ATTENDANCE

Present:

Regrets:

Absent:

Quorum: 19 Councillors

CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order at ____ pm.

SPECIAL RULES ADOPTION

WHEREAS the Council has not yet established in the policy suspending of Roberts Rules of Order and,

WHEREAS a similar decision has been made in the past and proved fruitful,

BIRT the Council adopts the following special rules of order for this Council meeting:

- Each member’s speaking time limit per speaking turn is 3 minutes unless extended by the Council or otherwise specified in the agenda.
- The time limit of debate for each motion is 20 minutes unless extended by the Council; and
- There is no limit on how many times a member can speak on each motion.

MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT:

AGENDA ADOPTION

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT:

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President:

INTRODUCTIONS

[Introductions]
1 EXPEDIENT MATTERS

At the discretion of the President, the following are deemed urgent matters for Council and are presented at the beginning of Council (not exceeding 10mins):

1.1 SOLIDARITY FOR PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP AT UBC – APPEAL

Responsible: Representative from the Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights group at UBC
Time: ~5 minutes
Description: A graduate student SPHR representative will present on their organization and suggest ways for the GSS to support the group.
Objective: Presentation to Council with general appeal.
Relevant Materials: none

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Council minutes be approved:
- May 20, 2021

MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT:

2.2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

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3. SEATINGS

3.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

BIRT the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:

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3.2 EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES SEATINGS

All GSS Councillors are required by the bylaws to sit on at least one committee. Committee descriptions and meeting times can be found here.

BIRT the seating of the following external representatives be approved:

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3.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR SEATINGS

BIRT the following Committee Chair Seatings be approved:

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MOVER:  
SECONDER:  
RESULT:  

4 MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1 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 June 2022:
**Name of Affiliate Organization** | **Representative**
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Graduate Consulting and Business Network | Courtney van Ballegooie
Microbiology and Immunology Graduate Student Society | Nicole Wang

**MOVER:** VP Students | **SECONDER:** | **RESULT:**

**4.2 VPUAA SPECIAL APPOINTMENT**

**Responsible:** Kimani Karangu, President  
**Description:** Presentation of candidates for VPUAA special appointment due to resignation of previous VPUAA  
**Time:** 20 minutes presentation followed by motion  
**Objective:** Council is presented with VPUAA candidates and then moves to motion to specially appoint VPUAA  
**Relevant materials:** Folder – VPUAA – Special Appointment

WHEREAS the previous VPUAA resigned May 21, 2021 and the VPUAA position has since been vacant, and  
WHEREAS it is preferable to have the VPUAA position occupied as soon as possible in order to fulfill important executive and management duties, and  
WHEREAS a by-election is feasible as per Bylaw 8.4.3 but will take significant time to prepare in order to have sufficient turnout and engagement, and  
WHEREAS Bylaw 8.4.3 permits a vacant position to be filled by appointment upon a special resolution of Council, and  
WHEREAS Council has heard from all candidates for the appointed VPUAA position,

Candidates: Davi Monticelli, Matthew Luzentales-Simpson, Natalie Cappe, Remzi Xhemalce-Fuentes, Yundi Wang

To vote: A for Davi Monticelli, B for Matthew Luzentales-Simpson, C for Natalie Cappe, D for Remzi Xhemalce-Fuentes, E for Yundi Wang

Majority in favour: ________

**BIRT** GSS Council, by special resolution, appoints __________ to the position of Vice-President, University and Academic Affairs, effective immediately.

**MOVER:** President | **SECONDER:** | **RESULT:**

**4.3 HUMAN RESOURCES POSITION**

**Responsible:** Governance & Accountability Committee
**Description:** Since the Chair’s resignation on May 17 2021, HR committee has been without a chair. HR is a vital committee that handles hiring, staff performance reviews, and other staff operations, so it should not be left without a chair or meetings for an extended period of time. To the best of our knowledge, none of the current HR committee members are willing to take on the Chair position. Further, despite the call to fill the HR Chair position last Council, no Council members have stepped up. HR also does not have a Deputy Chair to act in the absence of the Chair.

