



## **Council meeting agenda**

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### Present:

Sivash Khallaghi, Seyed Mehran Kazami, Erika Smith, Omid Nourbakhsh, Rebecca DeSouza, Vivian Lam, Chritina Koch, Sam Andema, Givemore Sakahuni, Bahmann Razupa, Eric Denzah Jza, Jars Schwerz, Raymond Agus, Andrew Patterson, Tobias Friedel, David Waddell, Yunfei Zhang, Jeff Abeysekera, Yvonne Dzal, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Gwen Huber, Robert Klinzman, Lexus Li, Molly Campbell, Julie Hemily, Jenny Sullivan, Gaelle Simard, Keier Abe, Will Meng, Valeria Castellanos-Hurtado, Bebekah Adams, Takuro Ishikawa, Julienne Jagdeo, Erik Allas, Jan Luedert, Mary Jinglewski, Tom Woodsworth, Ash Babaei, Jack Hickmott, Grace Tharmarajah, Bemhad Kamand, Jocelyn Ma, Nelson Gorrin, Jahidur Rahman, Andrew Huang, Sunee Tan, Paul Save, Melody Ren, Kyle Kotowick, Yuanyuan Liu, Craig Kerr, Christopher Roach, Cynthia Yin, Nazrul Islam, Darek Smorski, Mirza Sarwar, Natiseh Ikpore, Adriana Byrne, Colleen Lau, George Furey, Andrew McEwan, Kathryn Rowswell, Barak Caracheo, Micolsel Huber, Magdalena Ugarte, Darsy Hut, Junsian Lee, Hafizur Rahman, Lili Meng, Sarah Parker, Amanda Fatiman, Steph Shulhen, Michael Landler, Maxim Stykow, Shiju Yu, Gerard Chan, Conny Lin, Marianne Haseloff, Yuki Chan, Vincenzo Caia, Keven Tam, Cara Dong, Ada Kim, Weiqi Wang, Tan Rui Qing, Colúm Connolly, Sheila Balani, Natalie Marshall, Jieshu Liu, Sancho McCann, Ambrose Chan, Amin Suzani, Moeed Fayyaz, Haseeb Ali, Yuki Ohsana, Gabriela Badica

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Motion Fails**

#### **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

**IX. Notice**

*CASA Graduate Council Report 201303*  
*GSS\_HR Handbook\_2012 (HR Committee Approved)*

**X. Next meeting**

Next Council meeting shall be on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**XI. Adjournment**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:56pm**