



## **GSS Council Meeting Agenda**

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**Sept 20, 2012 5:30 PM  
GSS Ballroom**

**Dinner at 6:30  
Social after @ Koerner's Pub**

*Link to Agenda and supporting materials:*

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kleql57kd9ula7x/1A1CKTENJD>

*The link can also be found on GSS Website [here](#)*

**Present: Joel Atwater, Stephanie Avery-Gomm, Ambrose Chan, Michael Fairchild, Amanda Grochowich, Fatemeh Haghighi, Christine Hochbaum, Gwen Huber, Katie Roswell (proxy for Mary Jinglewski) Rabia Khan, Conrad King, Vivian Lam, Conny Lin, Jan Luedert, Anna Lund, Kristan Marchak, Sara Moayedinia, Ingrid Olson, Victor Padilla, Andrew Patterson, Radu Racovita, Guillaume Beaulieu, Jahidur Rahman, Hafizur Rahman, Sabrina Rashid, Chris Regier, Chris Roach, Elie Sarraf, Stephania Schwartz, Omid Nourbakhsh (proxy for Cory Shankman), Lauren Harrison (proxy for Natasha Sihota), Maxim Stykow, Ling Zhang, Ting Ting Zhou, Tim Yu, Cristina Uroni, Tom Woodsworth, Alexandra Wieland, Sin Lin, Yvonne Dzal, Matthew Duguay, Xue-Rong Jia, Brenda Fitzpatrick.**

**Regrets: Michael Begg, Molly Campbell, Adrin Jalali, Sarah Jo, Robert Klinzmann, Natalie Marshall, Sancho McCann, Paul Save, David Waddell, Yunfei Zhang.**

**Speaker: (Substitute) Brendan Naef**

**I. Call to order: 5:35pm**

**II. Adoption of agenda**

**Agenda adopted Unanimously.**

**III. Introductions**

**IV. Presentations & relevant motions**

**1. Leon and Thea Koerner and The Graduate Students of UBC**

*Susan Holmberg Currie, Executive Director, Koerner's Foundation (15 min presentation, 5 min questions) (Shows CBC original footage of opening of the building) History given of both Leon and Thea and Koerner. Funds were donated in 1959 as part of the estate for the building construction. Donation was \$450,000 (about \$3.15 million today). Building opened in 1961. Cedar on exterior and hemlock on interior are representative of mountains from their homeland, and present in Vancouver. The building won the Massey Gold Medal for Architecture. Meant to serve as a meeting place for students all over the world. Recently unearthed Leon's record player in the Green Room, one of the many gifts he gave to the Building. This building was constructed solely for the use of graduate students. The Koerner Foundation is purely consultative, though Susan is always happy to give her opinion on things! CASA conference has given an impetus to help restore and have new additions to the building. Dr. Koerner was also consulted for the 1972 addition process (like the Ballroom we are sitting in)*

*\*\*Important for students to know, these rooms are available for graduate student, as long as it is a graduate student event. There is a small amount charged for labor to set up and take down the rooms. See Rob, from Bookings, for questions!*

**2. Graduate Student Wellness Committee**

*Sarah Eden and Etienne (10min presentation, 5mins questions) Both are "Wellness Peers". There is wellness outreach in the Centre. It has trained volunteers who have a passion for mental and physical health promotion. Students can talk to a peer about health and well-being, as well as learn more about topics related to health. Trying to increase awareness about health and wellness resources. Looking ahead, would like to continue workshops, facilitated dialogues, have presence at grad events, have more partnerships, and have a grad student blog posts for Healthy Minds UBC. Please contact Sarah or Kelly White for more information or assistance!*

*Questions:*

*How many grad students show up?*

*-We don't ask students. Self-identified is around 10 students. Trying to spread the word.*

*Is the Early Alert system up and running yet?*

*-Good question- probably not at the stage where grad students have access to it yet. (This system is to have a secure way to send alerts/student concerns so it can be addressed by staff at Early Alert)*

### **3. Pub Update**

*Victor Padilla, Vice-President Administration, and Tim Yu (10 min presentation, 5min questions) Update: Last month was intense for the Pub Renewal Task Force committee. Three final submissions were reviewed by the committee. Used the criteria that Council provided, and rated the proposals. We have asked the “better” candidate here so that you all can ask him questions. After he leaves we can speak behind his back 😊*

*Tim: A member of HK Consulting. Hope to bring Koerner’s back to life, so that it can be a legacy for students. Concept is simple: want a place that will be a hub for graduate student activities. Have good food and drinks, with cheap pints. Team is Brittany Brion, Tim Yu, and Dan Olson. Mission is to have an inviting venue with real atmosphere. Want it to be a competitive business. Trying to have a sustainable business model of “conscious capitalism”. Will have sustainable items too, (in the “green” sense). Will focus on the graduate community!*

*Questions:*

*Regarding atmosphere, it used to have lots of undergrads on some nights. How do you propose to square off that there are many undergrads that will want to come?*

*-Will try to create a pub that will suit grads. Not good at running a high-volume Pit style place. Will actively pursue marketing for graduate students. Will create that vibe.*

*What kind of events do you envision?*

*-Go with schools, i.e. School of Visual Arts, and exhibitions. Reach out to some performance and creative writing groups. Have games nights, and challenge different faculties.*

*How much collaboration do you see with GSS? Price points- can you give examples?*

*-GSS involvement will have a board with GSS reps. Did put together a sample menu. 5-6 items per category. Hope to have a low price point.*

*Very happy you are here! Patio- any ideas for re-furbishing?*

*-Yes there’s heat lamps so think we can use it year round. Have a lounge area. Get rid of picnic benches.*

*What is the timeline?*

*-Best case scenario, we’ll open in January. Depends on negotiations with UBC and GSS.*

*Discussion: (Tim has left the room)*

*What is next- we haven’t awarded the RFP, will do this tomorrow. Nothing on paper yet. UBC does not think an earlier than January open is do-able.*

*Have you been approached by anyone else?*

*-Approached by different parties, we went through the RFP process, but we couldn't legally consider those that did not submit on time, or did not meet the criteria.*

*Do you think there will be problems with UBC food services?*

*-No, as Andrew Parr has been in the loop.*

*What about employment?*

*-Still have a Union, still aim to be hiring students. And they will cater for the GSS, and give a special price. We will have a JV with this company. Liability will fall in their laps. We'll have one person sit on governance.*

*Is there a security plan for underage drinkers?*

*-Yes.*

*(but that is no longer our problem!)*

*-They will pay a minimum monthly rent that covers our lease costs, and we'll still have a cushion. And we are also getting a percentage of the revenue.*

*Do you have a sense of how long?*

*-Lease expires in 2015 so we can't do more. But UBC will put in a clause for renewal. They hope to have 10 years there.*

*How often will you review it?*

*-That's why we are setting up a board. It is up to us.*

## **V. Executive Remarks (5mins max. each report)**

*President: Read the report! It is 4 pages long. Ask me if you have questions!*

*Senator: Senate is finally back in session. They approved on an academic level the creation of a new school. Replacing school of economics. Will expand this program. Now have expanded graduation. Also 9 new awards are available. Three are coming into effect next year. Call out for honorary degree nominations. Let him know if you have any nominations.*

*VP Academic & External: Thank you for everyone that voted for me! Have been in the office a lot, and want you to know about: New Councilor Orientation happening October 9<sup>th</sup>. It's lobbying time! Look at BC Group, and Where's the Funding. Planning the CASA AGM. Setting up a task force, so please volunteer! Survey done by the AMS, looking at funding and anxiety. If anyone wants to look at it, let me know.*

*VP Administration: Have talked enough about the Pub! We have a new Advocacy Office. Archival room is happening! Working on that now. Have 2 archivists working on that now. Maintenance- UBC must do it inside and out. We are working as part of the CASA AGM to make it shiny.*

*~~VP Services, VP Finance~~ (absent)*

## VI. Committee Chair and Representative Reports (5mins max, each report)

*Ac/Ex: Chair is now here, but new. All stuff has been touched on. Now have a rep on every major external committee. Matt Parsons will come to the next meeting. If you have questions, send to Conny. Look into CFIS as well- it is being taken apart. Where will programs be moved? CFIS GSA is on it.*

## VII. Approval of Minutes

### 1. Council Minutes

BIRT the minutes of the GSS Council meeting dated *Aug 16, 2012* be approved as presented.

**Moved:** Joel    **Seconded:** Victor

*Supporting Document: Council 2012-08-16 minutes*

**Passed by Unanimous Consent.**

### 2. Committee minutes

BIRT the committee minutes of *HF 2012-08-14, HR 2012-07-31, HR 2012-08-13, HR 2012-08-28, CPC 2012-07-24, AcEx 2012-08-17, Exec 2012-08-27* be approved as presented.

**Moved:** Victor        **Seconded:** Chris

*Supporting Document: HF 2012-08-14, HR 2012-07-31, HR 2012-08-13, HR 2012-08-28, CPC 2012-07-24, AcEx 2012-08-17, Exec 2012-08-27*

**Approved.**

## VIII. Seatings, unseatings & appointments

### 1. Notice of unseatings (no vote necessary)

*Naureen Madhani* (Education) has submitted their resignation and is unseated from the Council.

\_\_\_\_\_ has missed more than three council meetings and is unseated from the Council

*Noushin Moshgabadi* has missed more than three council meetings and is unseated from the representative in the AMS Council

\_\_\_\_\_ have submitted their resignation and are to be unseated from the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

## 2. Seatings

*Supporting Document: Committee and External membership:*

BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ (Law or Commerce) be seated as representative in the Graduate Council for the Faculty of Graduate Studies

BIFRT *Robert Klinzmann* be appointed as the representative of AMS Council  
*[below do not have restriction of the maximum number]*

BIFRT \_\_\_\_\_ *[2 vacant councilors seats]* be seated on *Executive Oversight* Committee

BIFRT \_\_\_\_\_ be seated on *House & Finance* Committee

BIFRT *TingTing Zhou* be seated on *Code & Policy* Committee

BIFRT \_\_\_\_\_ be seated on *Human Resources* Committee

**Moved:** Conny      **Seconded:** Chris

**Passes by Unanimous Consent.**

## IX. Motions

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

### 1. To post council package on GSS website before monthly council meeting

Whereas the Council package is not posted online before the monthly council meeting;

Whereas posting the Council package online will provide a greater opportunity for all members to look at the agenda and supporting documents and will more effectively engaging them in GSS activities;

Whereas by posting the Council package online allows all members to talk to their councilor(s) about matters of their concerns;

Whereas the Council package is a public document;

BIRT the Council package be posted on the GSS website at least forty-eight hours before a Council meeting.

BIFRT the following to be added to the GSS Policy manual:

4. Council

4.6 Maintenance and Access to Society Records and Documentation

*4.6.5. the agenda and supporting document package, excluding unapproved minutes, for meeting of Council shall be posted on the GSS website at least forty-eight hours before meetings of Council.*

**Moved:** Jahidur Rahman

**Seconded:** Joel

Amendment: (Rabia) **Minutes cannot be posted before Council- should be approved first.**

**“Excluding the minutes” 4.6.5**

Conny proposals amendment: omit Council minutes.

**Joel moves to send this to Code and Policy to come up with amendment.**

*This went through Code and Policy in email form, reviewed by them, and Code and Policy had not thought of this.*

**Seconded: Amanda**

**Motion fails.**

Jahidur speaks against Joel’s motion. This has been looked at by CPC. Support motion.

*Should not send motion back to committee. This needs a small tweak.*

*Went on website today- info was there.*

*-This was prompted by this motion.*

Back to amendment.

**-Change to “excluding Council Minutes” .**

**Vote on amendment:**

**Passes Unanimously**

**Main motion:**

**Passes unanimously.**

## **X. Discussion Period**

**(none)**

## **XI. Other Business**

**XII. Notice:**

- New Councilors/New appointments please register by Google Form [GSS Council Registration Form](#)
- Oct 9, 4-5:30pm. New Councillors Orientation. Please RSVP via Stephania Schwartz ([eca@gss.ubc.ca](mailto:eca@gss.ubc.ca))

**XIII. Next meeting & Adjournment: 7:05pm**

**The next Council Meeting shall take place on Oct 18, 2012**  
Special Guest, AMS President, Matt Parson