**Time:** 5 minute introduction

**Objective:** To approve the following motion on hiring a contract Human Resources position.

**Relevant materials:** none

**WHEREAS** Council has not been able to fill the position of Human Resources (HR) chair since the resignation of the previous chair, and the current Executives do not have capacity to fill this role currently, and

**WHEREAS** the Governance and Accountability Committee has discussed with the President and staff the importance of having a functioning HR body in order to maintain GSS staff operations, and

**WHEREAS** the HR chair duties are a significant amount of work and a contract position would allow vital HR needs to be handled professionally for the immediate future until a more permanent solution can be assessed by Council,

**BIRT** Council directs the President to hire a contract Human Resources position, that may undertake a needs-based collaboration with HR committee.

**MOVER:** G&A Chair  
**SECONDER:**  
**RESULT:**

### 4.4 REVISION OF 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN THEMES

**Responsible:** Axel Hauduc, Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee Chair

**Description:** Presentation on an issue followed by a motion for approval through a vote of Council.

**Time:** 15 minute presentation + 15-30 minutes of discussion (approximate)

**Objective:** Council discusses strategic plan, and Council (hopefully) ratifies new Themes structure

**Relevant materials:** [2021-06-17 Axel Themes Revision Presentation 2](#)

**WHEREAS** the Strategic Planning ad hoc Committee believe that the current set of 2022-2026 Strategic Plan themes need revision, and

**WHEREAS** the Strategic Planning ad hoc Committee has proposed a new set of themes better suited the next 5 years given foreseeable COVID-19-related changes and our current progress as a society with regards to Indigenous Reconciliation efforts,

**BIRT** the new themes for the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan shall be "Graduate Student Experience", "A Just Recovery", and "Our Society", and

**BIFRT** these themes be implemented into the plan being developed and scheduled to be brought before Council in draft form in July 2021 by SPAHC.
5.1 GSS ARCHIVES PROJECT INTRODUCTION
Responsibility: Kimani Karangu, President; Victoria Gomez, Administrative Assistant
Description: Introduce the GSS summer archives work and progress so far
Time: 10 minutes
Objective: Provide an update to Council
Relevant materials: GSS Archives Presentation-Council2021.06

5.2 GRADUATE LIFE CENTRE UPDATE
Responsibility: Kimani Karangu, President
Description: Updates on the progress of the Graduate Life Centre renovations project
Time: 10 minutes
Objective: Provide an update to Council
Relevant materials: GLCUpdates-June2021.pptx

5.3 MAY 2021 GSS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW
Responsibility: Tayo Olarewaju, Financial and Executive Oversight Officer
Description: May 2021 GSS Financial Overview
Time: 15 minutes
Objective: Update on GSS Revenues and Expenditures
Relevant materials: to be provided

6 MATTERS TO NOTE
Time reserved for questions regarding updates below.

6.1 UPCOMING EVENTS

- None for now, stay tuned for summer programming!

6.2 EXECUTIVES

6.2.1 President

- Staff meeting: New staff welcomed to the team (Sophie-Archives Assistant and Karen-co)
- Anti-racism proposal discussion meeting with VP Students
- A follow up Leasing agreement meeting with UBC for CUPE 2278 (GM, FEOO & Nicolas from REPEAK)
June 2021 Council Agenda
Thursday, June 17, 2021 | Online Meeting | 5:30 pm

- Financial Consultation Meeting with the GSS FEOO
- Climate emergency fund advisory committee meeting
- First meeting to consider requests for funding from the Climate Emergency Fund and make recommendations on allocation of the Fund.
- Managing Director Students Affairs Shortlist Presentation meeting with PFM
- Student Affordability Taskforce: The broad goal of the system-wide Student Affordability Task Force (SATF) is to understand the affordability issues at UBC and develop a means to evaluate programs and make prioritized, costed recommendations for consideration by the broader administration, by the Senates, and by the Board of Governors. It will also identify the limitations/constraints of the university in addressing some aspects of affordability and recommend advocacy strategies with the government and other public bodies as relevant.
- Meeting with AMS/GSS - Re: Briefing on the Proposed Incremental Tuition Budget
- MLA Oakes Meeting with Ashni Gill & the Student Societies key areas of collaboration including sexualized violence discussed.
- Graduate Student Wellbeing (Social Connection): Connections about Wellbeing and student social connection. UBC Wellbeing has been defining its priority of Social Connection, inviting GSS' input on the development of milestones & action plans.
- Return to Campus and Safety Planning Framework Discussion with GSS/AMS Executives and the office of the VP Students.
- Held an update meeting with UBC Sauder School of Business concerning the use of Thea Koerner Ballroom space.
- Together with the GM held a meeting with the GSS advocacy team meeting and attended to other VPUAA related meetings (LSAC)
- New Building Site Selection Committee: School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA) and Medicine 1 Building (MED-1)
- GSS Council - In-Person Planning (AA and Council Speaker)
- GSS Structural Meeting together with GM and AA

6.2.2 FEOO
- Repaid Canadian Emergency Business Account loan.
- Effected and reviewed financial transactions at the GSS.
- Initiated Executive Oversight Committee's review of 2021-2022 executives' SMART goals.

6.2.3 VP University & Academic Affairs
- (none submitted)

6.2.4 VP External
- U15: MOU ratification, chairperson/vice chairperson nomination and election, federal advocacy letter
- Researching for sexualized violence report
- Organizing sexual violence training for GSS council, etc with Victoria and Sasha + Ariana from SVPRO

6.2.5 VP Students
6.3 COMMITTEES

6.3.1 Academic & External Committee
- AcEx met on June 15 to discuss:
  - UBC’s tuition allocation towards student priorities
  - GSS Statement on the honorary degree of Bishop John O’Grady, Principal of the Kamloops Indian Residential School
  - G&A midterm review on AcEx goals

6.3.2 Code & Policy Committee
- CPC has conducted their midterm review of their SMART goals, continued working on their full review of the Policy Manual, discussed expanding the deputy chair position, and discussed ideas regarding MOU and position statement storage.

6.3.3 Elections Committee
- (none submitted)

6.3.4 Executive Committee
- Exec are working on their SMART Goals
- Will present on the G&A goals in July
- VP External has been raising issue of sexualized violence in various platforms;
- President has been sitting on various search committees, including one in the office of the UBC VP Students, and committees for fund allocations; President (as VPUAA) will be meeting with Grad Council Caucus members soon to go over goals; will be sending out survey on Friday to students about returning to campus

6.3.5 Executive Oversight Committee
- (none submitted)

6.3.6 Governance & Accountability Committee
- G&A has reviewed its conflict resolution policy draft and will work with CPC for further revisions.
- G&A is continuously working on the Indigenous Engagement ad hoc Committee through consultations with senator Lisa White.
- G&A has been tracking KPIs and has established a supportive actions flowchart.
- G&A has reached out to committees about sending in mid-term progress reviews for SMART Goals.
- G&A has been in contact with Services and Elections to assess feasibility and best ways for a merged committee.
• G&A discussed with the President and staff the importance of filling the vacant HR chair position and a recommendation to address this gap
• G&A welcomed a new ordinary member, William Yip

6.3.7 House Finance Committee

• Approved the bi-weekly pay of VP UAA for the GSS President for covering the duties of the VP UAA from May 16, 2021, to June 15, 2021.
• The VP UAA from the previous year (2020-21 term) will be compensated VP UAA’s bi-weekly pay for a 2-week period dependent on them accepting to help with the transition process for the new VP UAA who is expected to be appointed during June's GSS Council meeting on June 17, 2021.
• The expense for replacement of UPS supporting GSS IT Servers has been approved
• Approved a maximum reimbursement of $100 to purchase work-from-home related office supplies and computer accessories for work-learn students employed by GSS.
• Approved the Budget actuals for March 2021

6.3.8 Human Resources

• (none submitted)

6.3.9 Services Committee

• We have completed our chair transition, are discussing possible options for the Elections-Services responsibilities realignment, and are working on an engagement survey with Elections.

6.3.10 Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee

• The Strategic Planning Committee has completed a rough draft of the strategic plan and is now seeking input from the GSS community for ideas on how to complete some areas of the plan, as well as approval of a revised themes structure.

6.3.11 AMS Caucus

• (none submitted)

6.3.12 Graduate Council Caucus

• Taking up project to track available awards to graduate students with assistance from staff

6.4 SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

6.4.1 Senators:

• (none submitted)

6.4.2 Board of Governors Representatives:

• (none submitted)
7 NOTICES

7.1 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 15th at 5:30 pm

Location: Online Via Teams

7.2 NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

- Mahdi Izadi was unseated as Ordinary Member from Code and Policy Committee.
- Rosanne Tam was unseated as Ordinary Member from Services Committee.

8 ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVER:  SECONDER:  RESULT: