



GSS Council Meeting Agenda

Updated: 21 June 2012, 4:30pm

**June 21, 2012 5:30 PM
GSS Ballroom**

**Dinner at 7:00
(Social after @ Mahoneys)**

Agenda and supporting materials can be accessed online:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/78rj5vonvvtu9o8/W1115XB1ED>

Present: Stephanie Avery-Gomm, Michael Begg, Ambrose Chan, Michael Fairchild, Amanda Grochowich, Christine Hochbaum, Gwen Huber, Mary Jinglewski, Sarah Jo, Rabia Khan, Conny Lin, Anna Lund, Naureen Madhani, Kristan Marchak, Ingrid Olson, Victor Padilla, Radu Racovita, Hafizur Rahman, Sabrina Rashid, Chris Regier, Chris Roach, Paul Save, Stephania Schwartz, Cory Shankman, Ben Shear, Maxim Stykow, David Waddell, Stephanie Williams, Yunfei Zhang, Ting Ting Zhou, Ling Zhang, YuanYuan (Cara) Dong, Jan Luedert, Jahidur Rahman, Babak Adeli Koudehi

Regrets: Joel Atwater, Molly Campbell, Adrin Jalali, Conrad King, Robert Klinzmann, Vivian Lam, Sancho McCann, Natasha Sihota.

Minutes by: Stephania Schwartz

I. Call to order 5:46pm

II. Adoption of agenda and introductions

-Cory would like to add a discussion item on Councilor Elections.

Adopted Unanimously.

III. Presentations

1. Board of Governors (Mike Silley)

Goal is to inform Council about the BoG. It is the highest governing body at UBC. Deals with finances, contracts, etc. Items like financial aid, tuition, anything large comes through there that is more than 2.5 million dollars. Meetings go from 8am-4pm approximately. Anyone can attend. 21 members, 11 appointed by province; only 3 student reps, one for UBC-O, two for UBC-V. These seats are open to undergrads and grads. Know there is some concern because all 3 reps are undergrads. Please feel free to contact with questions.

IV. Executive Remarks

*Supporting Document: "GSS Newsletter June v2"
Councilors have hopefully read the report!
Conny asks if there are questions- (There are none)*

V. Committee Chair and Representative Reports

2. External Representatives

- AMS Council Rep: *Chris Roach: Had two meetings-The big current topic is Bill 78- AMS officially made statement against it. Starting the new transit campaign. Council passed a motion so one of the VPs can start working on that.*
- UBC Health & Safety Committee: *Rabia Khan- was in South Africa the last two months, will be back in September with a report.*
- ~~Graduate Council Rep: Kristan Marchak (No meeting this month)~~
- ~~AMS/GSS Health and Dental Rep: Sancho McCann (Regret)~~
- ~~Senator: Chris Roach (No meeting this month)~~

3. Internal Committes, Sub-Committees & Taskforces

- Executive: *Conny Lin (Please see report, above).*
- Elections: *Cory Shankman: Have been slowly working on Executive Remuneration.*
- Executive Oversight: *Cory Shankman: Starting on Performance Reviews.*
- Code & Policy: *Conny Lin: Have started new project reviewing all of Committee policies, and will do a cohesive review. Also looking at Graduate Student Groups. Need ideas about how GSS can help connect Non-Departmental Student Groups!*
- Academic & External: *Chris Roach: Not much to report.*
- House Finance: *Robert Klinzmann/Victor Padilla: Have been working on re-opening of the Pub. Submitted report. Very lengthy process. We are working like crazy! Also working with HR.*

- Human Resources: *Victor Padilla: Working on a whole new structure. Working with AMS HR manager. Had two new hires, Robert and Jocelyn. Really pushing for end of term policy manual. How to hire, etc. We don't have one now. Please attend meetings if you like!*
- Safety & Sustainability: *Amanda Grochowich: Have been looking at coffee and water suppliers, working on garden, and on greening the Orientation this year.*
- Communications, Publications & Programs: *YunFei Zhang: Have started working on Orientation, and we have had good enrolment for classes this year. We have started working on the international cultural festival, in which we will work with the AMS. Haven't finished communication yet on that- is ongoing.*

VI. Approval of Minutes

1. Council Minutes

BIRT the minutes of the GSS Council meeting dated *May 17th, 2012* be approved as presented.

Moved: Victor **Seconded:** Ben
Minutes Pass by Unanimous Consent.

2. Committee minutes

BIRT the minutes of *AcEx 2012-05-08, Communications 2012-04-03, Communications 2012-04-17, CPC 2012-05-08, CPC 2012-05-22, CPC 2012-06-05, Exec 2012-05-28, Exec 2012-06-04, HR 2012-05-08, and HR 2012-05-22* be approved as presented.

BIFRT Rabia Khan is included in the list of regrets in the *AcEx 2012-05-22* minutes, and the minute is approved as amended.

Moved: Chris **Seconded:** Mary
Minutes Approved by Unanimous Consent

VII. Seatings, unseatings & appointments

1. Notice of unseatings (no vote necessary)

Ryan Davis (Resource Management and Environmental Studies), Wendy Davis (School of Population and Public Health), Sacha Wilke (Anthropology), and Guopeng Fu (Curriculum Studies) Sandra Banholzer (*Geography*) have submitted their resignation and are unseated from the Council.

Andrew Patterson have submitted his resignation as GSS representative on the Search Committee for UBC Associate Vice President, International

a) Resignation of Vice-President Academic & External (Presenter, Cory Shankman)

Jamie Paris, Vice-President Academic & External, has submitted his resignation and is unseated from Council, Code & Policy Committee, Pub Taskforce, House Finance Committee, and AMS Council

Cory: Wanted to give you this update- Jamie has asked to be unseated. Will not speak to motivation, as it is personal. We will honor him with a financial award of one month of his salary. It won't affect the budget, as it is already budgeted in his salary.

(Applause)

2. Seatings – External

b) Graduate Council Representatives election

Vacancy	Nominee	Faculty
Education	Fatemeh Mohammadian Haghghi	Education
Law & Commerce	N/A	-
Agriculture and Forestry	N/A	-
Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmaceutical	Rabia Khan	Medicine
Any faculty	Jahidur Rahman	Applied sciences
	Yunayuan (Cara) Dong	Applied Sciences
	Babak Adeli Koudehi	Applied Sciences
	Jan Luedert	Arts

WHEREAS there is only one nomination for faculty of education and medicine

~~BIRT *Fatemeh Mohammadian Haghghi (Education), Rabia Khan (Medicine)* be seated as representative in the Graduate council~~

Moved: Floyd **Seconded:** Stephanie Avery-Gomm

***Paul moves to unseat himself from graduate council.**

BIRT *Jahidur Rahman, Yunayuan (Cara) Dong, Babak Adeli Koudehi, and Jan Luedert* be seated as representatives (from any Faculty) in the Graduate Council

Jan Luedert and Jahidur Rahman are the final two.

***Max Stykow raises a point of concern about voting system software, and would like it noted in the minutes**

Motion Carries

c) **AMS Council Representatives** [1 vacancy] Conny motivates. (Robert Klinzmann was unseated as rep)

BIRFT *Cara Dong and Sarah Moayedinia* be seated as representatives in the AMS council

d) Others

BIRFT *Paul Save* shall be seated on the Search Committee for UBC Associate Vice President, International elected by the GSS Council

BIRFT *Sancho McCann and Stephanie Williams* be seated on GSS/AMS Health & Dental Committee

**GSS/AMS Health & Dental Representatives need to be reseated every year.*

BIRFT *Amanda Grochowich* be seated on UBC Public Realm Committee

3. Seatings –internal

BIRFT *Paul Save* be seated on pub renewal taskforce

BIRFT *Cara Dong* be seated on Communications Committee

Moved: Paul **Seconded:** Victor
(Omnibus of all seatings above)
Motion Carries Unanimously.

VIII. Motions

(max. 3 min. for motivation; 15 min. for discussion; 2 min. per question)

1. AMS Representative Coordinator

Document pending for CPC review on June 17th, 2012

BIRFT “AMS Representative Coordinator” policy revision be approved as presented

4.12.1

6.5.2 amendment

Cory brings to Council’s attention that this motion has not had 7 days notice.

Michael rules it out of order. (needs to have topic at least) Requirement is in the Bylaws.

Moved: Chris Roach

Seconded: Executive, Academic & External & Code & Policy Committee

Moved to next meeting: treated as notice for next meeting.

2. I.T. Bill approval

WHEREAS UBC IT Services has been charging the GSS a yearly "IT Backbone fee", an annual charge that the GSS must pay because it is considered a body external to UBC;

WHEREAS the GSS has been paying this fee each year out of budget line (12-721); and

WHEREAS this fee is currently not included in the Budget

BIRT Council approves \$2,700 dollars to cover the 2012-2013 UBC IT Backbone Fee.

Moved: Victor Padilla **Seconded:** None noted (skipped)

Motion Carries

3. Council Meeting date change

WHEREAS CASA Policy Strategic Meeting overlaps the third Thursday of July (July 18-20, 2012)

WHEREAS President Conny Lin will attend this meeting on behalf of the Society and will not be able to preside Council meeting if the meeting were to be held on the third Thursday

BIRT the July Council meeting be held on July 26th, 2012

Moved: Conny Lin **Seconded:** Rabia

Motion Carries by Unanimous Consent

4. Vice-President Academic & External Resignation & Logistics

WHEREAS Vice-President Academic & External Jamie Paris resigned on June 18th, 2012

BIRT in the interim the President Conny Lin will assume the portfolio of Vice-President Academic & External

Cory motivates.

Moved: Conny Lin **Seconded:** Executive Committee

Motion Carries by Unanimous Consent

5. Vice-President Academic & External Election

BIRT election committee determines the method for the replacement of Vice-President Academic & External by June 29th, 2012

BIFRT election committee ensures that the replacement of Vice-President Academic & External occurs by July 26th, 2012

Moved: Conny Lin **Seconded:** Michael Fairchild

Motion Carries by Unanimous Consent

IX. Discussion Period

X. Councillor Retreat: July 13th. Please see Yunfei to sign up!

XI. Social : 61% would like to have “The Social” after Council meetings. The Patio is the #1 winner for location, but we can go to Mahoney’s this time.

XII. Pub Update: (Victor) If you have questions about the Pub, let me know! Just had a meeting on the Pub. Will delay things a bit- review process has stalled it. 10 week period necessary for entire bid online. Will be hard to open pub in September. But, still trying hard to get it going. Can vote on this in August or so.

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Notice

- CASA's Policy and Strategy Conference will be held July 18th-20th and [Mount Allison University](#) in [Sackville, New Brunswick](#).

XV. Next meeting & Adjournment: 7:06pm

The next Council Meeting shall take place on **July 26, 2012.**