



GSS Council Minutes

Thursday, October 15th 2015 | GSS Ballroom | 5:30 pm.

Present: Amber Shilling, Andrew Leyland, Anujit Chakraborty, Bingyu Gloria Liu, Bradley Balaton, Chad Rickaby, Charles Copeland, Charlie Deng, Chen Vu, Christie Waltham, Christina Wiesmann, Conny Lin, Dan Kehila, Dylan Burrows, Elizabeth Bulaeva, Emily Allan, Enav Zusman, Francisco Gómez- Lopéz, Hamza Khan, Ingrid Olson, Jennifer Zhao, Jennifer Campbell, John Dupuis, Kate Jaffe, Kaye Hare, Kelsi Lix, Kevin Mehr, Krish Maharaj, Kyla Drzazgowski, Logan MacDonald, Maayan Kreitzman, Maichael Thejoe, Mary Caple, Mary-Anne Shonoda, Matthew Gartner, Mirza Sarwar, Mohammad Nikoo, Natalie Marshall, Nicholas Dawson, Olenka Forde, Parker Jobin, Patrick Lo, Peter Cheng, Raghav Grover, Ran Xiang, Shona Robinson, Tal Shalev, Tobias Friedel, Jun Sian Lee (proxy for Vasillii Triandafilidi), Xun Zhou, Yaseen Mottiar, Ahinav Kumar (proxy for Yulia Merkulova) and Zoe Lam.

Regrets: Sarah Simon, Grant Tran.

Absent: James Lawson.

Speaker: Abdul Alnaar

Guests: Julianna Laing, Longnook Consulting and WATSON Inc.
Mark Wellington, GSS General Manager

A. Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm.

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

MOVER: Shona Robinson

SECONDER: Krish Maharaj

Note: presentation by Louise Cowin, UBC VP Students has been postponed till November Council due to conflict of schedule.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent

B. Councillor seating

2. Notice of Returning Councillors (no vote necessary)

Shona Robinson, Departmental Representative for Civil Engineering.

Olenka Forde, Departmental Representative for Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences.

Jennifer Campbell, Departmental Representative for Psychology.

Parker Jobin, Departmental Representative for MD/PhD.

Mirza Sarwar, Departmental Representative for Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Krish Maharaj, Departmental Representative for Law.

Patrick Lo, Departmental Representative for Community and Regional Planning.



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Ingrid Olson, Departmental Representative for Cross-Faculty Inquiry in Education.

Xun Zhou, Departmental Representative for Neuroscience.

Chen Vu, Departmental Representative for Counselling Psychology.

3. BIRT the following seating is approved:

Elizabeth Bulaeva to be seated as Departmental Representative for Experimental Medicine;

Tal Shalev to be seated as Departmental Representative for Genome Sciences and Technology;

Logan MacDonald to be seated as Departmental Representative for Pharmacology and Therapeutics;

Peter Chen to be seated as Departmental Representative for Computer Science;

~~Jennifer DeBoer to be seated as Departmental Representative for Forestry;~~

John Dupuis to be seated as Departmental Representative for Land and Food Systems;

Matthew Gartner to be seated as Departmental Representative for Theatre and Film;

Raghav Grover to be seated as Departmental Representative for Civil Engineering;

Zoe Lam to be seated as Departmental Representative for Linguistics;

Bradley Balaton to be seated as Departmental Representative for Medical Genetics;

Christina Wiesmann to be seated as Departmental Representative for Microbiology and Immunology;

Kyla Drzazgowski to be seated as Departmental Representative for English;

Saimou Zhang to be seated as Departmental Representative.

Hamza Khan to be seated as Departmental Representative for Bioinformatics;

Jennifer Zhao to be seated as Departmental Representative for Curriculum and Pedagogy;

Chad Rickaby to be seated as Departmental Representative for Master for Public Policy and Global Affairs;

Charles Copeland to be seated as Departmental Representative for Botany.

Kelsi Lix to be seated as Departmental Representative for Chemistry.

Kate Jaffe to be seated as Departmental Representative for Sociology.



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~~Jennifer Bok to be seated as Departmental Representative for Master of Business Administration.~~

Kaye Hare to be seated as Departmental Representative of the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice.

Emily Allan to be seated as Departmental Representative for Anthropology.

Francisco Gómez-López to be seated as Departmental Representative for Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate Program.

Maichael Thejoe to be seated as Departmental Representative for School of Public Health and Population.

Andrew Leyland to be seated as Departmental Representative for School of Public Health and Population.

Amber Shilling to be seated as Departmental Representative for Educational Studies.

MOVER: Mary-Anne Shonoda
MOTION PASSED

SECONDER: Dylan Burrows

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C. Introductions

D. Appointment

4. BIRT the following appointment is approved:

Amber Shilling to be appointed as GSS representative to the Presidential Search Committee.

MOVER: Tobias Friedel
MOTION PASSED

SECONDER: Conny Lin

E. Presentations

(10 Minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions)

- ~~• Louise Cowin, UBC VP Students;~~
- Directors' and Officers' Responsibilities and Liabilities

Presenter: Julianna Laing
[Training prepared by Vantage Point]

Motion to recess for 20 minutes.

MOVER: Enav Zusman

SECONDER: Natalie Marshall

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Meeting was called back to order at 8:06 pm.

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- Auditor's report

Presenter: Charlie Deng

- Financial Statements as at May 31st 2015¹;
- Society has a strong financial position;
- Net assets is over half a million dollars²;
- Society holds two restricted funds: Rainy Day (financial hardships contingency fund) and CPIF (Capital Projects Improvement Fund for building renovations);
- Balance as of December 31, 2014 is \$79,044;
- Expense as of May 31, 2015 \$11,941 bringing to the total revenue over the expense to \$78,762³
- Statement of Operations lists all revenues and expenses occurred from Dec. 31st 2014 to May 31st 2015;
- Expense: amortization /depreciation cost – is based on the 5 year depreciation schedule;
- Total revenue (5 months): \$308,678;
- Total expenses (5 months): \$322,255;
- Note: statement of cash flows do not reflect expenses that were made, but still have not been charged to the Society accounts (e.g. CASA membership fee);
- All capital assets were insured;
- Currently discussing how can invest money sitting in the accounts;
- Expect deficit at the end of the fiscal year; need more funding in the future to keep more sustainable;

Questions & Answers

It was asked and answered that cash means all money in the GSS accounts; currently hold three accounts.

It was asked about the assets that depreciate, to which the answer was that all capital assets are listed on p. 8 on a 5 year depreciation schedule and include building, equipment, etc. It was further noted that it is planned to purchase equipment every 5 years.

It was further noted that there will be a motion at the next Council to adopt Financial Statements presented today. This document will be disseminated after the meeting, so Councillors will have a month to get familiar with the details; any questions may be also brought up at the next Council.

It was further answered that Society is currently under the budget; will be tracking spending and bring a detailed breakdown to the next Council in November;

¹ Period: December 31st 2014 – May 31st 2015 (5 months);

² \$508,475; p.2 Financial Statements The Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver.

³ p.3 Statement of Changes in net assets, p.3.



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F. Seatings, Unseating and Appointments

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

Tobias Friedel has been unseated as alternate delegate to the Board of Directors of the Alliance of BC Students.

Behzad Shoolestani has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Hamid Omid has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Raphael Roccor has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Antoine Ponsard has been unseated as Departmental and Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Representative.

Nayantara Duttachoudhury has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Mary-Anne has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Susan Song has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Robin Kim has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Jackie Davis has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Coco Tang has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Sarah Simon has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Naman Paul has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Rebecca Sherbo has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Vivian Lam has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Kresimir Sola has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Chihiro Honma has been unseated as Harassment and Discrimination Ad Hoc Committee Representative.

Cynthia Min has been unseated as Harassment and Discrimination Ad Hoc Committee Representative.

Elizabeth Bulaeva has been unseated as GSS Representative to AMS Council.

Dustin King has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Rebecca Sherbo has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Ambrose Chan has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

Michelle Hak Hepburn has been unseated as Departmental Representative.

6. BIRT the following seatings are approved:

*Policy Manual 6.3.4 (Standing committees: AcEx, CPC, HF, HR, S, EOC)

"All standing committee memberships shall be re-seated at the October Council meeting"



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Patrick Lo, Dan Kehila be seated to the Elections Committee⁴

Tal Shalev, Yaseen Mottiar, Ran Xiang, Patrick Lo, Maayan Kreitzman, Leo He, Irene Choi and Young Lo be seated to the Academic and External Committee.

Julienne Jagdeo, Judith Booth, Sarah Simon, Krish Maharaj, Chad Rickaby, Charles Copeland, Katerina Othonos, Dan Kehila be seated to the Code and Policy Committee.

Jennifer Campbell, Maayan Kreitzman, Shona Robinson, Christina Wiesmann, Logan MacDonald, Jun Sian Lee be seated to the House Finance Committee.

Patrick Lo, Kaye Hare, Charlie Deng, Amber Shilling, Wendy Kei be seated to the Human Resources Committee.

Anujit Chakraborty, Bradley Balaton, Rocky Guan Wang, Sima Valizadeh, Majed El Saadi, be seated to the Services Committee.

Sarah Simon, Jennifer Campbell, Chen Vu, Yaying Zhong be seated to the Executive Oversight Committee.

Chad Rickaby, Yaseen Mottiar be seated to the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee.

Chaahat Singh be seated to the Harassment and Discrimination Ad Hoc Committee

MOVER: Tobias Friedel SECONDER: Conny Lin

MOTION PASSED

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Motion to adjourn to the next meeting on Thursday, October 22nd 2015.

[entertained]

BIRT next Council meeting is on October 22nd 2015.

MOVER: Tobias Friedel Seconder: Logan MacDonald

Motivation: reconvene to conduct the remainder of Council business.

MOTION PASSED

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Speaker: call quorum lost 9:30 pm.

Note: each committee has Exec to chair should there be no chair appointed by Council.

Adjourned till next Thursday, October 22nd 2015.

⁴ (a) Policy Manual 11.2.3 : "The Elections Committee shall: (a) have a chair appointed by Council no later than the October meeting of Council..."

(b) Policy Manual 7.5.2: "Members of the Election Committee are the Chief Electoral Officer..... and four other members of the Society approved by Council."