ATTENDANCE

Present:

Regrets:

Absent:

Quorum: 20 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 DECOLONIZATION AND INDIGENIZATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Responsible: Dr. Sharon Stein, UBC Department of Educational Studies; Kimani Karangu, GSS President
Description: Introductory presentation on decolonization and Indigenization in higher education
Objective: Overview presentation to Council on topic of decolonization and Indigenization to be expanded on in Council Retreat July 2021
Relevant materials: to be provided

1.2 ALLIANCE OF BC STUDENTS CONSULTATION

Responsible: Aryanna Chartrand, Chairperson for the Alliance of BC Students; Josh Millard, Executive Director for the Alliance of BC Students; Ashni Gill, GSS VP External
Time: 15 minute presentation
Description: At the beginning of each year, the ABCS presents to its member organization to ensure that both current and incoming student leaders are aware and understand how the ABCS supports students all across the province and what it means to be a member of the ABCS. As a member organization, the UBC GSS is involved in deciding and shaping the annual priorities of the organization that will be further researched and refined for our various campaigns, advocacy and the big push at Lobby Days in October.
Objective: to ensure that our members are the ones generating our annual priorities. From there, we report to the Advocacy Committee who then presents these annual priorities to the Board.
Relevant materials: to be provided

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Council minutes be approved:

- June 17, 2021 (forthcoming)

MTR: MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT:

2.2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

| Academic & External Committee: |   | House Finance Committee: |   |
**July 2021 Council Agenda**

**Thursday, July 15, 2021 | Online Meeting | 5:30 pm**

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**MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT:**

### 3 SEATINGS

#### 3.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

**BIRT** the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:

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**MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT:**

#### 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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Graduate Council | Representative | 1
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Health and Dental Plan Caucus | Representative | 0

## 3.3 COMMITTEE SEATINGS

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3.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR SEATINGS

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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 July 2022:

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MOVER:  VP Students  SECONDER:  RESULT:

4.2 FINANCIAL AND EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Responsible: Kimani Karangu, GSS President; Governance and Accountability Committee
Description: Regular election and appointment of the Financial and Executive Oversight Officer by Council
Objective: Hold election and appoint the Financial and Executive Oversight Officer
Relevant Materials: FEOO Candidate Statements - Folder

WHEREAS Bylaw 8.2.2 states that “the Financial and Executive Oversight Officer will be elected at the July council meeting and take office on August 31st”, and
WHEREAS the position of Financial and Executive Oversight Officer has been advertised, and
WHEREAS Council has reviewed the statements and heard from all candidate(s) for the FEOO position,
Candidates: Asel Primbetova, Esther Xu, Gara Dxtier, Shayan Fahimi, Tayo Olarewaju

Majority in favour: __________
BIRT GSS Council appoints __________ to the position of Financial and Executive Oversight Officer, to take office on August 31st.

MOVER:  
SECONDER:  
RESULT:  

4.3 G&A RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Responsible: Jin Wen, Governance and Accountability Committee Chair  
Description: Presentation of options for Services and Elections Merger  
Objective: Select an option for Services and Elections to pursue.  

5 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 BAKAU CONSULTING EDI AUDIT PRESENTATION

Responsible: Sarah Park, Acting Events Manager; Will Shelling, Bakau Consulting  
Description: Presentation of results from EDI audit by Bakau Consulting  
Objective: To inform Council of the results and recommendations of the EDI audit  
Relevant Materials: GSS Audit Presentation.pptx

5.2 COMMITTEE SMART GOALS MIDTERM REVIEW

Responsible: Jin Wen, Governance and Accountability Committee Chair; Jenny Lee, G&A Deputy Chair  
Description: Presentation SMART Goal Midterm Review  
Objective: Inform council of committee progress  
Relevant Materials: 2021-2022_SMART_Mid Term Goal Review.pptx

5.3 2021-22 EXECUTIVE GOALS – UPDATE

Responsible: Tayo Olarewaju, Executive Oversight Committee Chair  
Time: 15 minutes  
Description: 2021-22 Executives' Goals  
Objective: Update on 2020-21 Executive goals  
Relevant Materials: to be provided

5.4 JUNE 2021 GSS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Responsible: Tayo Olarewaju, Financial and Executive Oversight Officer  
Time: 15 minutes  
Description: June 2021 GSS Financial Overview  
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

- Summer:
  - Softball league from July 25th to August 21st
  - September Orientation (GSS will organize "Ask Me Anything Grad Students Panel", Campus your, Vancouver city tour, museum tour)

- Fall:
  - Game night (trivia, bingo, board games, poker games, sing or dance challenge)
  - Cooking lesson/cocktail mix class/dinner party
  - Virtual jam session (night of live music/instrumentals)
  - Social Media Challenge (Tag GSS in a picture and you'll qualify to enter the draw)

6.2 EXECUTIVES

6.2.1 President

- **Council meetings**: in-person (hybrid) plans underway, most likely for October depending on AMS video conferencing equipment
- **VPUAA By-Election**: planning underway with FEOO, interim VPUAA and Elections Committee for September/October
- **Referendum**: planning underway with G&A, CPC, FEOO for September
- **Graduate Life Centre**: consulting with Jens Locher from G+PS about possibilities for an affordable food outlet; behind schedule for start date of design (scheduled for July 5)

6.2.2 FEOO

- Finalising discussion on GSS Accounting Policy Manual.
- Anchored discussions on 2021-22 executives' SMART Goals reviews.
- In collaboration with the Chair of HF, engaged in discussions with the GSS Bank advisors on investment options.
- In collaboration with the President and VP UAA, changed account signatories.

6.2.3 VP University & Academic Affairs

- **Executive Transition**: Currently the VP UAA is accomplishing the following tasks which may include but are not exclusive to: gaining familiarity with the role, transitioning, meeting important stakeholders, ensuring past GSS connections with various UBC working groups and other student governing bodies are maintained, etc.
• **Return to campus:** The VP UAA is participating in conversations surrounding appropriate safety measures which may include but are not exclusive to: ventilation, vaccination clinics, mental wellbeing of students returning to campus, etc. The “Return to Campus” survey, a carryover item from the proceeding VP UAA is now closed and curation of a report from the responses received is being overseen.

• **Academic appreciation event:** VP UAA and GSS is planning the annual “Graduate Program Coordinator Appreciation Lunch” in August. The annual event will serve to introduce the GSS to Graduate Program Coordinators and thank them for their dedication to graduate students as generally their first point of contact throughout their degree.

**6.2.4 VP External**

- (none submitted)

**6.2.5 VP Students**

- (none submitted)

**6.3 COMMITTEES**

**6.3.1 Academic & External Committee**

- (none submitted)

**6.3.2 Code & Policy Committee**

- Minutes are backlogged and CPC is having technical problems that impair the ability to submit minutes.
- CPC has been working towards completing SMART goals.
- CPC has been working on fixing technical problems with online data storage.

**6.3.3 Elections Committee**

- (none submitted)

**6.3.4 Executive Committee**

- **Referendum:** planning underway with G&A, CPC, FEOO for September

**6.3.5 Executive Oversight Committee**

- Conducted 2021-22 executives' mid-term reviews.
- Passed a resolution on executive work hours and renumeration.

**6.3.6 Governance & Accountability Committee**
• G&A discussed the Services & Elections Merger, created a presentation on GSS SMART Goals’ midterm review, and created a list of options for the FEOO position.

6.3.7 House Finance Committee
• (none submitted)

6.3.8 Human Resources
• (none submitted)

6.3.9 Services Committee
• Collaborated with Elections to produce a survey to gauge student engagement with the GSS and to determine the most efficient way to improve it.
• Evaluated SMART goal progress.
• Conducted preliminary planning for in-person events.
• Working on planning a back-to-campus barbecue with subsidized food.

6.3.10 Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee
• (none submitted)

6.3.11 AMS Caucus
• (none submitted)

6.3.12 Graduate Council Caucus
• Due to executive transition the Graduate Council Caucus has not conveyed for a meeting. A meeting has been called for and scheduled on July 20th. During this meeting, all members of the Graduate Council Caucus will be introduced to each other and the VP UAA. Both the VP UAA and the President will receive updates on what the caucus has been working on.

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, August 19 at 5:30 pm
Location: Online Via Teams

7.2 NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

- Andrew Zang was unseated as Councillor from Services Committee.
- Graham Donen was unseated as Ordinary Member from Services Committee.
- Julia Burnham was unseated as Chair from Academic and External Affairs Committee.
- Julia Burnham was unseated as Councillor from Academic and External Affairs Committee.
- Maryam Tayyab was unseated as Departmental Representative for Biomedical Engineering.
- Mohammad Reza Karimi was unseated as Departmental Representative for Mechanical Engineering.
- Mohammad Reza Karimi was unseated as Councillor for House Finance Committee.

8 ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT: