force
BIRT Colúm Connolly (ex-officio), Conny Lin (councillor), Tobias Friedel (councillor), and Yvonne Dzal (councillor) be appointed as voting members of the GU15 Task Force.

BIFRT Lili Meng (Vice-President Finance) be appointed as non-voting member of the GU15 Task Force.

Moved: Colúm Connolly  Seconded: Tobias Friedel

Motion Passes

VII. Discussion

None

VIII. Other Business
None

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