ATTENDANCE

Present:

Regrets:

Absent:

Quorum: 16 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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Council minutes be approved:

- September 16, 2021

MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT:

1.2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

BIRT the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

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<td>Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee:</td>
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<td>All-Chairs Meeting</td>
<td>September 10, 2021</td>
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MOVER: SECONDER: RESULT:

2 SEATINGS

2.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

BIRT the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:
Name | Department
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Claire Thorimbert | Anthropology
Carmen Watson | History

MOVER: | SECONDER: | RESULT:

### 2.2 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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MOVER: President | SECONDER: | RESULT:

### 2.3 COMMITTEE SEATINGS

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### October 2021 Council Agenda

**Thursday, October 21, 2021 | Online Meeting | 5:30 pm**

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

### 2.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR SEATINGS

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**MOVER:** President  
**SECONDER:**  
**RESULT:**
3.1 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 October 2022:

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<td>Planning Equity Coalition</td>
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<td>Lily Ivanova</td>
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<td>Graduate Students in Nursing Association</td>
<td>Abdul-Fatawu Abdulai</td>
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<td>Indian Graduate Students Association</td>
<td>Madhureeta Das Gupta</td>
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<td>Pathology Student Association</td>
<td>Raelyn Gallant</td>
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<td>Yundi Wang</td>
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<td>Genome Science and Technology (GSAT) Graduate Student Association</td>
<td>Axel Hauduc</td>
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<td>Institute of Ocean and Fisheries Graduate Students Society</td>
<td>Max Miner</td>
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MOVER: VP Students      SECONDER:      RESULT:      

3.2 VICE PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS APPOINTMENT

Responsible: Kimani Karangu, GSS President
Time: 20 minute introduction and question period
Description: Following the resignation of the interim Vice President University and Academic Affairs, Yundi Wang, the special appointment of the VPUAA by Council
Objective: Hold election and appoint the 2021-22 Vice President University and Academic Affairs
Relevant Materials: VPUAA Candidate Statements – Folder

Candidates: Abdul Muntakim Rafi, V. Pauahi Souza, Ronak Shah, Yuran Zhang

Majority in favour: _____

Results: Abdul Muntakim Rafi ( ), V. Pauahi Souza ( ), Ronak Shah ( ), Yuran Zhang ( )
WHEREAS Bylaw 8.4.3 states that “in the event of a vacancy in the office of a Vice President, the position may be filled by appointment upon a special resolution of Council”, and

WHEREAS the position of Vice President University and Academic Affairs has been advertised, and

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the statements and heard from all candidate(s) for the VPUAA position;

BIRT GSS Council appoints ________ to the position of Vice President University and Academic Affairs, to take office immediately.

MOVER: 
SECONDER: 
RESULT:

3.3 BYLAW AMENDMENT – FEOO POSITION RESTRUCTURING

Responsible: Governance & Accountability Committee, Code and Policy Committee
Description: A motion to include a motion in the next referendum/AGM regarding the restructuring of the FEOO position
Time: 15 minutes
Objective: To bring a motion to the next GSS referendum or AGM

WHEREAS Council voted in September 2021 in favour separating the FEOO role into a Financial Officer position and an Executive Oversight Committee Chair position,

BIRT the following item be included in the next referendum and/or Annual General Meeting of the GSS, whichever comes first:

BYLAW AND POLICY AMENDMENTS: Restructuring the Financial and Executive Oversight Position

EXPLANATION: The Financial and Executive Oversight Officer (FEOO) is responsible for 2 very important duties in GSS: financial duties and executive oversight duties. After consultations with the FEOO, President, staff, and committee/caucus chairs, a restructuring of the position was deemed the best way forward. In September 2021, Council has voted to recommend the action of splitting the FEOO position into a Financial Officer position and an Executive Oversight Committee chair position. We propose the above changes to reflect the changes in positions due to this split.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: 2021_10_FEOO Restructure Bylaw and Policy Amendments.pdf

MOTION:

WHEREAS the Financial and Executive Officer currently takes on both financial and executive oversight duties, and

WHEREAS GSS Council, Executives, and staff recognize that the current structure of the role imposes a huge work burden for the FEOO,
WHEREAS Council has voted to separate the FEOO role into a Financial Officer position and an Executive Oversight Committee Chair position,

BIRT the FEOO position be restructured into Financial Officer position and an Executive Oversight Committee Chair position.

BIFRT the changes listed in “2021_10_FEOO Restructure Bylaw and Policy Amendments” be made to the Bylaws and Policy Manual.

MOVER: Governance & Accountability Committee
SECONDER: Code & Policy Committee
RESULT:

3.4 POLICY REVISION – CAUCUS REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

Responsible: Code & Policy Committee
Description: A motion to make policy changes regarding the AMS Caucus and Graduate Council Caucus membership.
Objective: To approve the listed policy changes.
Time: 10 minutes
Relevant Materials: Policy Revision Form - Caucus Representative Updates.pdf

WHEREAS the current GSS policy regarding caucus composition and seating does not align with current GSS practice and AMS policy,

BIRT the policy changes listed in "Policy Revision Form - Caucus Representative Updates.docx" be approved as presented.

MOVER: Code & Policy Committee
SECONDER: Code & Policy Committee
RESULT:

3.5 POLICY REVISION – CHAIR HONORARIUM

Responsible: Code & Policy Committee
Description: A motion to make policy changes regarding the Chair honorarium.
Objective: To approve the listed policy changes.
Time: 10 minutes
Relevant Materials: Policy Revision Form - Chair Honorarium.pdf

WHEREAS the Chairship honorarium currently is not adjusted with CPI, and
WHEREAS fees and Executive honorarium are adjusted annually with CPI,

BIRT the policy changes listed in "Policy Revision Form - Chair Honorarium.docx" be approved as presented.
4  MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 MOU FOR USE OF AMS ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM

Responsible: Kimani Karangu, GSS President  
Time: 10 minute presentation  
Description: Briefing to Council on the Memorandum of Understanding between the GSS and AMS signed to allow use of the AMS electronic voting system for the Fall 2021 referendum  
Objective: to brief Council on the signing of an MOU  
Relevant Materials: to be provided  

4.2 GRADUATE LIFE CENTRE UPDATE

Responsible: Kimani Karangu, GSS President  
Time: 10 minute presentation  
Description: Update on the progress of the Graduate Life Centre renovation project  
Objective: Inform Council about the progress on the Graduate Life Centre  
Relevant Materials: to be provided  

4.3 SEPTEMBER 2021 GSS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Responsible: Financial and Executive Oversight Officer  
Description: September 2021 GSS Financial Overview  
Time: 15 minutes  
Objective: Update on GSS Revenues and Expenditures  
Relevant materials: To be provided  

5  MATTERS TO NOTE

Time reserved for questions regarding updates below.

5.1 UPCOMING EVENTS

- (none provided)

5.2 EXECUTIVES

5.2.1 President
• **GLC Updates & Discussion items**
  o Funding gap (Provost contribution, food security fund, remaining gap)
  o Executive proposal for remaining renovations of the building (draft attached)
  o Next steps regarding food outlet (lease agreement) and food subsidy
  o Timelines in general (wait for design to complete or go in parallel, GSS input on office move)

• **Student Affordability Task Force: On-going and latest discussions**
  o Government Student Loan and UBC Bursary
  o Emergency Bursary Overview
  o Financial Wellness/Literacy
  o Financial Literacy/Wellness
  o DRAFT outline/recommendations

• Made a presentation for Graduate Student Society (GSS) at the Open Session Board of Governors Meeting: Key priorities, Anti-racism Survey report, and return to campus survey report.

• **AMS x UBC Emergency Food Partnership Discussion:** On current scopes and evolution of emergency food needs, including the Acadia Food Hamper program and how we can work together towards better meeting needs.

• **Tuition Engagement Survey Questions Discussion with Student Leadership:** To review and discuss the Tuition Engagement Survey questions with the elected Student Leadership.

• GSS Coaching Program, over 70 students attended the session.

• **GSS-G+PS Monthly Meeting:** Discussion of the Joint PhD program (do away with this over time) maintaining the number of students following the increased FYF

• **G+PS, GSS and OO meetup:** Collaboration on key students' advocacy

• **UBC GSS Investment Account Opening:** Committed $200K

• **Interview Session Start Debrief:** AA & HR Contractor

• **Student health and dental:** Increased services negotiations on new products (Legal representation, and Dialogue Box)

### 5.2.2 FEOO

• Along with the President and House Finance Chair, invested $400,000 with Scotia Securities.

• Reviewed, approved, or effected financial transactions at the GSS.

• Coordinated Executive Oversight Committee Meetings

### 5.2.3 VP University & Academic Affairs

• (none submitted)

### 5.2.4 VP External

• Met with GSSC and determine that there are many changes still required of the MOU i.e. need a clause that states that there is an easy “in and out” process for joining the alliance. Western, UOttawa, UofA, UofSask, UofC and McGill are very interested in signing on.

• Meeting with Chantelle, the chair of Students for Consent Culture Canada, to discuss the score card for ranking the efficacy of sexual violence policies of post-secondary institutions – several BC institutions have been looked at.

• SUDS from the 15th to the 18th – networking with other student leaders across Canada
• Working with ABCS to prepare different asks such as mental health where that will be a topic of discussion at SUDS

5.2.5 VP Students
• (none submitted)

5.3 COMMITTEES

5.3.1 Academic & External Committee
• (none submitted)

5.3.2 Code & Policy Committee
• CPC has been working on various projects including Chair honorarium changes, caucus membership policy, elections policy, and conflict resolution policy.

5.3.3 Elections Committee
• (none submitted)

5.3.4 Executive Committee
• Approved an MOU with the AMS regarding using the AMS SimplyVoting platform for the GSS referendum in Fall 2021

5.3.5 Executive Oversight Committee
• (none submitted)

5.3.6 Governance & Accountability Committee
• FEOO restructure bylaw/policy amendments: drafted with feedback from President & CPC
• SMART Goals: asked committees for end of year progress reports, started conversation about new cycle of goals
• KPIs: discussed future plan of action, assigned point person for each committee
• Switch in the Deputy-Chair position: Jin will step down and Axel will be our new Deputy-Chair
• We will be welcoming Ryan Ghorayeb as a new ordinary member to our committee

5.3.7 House Finance Committee
• Contract signing for mutual fund investment of $200,000 executed by the President and FEOO on Tuesday, Oct 5, 2021. The amount was split equally in two portfolios of 3-5 years and 5+ year duration in line with the presentation made to GSS Council in Sept 2021.
• Approved the final estimate for the IT (Information Technology) server migration project and associated subscriptions
• Approved the Budget Actuals for August 2021
• Working on the end term update for SMART Goals

5.3.8 Human Resources

• (none submitted)

5.3.9 Services Committee

• reviewed SMART goals
• discussed upcoming events (possible happy hour promoting the Referendum, mental health awareness event Nov 4th, and Powerpoint Karaoke in January).

5.3.10 Strategic Planning ad-hoc Committee

• The Strategic Planning ad-hoc committee has submitted its draft text of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan to Communications, and will engage with Communications as needed for the final formatting of the text into a presentable document.

5.3.11 AMS Caucus

• (none submitted)

5.3.12 Graduate Council Caucus

• (none submitted)

5.4 Senators and Board of Governors

5.4.1 Senators:

• (none submitted)

5.4.2 Board of Governors Representatives:

• (none submitted)

6 Notices

6.1 Notice of Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 18 at 5:30 pm
Location: Online through Microsoft Teams

6.2 Notice of Unseatings

• Aaron Loewen was unseated as Councillor from Code & Policy Committee.
• Aaron Loewen was unseated as Chair from Code & Policy Committee.
Aaron Loewen was unseated as Councillor from House Finance Committee.
Aditi Nagaraj Nallan was unseated as Councillor from Services Committee.
Andrew Zang was unseated as Councillor from House Finance Committee.
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Davi Monticelli was unseated as Councillor from Academic and External Affairs Committee.
Desiree Fiaccabrinno was unseated as Councillor from Academic and External Affairs Committee.
Desiree Fiaccabrinno was unseated as Departmental Representative from Chemistry.
Devarsh Bhonde was unseated as Ordinary Member from House Finance Committee.
Devarsh Bhonde was unseated as Chair from House Finance Committee.
Edgar Liao was unseated as Departmental Representative from History.
Heather Worthington was unseated as Ordinary Member from Code & Policy Committee.
Huseyin Doganay was unseated as Ordinary Member from Human Resources Committee.
Jenny Lee was unseated as Departmental Representative from Experimental Medicine.
Jenny Lee was unseated as Councillor from Governance & Accountability Committee.
Jenny Lee was unseated as Chair from Governance & Accountability Committee.
Jin Wen was unseated as Departmental Representative from Psychology.
Jin Wen was unseated as Councillor from Governance & Accountability Committee.
Julia Burnham was unseated as Representative from AMS Council Caucus.
Kieran Maheden was unseated as Ordinary Member from Executive Oversight Committee.
Kieran Maheden was unseated as Ordinary Member from Governance & Accountability Committee.
Kira Vandermeulen was unseated as Councillor from Human Resources Committee.
Leila Matte-Kaci was unseated as Councillor from Human Resources Committee.
Maria Jose Athie Martinez was unseated as Departmental Representative for Curriculum and Pedagogy.
Maria Jose Athie Martinez was unseated as Councillor for House Finance Committee.
Nevena Rebic was unseated as Representative from AMS Council Caucus.
Pauahi Souza was unseated as Ordinary Member from Elections Committee.
Pauahi Souza was unseated as Chair from Elections Committee.
Pauahi Souza was unseated as Ordinary Member from Human Resources Committee.
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Perrin Waldock was unseated as Departmental Representative from Physics and Astronomy.
Perrin Waldock was unseated as Councillor from Services Committee.
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Sandee Gill was unseated as Councillor from Executive Oversight Committee.
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• William Yip was unseated as Ordinary Member from Governance & Accountability Committee.
• Younus Ahmed was unseated as Departmental Representative from Anthropology in September 2021.
• Yundi Wang was unseated as Councillor from Academic and External Affairs Committee.
• Yundi Wang resigned as Vice President University and Academic Affairs on September 24, 2021.
• Zakhar Krekhno was unseated as Ordinary Member from Academic and External Affairs Committee.
• Zakhar Krekhno was unseated as Chair from Academic and External Affairs Committee.

7 ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVER:        SECONDER:        RESULT: