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 CAMPUS VISION 2050

**Responsible:** UBC Campus + Community Planning - Joanne Proft (Associate Director, Community Planning), Aviva Savelson (Senior Manager, Public Engagement), Madeleine Meek (Manager, Engagement); GSS – Kimani Karangu, President

**Description:** UBC’s Campus and Community Planning (C+CP) is preparing to undertake a comprehensive campus-wide land use planning process called Campus Vision 2050. Staff from C+CP will join the GSS to raise awareness of C+CP’s work, provide an overview of Campus Vision 2050, answer any questions, and understand how the GSS would like to engage through this process. As background, Campus Vision 2050 is a 2.5 year planning process that will launch early 2022. It is an important opportunity to plan for the evolving needs and aspirations of the university and its community, including how the campus can accommodate future academic needs, UBC’s deepening relationship with Musqueam, housing affordability, community well-being, and climate change.

**Relevant Materials:** [20210811-CV 2050 Overview Roadshow-GSS.pdf](#)

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

**BIRT** the following GSS Council minutes be approved:

- **July 15, 2021**

**MOVED:**

**SECONDED:**

**RESULT:**

2.2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

**BIRT** the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

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3 SEATINGS

3.1 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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August 2021 Council Agenda
Thursday, August 19, 2021 | Online Meeting | 5:30 pm

Ordinary Member | 5

Executive Oversight | Councillor | 4
Daniel He | Ordinary Member | 1

Governance & Accountability | Councillor | 1
Kieran Maheden | Ordinary Member | 3

House Finance | Councillor | 4
Shayan Fahimi | Ordinary Member | 1

Human Resources | Councilor | 0
Ordinary Member | 5

Services | Councillor | 3
Daniel He | Ordinary Member | 5

Strategic Planning ad-hoc | Councillor | 0
Ordinary Member | 1

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3.3 COMMITTEE CHAIR SEATINGS
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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:

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5.1  INVESTMENT IN MUTUAL FUND PORTFOLIOS

**Responsible:** Devarsh Bhonde, House Finance Chair  
**Description:** Presentation  
**Time:** 15 minutes  
**Objective:** Inform the GSS members about the House Finance Committee's recommendations to investment in mutual fund portfolios.  
**Relevant materials:** GSS Council Presentation - Mutual Fund Investments.pptx; Investment Funds Portfolios and Information.zip

5.2  OPTIONS FOR SEPARATING FEOO POSITION

**Responsible:** Jin Wen, Governance and Accountability Committee Chair  
**Time:** 15 minute presentation, 15 minute discussion  
**Description:** Presentation of options for potentially splitting the FEOO position  
**Objective:** Present options for splitting FEOO and open the floor for discussion. The official vote will take place during the referendum in September.  
**Relevant Materials:** Potential FEOO Options.pdf

5.3  2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

**Responsible:** Axel Hauduc, Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee Chair  
**Time:** 10 minute presentation + 15-20 minute discussion  
**Description:** Strategic Plan Progress Overview + Feedback Discussion  
**Objective:** To update the Council on Strategic Plan progress, solicit verbal feedback and discussion on plan items, and encourage Council members and especially Committee chairs to review the Strategic Plan (especially one's recommended section) as soon as possible.  
**Relevant Materials:** 2021-08-19 Axel Strat Plan Overview Presentation.pptx
5.4 2021-22 EXECUTIVE GOAL PRESENTATION (VPUAA AND VP STUDENTS)

Responsible: Executive Oversight Committee
Time: 15 minutes
Description: 2021-22 Executives’ Goals (VP UAA and VP Students)
Objective: Update on 2020-21 Executive goals.
Relevant Materials: To be provided

5.5 VPUAA ADVOCACY PIECES

Responsible: Yundi Wang, VP University and Academic Affairs
Time: 10 minutes
Description: Presentation to Council for briefing purposes
Objective: Provide information about advocacy pieces the VPUAA will focus on
Relevant Materials: To be provided

5.6 AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Responsible: Financial and Executive Oversight Officer
Description: August 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 provided)

6.2 EXECUTIVES

6.2.1 President

- Advocating to relevant offices following the return to campus and the Anti-racism reports.
- Working closely with GPS to speed up the GLC project
- Planning for a consultation meeting with GPS regarding the new (I)BOPC Award

6.2.2 FEOO

- In collaboration with the Chair of HF, engaged in discussions with the GSS Bank advisors on investment options.
- Effected or reviewed financial transactions at the GSS.
6.2.3 VP University & Academic Affairs

- **Return to campus:** The VP UAA has distributed and/or presented the “Return to Campus” report to various UBC working groups and other student governing bodies which include but are not limited to G+PS, ADA-ADS, AMS, VP Students Office, etc. The VP UAA is participating in conversations to advocate for safe return to campus based on the survey results (i.e. physical distancing + masks, hybrid teaching/learning, etc.).

- **SMART Goal submission:** The VP UAA has submitted and received approval of SMART Goals from FEOO and EOC. Briefly the goals are as follows:
  1. Re-establish VP UAA + GSS connections with UBC and implement an effective system for onboarding of future VP UAAs
  2. Establish a greater GSS presence/connection with graduate programs and review/be involved in training of new Graduate Program Advisors
  3. Advocate for equitable, safe and inclusive return to campus and beyond

- **Academic appreciation event:** The VP UAA is co-hosting an appreciation event with G+PS for Graduate Advisors and Program Coordinators on Sept. 16th. This is an annual appreciation event which has been extended to Graduate Advisors this year and seeks to establish a greater GSS presence/connection with graduate programs and thank graduate programs for their dedication to students.

- **See Graduate Council Caucus section** for re-establishment of lost connections with G+PS

6.2.4 VP External

- (none provided)

6.2.5 VP Students

- Coordinating with UBC REC for grad swimming day and Fall classes/events
- Working on September orientation
- Engaging Service committee to understand what grad students want

6.3 COMMITTEES

6.3.1 Academic & External Committee

- (none provided)

6.3.2 Code & Policy Committee

- CPC has been primarily working on Bylaw and Policy updates regarding executive hours and remuneration, as well as starting to discuss the merging of the Services and Elections committee.

6.3.3 Elections Committee

- (none provided)
6.3.4 Executive Committee

- (none provided)

6.3.5 Executive Oversight Committee

- Conducted initial goal reviews for the 2021-22 VP UAA.
- Reviewed and commented on the proposed Strat plan.

6.3.6 Governance & Accountability Committee

- (none provided)

6.3.7 House Finance Committee

- Budget Actuals for June 2021 approved during July 24, 2021, HF Committee meeting
- The HF Committee approved an overall expense of $500,000 for investment in mutual fund portfolios on August 10, 2021. The investment is required to be made as per the following schedule:
  - Year 1 (Aug 2021) – A total of $200,000 to be invested that consists of $100,000 to be invested in a 3-to-5-year portfolio consisting of 80% assets in the Scotiabank “Dynamic U.S. Balanced Class Ser A” fund and 20% assets in the “Scotia Selected Balanced Income A” fund. The rest $100,000 to be invested in an Over 5-year portfolio consisting of 50% assets in the “Scotia US Equity Index A” fund, 25% assets in the “Dynamic Dividend” fund, and 25% assets in the “Scotia Global Growth A” fund. (link to the portfolio).
  - Year 2 (Aug 2022) – A total of $100,000 to be invested such that $50,000 is invested in a 3-to-5-year portfolio and $50,000 is invested in an Over 5-year portfolio.
  - Year 3 (Aug 2023) – A total of $100,000 to be invested such that $50,000 is invested in a 3-to-5-year portfolio and $50,000 is invested in an Over 5-year portfolio.
  - Year 4 (Aug 2024) – A total of $100,000 to be invested such that $50,000 is invested in a 3-to-5-year portfolio and $50,000 is invested in an Over 5-year portfolio.
- Additionally, the HF Committee and FEOO are directed to conduct a review of the mutual fund portfolios during June-July of each year in association with the Investment Specialist from the representative bank to ensure that both the 3-to-5-year portfolio and Over 5-year portfolio have optimum and intended performance.

6.3.8 Human Resources

- Preparations to conduct interview for the 5 WL positions
- Evaluating job descriptions (upcoming)
- Recommendation to hire a full-time staff (not a new position)
- Hired a new (replacement) student advocate

6.3.9 Services Committee

- Held a pub night on August 12th
- Discussed Fall event logistics
- Organized tour leads for orientation
6.3.10 Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee

- (none provided)

6.3.11 AMS Caucus

- (none provided)

6.3.12 Graduate Council Caucus

- Due to the large turnover in the VP UAA and Grad Council Caucus, the caucus has lost connections on G+PS academic policy, scholarship and curriculum development working groups. The VP UAA is working to re-establish GSS and graduate student representation on these groups.
- SMART goals have been submitted to G&A however we did not hear back. Briefly, SMART goals are as follows:
  1. Re-establish Graduate Council Caucus representation and presence in G+PS committees
  2. Examine awareness, accessibility and gaps with graduate student awards, bursaries & scholarships and put forward recommendations (carry-over from past Graduate Council Caucus project)
  3. Examine awareness, accessibility and gaps with mental health resources and put forward recommendations

6.4 SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

6.4.1 Senators:
- (none provided)

6.4.2 Board of Governors Representatives:
- (none provided)

7 NOTICES

7.1 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 16 at 5:30 pm
Location: Online on Microsoft Teams platform

7.2 NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

- Alejandra Botia was unseated as Departmental Representative from Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education.
- Daniel He was unseated as Departmental Representative from Experimental Medicine.
- Elizabeth Mahon was unseated as Ordinary Member from Governance and Accountability Committee.
- Jackson Schumacher was unseated as Chair from AMS Council Caucus.
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• Kimani Karangu was unseated as Chair from Human Resources Committee.
• Mostafa Hagar was unseated as Ordinary Member from Services Committee.
• Natalie Benoit was unseated as Ordinary Member from Services Committee.
• Yundi Wang was unseated as Departmental Representative from Neuroscience.

8 ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT: