

Present:

Alexis Black, Ambrose Chan, Andrew Patterson, Angela Zhao, Arni Mar Thrastarson, Bethany Schmidt, Brett Kolesnik, Carolyn Beaumont, Christopher Roach, Christopher Jenkins, Christopher Quick, Colúm Connolly, Craig Kerr, Dan Cohen, Daniel Wood, Ehsan Espid, Eric Becklin, Gabriela Badica, George Furey, Guillaume Beaulieu-Houle, Gwendolyn Huber, Hamid Omid, Inti Dewey, Jack Hickmott, Jahidur Rahman, Jens Vent-Schmidt, Jon Newell, Julie Zhang, Julienne Jagdeo, Kreso Sola, Laura Bohachyk, Lena Patsa, Lili Meng, Mahsa Mojahednia, Martina Volfova, Matt Sacheli, Michael Firmin, Michelle Kwon, Min Xia, Mitchell Meler, Natalie Marshall, Nayantara Duttachoudhury, Omid Nourbakhsh, Paul Save, Pooya Hosseini, Richard Sandlin, Robert Teagle, Sarah Simon, Shona Robinson, Sima Valizadeh, Sneha Balani, Sofiya Lazarova, Tobias Friedel, Vincent Chan, Yifei Zhuang, Yuanyuan Liu, Yvonne Dzal

Regrets:

Christopher Dickman, Conny Lin, Cynthia Min, Hafizur Rahman, Ingrid Olson, Jeff Abeysekera, Kristan Marchak, Valeria Castellanos-Hurtado, Vivian Lam

**A. Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda**

Meeting called to order at 5:37pm.

1. BIRT Council appoints Abdul Alnaar as acting Chair for the October 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

MOVED Colúm Connolly.; SECONDED Tobias Freidel.

**PASSED**

2. BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

MOVED Chris Roach.; SECONDED Colúm Connolly.

**PASSED**

Motion to amend agenda: Reconsider motion of section 5, Physics and Astronomy from September 19 meeting as special order of the day.

MOVED Jack Hickmott.; SECONDED Tobias Freidel.

**PASSED**

BIRT the agenda as amended.

MOVED Guillaume Beaulieu-Houle.; SECONDED Jack Hickmott.

**PASSED**

**A. Introductions**

- B. **Presentations to Council** (10 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)

**UBC Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health – Dr. Linc Kesler**

A proposal has been made to establish a centre for indigenous health called the UBC Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health. In line with the new authority in health care provision for aboriginal health, this centre has a focus in three critical areas: research, curriculum and support of students. There is also an overarching principal component of partnership to encourage connections among people in a framework which can be fully implemented. The aim of is to establish a coherent and integrated community that emphasizes a sharing of research models which are collaborative and work well with the indigenous communities. This is done with the hopes that it will lead to advancement in the field, such as better development of curriculum around aboriginal health, offer training at UBC across disciplines to give people ways to interact with aboriginal communities that is functional. It hopes to encourage participation with an ultimate goal of supporting the people in the field for meaningful social change for the aboriginal people.

- It was asked if there are ways, besides providing feedback on the proposal, that graduate students can be involved. The response was that any way of supporting the passing of the proposal at the November Senate meeting would be welcomed. Also, if the Centre is approved, to get involved in the future.

#### **CiTR Radio** – *Hugo Noriega, Volunteer Manager (10 min)*

CiTR is a student run campus community radio station at UBC with a mandate to provide alternative, informative and campus-based programming. It is valuable to UBC because of its accessibility to everyone, and empowers people to take media into their own hands. They offer programs in 4 different language, including programming for students and community members to develop professional and personally. There are many opportunities for students as well such as student leadership positions, broadcast and journalism training, access to recording facilities, creating ads, getting involved in live broadcasts, new programs and other workshops.

- It was asked what language the programs are in. Response was Mandarin, Russian, Persian, and Spanish. They are always looking to diversify culturally.

#### **Acadia Park** – *Anne Kessler, AMS VP Academic*

The report includes the results from the Needs Assessment for the Acadia Park community. Acadia Park is institutional housing provided to students by the university and has about 1500 residents, 1/3 of which are children. About two years ago, amendments to this land were made dividing it into two sections, one section to be used for public housing. It was brought to AMS's attention that there might not have been a clear decision process. They found that there wasn't a good reason for the changes in land use plan. The purpose of the Needs Assessment's was to get the residents' accounts of what made the Acadia community perfect for students families as it is now, and to allow them an opportunity to express their views for how they want the community to look like moving forward. Partnering with SHHP, data was collected to be used as a reference for the future through events, focus groups, and surveys. The results were that Acadia is a great community as it exists now. They want to keep community programming but continue to improve it, keep the outdoor component because it's very

important, have better representation in the future, and ensure maintenance and affordability.

Motion to extend the discussion

MOVED Colúm Connolly.; SECONDED Carolyn Beaumont.

**PASSED**

The report sent to VPS and the response was that a full response would be presentation at the end of Oct, and that the report will be shared with residents. An official stance will be taken to ask the University to reconsider the plans.

- It was asked how far along are they in this plan? Response was that allocation of space is done, but still can be amended,
- It was asked if there are grandfathering laws in the municipality bylaw for that zoning. Response was no. Actual development won't happen for at least 15 years, so perhaps that's a reason why they don't want to engage in issue further now.
- It was asked if there was a plan to make a quantitative assessment (how many people will leave, the cost of people leaving, etc.) since the current one is quite qualitative. Response was that Student Housing and Hospitality has already done some such as projections for the wait list. It shows there's still very high demand. It's recommended that a market housing assessment to be done to build the argument around the academic mission of the University by being great place for student families.

**Compass Cards/ABCS** – *Tanner Bokor, AMS VP External*

The concept of the UPASS which started in 2003 was to have a universal pass that was easy to use to encourage transit use. Started of as a plastic card, then it became paper (current), it will become the Compass Card. It was expected to happen fall of this year but most likely beginning quarter 1 of 2014 early in the year. GSS doesn't have an individual contact right now, it's part of AMS' contract. Changes to the UPASS program: will be able to get an adult compass card for \$16, need to register online every month to get the benefit, tap on tap off feature to assess fare accordingly (with UPASS it's unlimited so tapping off doesn't do anything but they encourage students to do so to show they are using the pass). Grad students will still be eligible for the pass even though they aren't taking courses. Such accommodations can be made in special circumstances, but distance education students will no longer be able to opt in. Exemptions can be made but only under extenuating circumstances. It's possible to make a special stipulation to mail it if one can't get to Robson or the bookstore. In terms of privacy, data transferred to Translink is locked tight, can't be traced and they can only see information for fee enforcement through student ID number. Testing ends Oct 21 for the 30 people. There's a push for centralized communication so they were asked not to talk about details but there are FAQs on the AMS website. They are also looking to have an office to deal with customer service at AMS with an online ticketing system.

- It was asked if there were only 30 people doing testing. Yes, only allowed 30. Follow up was asked if transportation data can be shared. Response was it's possible for AMS to get it but can't share. Maybe it's something they can work on though.
- It was asked how it works? like oyster card? Yes, it's the same technology except that the

system was custom made for UBC. One card can be used for 5 years.

- It was asked to clarify the \$6 preloaded amount. Registration takes 24 hours to set in so the idea is if you run negative balance at that time, it will eat from \$6 deposit.
- It was asked why there isn't auto renewal. Response was that the manual renewal was designed as a dead mans' trigger. They also thought auto renewal would increase fraud.
- It was asked if there has there been investigation for a Compass chip into the UBC card to avoid distribution or auto renewal issues. Response was that there is indeed an empty stream on UBC card to use but institution won't agree to let them use it because of access to student databases.
- It was asked about lost or stolen card. You can delink on the website and then ask for a new one. Still have to pay a fee for it.

Chair seeks to extend discussion for 10 minutes for a new presentation on the ABCS  
MOVED Colúm Connolly.; SECONDED Jack Hickmott.

**PASSED**

The Alliance for BC Students (ABCS) is a non-partisan coalition of 15 institutions across the province including undergrads, grads, and trade students. Made with the concept of a provincial lobbying organization separate from Canada Federation of Students. It is currently in the process of becoming a society. It is meant to not be centralized, it has no office, and has easy in, easy out membership. It's a brand to lobby with and for sharing resources. Funding is from contribution, officers elected are non-compensated, and there is a balance of large and small institution representation. AGM will be held in Nov. Some issues they've talked about: core funding to institutions, graduate scholarship assistance, public transit investment, child care improvements. Future plans include Fall lobby days with scheduled meetings with MLA's, formal press conference, and a Fall dinner with MLAs to talk needs based grants

- It was asked if larger institutions would get more votes. Response was no and that they want to keep it balanced.

Motion to recess for food for 15 min  
MOVED Paul Save.; SECONDED Jack Hickmott.

**PASSED**

Recess 6:57 pm

Meeting called to order again 7:17 pm

### **Policy Revision Consultation: Table of Content, Sections 1–3 – *Julienne Jagdeo***

This was an introduction to how the policy revision is being done and to give some examples of changes. Track changes are being used to track what's being added, reformatted, moved or deleted. Changes were made in the ordering of the Table of Contents layout to make it flow better and easier to read. Sections were merged and renamed to make them better reflect the sections in bylaws. Examples of changes: change in language, section additions made like the

section on non-departmental student groups, removed voting rights which no longer fits under membership section. They are also taking out redundancy, elaborating on sections such as associate membership, adding guidelines. Will host a Town Hall to get feedback on the nitty-gritty of changes. Welcome feedback.

Amended agenda:

Motion to amend agenda: Reconsider motion of section 5, Physics and Astronomy from September 19 meeting as special order of the day.

Original motion **PASSED**

Discussion

There was an error, in accordance to bylaw 12.1.5.b, that was realized after the fact. The vote was 14 -10 and had passed by the ordinary 50%, not the 2/3 special resolution so technically it should have failed. If this is true, it's an illegal motion and needs to be recorded to properly record it. I-clickers were down at that time and the vote was only counted for the 50%.

- It was asked what will happen if the motion to reconsider doesn't pass. Response was if the minutes are approved, then it can act as if the motion passed with the 2/3 vote.
- It was asked if the motion to reconsider is passed, it is possible to postpone discussion to the next time so that councillors can have more information since not everyone was part of the original discussion and they'll need the info again to re-vote. Response was that it is possible to postpone the discussion.
- Guillaume not in favour, said he felt it should not be reconsider because each council is standalone and decisions made should be kept as such
- It was asked if we don't pass the motion to reconsider, will it present a legal issue for GSS because something was passed that was inappropriate. Response was that there are other paths to reconsider for example, council can decide by special order to resend the motion after passing the minutes
- Gabriela supports motion, the point is to sort it out and fix it, doesn't mean we'll take the money back, just need to fix the minutes because promises made should be honoured and the most transparent way is to reconsider with the 2/3 vote
- It was asked to clarify the interpretation of the Society's bylaw around councillors being formally seated

Motion to recess for clarification

MOVED Craig Kerr; SECONDED Jens Vent-Schmidt

**PASSED**

Recess 7:47 pm

Meeting called to order again 7:51 pm

- Clarification was made that Council has already approved agenda as amended, councillors have been seated and voting so they are formally seated at Council

Motion to reconsider

MOVED Guillaume Beaulieu-Houle; SECONDED Inti Dewey

**PASSED**

Discussion for section 5 Physics and Astronomy

- Gabriela comments that we shouldn't just forget what happened because there's a group who has been budgeting that they had the money, should take into consideration the values that were passed, not sure if just forgetting it aligns with those values
- Paul would like to hear the members from the Physics and Astronomy association to speak, invitation to hear their motivation
- The group wanted to have an event. They were told to have it at GSS in order to access the funding. They did try doing that but was denied due to other events so they decided to move the event back to AMS. The amount of money they are asking for is \$600.
- Chris gives background for the Departmental Organization Fund (DOF), it's fund for department organizations to access \$3/student per year. It has some requirements such as giving HF enough notice, displaying the GSS logo, holding the event in the building
- It was asked if the event was already held and the money spent. Response was yes, they spent the money already.
- It was asked if there is another event that they can apply for funding for. Response was no, this is an annual tradition.
- Paul, Gabriela, Hamid, Omid speak in favour saying they went out of their way to go through all the procedures GSS asked of them, that the fund is there to support such events, that GSS needs to keep reputation for their promises
- Tobias against saying that the DOF is used to promote GSS and the Thea Koerner House but as far as he knows, nothing was done to promote GSS.

Motion to recess to understand potential conflict of interest

MOVED Jens Vent-Schmidt; SECONDED Colúm Connolly.

**PASSED**

Recess 8:09 pm

Meeting called to order again at 8:12 pm

- Council can decide if there is a conflict of interest, if there is a conflict of interest, the person is allowed to speak but can't vote
- Inti and Sima speak in favour saying they should follow through with the funds since they were made to believe they had it, for the sake of GSS reputation, and that it's important to have the minutes reflect this because of legal binding

**BIRT...**

## **PASSED 36/4/4**

### A. **Executive Remarks** (3 minutes max)

- **President – Christopher Roach**
  - Participated in 2 president search committees, they will be interviewing soon
  - Groundwork for Student Health Report done and will send out product description
  - Finished two handbooks
  - Held Grad Student Caucus dinner
  - Planned Council Retreat
  - Held orientation for 29 new councillors
  
- **Vice-President Academic & External Affairs – Colúm Connolly**
  - Currently hiring a new advocacy officer, deadline was extended
  - Will announce GSS Circle award
  - Canadian Alliance of Student Association coming out next month
  - Working on pre-budget submission by GSS, converting into lobby document to be discuss at the retreat
  
- **Vice-President Administration – Tobias Friedel**
  - The pub is open
  - Andrew would like to point out that a lot of work was put into it (past and present execs), give thanks for all the work
  
- **Vice-President Finance – Lili Meng**
  - Drafting a Special Events Fund outline for review
  - Revisiting how GSS drafts funds based on the feedback from HF
  - Also reviewing financial housekeeping, processing receipts and cheques
  
- **Vice-President Services – Yuanyuan Liu**
  - There are two new classes: art and mandarin
  - Halloween party on Nov 1, will have prizes for best costume and pumpkin carving, please inform your department
  - Orientation debrief with G+PS showed that orientation was overall good, all events were well attended, especially GSS Day and the Olympics
  - Jan will be first time running a Term 2 Grad Orientation

### A. **Committee, Taskforce, and Operations Reports** (3 minutes max)

- **Academic & External Committee – George Furey**
  - Entertained an Emergency funding request
  - Setting goals as committee, made a brain storming document
  - Next meeting is Thus, Oct 24, from 6-7pm
  
- **Code and Policy Committee – Julienne Jagdeo**

- Working on policy revisions and bylaw referendums, organizing how to present changes
- Beginning consultation process with those who will be affected by changes
- Putting together properly ordered motions for bylaws to be recognized legally
  
- **Executive Oversight Committee** – Craig K. for *Jeff Abeysekera*
  - Currently working on a new manual and Terms of Reference
  - Will be taking a course on mediating disputes
  
- **Health and Dental Plan Committee** – *Christopher Roach*
  - Discussed student bursary fund which is ranked by most unmet need and then gives money back for the health plan
  - Exploring Medio where you can go to doctor through your device, planning on launching it, interesting option for students to ease of access to med
  
- **House Finance Committee** – *Guillaume Beaulieu-Houle*
  - Looking at quotes for a new railing around the pub
  - Cleanup for parking lot
  - Working on DOF and Special Events Fund to make more suited for what grad students want
  - Approved 2 DOFs from French & Italian Studies and LFS
  - Approved 1 Special Events fund for Interdisciplinary Grad Network (bowling event)
  
- **Human Resources Committee** – *Tobias Friedel*
  - Looking for new advocacy officer, taking applications
  - Looking for new permanent speaker for council
  - Possibly hiring a Cultural Events Coordinator
  - Working on an HR manual
  
- **Internal Review Task Force** – *Tobias Friedel*
  - Nothing to report
  
- **Services Committee** – *Min Xia*
  - Have schedule events for the next half year such as courses, social events like Halloween, and trips like skiing and hiking
  - Working on how to get more volunteers, seek support and suggestions, need help to make events successful
  - Currently working on 2 events – Halloween, and Intercultural Event
  
- **Business Operations** – *Rob Teagle*
  - Welcome to chat in office about bookings

A. **Representative Reports** (3 minutes max)

- **AMS Council** – *Christopher Roach*
  - Lacking councillors in AMS council
  - Anne Kesler was just elected into VP Academic
  - Whistler lodge was transferred from a business into the Services department and they are

- looking to see if they want to keep it, sell it, etc.
- Officially announced the new SUB will be delayed until Jan 2015, and they are now starting to select a few names
- **Graduate Council** – *Colúm Connolly*
  - Highest turn out for Grad Council
  - Geography Professional Leadership Network talked about innovated networking and wanting to expand
  - Admissions redesign – send in transcript afterwards
  - Review of structure of council, probably decreasing spots
- **Senate** – *Julienne Jagdeo*
  - Nothing to report, was cancelled for this month

#### A. **Approval of Minutes**

1. BIRT the minutes of the GSS Council meeting dated “*September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013*” be approved as presented.

MOVED Jens Vent-Schmidt; SECONDED Tobias Friedel.

- Page 8, second to last point ending with ‘CPC for review’, would like to reword
- Didn’t see a MOVER and SECOND in September Minutes

Motion to amend: add Colúm as the MOVER and Tobias as SECOND for Sept minutes

MOVED Tobias Friedel; SECONDED Jack Hickmott

**PASSED**

BIRT that minutes be approved as amended

MOVED Colúm Connolly; SECONDED Tobias Friedel

**PASSED**

BIRT the following committee minutes be approved as presented:

*Executive Committee Minutes – Sept. 3,*  
*Health and Dental Plan Committee Minutes – Aug 13,*  
*Health and Dental Plan Committee Minutes – Sept 11,*  
*Services Committee – Sept 4,*  
*Services Committee – Sept 18th*

MOVED Christopher Roach; SECONDED Sima Valizadeh

**PASSED**

#### A. **Seatings, Unseatings, and Appointments**

Notice of unseatings (*no vote necessary*)

Andrew McEwan has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Gwendolyn Huber has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Hafizur Rahman has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Kathryn Roswell has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Kristan Marchak has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Maxim Stykow has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Michael Fairchild has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Rachel Roy has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Radu Racovita has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Sancho McCann has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Tobias Friedel has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Xue-Rong Jia has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Yuanyuan Liu has been unseated from Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Jan Lüder has been unseated from Council as a Graduate Council Representative.  
Radu Racovita has been unseated from Council as a Graduate Council Representative.  
Sarah Parker has been unseated from Council as a Graduate Council Representative.  
Hafizur Rahman has been unseated from the Academic and External Affairs Committee.  
Conny Lin has been unseated from the Code and Policy Committee.  
Conny Lin has been unseated from the Executive Oversight Committee.  
Vivian Lam has been unseated from the Executive Oversight Committee.  
Conny Lin has been unseated from the House-Finance Committee.

## 1. **Seatings and Appointments**

*(Notice of seatings)*

Alexis Black be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Anupam Srivastava be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Arni Mar Thrastarson be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Brett Kolesnik be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Carolyn Beaumont be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Christopher Jenkins be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Dan Cohen be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Daniel Wood be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Ehsan Espid be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Eleni (Lena) Patsa be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Eric Becklin be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Hamid Omid be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Inti Dewey be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Jon Newell be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Julie Zhang be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Mahsa Mojahednia be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Martina Volfova be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Matthew Sacheli be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Michelle Kwon be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Mitchell Meler be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.

Nayantara Duttachoudhury be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Pooya Hosseini be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Richard Sandlin be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Sarah Simon be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Shona Robinson be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Sofiya Lazarova be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.  
Vincent Chan be seated to Council as a Departmental Representative.

Motion to recess for 5 min to add missing names  
MOVED Inti Dewey; SECONDED Colúm Connolly  
**PASSED**

Recess 8:51 pm

Meeting called to order again at 8:56 pm

Motion to amend  
MOVED Tobias Friedel; SECONDED Lena Patsa  
**PASSED**

BIRT the follow seatings are approved:

Angela Zhao be seated to the Executive Oversight Committee.  
Carolyn Beaumont be seated to the Internal Review Task Force.  
Christopher Jenkins be seated to the Academic and External Affairs Committee (non-voting).  
Mahsa Mojahednia be seated to the Human Resources Committee.  
Nayantara Duttachoudhury be seated to the Services Committee (non-voting).  
Pooya Hosseini be seated to the House-Finance Committee (non-voting).  
Sarah Simons be seated to the Code and Policy Committee.  
Shona Robinson be seated to the House-Finance Committee (non-voting).  
Sima Valizadeh be seated to the House-Finance Committee.  
Sofiya Lazarova be seated to the Human Resources Committee.  
Vincent Chan be seated to the Services Committee (non-voting).

Carolyn Beaumont be seated to the G+PS Graduate Council as the representative from the  
Faculties of Law and Commerce & Business.  
Guillaume Beaulieu-Houle be seated to the G+PS Graduate Council as the representative from the  
Faculty of Science.  
Lena Patsa be seated to the G+PS Graduate Council as a representative at-large.

Arni Mar Thrastarson be seated as an AMS Representative.  
Michael Firmin be seated as an AMS Representative.  
Sarah Simon be seated as an AMS Representative.

Conny Lin be seated as a GSS Council Representative to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan  
Committee.

Lena Patsa be seated as a GSS Council Representative to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee.

Tobias Friedel be seated as a GSS Council Representative to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee.

Health and Dental plan Committee (1)

First vote: Conny 15, Lena 12, Tobias 7

Second vote: Conny 17, Lena 16

Motion to destroy ballots

MOVED Chris; SECONDED Jack

**PASSED**

Nayantara Duttachoudhury be seated as GSS Representative to the Wesbrook Scholarship Adjudication Committee.

MOVED Alexis Black SECONDED Colúm Connolly.

**PASSED**

## A. **Council Motions**

### 1. **Graduate Students of Nursing Association**

BIRT Council ratifies the Graduate Student of Nursing Association (GSNA) as the departmental graduate student organization for the Department of Nursing.

MOVED Christopher Roach; SECONDED Gabriela Badica.

**PASSED**

### 2. **CPIF Motion – Patio Renovations**

BIRT Council recommends the spending of \$4760 for 1) aluminium and tempered glass railings for the top patio wall (according to the quote submitted by Trek Projects) and 2) aluminium picket railings for garden wall (according to the quote submitted by Trek Projects).

#### Discussion

- Rob, GSS Business Operations Supervisor, presents that there currently is a low wall. According to building code, not obligated to build something higher but if someone falls, the GSS might get sued
- Gabriela supports this, with all the renovations being done to the pub, now is the time to do this
- It was asked how much money there is to do this and whether there might be something more important the money can be used for right now. Response was CPIF hasn't been used much yet

MOVED Jack Hickmott; SECONDED Paul Save.

*(Must be passed by special resolution)*

**PASSED 28/0**

**1. AMS/Health and Dental Plan**

BIRT Council approves the current AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan with Pacific Blue Cross.

BIFRT Council tasks the GSS representatives to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee to work towards increasing the benefits desired by graduate students.

Motion to postpone to next meeting

MOVED Tobias Friedel; SECONDED Gabriela Badica

**PASSED**

**2. The Alliance of British Columbia Students**

Whereas the Alliance of British Columbia student Society (ABCS) currently has no fees associated with membership.

Whereas the GSS has in the past worked with this group of student associations and intends on continuing provincial lobbying through open collaboration with B.C. student associations.

BIRT the GSS approves the ABCS bylaws as presented and instructs the VP Academic and External to move forward with a formal application to join the newly formed ABCS.

MOVED George Furey; SECONDED Dan Cohen.

**PASSED**

**3. Executives Locking Up the Graduate Student Centre**

BIRT Council approves the Executive members having the authority to lock-up the building after business hours.

MOVED Christopher Roach; SECONDED Colúm Connolly.

Motion to amend: "BIRT Council approves the Executive members having the authority to open the building before business house and lock up the building after business hours."

MOVED Colúm Connolly; SECONDED Christopher Roach.

**Discussion**

- Tobias comments that this amendment is not in the spirit of the motion
- Chris encourages support for it as the code does not stipulate that there is the right to do this so doing this with the amendment captures the full circle
- It was asked if business hours are stated somewhere. Response was yes, on the website and on

the Society office door saying 9-5 pm.

Vote on motion to amend

**PASSED 25/0/3**

Motion for amendment to add: "BIFRT council instructs the HF committee to suggest proper opening and locking down procedures and report them to council"

MOVED Guillaume Beaulieu-Houle; SECONDED Gabriela Badica

Discussion

- Paul in favour of this other motion so that the committee looks into it further
- Rob strongly recommend not to pass this motion because he hasn't been given the opportunity to discuss this with HF yet so he'd rather keep the conversation open than just closing it for HF to look into it further
- It was asked to clarify what would happen if this was tabled. Response was that they shouldn't be allowed to open and close until HF has a chance to discuss it.

Vote on amendment to add

**PASSED 17/1/6**

At 10:03 pm Council is no longer has quorum with the last person leaving

Council adjourns 10:04 pm.

A. **Other Business and Notice of Motions**

1. **Council Retreat** – Christopher Roach

A. **Discussion Period**

B. **Submissions**

C. **Next Meeting**

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D. **Adjournment**

1. BIRT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_; SECOND \_\_\_\_\_.

A. **Social**

To Koerners!