

GSS Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2017 | Michael Kingsmill Forum, AMS Student Nest | 5:30 pm.

A. Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

1. The meeting will be called to order at 5:53 pm.

Quorum – 29, 36 present

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

MOVER: Jennifer D **SECONDER:** Bradley B

Amendments from e-mail: select a chair of the Governance and Accountability Committee, a motion for GSS elections, and adding some language to taskforce terms of reference.

Mover: Gen C **Secunder:** Shona R

Amendment to agenda motion passes unanimous.

Motion to amend: Strike presentation on nap space (section D, number 1) and Council motion on nap space in the GSS loft (section E, number 1) from the agenda.

Mover: Gen C **Secunder:** Yaseen M

Motivation: Want to remove the presentation/motion due to absence of nap space presenters.

Against: Natalie M (member of the Grad Student Wellbeing Network) happy to discuss the nap space and wants more info about why the motion and presentation should be moved to the next meeting.

Gen C: Adela has sent plans for the nap space to the exec and it should be sent to councillors beforehand, but haven't spoken to her, so would be better to have a discussion with her first.

Motion to amend passed 25/3/6

BIRT agenda be adopted as amended

Shona R asked for authorization to show photos of pipe damage in Koerners during Council motions (section E). Also moved amendments to House Finance Motion (number 5), Capital Improvements Fund subsection b.

Anna R moved friendly amendment to seat one ordinary member for the Elections Committee instead of 2 councillors and 3 ordinary members.

Motion passed unanimously (36 in favour).

Acknowledgement:

The Speaker acknowledged the presence of the Council on the unceded ancestral territory of the Musqueam people.

B. Introductions

Executives, councillors, and ordinary members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

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a. BIRT the following GSS Council meeting minutes be approved as ~~presented~~ amended.

- November 10, 2016

Mover: Amanda P **Seconder:** Nicholas M

Discussion:

Gillian F: marked present but was absent

Marysol P: marked absent but was present

Motion passed 34/0/2

b. BIRT the following GSS Committee meeting minutes be approved as presented

- House and Finance Committee: December 5, 2016 and December 18, 2016
- Human Resources Committee: November 3, 2016 and December 1, 2016
- Strategic Planning *ad hoc* Committee: December 2, 2016 and December 12, 2016
- Harassment and Discrimination Committee: October 28, 2016 and December 6, 2016

Mover: Alyssa K **Seconder:** Natalie M

Motion passed 29/0/5

3. 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 January 2018:

- **BC Water and Waste Association (BCWWA)** - as interdepartmental AO

MOVER: Shona R **SECONDER:** John D

Motivation: Shona R: organization is multi-disciplinary and holds a conference and several pub nights each year; includes community outreach about water management.

Discussion:

Yaseen M: Is interdepartmental AO a new term?

Jennifer D: Want to differentiate between GSA and AO; want group to be interdepartmental

Keskine O: Is it open to other departments?

Shona: Yes, it mostly meets new people in June at conference but very open to new departments; puts out ads to attract more departments

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Motion passed 36/0/1

C. Seatings, Unseating and Appointments

4. Notice of the following unseatings:

Lynn Mawunganidze be unseated from Academic & External Committee

Resha Sabti be unseated from Code and Policy Committee

Debanga Kashyap be unseated from Harassment and Discrimination Committee

Lynn Mawunganidze to be unseated from the House and Finance Committee

Zheng Biao to be unseated from Human Resources Committee

Kathleen Hare to be unseated from Human Resources Committee

Fei Wang and John Dupuis to be unseated from the strategic *ad hoc* planning committee

Joshua Tan be unseated as the Departmental Representative for History

Kathleen Hare to be unseated as the Departmental Representative for Language and Literacy Education

~~5. BIRT the following Seatings be approved:~~

~~Maia Wikler be seated as a Departmental Representative for Anthropology~~

~~Hanna Murray be seated as the Departmental Representative for History~~

~~Motion to amend: Gen C: Remove two seatings as those members are not present.~~

~~**Mover:** Gen C **Seconder:** Jennifer D~~

~~Motivation: haven't received affidavit and haven't given training.~~

Speaker ruled motion 5 out of order due to lack of affidavits and training

BIRT the agenda be amended to provide notice of the following unseatings:

Fei W. to be unseated as an ordinary member from the Elections Committee.

Lynn M. be unseated as an ordinary member from Executive Oversight Committee.

Anna R. to be unseated as a councillor from the Services Committee.

Mover: Anna R **Seconder:** David G

Motion passed.

6. BIRT the following Seatings are approved:

_____ be seated to the Services Committee (1 Councillor)

Paul B be seated to the Executive Oversight Committee (1 Councillor; 1 ordinary member)

_____ be seated to the House Finance Committee (0 Councillors, 1 Ordinary Member)

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Arif A and Namrata J be seated to the Human Resources Committee. (3 Councillors, 2 Ordinary Members)

Motivation: Gen C: GM has resigned and without AA, so anyone interested in HR is encouraged to volunteer and help the GSS.

David G: HR good for experience to further improve self.

Shona R: How big is the time commitment in the next few weeks to interview people?

Gen C: No interviews set for right now, since not sure if going to replace GM, and AA interviews are over. So regular committee hours: 2 meetings/month, but Jan. may have more meetings since last meeting was not well attended.

Krish M: How much is the time commitment?

Gen: 2 meetings/month, roughly 2-3 hours/week; regular commitment for committee

_____ be seated as **chair** of the Human Resources Committee

Motivation: Gen C: changes to GSS are determined by HR, so the chair will be able to be part of formation time in GSS and learn more about organization as a whole; will have guidance and is great experience.

_____ be seated to the Harassment and Discrimination Committee (1 Ordinary Member)

_____ be seated to the Governance and Accountability Ad Hoc Committee (2 Councillors)

Jasleen G be seated to the Strategic Planning Ad-hoc Committee (1 Councillor, 2 Ordinary Members)

Motivation: Natalie M (chair): Have been developing GSS strategic plans for direction for next 5 years; only exists until March but very busy until then. Very good group and plan.

Jasleen G: How frequently does committee meet?

Natalie M: Every two weeks, but meetings are not regular; one meeting planned for next weekend or weekend after, (with potluck) to finish plan, then shorter meeting every 2 weeks.

_____ be seated to the Elections Committee (1 Ordinary Member)

Motivation: Anna R: Want to put together election for GSS which is approaching shortly; anyone interested in marketing, please join. If know an ordinary member who might be interested, send to Anna.

_____ be seated as **chair** of the Governance and Accountability Committee

Yaseen M: So far, committee has had no chair and has been working well

Gen C: Has been difficult for her since she has been doing a lot of work and is her responsibility; there is pressure to ensure meetings are held.

Mover: Mingzhe L **Secunder:** Oguzhan T

Motion passed unanimously (33)

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~~D. Presentations~~

- ~~1. Name: Nap Space in the Nest
Committee: Graduate Student Wellbeing Network
Title: Nap Space in the Nest
Description: A proposal from the Graduate Student Wellbeing Network to turn room 4202C into a nap space~~
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E. Council motions

~~1. Graduate Student Nap Space in the GSS Loft~~

~~WHEREAS The Graduate Student Wellbeing Network, a student group consisting entirely of graduate students, has acquired funding to convert Room 4202C of the GSS loft into a graduate student nap space~~

~~WHEREAS The Graduate Student Wellbeing Network has proposed their space usage plan to the GSS council on January 19, 2017~~

~~BIRT The GSS approves use of room 4202C as a nap space for the Winter and Summer Semester AY 2016-2017~~

~~BIFRT that the GSS president (AY 2017-2018) presents a space usage plan to council to reevaluate the use of ROOM 4202C as a graduate student nap space.~~

2. Appointment of Interim VP-Students

(Each candidate shall deliver a two minute presentation.)

WHEREAS Jennifer De Boer, the current VP-Students has submitted a letter of resignation to the President citing previous academic commitments as the purpose of resignation

BIRT that the GSS council accepts Jennifer De Boer's request for resignation as VP-students.

Mover: Keskine O **Seconder:** Nicholas M

Motivation: Jennifer D: Difficult decision, and appreciates opportunity, but supervisor has given ultimatum to focus on studies.

Yaseen M: Is ruling on this motion in order? If voted down, does Jennifer remain?

Speaker: Yes, and she can leave without approval. Decision would not be ratified by council.

Keskine O: Jennifer has served council well, so we should support her. Let us help her with that favour.

Motion passed 35/1/0

Jennifer D: Submitted letter of resignation for two weeks from now, so can help with transition. Can she stay and vote?

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Gen C: Accepted resignation, so not VP Students, so can't sign or vote, but until Feb. 3, is working on helping with transition.

Keskine O: If date set for when resignation begins, letter was voted for acceptance.

Speaker ruled that request is accepted for Feb. 3, so amend last BIFRT to Feb. 4 as have accepted resignation letter. The Speaker suggests reconsidering the motion as there is a resignation letter.

Yaseen M: Has motion changed that was just passed?

Speaker: No, just passed first Whereas and BIRT clause. Haven't moved on yet.

Natalie M: Have heard interpretation of letter as immediate resignation as VP Students role and working on transition until Feb. 3. Speaker has included letter of resignation stating Feb. 3 as resignation date and resignation is effective on that date. Does president overrule speaker? Have the interim VP Students been told they would begin immediately, or on Feb. 3? When Jennifer D wrote the letter, was she doing transition and role until Feb. 3, or resigning as VP Students immediately and continuing with transition until Feb. 3?

Jennifer D: Candidates would begin immediately, but willing to stay on to help with transition, but be finished with VP Students role.

Speaker: Ok, role resigned effective immediately and will help with transition until Feb. 3.

WHEREAS as outlined in GSS Bylaws 8.4.1. In the event of the resignation, incapacitation, or absence without explanation of an Executive Officer, vacancies may be filled by appointment upon a special resolution of Council.

Any nominations from floor: Taranjit S nominates himself. Yuliana Nugroho (absent) nominates herself. Lucia Lam (absent) nominates herself.

Taranjit S motivates: journalism, international student. First day was orientation, coordinated by GSS (VP Students), and he wanted to be part of this. Joined GSS to be part of it as a councillor, and was active at journalist and grad student committee in undergrad, has planned events. Made many friends here and participated in many events; each event was important and learned new things. Impressed with level of dedication from Shannon and knows responsibilities needed, thinks can bring his experience to position.

Yuliana N (email): 2nd year grad student, education, curriculum and leadership. Principle at a small school, and responsibilities included marketing and financial reports for auditing and approval, plus HR. Had several events including open house with public. Had relationship-building with other schools and businesses. Built organization structure with school she proposed. School doubled in size under her. Would like to bring her experience.

Lucia L (email): excited and been involved before in finance, and been on AMS council. Held many leadership positions before and helped organized many events.

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BIFRT the GSS appoints **Taranjit S.** as Vice-President Students for the remainder of the Academic Year 2016 – 2017, starting from January 20th, 2017 to May 15, 2017. (vote by secret ballot)

Motion requires special resolution 2/3rds vote

Mover: Sebastien R **Second:** Alyssa K

Motion passed unanimously.

Taranjit S: Thank you to fellow councillors; any suggestions for events, would love to hear.

4. GSS Elections

Whereas, Policy 12.2.1. states that the dates for Society elections shall be set and announced to the membership of the Society by the President no later than two months prior to the start of voting.

Whereas the GSS elections committee recommends that holding the election concurrently with the AMS and using the Simply Voting System will improve voter turnout for the GSS elections

Whereas on January 16, 2017 the AMS agreed to allow the GSS to use the Simply Voting System for the period of March 6 - 10, 2017, giving the GSS one and a 1/2 months to announce the election.

BIRT that the GSS will conduct elections for Executive Officers on March 6 - 10, 2017

BIFRT the GSS President announce the elections to the membership via newsletter, GSS website, and social media, no later than January 20, 2017

Mover: Gen C **Second:** Sarah J

Motivation: Anna R: Been told that normally GSS elections are held concurrently with AMS elections, which increases voter turn-out, but AMS did not allow this until this week.

Special resolution vote needed to pass since should be 2 months in advance and there is only time for 1 month.

Motion passed unanimously 36/0/0

5. House Finance Motions

a. Capital Improvements Fund

WHEREAS the exterior door to a Koerner's Pub storage room was opened with a crowbar, resulting in significant theft,

WHEREAS the project titled "Storage Room Security" satisfies the requirements of the CIF, and has been recommended by the House Finance Committee for Council approval, therefore

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BIRT GSS Council approves up to \$500 from the Capital Improvements Fund (budget line 10-785) on securing the storage room door to prevent such entry.

Mover: Nicholas M **Seconder:** Mingzhe L

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Capital Improvements Fund

WHEREAS a pipe in the back room of Koerner's Pub broke resulting in flooding,

WHEREAS this repair is urgent and critical to the safe operation of the pub,

WHEREAS the extent of work cannot be estimated until the project is underway,

WHEREAS the project titled "Koerner's Pipe Replacement" satisfies the requirements of the CIF, and has been recommended by the House Finance Committee for Council approval, therefore

BIRT GSS Council approves up to ~~\$10 000~~ \$30 000 from the Capital Improvements Fund (budget line 10-785) on replacement of the pipe and auxiliary repairs in the area.

Mover: Shona R **Seconder:** Bradley B

Amendment: Want to make \$30 000 instead of \$10 000.

Mover: Shona R **Seconder:** Taranjit S

Photos viewed of pipe damage. Motivation from Shona R: In December, sewage drain pipe from kitchen burst (infrastructure was very old), so sewage through back of Koerner's kitchen in December. Health hazard, and not using drains that drain into this. Didn't know extent of damage/cost, so estimated \$10 000, but recently got quote for \$25 000 plus tax. Recommend approving this so can get all repairs done. Will go ahead whether or not council approves (would use contingency fund) but would prefer using CIF.

Motion is for approval of \$30 000 from the CIF.

Natalie M: Could Shona R clarify financial agreement with Koerner's (what they pay vs us)?

Shona R: GSS is landlord, so sewage, water supply, and power are responsibilities of the GSS. This project is under GSS responsibility. GSS makes revenue from pub.

Yaseen M: What is the health of the CIF fund? Do we have multiple contractor estimates?

Dante M: CIF has built up, mainly projects for GSS have been IT, but not much has been spent on the building. Range of \$150 000 from previous years. Annual intake range of \$50 000.

Shona R: Major structural work must be done by Plant Ops due to contract with UBC. Policy states that plumbing or electrical is done through Plant Ops.

Keskine O: Is \$30 000 the final amount that will be requested? Is there a guarantee that there won't be a request for more?

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Shona R: Estimate says \$25 800 plus tax, and is estimate, so expect \$30 000 to cover it, but no guarantee.

Dante M: Did not have good idea of cost at the start, but several meetings and reviews have occurred, and has project manager, so think estimate is close to real cost. Contingency for up to \$30 000 is in case there is any additional damage found. If nothing else found, estimate likely to be accurate.

Gillian F: Any chance of anything else breaking, since infrastructure is old?

Shona R: Did calculation of revenue from pub, and this would need to occur multiple times per year to have an impact.

Dante M: Get approx. \$40 000/year in revenue, so if multiple damages, not worth it. Has had some renos. UBC has done a lot of work on the facility that the GSS has not been charged for, and can't foresee more. Other work for maintenance predicted is not major.

Shona R: UBC replaced other part of pipe outside of pub due to need to replace. Maybe could have foreseen this issue due to their action.

Nicholas M: Any inspections schedule with Plant Ops to inspect for preventative maintenance?

Shona R: Working on it.

Motion (for \$30 000) passed 32/0/2.

4. GSS Taskforces

Whereas the GSS policy manual does not explicitly include guidelines for "taskforces", the GSS council is asked to consider the process for adapting *ad hoc* committees, with the exception for Policy 7.4.4, in which the taskforce will be dissolved when the outcome has been presented and approved to the GSS council, unless otherwise determined by council.

7.4. Ad-Hoc Committees

7.4.1. Ad-Hoc Committees shall be created by ordinary resolution at Council

7.4.2. The recommendation to establish an Ad-Hoc Committee must include a mandate of the proposed Ad-Hoc Committee, duration with an approximate end date, the member composition, and proposed recruitment.

7.4.3. Ad-Hoc Committees are required to follow the same procedures outlined in section 6 of this Policy Manual.

7.4.4. The mandate of Ad-Hoc Committees shall expire at the Annual General Meeting

a. BIRT the GSS establishes the **Taskforce for the GSS Annual General Survey** with the following terms of reference:

- Plan, implement, and analyze the GSS Annual General survey to be conducted during the winter semester of AY 2016 – 2017
- Coordinate with relevant university groups to successfully conduct the survey

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- *Outcome of this taskforce: Present Completed and analyzed results of the GSS Annual General Survey that can be used by future GSS council, committees, and executives*
- This Taskforce will be composed of volunteer councillors and ordinary members, with a final list of contributors attached to the final outcome presented to council.

MOVER: Sarah J

SECONDER: Gen C

Motivation: Gen : Didn't use annual general survey this year, been using one from 2014. Will collect data after not having collected any for a year and for next year, so a team interested in stats analysis will be useful. Have some volunteers already.

Discussion/debate:

Natalie M: Friendly request that task force for looking at survey should be named after survey: Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

b. BIRT the GSS establishes the **Taskforce for formalizing the Musqueam Acknowledgement** with the following terms of reference:

- Use healthy dialogue to visualize how the Musqueam acknowledgement can be meaningfully adapted by the graduate student community in the spirit of reconciliation
- Assess current GSS processes and determine where to best fit the Musqueam Acknowledgement into GSS code and policy
- *Outcome of this taskforce: Present GSS council with a plan on how to best adapt the Musqueam Acknowledgement*
- This Taskforce will be composed of volunteer councillors and ordinary members, with a final list of contributors attached to the final outcome presented to council.

MOVER: Zoe L

SECONDER: Balsher S

Discussion/debate:

Gen C: This is not formal part of process, so speaker/chair may not know to say acknowledgement. So should this part of the formal process? Taskforce will address this.

Motion passed with Unanimous Consent

c. BIRT the GSS establishes the **Taskforce for responding to the Second Draft of the Sexual Assault Policy** with the following terms of reference:

- To evaluate the second draft of the University Sexual Assault Policy, and to provide a written submission to the University Sexual Assault Policy Committee and the University Steering Committee on Sexual Assault (if applicable) in a timely and appropriate manner
- To consider past GSS position statements and past GSS submissions in the creation of a new submission
- To consult with GSS members, and other members of the UBC community, on the context and background of the Sexual Assault Policy

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- *Outcome of this taskforce: A proposed submission to the second draft of the Sexual Assault policy to be presented to council*
- This Taskforce will be composed of volunteer councillors and ordinary members, with a final list of contributors attached to the final outcome presented to council.

MOVER: Nicholas M

SECONDER: Oguzhan T

Discussion/debate:

Gen C: Wanted to clarify that list of volunteers is so far composed of ordinary members, so any councillors interested are encouraged to sign up and Gen will send initial e-mail. Taskforce will respond to second draft of sexual assault policy. Will be busy, since must be passed by mid-March. Likely 3-4 hours/week except for reading week.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

F. Discussion Period: on the status of GSS staff support and resignation of the General Manager (15 minutes)

1. Update on the current state of staff support in the GSS – Genevieve Cruz, President and Interim Chair of HR committee (1 minute)
2. General guide questions: What is council's short-term vision for staff support? What is the long-term vision?

Gen C: fee increase needed since expanded to grow GSS and had deficit. Does council like having staff/are they useful? Would like to evaluate. Situation: GM has resigned, received letter in first week of Jan. He will be around to help as much as possible with transition. Will discuss hiring a new GM today. Are looking to hire new AA (second time for this). There have been mistakes in agenda and minutes, here and there, and understand any frustrations. Transition for new AA may last up to 3 months to help with better training. Gen is point person to interact with staff and help coordinate between council and staff. GM has watched over building and is risk expert so big help at events with alcohol and in any occasions of suspicious robberies. GM coordinated with RCMP which president can't do.

Do people like having staff?

Shona R: Having continuity for bigger projects is very helpful, but fee increase referendum coming so maybe should wait to hire a new GM.

Krish M: If have resources post-referendum, GM is very useful. Best to wait.

Speaker: Society operated without GM before (approx. 4-5 years ago), for context.

Natalie M: Work of staff is very important and GSS tends to depend on them. Roles and contributions may be overlooked, especially during fee increase. Need to explain contributions from staff firmly. Vision for staff support is abstract so GSS needs help to decide since not most qualified. Maybe someone familiar with HR could help (external review, etc.) There is a section in strategic plan for staff support so any comments are welcome.

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Gen C: Is acting as HR chair and would help to guide committee to have staff. Review of staff roles discussed. Would like help from a committee. Have outgoing GM and AA who are willing to provide help before leaving. Can talk to Gen or Strat Plan committee. Want to include council in plan for growth.

Don't want to hire new GM until get fee increase approved? Yes.

Shona R: In the past, didn't have staffing structure, and now depend on them. That was due to change in exec structure. Should hiring process for GM begin so GSS is ready to hire a candidate if fee increase passed?

Sarah J: Hard to get candidates if financial position not able to support role. May be wise to wait.

Karen S: If fee increase not passed, will GM be cut or kept?

Dante M: If don't have GM, will break even for next year. If have GM, would be in deficit (if fee increase doesn't pass).

Karen S: Would council rather cut GM or other positions if no fee increase?

Amanda P: What changes would happen if fee increase passes or not? More thought should go into the outcomes for pass or fail.

Gen C: If council would like to wait to hire GM until after fee increase passes, then will do that. GSS was in deficit with GM, but fee increase would mean no more deficit. If fee increase doesn't pass, then ok for a year.

Amanda P: If fee increase doesn't pass, is the GSS a sinking ship?

Speaker: Has been debated.

Gillian F moves to have 10 more minutes of discussion. Seconder: Yaseen M

Gillian F: Can Shona talk about what GSS was like without a GM?

Shona R: Had VP admin and in their term, they had to learn about building and everything, and there was no continuity, so restructured the exec. If fee increase didn't pass, wouldn't go back to old exec structure, but really need GM. Would need to revisit structure. Need long-term planning for building etc. so can't not have GM-like position.

Gen C: Communication manager is talking over some roles of AA along with Gen C and booking manager. Trying to accommodate. Will have lots of transition.

Krish M: Need financial review in case fee increase doesn't pass. Other cuts possible? Should know situation before cut others and restructuring.

Yaseen M: How does staff fit into our structure? (beyond communications; maybe this is in their contracts but not policy). Beyond fee referendum, have AMS question, so if no fee increase and no AMS secession, should the GSS shrink?

Natalie M: GM can help with lack of institutional memory as GM stays for many more years. Important to have. Suggestions range from getting ball rolling on getting new GM candidates,

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waiting until fee increase passes, getting HR involved. Need plan B for if no fee increase, since voters will also want an answer.

Motion to direct appropriate committee/group to address that question?

Yaseen M moves to increase discussion by 5 min, seconded by Keskin O.

Yaseen M: How far are we from a new AA?

Gen C: David G and Morgan S helped with hiring process and were a big help. Have a candidate. Asked for raise, contract is non-negotiable, she will take it anyway. Will have an AA to start in Feb.

Keskin O: Can there be a budget restructuring to have a GM?

Speaker: Yes. Dante said if no fee increase, could have GM for a year. After a year, without fee increase, would need to readdress budget to avoid a deficit.

Keskin O: Can we get a GM for the next year? Hiring one shouldn't be in contention now?

Gen C: Should we be able to reassure GM that it would last beyond a year?

Keskin O: Could it probationary?

Krish M: Probation at most is 3 months. Could have fixed term contract. Would a well experienced GM be available for only one year? If no money and no fixed term, would have to dismiss without valid reason (wrongful dismissal).

Alyssa K: Support Natalie's suggestion to have committee to deal with this budget uncertainty.

David G moves to extend time for 10 mins, seconded by Sarah J.

Gen C: If have committee to form plan B, council has fiduciary duty to make budget work, so also need to work on plan A. Grad students have limited time/resources to commit.

David G: Could house finance create plan B? Any new updates on marketing/restructuring for referendum?

Amanda P: If fee increase fails, usually due to lack of confidence in society financial plan. Need a plan B to reassure them about plan for budget/finances, and what they would lose without the fee increase.

Natalie M: Could exec have plan B after conferring with house finance?

Gen C: Could other committees assist in this as well? Exec needs help and is busy with other committees and transitions. Should there be a taskforce with volunteers and a chair?

Shona R: Exec is busy but needs to play a major role. Were elected with vision to guide council.

Amanda P: Strat plan committee should also be involved. Will be effected by available money. HF should also be involved since it's about budget.

Gen C: Fee increase will be on agenda for Feb. Will always go to exec then board for decision making. Is there a committee or councillors who can dedicate time?

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Conny L: Take one member from each committee since all effected, and include any volunteers.

Dante M: Will participate, but need committee voices.

Gen C: Board governance committee playing bigger role in GSS, and this effects everyone so agree with Conny. Will be present in discussion.

Motion to amend agenda: Gen C: Motion to create task force? Need terms of reference.

BIRT a task force be struck to develop a GSS fee increase strategy and contingency plans in the event that the upcoming fee increase referendum does not pass.

Krish M: Should a time frame be included?

Gen C: Motion will be revisited in Feb. Fee increase approval was not passed last meeting, so will be revisited in Feb., one month before the referendum.

Motion? Recess to discuss formal motion.

Shona R moves for 10 min recess, seconded by Yaseen M.

Informal vote for taskforce:

BIRT a taskforce be struck to develop and execute a GSS fee increase referendum strategy.

BIRT this taskforce present a contingency plan to GSS council at the Feb. 16th council meeting, in the event that the upcoming fee increase referendum does not pass.

BIFRT this taskforce have the following terms of reference:

- to develop a contingency plan that can be presented to council upon voting to approve the referendum
- to review and finalize the referendum strategy being developed by the exec committee
- this taskforce will be composed of at least one person from each GSS committee and external representative caucus (councillors and/or ordinary members), as well as any volunteer GSS councillors.

Council meeting suspended due to lack of quorum: 8:37 p.m.

MOVER: _____ **SECONDER:** _____

G. ~~GSS Updates~~

1. ~~Executive Remarks~~

~~(3 minutes)~~ _____

- ~~President — Gen Cruz~~
- ~~Vice-President University & Academic Affairs — Mahshid Ghaffartehrani~~
- ~~Vice-President External Relations — Nicholas McGregor~~

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- ~~Vice-President Students — Jennifer DeBoer~~
- ~~Financial and Executive Oversight Officer — Dante Mendoza~~

~~2. Committee Reports~~

~~(3 minutes)~~

- ~~Academic & External Affairs Committee — Dan Kehila~~
- ~~Code and Policy Committee — Krish Maharaj~~
- ~~Executive Oversight Committee — Dante Mendoza~~
- ~~House Finance Committee — Shona Robinson~~
- ~~Human Resources Committee — Gen Cruz~~
- ~~Services Committee — Matt Gynn~~
- ~~Elections Committee — Anna Ringsred~~
- ~~Strategic Planning — Natalie Marshall~~
- ~~Harassment and Discrimination — Katerina Othonos~~
- ~~Board Governance and Accountability Committee~~

~~3. Representative Reports~~

~~(3 minutes)~~

- ~~AMS Council — Bradley Balaton~~
- ~~Graduate Council — Resha Sabti~~
- ~~Senate — Miranda Huron and Jason Speidel~~
- ~~BOG — Veronica Knott and Aaron Bailey~~

~~N. Next Meeting~~

~~Thursday, February 16, 2017~~

~~O. Adjournment~~

~~BIRT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at ___ pm.~~

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