



GSS Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 28th 2015 | GSS Ballroom | 5:30 pm.

Present: Alison McAfee, Chandan Sejekan (proxy for Ambrose Chan), Behzad Shoolestani, Bingyu Liu, Charlie Deng, Debolina Majumder, Elizabeth Bulaeva, Elliot Child, Enav Zusman, Dylan (proxy for Eric Becklin), Harry Li, Ingrid Olson, Marcelo Bravo (proxy for Jackie Davis), Jennifer Campbell, Kathryn Knudson, Kevin Mehr, Kreso Sola, Clayton Whitt (proxy for Michelle Hak Hepburn), Mirza Sarwar, Olenka Forde, Omid Nourbakhsh, Patrick Lo, Anastasia Hyrina (proxy for Raphael Roccor), Rebecca Sherbo, Robin Kim, Jeremy Nan (proxy for Sarah Fernando), Susan Song, Tobias Friedel, Vinodha Chetty, Angela Zhao (proxy for Yu Guo), Yulia Merkulova, Maggie Hunter (proxy for Christie Waltham), Yaseen Mottiar, Anujit Chakraborty, David Gill, Vasili Triandafilidi.

Regrets: Andrea Jones, Antoine Ponsard, Chen Vu, Colum Connolly, Grant Tran, Hamid Omid, Jenn So, Michelle Kwon, Natalie Marshall, Nayantara Duttachoudhury, Nicholas Dawson, Renae Regehr, Shona Robinson, Vivian Lam, Xun Zhou.

Absent: Chhavi Tripathi, Coco Tang, Dustin King, Eva Choi, Guillaume Beaulieu-Houle, Janice Valdez, Julienne Jagdeo, Krish Maharaj, Lena Patsa, Mary-Anne Shonoda, Parker Jobin, Sarah Simon, Susan Song, Suzie Maginley, Tahara Bhate.

Speaker of Council: Abdul Alnaar

Guests: Mark Wellington, GSS General Manager
Neal Yonson, GSS Policy Researcher
Mariia Popova, GSS Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

1. BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

MOVER: Tobias Friedel **SECONDER: Angela Zhao**

Motion: to amend agenda to remove seating Maayan Kreitzman and add Yaseen Mottiar in the Section C. item 2.

Motivation: Maayan did not attend a new councillor orientation. Yaseen submitted paperwork and attended orientation after the finalized agenda had been sent out.

MOVER: Tobias Friedel **Seconder: Kreso Sola**

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent

Motion: to amend agenda to add Council motion to read:

WHEREAS the UBC BCWWA Student Chapter has applied for and been granted funding for the WEST Conference (2015)

WHEREAS funding granted without a special approval of the Finance committee is limited according to policy 8.4.1

WHEREAS the UBC BCWWA Student Chapter has requested \$1080

WHEREAS the WEST Conference qualifies for up to \$960 in total funding, based on precedent;



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WHEREAS \$300 has already been approved from the events fund

BIRT Council approves an additional \$660 for reimbursement up to a total of \$1080 from budget line 12-831 (GSS Events Fund).

MOVER: Kevin Mehr

Seconder: Mirza Sarwar

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent

B. Introductions

C. Seating to Council

2. BIRT the following seating is approved:

Christie Waltham to be seated as Departmental Representative.

~~**Maayan Kreitzman** to be seated as Departmental Representative.~~

Anujit Chakraborty to be seated as Departmental Representative.

David Gill to be seated as Departmental Representative.

Vasilii Triandafilidi to be seated as Departmental Representative.

Yaseen Mottiar to be seated as Departmental Representative.

MOVER: Kreso Sola

SECONDER: Kevin Mehr

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent

D. Council Motions I

3. Next Council meeting

BIRT next Council meeting is held on June 25th, 2015.

MOVER: Kreso Sola

SECONDER: Kathryn Knudson

Motivation. Tobias: will be away on society's business for Student Care Health and Dental Plan stakeholders' meeting on the week of regular Council meeting. GSS Budget 2015/2016 will be submitted to Council along with other important items next month. It is important for all Execs to be attending.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent.

E. Presentations

(10 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)

- **GSS Budget: June 2015**

Speaker: Tobias Friedel

- A new budget breakdown was presented with a brief explanation of budget lines and numbers;
- Spreadsheet covers only breakdown for June 2015 with a whole budget 2015/ 2016 to be submitted for approval at June Council meeting;



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- Made necessary changes to the way budget is built with a completely different budget lines. The proposed aims at making new breakdown more straightforward and easy to read.
- Revenues collected in June: 2nd payment of membership fees; funds collected towards CPIF to maintain and renovate the building; sponsorship contribution for summer league; revenue from Booking's sales and rentals; and revenue from Koerner's Pub lease contract.
- Expenses are based on actuals from last year, and are anticipated to stay the same. The only difference is an additional summer league marketing/ promotion expense including jerseys for participants.
- Expenses include full-time and part-time employee salaries and benefits; Honoraria; contracted services; insurance; marketing – advertising and promotions, dues, licenses, fees (paid in instalments due June); Student recognition (good luck card for PhD exams, cost for the year); Travels/Conferences cost (CASA, ABCS, etc.); Student Initiative Program, Student Emergency Fund, Council meetings (cost of food, set up and break down), committee meetings (food budgeted at 6\$ per person), part-time staff cost/ projects (Transit Plebiscite and Federal Elections coordinator, and hiring survey data analyst), part-time staff cost/ programs (instructor pay for French class), etc.
- Current budget includes 4 columns for Executive and a general account for business activity "Corporate".
- Net contribution is estimated at ~~\$27,634~~ **[\$25,134]** in the month of June without CPIF.

F. Council Motions II

BIRT the budget for June 2015 be approved ~~as presented~~ **as amended**.

MOVER: Kreso Sola

SECONDER: Tobias Friedel

Motion: to amend to add \$2,500 to budget line 14-885 ["Programming Cost"].

MOVER: Kevin Mehr

SECONDER: Tobias Friedel

Motivation. Kevin: to include cost of classes, coffee socials and GSO caucus this month.

MOTION PASSED

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Back to motion as amended.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent.

G. Seatings, Unseating and Appointments

4. Notice of Unseatings (*no vote necessary*)

Chris Roach to be unseated as AMS, Code and Policy Representative.

Jack Hickmott to be unseated as Departmental, Human Resources and Off-campus Outreach Representative.

Gianluca Oluic to be unseated as Departmental Representative.



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Angela Zhao to be unseated as Departmental, Human Resource and Strategic Planning Representative.

Nick Dawson to be unseated as Departmental Representative.

Sima Valizadeh to be unseated as Departmental, Chair of the Service Committee and Service Representative.

Mahsa Mojahednia to be unseated as Departmental Representative.

Inti Dewey to be unseated as Departmental, Academic and External Representative.

Victoria Belahov to be unseated as Departmental Representative.

MOVER: Kreso Sola **SECONDER: Tobias Friedel**

MOTION PASSED

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5. BIRT the following seatings are approved:

Yaseen Mottiar, David Gill be seated to the Academic and External Committee.

Jennifer Campbell, Hashem J. be seated to the Finance Committee.

Hashem J. be seated to the House Committee.

David Gill be seated to the Human Resources Committee.

Sima Valizadeh, Anujit Chakraborty be seated to the Services Committee.

Jennifer Campbell be seated to the Executive Oversight Committee.

Vasilii Triandafilidi, Chris Roach, Naman Paul, Sneha Bhalani, Nick Dawson be seated to the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee.

Patrick Lo be seated to the Building Lease Renewal Ad Hoc Committee.

MOVER: Alison McAfee **SECONDER: Charlie Deng**

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent

6. BIRT the following appointments are approved:

Tobias Friedel be appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

Sima Valizadeh be appointed Chair of the Service Committee.

MOVER: Alison McAfee **SECONDER: Charlie Deng**

MOTION PASSES

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7. BIRT the following appointment is approved:

Anujit Chakraborty be seated as GSS Representative to AMS Council.

MOVER: Harry Li **SECONDER: Tobias Friedel**



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MOTION PASSES by unanimous consent

8. BIRT the following appointment is approved:

Amir Shoolestani be seated as UBC's Climate Action Plan Steering Committee.

Note: the first project meeting is on June 22, 1:30 to 3:00 pm (about four committee meetings to be held specifically for the CAP, over the next 8-10 months).

MOVER: Harry Li

SECONDER: Angela Zhao

MOTION PASSES by unanimous consent

9. BIRT the following appointment is approved:

Kaitlin R. be seated as GSS representative to UBC Health and Safety committee.

MOVER: Tobias Friedel

SECONDER: Kevin Mehr

Note. Dylan B. is now appointed proxy for Eric B., Department of History.

MOTION PASSES by unanimous consent

H. Approval of Minutes

10. BIRT the minutes of the GSS Council meeting dated "April 16, 2015" be approved as presented.

MOVER: Tobias Friedel

SECONDER: Kevin Mehr

Motion: to remove "casino" before "committee minutes" deemed friendly.

Tobias: "S" missing in the word "SECONDER" deemed friendly.

Point of information: any typos or clerical errors should be sent to assistant of Council. Minutes, sent out ahead of each Council meeting, will contain a lie to encourage Councillors to read Minutes (official record of Council).

MOTION PASSED

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11. BIRT the following committee minutes be approved as presented:

Code and Policy March 30, 2015

House Finance March 24, 2015

House Finance April 14, 2015

House Finance May 5, 2015

House Finance May 12, 2015

MOVER: Kevin Mehr

SECONDER: Kreso Sola

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I. Executive Remarks

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(3 minutes)

- **President – Tobias Friedel**

- took office roughly a month ago;
- have been working on executive and budget transition;
- attended CASA conference (lobbying at Federal level); recent materials were published to their website;
- have been appointed Treasurer of CASA. GSS will continue to add influence and actively participate in the decision making process at federal level;

- **Vice-President University and Academic Affairs – Enav Zusman**

- Have been finalizing goals, and evaluating if realistically can achieve them;
- Planning for conference in February on sexual harassment. Volunteers are needed to help organize and participate in the planning process;

- **Vice-President External Relations – Gloria Liu**

- Have been a part of transition process;
- Attended ABCS general meeting with the new policies proposed:
- Some important issues raised plan to work on, like sexual harassment on both internal and external level;
- Attended CASA conference in Ottawa – great opportunity to build network with student leaders across Canada. Had training on how to deal and propose policies to the federal government.

- **Vice-President Students– Kevin Mehr**

- Have been working on revision of booking policies;
- Reviewed departmental budget to be presented next month;
- Attended two meetings for Orientation held in collaboration with FoGS.

- **Financial and Executive Oversight Officer – Charlie Deng**

- Had training on budgeting and Event Fund management.
- Switching from old to a new budget breakdown.
- Noticed that there was no regular financial update to Council; want to introduce this going forward;
- Have had consultations to develop Executive performance evaluation with a monthly checks on progress. EOC is looking for members.

J. Committee, Taskforce, and Operations Reports

(3 minutes)

- **Academic & External Affairs Committee – Enav Zusman**



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- Discussed UBC Liquor licence policies;
- Discussed development on University Boulevard project;
- Reviewed Emergency Fund and what want to do with it going forward;
- **Code and Policy Committee – Tobias Friedel**
 - Amendments to the policy were submitted to Council for approval;
 - Motion is going to be presented later.
- **Executive Oversight Committee – Charlie Deng**
 - Switched to monthly meetings;
 - Discussed scope of the confidentiality of complaints around any kind of misconduct;
- **Human Resources Committee – Alison McAfee**
 - Hiring survey data analyst;
 - Reviewing HR handbook.
- **Services Committee – Sima Valizadeh**
 - Past events: Laser tags, coffee social, classes;
 - Host GSS Summer Sports Leagues.
- **Strategic Planning ad hoc committee – Chris** (*from letter to Councillors*)
 - Discussed framework and what needs to be done;
 - Presentation will be given next month.

K. Representative Reports

(3 minutes)

- **AMS Council – Tobias Friedel**
 - Busy with housekeeping work - spent 3 hours to seat new committee members;
 - No issues that would be relevant to grad students.

L. Affiliate Organizations

(3 minutes)

- **GrasPods – Elizabeth Bulaeva**
 - Off-campus affiliated with GSS organization;
 - For the last three month held a number of events: Stats workshop, 2 joint science interviews, trip to Whistler, transit and biking workshops, pub crawl, volleyball and art night event, etc.
 - Organized board games night, turned out very successful.



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- Hosting a one day conference BC Cancer Agency Research Day on June 11 in BC Cancer Research Centre.

M. Council Motions III

12. Graduate Council Appointment

WHEREAS the GSS shall elect 6 members to the University's Graduate Council; and

WHEREAS Section 5.3.3 of the GSS Policy Manual identifies the society's VP Academic and External as an *ex officio* appointee to Graduate Council; therefore

BIRT the GSS appoints VP Academic and University Affairs Enav Zusman to UBC's University Graduate Council until May 29, 2016.

BIRFT Council directs the Code and Policy Committee to bring forward amendments to the Policy Manual to identify the VP Academic and University Affairs as an *ex officio* appointee to Graduate Council.

MOVER: Kevin Mehr

SECONDER: Charlie Deng

Motivation. Some of the sections of Policy Manual are outdated and do not reflect structural changes approved at SGM splitting academic and external portfolios. Appointment should be now accordingly amended.

MOTION PASSED

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13. CASA Appointment

WHEREAS the GSS is a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA); and

WHEREAS CASA asks that each member select at least two students to represent their organization to CASA; and

WHEREAS these delegates will be responsible for attending conferences, committees, and are responsible for voting during CASA's general meetings, therefore

BIRT the GSS appoints Gloria Liu and Tobias Friedel as its delegates to CASA until April 30, 2016.

MOVER: Charlie Deng

SECONDER: Tobias Friedel

Motivation. This position is incredible important to help shape policies, influence the directions and priorities at the federal level.

Motion to amend: to remove Tobias Friedel; to open second seat for nominations deemed friendly.



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Motivation. Tobias F. has been appointed CASA Treasurer and cannot be appointed a delegate. Committee meetings are held via teleconference, dates and time are flexible. Doodle poll is usually sent out to set a meeting time.

Motion: to nominate Enav Zusman deemed friendly.

Point of information. Vasilii: which organization is more important - CASA or ABCS?

Tobias: both organizations are important in different ways. A lot of things directly impacting grads are within purview of Province. CASA does lobbying at Federal level. GSS had better success with CASA, while ABCS is a young organization that still needs to build up its capacity to handle complex questions.

MOTION PASSED

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14. ABCS Appointment

BIRT the following seating is approved:

WHEREAS the GSS is a member of the Alliance of BC Students; and

WHEREAS each member of the Alliance is entitled to appoint one director to sit on the Alliance's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS each member of the Alliance is entitled to also appoint one alternate to vote at meetings of the Board of Directors, in the event that the director is unavailable, therefore

BIRT the GSS appoints Gloria Liu to sit on the Board of Directors of the Alliance of BC Students until April 30, 2016.

BIFRT the GSS appoints Tobias Friedel as an alternate to vote at meetings of the Board of Directors of the Alliance of BC Students, until April 30, 2016, in the event that Gloria Liu is unavailable.

MOVER: Kreso Sola

SECONDER Harry Li

Motivation. Organization lobbying at the provincial level. Had their meetings started in March.

MOTION PASSED

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15. Special Occasion Licence

WHEREAS the BC Government has recently introduced legislative and regulatory changes affecting the administration of Special Occasion Licences (SOLs) in the province, and

WHEREAS these changes necessitate amendments to UBC Policy 13: "Serving and Consumption of Alcohol at University Facilities and Events", and

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WHEREAS a briefing note entitled "Managing BC's Liquor Law Changes: Special Occasion Licences in the UBC Context" provides additional research and background information on this topic, therefore,

BIRT the GSS supports amendments to UBC Policy 13 which result in a more efficient approvals process for student use of UBC Facilities where alcohol will be served.

BIFRT the GSS supports the principle that UBC's approval process for the use of UBC Facilities should be completely separate from the Liquor Control and Licensing Board's approval process for SOLs.

BIFRT the GSS supports the publication of all rules and conditions on SOL applications put in place by the local police at UBC as well as the fair and equitable application of those rules and conditions for all applicants.

BIFRT Council adopts the briefing note "Managing BC's Liquor Law Changes: Special Occasion Licences in the UBC Context"

BIFRT the President will communicate the GSS's position to the relevant parts of the university and to the local police.

MOVER: Harry Li

SECONDER Charlie Deng

Motivation: wording of the motion speaks on its own. New liquor licence rules have been recently introduced by the province. Relevant to all organizations at UBC serving alcohol at their events, i.e. beer garden, social, etc. Now, it is almost impossible to get licence with UBC as its rules are in conflict with the current provincial regulations. Students are required to collect multiple signatures from different departments. UBC needs to change the way they handle liquor permits to make process straightforward and streamlined.

MOTION PASSED

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16. Non-institutional housing development

WHEREAS the UBC Land Use Plan classifies faculty/staff housing as "non-institutional development", a type of development that does not form part of the university's main academic mission, and

WHEREAS the UBC Land Use Plan assigns the "Academic" land use designation to those parts of campus which are reserved for development that supports the university's academic mission, and

WHEREAS UBC has proposed building non-institutional faculty/staff housing on land designated "Academic", and

WHEREAS building non-institutional housing on "Academic" land threatens the long-term future of the Acadia Park Student Family Housing area, and

WHEREAS a briefing note entitled "New faculty/staff rental housing projects near the University Boulevard Neighbourhood" provides additional research and background information on this topic, therefore

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BIRT the GSS supports the principle that without exception, all new non-institutional housing at UBC should be built fully within the borders of land designated in the UBC Land Use Plan as “Neighbourhood” or “Village Centre Academic”.

BIFRT the GSS calls on UBC to uphold this principle as well.

BIFRT the President will communicate the GSS's position to the UBC President and the Chair of the UBC Board of Governors.

MOVER: Jackie Davies

SECONDER: Mirza Sarwar

Motivation. Some changes to the position statement with a briefing note to provide more background on the matter. There are 4 different types of land designations: academic, village centre academic, green open space and neighbourhood. UBC is planning to build private housing on academic land not designated for this purpose. GSS do not support this decision. If construction of private housing is allowed on academic land, it is not clear if any protection exists in relations to other sites, like Acadia Park.

Kevin. Thanked for excellently prepared brief. Do not support principle that the entire building goes non-academic, just because a precinct lies on Village centre academic land.

David: what fears does the GSS have?

Neal: all private housing exists on Neighbourhood or Village centre land types. UBC is trying to build a private building on the land that is designated for academic purposes exclusively. This would create a precedent that could lead to the protection for academic land be removed.

Mirza: This is an important issue to take a stance on. It sends a message towards the general direction UBC Administration is currently taking.

Marcelo: What are the official explanations for this?

Neal: They are presenting it as a living lab and try to present it as an academic usage of the space. Administration is trying to implement partial space usage towards academic, and include housing in the same building, and declare as mixed-use, so proper for academic land.

Harry: what is the AMS stance?

Tobias: No official stance yet, but debates on opposing such usage have been had in the past.

Neal: submitted feedback during both Phase I and II. Did a joint submission with AMS. Board of Governors will meet next week and week after. GSS will communicate its position to President and Boards of Governors. The plan already exists, and clear that should not be allowed. But, UBC Administrative leaves it to interpretation. Board of Governors acts as a city Council and does not have a legal obligation to postpone or reconsider projects.

Vasilii: Who advocates the most for the academic space?

Neal: John Robinson, associate Provost, Sustainability; Erika Frank, School of Population and Public Health. The Board of Governors is pushing this project forward along with a financial plan and lots of “why” to build.

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Motion: to recess for 15 minutes.

MOVER: Tobias Friedel

SECONDER: Vasilii Triandafilidi

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Recess for 15 minutes.

Meeting was called to order again at 8:17 pm.

17. Affiliate Organization Recognition

WHEREAS the following organizations have submitted a petition for recognition as an Affiliate Organization.

BIRT the following organizations be recognized as Affiliate Organizations for one year, ending at the meeting of Council in May 2016:

- a. Pathology Student Association [PaSA];
- b. Chemical and Biological Engineering Graduate Student Club [CHBE GSC].

MOVER: Tobias Friedel

SECONDER: Kreso Sola

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent

18. Policy Manual Section 11 (special resolution)

WHEREAS Section 11 was added to the policy for conducting referendums through mail.

WHEREAS the Society does not have access to every members mailing addresses, therefore this section of the policy manual is no longer useful.

BIRT Council approves the removal of Section 11 from the policy manual.

MOVER: Tobias Friedel

SECONDER: Vasilii Triandafilidi

Motivation. Even though some provincial governments still do carry ballot mail out, it is rarely used nowadays. GSS does not have capacity and hasn't held any for a number of years. Code and Policy found that this section should be removed.

David: there can be students who do not have access to internet or a computer.

Tobias: this section deals with ballot mail out for special referenda. GSS has not done so for at least three years. Internet access and computers are available in the labs at UBC. Regardless, it is not an option as GSS does not have the capacity to have mail out.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent

19. Policy Manual section 10 on Signing Authority

WHEREAS policies regarding signing authority for the Society were not within the policy manual as of April 2015.

BIRT Council approves the addition of the proposed section titled "Signing Authority" to the policy manual as presented as section 10.

BIFRT the position of the current section 10 and all subsequent sections of the policy manual shifts down one section number.



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MOVER: Tobias Friedel

SECONDER: Harry Li

Motivation. Bringing changes to the Policy Manual regarding Signing Authorities, motion was approved at the last meeting. Finally, made it official policy.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent

20. Event Fund Application

WHEREAS the UBC BCWWA Student Chapter has applied for and been granted funding for the WEST Conference (2015);

WHEREAS funding granted without a special approval of the Finance committee is limited according to policy 8.4.1;

WHEREAS the UBC BCWWA Student Chapter has requested \$1080;

WHEREAS the WEST Conference qualifies for up to \$960 in total funding, based on precedent;

WHEREAS \$300 has already been approved from the events fund;

BIRT Council approves an additional \$660 for reimbursement up to a total of \$1080 from budget line 12-831 (GSS Events Fund).

Motion: to amend to include additional funds in the budget line 12-813 for West Conference.

MOVER: Patrick Lo

Secunder: Kreso Sola

Motivation. West Conference is held in June. It is a large interdisciplinary event on water and waste management. GSS has provided funding for the past two years with the same amount requested. 80 graduate students will be attending. Due to Event Fund limitations, require approval for additional funds. All numbers are accurate as there will be registration of attendees.

MOTION PASSED

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N. Other Business and Notice of Motions

O. Discussion Period

Motion: to add discussion item "Harassment and discrimination" deemed friendly.

- **Harassment and discrimination**

Tobias: a couple of incidents took place recently, feel necessary to take steps forward advocating on those issues. Have been approached by a student group regarding assault and harassment among graduate students. Currently reviewing policies, HR manual and discrimination policy kept for the time being. There are much larger concerns that need to be worked on. It is proposed to create something like code of conduct. GSS has the opportunity to lead by example. The work also includes advocacy at the University level to implement policies and regulations. Would like to strike an ad hoc committee to investigate current policies and recommendations at UBC. Invite anyone to speak on subject and provide any feedback.

It was asked and answered that this will not be exclusive to students on campus, also will be extended to all affiliate organizations at UBC.

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It was further stated that UBC has policy regarding these issues, and it is a good starting point, to which the answer was that while there are extensive policies on student-supervisor relations, sexual harassment committed by strangers, there is little on peer violence and sexual harassment.

It was also mentioned that policies of this matter are applicable not only to events on-campus, but also to all events that are funded or attended by UBC students regardless of location.

Tobias: there is a standing policy on sexual harassment, which is not bad. Process facilitates complaints and feedback – would like to investigate more.

It was further ask if Council supports further investigation on the subject matter.

Mutually agreed

Enav: organizing conference in February and any help or feedback will be appreciated.

Tobias. GSS runs Advocacy office. Should any peer have any problems, feel free to refer them to GSS. Advocacy coordinators provide support, educate who to contact or direct to proper channels at UBC.

P. Submissions

- GSS Budget: June 2015.
- Feedback on Development permit 15011 (Brock Commons Student Services);
- GSAB – Copp Briefing note;
- SOL Policy Paper;
- CAP 2 Steering Committee TOR.

R. Next Meeting

Note. 4th Thursday, June 25th 2015

S. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.